

The Chief Warrant Officer EJ Kahn, Jr. Professional Writing Award

1. The Chief Warrant Officer EJ Kahn Jr. Professional Writing Award (KPWA) aims to advance literature on training, doctrine, and policy for professional development from a systems perspective. The KPWA recognizes writers who express systematic knowledge, experiential wisdom, and enthusiastic candor or discourse regarding the Strength in Knowledge theme for 2025: “systematic, data-driven approaches to address strategic gaps in operational readiness.”

- a. Background. Strength in Knowledge: The Warrant Officer Journal was established in January 2023 at the US Army Warrant Officer Career College at Fort Novosel, Alabama. The Journal is managed by faculty as an additional duty with support from volunteers. The Secretary of the Army recognized it as a Professional Bulletin (PB) 1918 in October 2024 with the third issue of Volume 2.
- b. The Chief of Staff’s Harding Project prompted the Journal to research Major General Harding. The research led to the article Beer and Skittles (2024), titled after Major General Harding’s quote, “Army life, especially in war, is not all beer and skittles.” This quote is found in the forward of Chief Warrant Officer EJ Kahn, Jr.’s book *Army Life* (1942), published by the Infantry Journal.
- c. Chief Warrant Officer EJ Kahn Jr. was drafted in WWII and served most of his Army career as a writer for Major General Harding and a *New Yorker* war correspondent. He published many works throughout his life, many characterized by his unique skill to make complex information accessible to diverse audiences through storytelling.

2. Three award levels recognize voluntary article submissions to Army professional bulletins contributing to the Army’s body of knowledge or professional discourse.

- a. The Bronze Award recognizes writers selected for PB 1918 by at least five peers published in PB 1918. The award recipients will be announced in the quarterly Strength in Knowledge: The Warrant Officer Journal issue.
- b. The Silver Award recognizes writers submitting and publishing two articles in Army professional bulletins within six months, one of which must be PB 1918. This award is limited to two annual awards, and each is announced in quarterly issues of Strength in Knowledge: The Warrant Officer Journal.
- c. The Gold Award recognizes a writer with three or more different published articles in at least two separate Army professional bulletins within one calendar year. This award is limited to one award per calendar year and will be announced in the Strength in Knowledge: The Warrant Officer Journal.

3. Requirements.

- a. Writers must have submitted their original work using the published submission guidelines, and the publisher selected and published the article.
- b. Writers must affirm that the article is their original work and that no part of the article was plagiarized from other sources; that all references to other work have been properly and fully attributed; that it has not been previously published; that it is not now being considered elsewhere for publication; and that it is not currently pending consideration as an entry in any other competition.

c. Nominations for silver and gold award recognition must be received from:

(1) two officers (CW2 or above), or

(2) two Army Civilian Professionals (GS-11 equivalent or above), or

