Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

COL Jay Bullock's excellent article in the Summer 2018 edition of **ARMOR** on the developing Synthetic Training Environment (STE) is in my view fully on the mark. Understanding the costs, the technology in place and emerging technology will be able to support a fully integrated, all-environments, individual- and collective-training capability that can support interactive unit training, regardless of the unit's location on the globe. The ultimate capability will seamlessly integrate units and formations for training into a force operating in the same synthetic environment, an environment that will closely approximate the anticipated actual environment. This work is vital to force readiness in the developing threat situation we confront; the STE capability as it matures will be a combat force-multiplier.

The work in progress that Bullock outlines and suggests is also a testament to the hard work of the Army's training-developments team over the last 30-plus years. As a past director of the Collective Training Directorate, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, U. S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, I can attest to the hard work of this vital Army community. My article, "Future Training with the Armored Family of Vehicles," co-authored with retired MG Robert J. Sunnell (**Proceedings**, Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 1987), gives some sense of what many of us thought was possible and is now coming closer to application in the STE concept.

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