



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE STAFF

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I am personally very pleased to welcome publication of the first issue of *Canadian Military Journal / Revue militaire canadienne*, the professional journal of the Canadian Forces and Department of National Defence.

Every profession worthy of the name, if that profession is to remain relevant and responsive to society by developing and adapting itself to continually changing circumstances, needs the frank and open discussion of the ideas, policies and practices that make it distinctive. The military profession is no different. Leadership — the very core element of our profession — is strengthened and more effective when leaders at all levels know about and understand the implications of trends, developments and new ideas. In the Canadian Forces, we need informed discussion and debate of the whole range of issues and topics that are relevant to the profession of arms if we, individually and collectively, are to thrive in an era of momentous technological change, at a time when new strategic directions are being explored, and in a period when our manpower and equipment resources may be limited. This Journal is the place for that discussion, and I would encourage members of the Canadian Forces to share their views and ideas by writing articles that will stimulate the intellectual growth and development of our profession.

The Department is in the process of amending Queen's Regulations and Orders (QR&Os 19.36 and 19.37) and DAOD 2008-5 so as to permit serving members of the Canadian Forces and Departmental public servants to express informed personal views and opinions on defence issues and their implications for DND and the Canadian Forces, subject only to limitations with respect to operational security and disclosure of protected information. While these amendments have not yet been published, I want to assure members of the Forces and Departmental public servants that the Deputy Minister and I approve of the open discussion of issues and ideas in this Journal. We have delegated authority to the Editor, acting on the advice of the Editorial Board, to approve articles for publication.

This is our professional Journal. Let us use it to best effect for the betterment of our knowledge and understanding of our current and future roles and capabilities, and thus strengthen the leadership framework of the Canadian Forces at all levels.

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