

FOREWORD

After having the privilege to serve in the Air Force JAG Corps for 34 years, I retired this past February. As I reflect on my service, some of the highlights include the opportunities I had to write. Seven of your colleagues have taken that opportunity in this edition of the Air Force Law Review; I commend their articles to you. I also encourage all of you reading this edition of the Law Review to take the time to write, especially concerning an issue about which you are passionate. I am sure that there are lots of topics in that category, so just pick one that will be most helpful for the JAG Corps to have elucidated.

As you review these articles, I encourage you to note that while some of the authors began their articles in an LL.M. program, others began the endeavor in a more *sua sponte* setting. In addition, though most of the authors are field grade officers, a young second lieutenant who is not yet an official member of our Corps authored the leading piece.

It will be obvious to you that the articles in this edition took considerable time and research. But I promise you the reward is worth the effort. One benefit of writing is to be able to see others rely on your thoughts and writings—and it brings me joy to see my works cited in some of the articles in this edition of the Law Review. I believe my writing opened many doors during my career. While thought-provoking pieces such as the leading article regarding civilian casualties may engender some critical comment, our Corps will benefit from the effort and thought that goes into scholarly writing. Be bold.

I congratulate the authors of Volume 65 of the Air Force Law Review and I trust you will appreciate their scholarship. I have long advocated the benefits of writing and I urge you to consider how you can contribute to the dialogue of the Corps in the near future.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles J. Dunlap, Jr." in a cursive, flowing script.

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