

Thirty years ago, the Journal of the University of Air Force began to be published. As it portrays on its first editorial, then authored by Minister of Aeronautics, Lieutenant-Brigadier Júlio Moreira Lima, the journal proposed to be a means to divulge the works of students of post-training schools of officers of Brazilian Air Force¹.

The journal has undergone a transformation process, overcoming difficulties and consolidating as journal turned to aeronautical-military themed research. In this change effort, which lasted up to three decades, the journal managed to consolidate its space, establishing itself as one of the main military journals thanks to the collective effort of publishing and planning teams.

In recent years, due to the modifications made to the creation of the Ministry of Defense and the development of centers of research and education dedicated to the Defense and Strategic Studies, the journal needed to be improved, thus gaining an academic profile according to the new times. Also within the University of the Air Force itself, other sectors are integrated into the transformation process initiated by fostering research relating to the needs of the Air Force Command, approaching, with it, the academic community. Therefore, in addition to articles from the Command-State School of the Air Staff (ECEMAR) and the Improvement School to Aeronautics Officials (EAOAR), the Journal of UNIFA hosts texts from researches of the Master's Course in Aerospace Power from the university itself and many other institutions of higher education and research.

The scenario has encouraged the exchange of ideas between journals dedicated to the area of Defense and Strategic Studies, favoring exchange of experiences and discussions on the improvement of submission modalities and maturing of the publications of the playing field. Given this, the Journal of the University of the Air Force establishes itself as a single publication covering matters related to military corporation and discussing the various aspects that the Air Force is facing in their daily lives and in their planning needs, strategy, defense, training and critical analysis.

The publication is biannual and focuses on the study of Aerospace Power and the thematic areas of interest of the Brazilian Air Force and the activities carried out under the Air Force Command. In this way, we seek to clarify the scope of the journal, element that guides the articles collected in our editions. Thus, the aim of the journal focuses on the reflections of this concept guiding:

Aerospace Power is the capacity resulting from the integration of the resources available to the nation for the use of airspace and outer space, both as an instrument of political and military action, either as factor of economic and social development, aiming to conquer and maintain the National Objectives. (ESCOLA SUPERIOR DE GUERRA, 2014, p. 75, our translation)².

Its constituent elements - Air Force, Civil Aviation, Infrastructure Aerospace, Aerospace and Scientific-Technological Complex³ Aerospace - form areas that are interconnected by stimulating the promotion of relevant analyzes to strategic studies and defense.

Given the high degree of complexity of this reality, we can not disregard other practices and fields of knowledge, such as business administration, health sciences (especially aerospace medicine), humanities and applied social sciences. The approach to other disciplines favors the promotion of analyzes dedicated to the development of defense and strategic studies policies with regard to Aerospace Power, stimulating a critical reflection on the topic.

The search for improvement is still ongoing, because in addition to concerns about the inclusion in academia, the Journal of UNIFA has adopted the Electronic System for Journal Publishing (SEER), automation mechanism of scientific journals publishing activities, making it accessible online. Thus, the Body UNIFA of the editorial has been careful to ensure score in the *Qualis*, which is the period of stratification system of Higher Education Personnel Improvement Coordination (CAPES), as well as their participation in indexing bases national academic journals. One of the next goals is to submit the publication the Scientific Electronic Library Online (SciELO), indexer to open access of Brazilian scientific journals, aiming to ensure greater visibility.

Being available in printed versions and online, and equipped with multi and interdisciplinary profile, the Journal of UNIFA, as a contribution to the dissemination of academic production in the Southern Cone and in the United States, promoted the translation of articles in Spanish and English. However, for this endeavor to find success, commitment to work and rigor to the procedures are the keys to accomplish the mission.

Have a nice reading!

¹ LIMA, O. J. M. Editorial. **Revista da UNIFA**. Rio de Janeiro, ano 1, n. 1, p. 2, 23 out. 1983.

² ESCOLA SUPERIOR DE GUERRA. **Manual básico**: assuntos específicos. Rio de Janeiro: Escola Superior de Guerra, 2009, v. 2, p. 75.

³ *Ibid.*, p. 75.