Professional Article Release Review: Developing Cogent, Coherent and Constitutional Policies

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ABSTRACT

This paper identifies and discusses the importance and resolution of issues that arise when members of the military wish to express their professional opinions in publications in technical conferences and professionals journals, with obvious implications for analogous situations in the broadcast media, books, and lectures. Effective prepublication screening has been challenged by a number of contemporary situations: increase in accessibility of publishing opportunities, increased concern with unauthorized release of government information and greater reliance on emerging technology to sustain defense offsets. The authors collectively have extensive experience in both classified and unclassified operations within the Department of the Navy and in academia, including many tens of technical publications in conferences and journals. They will outline opportunities and obligations to publish, adducing examples of paradigm-shifting publications by military personnel of the past. Further, they will characterize obstacles that may face the budding author, both on active duty and in civilian contexts. Having held leadership positions in the Navy, they also will describe and analyze the issues from a commander's viewpoint. This will include a list of specific criteria to be used in any pre-publication review, to further enable the reader to optimize the benefit to the Navy and to reduce possible harm which might outweigh that benefit. As a constitutional republic, the overarching guidance for behavior must be the U. S. Constitution, and similar guidance in other countries, so the paper will devote a significant section to the constitutional and legal aspects of these issues. The paper does not present these issues only as philosophical, theoretical or academic concerns, but also describes their personal experience with them and offers their manifest approach to resolve them optimally. The conclusions of these analyses and suggested resolutions are laid out with an eye toward implementing similar procedures on a wider basis.

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