PURPOSE: The NPS Foundation/U.S. Naval Institute Annual Essay Contest Award is jointly sponsored by the NPS Foundation and the U.S. Naval Institute to encourage writing for publication and critical thinking among students, faculty, and staff at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School. Essays should be based on thesis, research, or operational experience that best advances the military profession.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES
• Open to NPS students, faculty, and staff.
• Essays must be no more than 3,000 words (excluding footnotes, endnotes, and sources).
• Email essay as a Microsoft Word attachment to essay@usni.org with NPS Essay Contest in subject line of the email.
• Include word count on title page of essay but do not include your name on title page or within essay.
• Provide separate attachment to include bio and complete contact information—i.e., home mailing address; and work, home, and cell phone numbers.
• Essays must be original and not published or being considered for publication elsewhere.

DEADLINE: 31 March 2019
Final selection of the winning essay will be made by the U.S. Naval Institute’s Editorial Board, and the essay will be published in the June 2019 Proceedings.

(Note: Some additional essays may be accepted for publication in Proceedings.)

ELIGIBILITY:
FOR NPS STUDENTS
The essays can be directly related to a thesis or recent operational experience.

FOR NPS FACULTY OR STAFF MEMBERS
The essays could address an issue of particular relevance to the military profession.

PRIZE: $5,000
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