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For anyone remotely familiar with the world of military journalism, the name Gregory N. Todd is synonymous with quality and excellence in publishing. It is my sad duty to announce that Greg is retiring after 33 years of federal service, 29 of which were as the technical and managing editor of *Parameters*. His service at the US Army War College has spanned the tenures of seven editors and 14 commandants, an epoch performance by anyone's standard. The tradition of casting superlatives at individuals as they depart the scene always appears to be a bit belated, and that is certainly true in Greg's case. Fortunately, however, it is my prerogative to reminisce and remember.

Greg Todd is a pioneer; he joined *Parameters* in 1977, just six short years after its genesis as the senior professional journal of the US Army. In 1987 he designed the modern format the journal displays today. In the true pioneer spirit he was responsible for many of the technical and automation initiatives that resulted in *Parameters* being distributed to more than 13,000 readers around the globe. Greg was singularly responsible in 1996 for the establishment of *Parameters On-Line*, a project he continues to expand and modernize to this day. Over one hundred thousand internet readers view *Parameters* quarterly thanks to his strategic vision. Throughout his career Greg has been the primary source of the technical quality and editorial excellence responsible for the journal's current reputation in the arena of military publications.

Marcus Aurelius had it about right – “The true worth of a man is to be measured by the objects he pursues.” In Greg Todd's professional life that pursuit was for journalistic and intellectual excellence. In his personal life it is reflected in a loving wife, Nancy, and son, James. We wish each of them nothing but the best of days and happiness in Greg's retirement. Greg Todd was an instrumental part of *Parameters* for the past 29 years. To say he will be sorely missed by his many friends and hundreds of professional acquaintances is perhaps the ultimate understatement.

When asked what he planned to do in retirement, Greg replied, “I really don't plan to do anything for the first year or so, except sit on a warm beach with a good book and a cold beer.” We wish him the best of both.