



ARMY ENGINEER ASSOCIATION

On Behalf of the Engineer Regiment, Army Engineer Association is proud to announce the introduction of the ESSAYONS CLUB, the foremost engineer professional writing program. The original ESSAYONS CLUB was started by MAJ Henry Abbot (CMDT of Engineer School at Willets Point, NY) in 1868 as an informal group that presented engineer papers on how to improve, doctrine, tactics, equipment of the U.S. Army Engineer formations. This program is designed to restart a professional dialogue amongst mid-grade leaders on changes in Engineer Operations as they see them and overcome them in current and future operations.

The theme of this year's professional writing program is to highlight from a "boots on the ground" perspective "what specifically U.S. Army Engineers should learn from changes in threats to National Security."

Topics might include the mobility, counter mobility, and protection considerations for Arctic, Pacific, and European theaters' Engineer operations. These should be focused on missions/tasks at the Engineer Platoon/Company or Battalion Level.

How do I enter?

- Submit an unclassified paper, on any aspect-broad or specific portion-of this theme.
- Papers should be approx. 1500-2500 words in length.
- Photos, graphs, or other illustrations are encouraged to communicate authors observation and thoughts.
- Previously published papers, or papers pending consideration elsewhere for publication, are eligible but need to be identified as previously published.

How do I submit a paper?

- The paper should follow general journalistic guidelines for footnotes, references, and citations.
- All entries should be submitted using MS Word as a .docx.
- Product should be submitted between 1 June and 31 Oct 2022.
- Email: editor@armyengineer.com with the subject Essayons Club Submission.

What does a winning Writer receive?

AEA has set aside funds to provide up to three \$500 awards for Outstanding submissions and three \$250 awards for Superior submissions. AEA will also publish these in Army Magazine.

How will the papers be evaluated and judged?

Articles will be comparatively judged by a panel of senior Army Engineer leaders on how well authors have clearly identified issues requiring solutions relevant to Engineers or the Army in general: how effectively detailed and feasible solutions to the problems identified are presented; and the level of expository skill the author demonstrates in developing a well-organized article using professional standards of grammar, usage, critical thinking and original insights.

Timeline for this program

- Submission accepted 1 June – 31 Oct 2022
- Judging of products will occur 1 Nov -10 Jan 2023
- Winners announced and selective publishing of papers commences

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