INFORMATION WARFARE ESSAY CONTEST

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"The supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting."

—Sun Tzu, *The Art of War*

THE CHALLENGE

The Nation's adversaries and competitors are proving to be formidable in the digital battlespace—using online platforms, social media, malicious code, disinformation, and cyberattacks to undermine elections, steal intellectual property, spy on governments, sow discord, and weaken alliances.

Participants can choose to answer one of the following questions or write on another IW topic that interests them.

- How might the opening salvoes of the next war begin in the information space, and what should be done now to defend against those attacks? How might our adversaries be planning to win without fighting by using IW?
- What specific information warfare technologies (offensive and defensive) should the U.S. military be investing in now?
- How can the military recruit, educate, train, and retain the information warriors it needs to prevail in the information environment?
- Are there any recent case studies (that went well or poorly) that can provide lessons to guide strategy, operations, tactics, or acquisition over the next 3 to 5 years?
- How will electronic warfare and emissions control play a role in the future of naval warfare?

The winning essays will be published in *Proceedings* magazine and on the Naval Institute website. The first-prize winner will appear in the February 2021 *Proceedings*. The winners will be recognized during the Naval Institute–AFCEA WEST 2021 Conference.

THE REWARD

First Prize: $5,000
Second Prize: $2,500
Third Prize: $1,500

All winners will receive a 1-year membership in the Naval Institute.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Open to all contributors—active-duty military, reservists, veterans, and civilians.

- Word count: **2,500 words** max (excludes endnotes/resources)
- Include word count on title page of essay but do not include author name(s) on title page or within the essay
- Submit essay as a Word document online at www.usni.org/iwessay by **30 November 2020**
- **Note:** Your essay must be original and not previously published (online or in print) or being considered for publication elsewhere.

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