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Colonel Robert H. Taylor, USA Ret., has been selected as the next Editor of Parameters. The Spring 2000 issue will be his inaugural edition.

Colonel Taylor served on the staff of the US Army War College from July 1995 until May 1997 as the director of military strategy studies in the Department of National Security and Strategy. He is a 1987 graduate of the National War College and holds a master's degree in history from Western Kentucky University, where he also received his bachelor's degree. He studied at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a Seminar XXI Fellow in 1989-90, and he taught military history and professional development at the US Military Academy in 1977-78.

A Military Police branch officer, Colonel Taylor served in a variety of command and staff assignments during his active-duty career. Before coming to the Army War College in 1995, he was the Provost Marshal, US Army Europe and 7th Army, in Mannheim, Germany, for three years. From 1990 to 1992 he commanded the 2d Region, US Army Criminal Investigation Command, in Heidelberg. He previously held three strategic planning assignments in the Pentagon beginning in 1985, culminating in the position of Chief of the Strategic Plans and Policy Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, at Headquarters, Department of the Army. Other commands included the 385th MP Battalion in Stuttgart, Germany (1983-85), and the 82d MP Company at Fort Bragg (1974-75). Colonel Taylor began his military career as a platoon leader in the 7th Cavalry at Schweinfurt, Germany, in 1968, and from May 1969 to April 1970 he served as an advisor with IV Corps in Vietnam. Other early assignments were in armor and airborne units.

Colonel Taylor's publishing background has included work on official studies related to intermediate-range nuclear forces, the Strategic Defense Initiative and its relationship to conventional forces, the US counternarcotics plan, readings in military heritage, and standards of professional behavior.

Through his career assignments and his academic and publishing pursuits, Colonel Taylor has gained a comprehensive range of experience in senior Army, national, and international issues that should serve him particularly well as he leads Parameters into the next century. We look forward to having him in the Editor's chair.

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