

## *Editorial*

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This issue of *The Journal of Military and Strategic Studies* presents five articles. Andrew Richter examines strains in the Canada-US defence relationship, and its future. Stephen Clarkson and Erin Fitzgerald take a constructivist look at that relationship, asking how Canada helps to construct US military power. Daniel Kielstra looks at the Canadian involvement in the Cyprus conflict in 1974. John Hickman discusses changes in Japanese treatment of prisoners of war during the inter-war period. Esteban Dalehite and Liucija Birskyte assess factors that affect the willingness to of individuals to perform military service in the United States. Finally, a timely addition to this issue is a commentary by Michael Zekulin, probing the security challenges facing the Vancouver Winter Olympic Games.

We are also pleased to present the text of the Ellis Lecture, "Canada's Army – Post-Peacekeeping," by retired General Lewis MacKenzie.

A special feature of this issue is our "Notes from the Field" section. "Notes from the Field" is a moderated and edited, but not peer-reviewed, section, which allows the *JMSS* to exploit the opportunities open to an electronic journal. We invite contributions from members of the Forces as well as academics. This issue features a selection of work by the award-winning poet, Suzanne Steele. Ms. Steele is one of five artists participating in the 2008-09 Canadian Forces Artist Program. These poems represent some of her current work. Ms. Steele shortly will be going to Kandahar, and we have asked her to provide us with some of her work resulting from that visit.

We hope that you enjoy this issue of the *Journal of Military and Strategic Studies*.