

Jennings Wins 2015 Starry Competition

MAJ Nathan A. Jennings has been named winner of the 2015 Starry Writing Competition for his essay, “Balancing the Combined-Arms Force.”

Jennings, currently a student at Command and General Staff Officer’s Course (CGSOC), is a frequent contributor to **ARMOR** magazine. In addition to the July-September 2015 edition, his work has recently appeared in the January-March 2015, July-September 2014 and January-February 2014 editions.

Before CGSOC, Jennings was an instructor in the U.S. Military Academy’s history department, West Point, NY; commander, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 4-9 Cavalry, 2nd Brigade Combat Team (BCT), 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX; commander, Troop C, 4-9 Cav, 2nd BCT, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood and Kirkuk, Iraq (deployed 2009); platoon leader, Company B, 1-34 Armor, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, KS, and Baghdad, Iraq (deployed 2006-2007); and 19D Cavalry scout, 2-2 Armored Cavalry Regiment (Light), Fort Polk, LA. His military schooling includes Maneuver Officer Basic Course, Maneuver Officer Advanced Course, Cavalry Leader’s Course and Air Assault and Airborne schools. Jennings holds a bachelor’s of arts degree in history from Northwestern State University of Louisiana and a master’s of arts degree in history from the University of Texas at Austin.

The competition is named for GEN Donn A. Starry, former commander of U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command and “father” of the AirLand Battle concept. As outlined in the March-June 2014 edition of **ARMOR** (http://www.benning.army.mil/armor/eARMOR/content/issues/2014/MAR_JUN/Mar-Apr14_Web_version.pdf), the competition “evaluate[s] and recognize[s] outstanding writers from across the Army who demonstrate clarity and vision about the future of the mounted force.”

Acronym Quick-Scan

BCT – brigade combat team

CGSOC – Command and General Staff Officer’s Course (formerly known as Intermediate-Level Education)