

Edited since 1985, the Journal of the University of the Air Force is a biannually scientific publication. Created as a vehicle for the dissemination of the students' work of the postgraduate training courses of the officers of the Brazilian Air Force, the journal went through a process of transformation, overcoming difficulties and becoming a scientific journal dedicated to research linked to aeronautical and military themes.

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. With this, the Coordinator of Master Degree in Aerospace Sciences, subject to the Dean of Education, finds room for disclosure of the work of its teacher and student departments also through our journal, strengthening the cooperation links of the sectors of an institution that accompanies the winds of change.

In parallel, the scenario has encouraged the exchange of ideas between the journals dedicated to the area of Defense and Strategic Studies, favoring exchange of experiences and discussions about the improvement of procedures for submission and the maturation of the field of action of publications. Given this, the Journal of the University of the Air Force, stands as a unique publication covering matters related to military corporation and discussing the various aspects that the Air Force is facing in their daily lives and their needs for planning, strategy, defense, training and critical analysis.

The publication focuses their attention in studies of Aerospace Power, as well as the thematic areas of interest of the Brazilian Air Force and the activities carried out under the Aeronautics Command. Thus, it seeks to clarify the scope of the journal, element that guides papers collected in our editions. Thus, the focus of the journal addresses on the thought of this guiding concept:

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<sup>1</sup>.

Its constituent elements - Air Force, Civil Aviation, Aerospace Infrastructure, Aerospace Industry and Aerospace Scientific-Technological Complex<sup>2</sup> - form areas that are interconnected, stimulating the promotion of relevant analysis to strategic and defense studies.

Given the high degree of complexity of this reality, it is not possible to disregard practices and other fields of knowledge such as business administration, health (in particular aerospace medicine) and humanities sciences and applied social sciences. The approach with other disciplines favors the promotion of analyzes dedicated to the development of defense policy and strategy studies in relation to Aerospace Power, encouraging critical thought on the topic.

The search for perfection is still ongoing, because in addition to concerns with the inclusion in academic circles, the Journal of the UNIFA has adopted the Sistema Eletrônico de Editoração de Revistas [Electronic System for Journal Publishing] (SEER) automation mechanism of the activities of publishing of scientific journals, making it accessible online. Thereby, the Editorial Board of the Journal of the UNIFA has been careful to ensure score in the Qualis, which is the journal stratification system of the Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior [Coordination of Improvement of Higher Education Personnel] (CAPES), as well as their participation in the indexation databases of national academic journals. One of the next goals is submitting the publication to Scientific Electronic Library Online (SciELO), indexer to open access of Brazilian scientific journals, aiming to ensure greater visibility.

Being available in printing and online formats, and having a multi and interdisciplinary profile, the Journal of the UNIFA, as a way of contributing to the dissemination of academic production in the Southern Cone and in the United States, has promoted the translation of papers in Spanish and English. However, in order to find success in this venture, commitment to the work and rigor with procedures are the keys for accomplish the mission.

Have a nice reading!

<sup>1</sup> ESCOLA SUPERIOR DE GUERRA. Manual básico: assuntos específicos. Rio de Janeiro: Escola Superior de Guerra, 2009, v. 2, p. 75, our translation.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., p. 75.