

Writing for ARMOR

We appreciate your interest in writing for *ARMOR*, the oldest of the Army's professional journals, with a history that began with the frontier horse cavalry in 1888. Today, *ARMOR* is the professional journal of the Armor and Cavalry force, published bimonthly by the Chief of Armor at Fort Knox, Ky.

The journal's focus is the Armor and Cavalry soldier up to the battalion and brigade levels. Our articles discuss the training, equipping, employment, and leadership of mounted soldiers, and the historical background of mounted warfare.

ARMOR articles seldom reflect the Army's official position, nor is the journal's purpose dissemination of doctrine or command information. As the chief proponent for Armor and Cavalry units in the Army, the Chief of Armor is charged with sensing feedback from the soldiers under his proponenty, and *ARMOR* is a forum that meets this requirement.

Your Submission

Articles can be submitted in a number of ways:

- Most articles are sent as e-mail attachments to:

Knox.armormag@conus.army.mil

- Articles can also be submitted on CD or floppy disk with a double-spaced hard copy to ensure that the complete file is included. Mail to *ARMOR* Magazine, ATTN: ATZK-DAS-A, Building 1109A, 201 6th Avenue, Suite 373, Fort Knox, KY 40121-5721.

Artwork

Photos and useful graphics greatly increase the number of readers attracted to an article. Even simple snapshots are adequate to help readers understand a situation, and can also be used as a basis for drawings by *ARMOR*'s artist.

Do not write on the back of photos. Write caption material on paper and tape to the back of the photos. This will eliminate ink transferring to the surface of the photos, making them unusable. Let us know if you want the photos back.

When using PowerPoint to produce maps or illustrations, please try to minimize shading. (We seldom use the illustrations full size and shading becomes blotchy when reduced. Keep graphics as simple as possible. It is easier for us to add any shading desired during the publication process than to modify your efforts.) We can accept electronic photo files in most formats, but prefer 300 dpi TIF or JPG files.

If you have any questions concerning electronic art submissions, call Vivian Oertle at DSN 464-2610 or COM (502) 624-2610.

Article Length

We do not set an upper limit on length; however, an ideal length is 13 manuscript (double-spaced) pages or less. We have made exceptions; we will probably make others. But that's a good rule of thumb. We try to avoid multipart articles because of the two-month interval between issues.

Electronic Formats

Our standard word processing format is Microsoft Word, but conversion programs allow us to accommodate most popular formats. Please indicate word processing format on CD, disk, or cover letter.

"Shotgunning"

Due to TRADOC publication guidelines, and the limited space per issue, we will not print articles that have been submitted to, and accepted for publication by, other Army journals. Please submit your article to only one Army journal at a time.

Copyright

ARMOR has occasionally printed copyrighted material, but we would prefer to avoid that if possible. The most likely end-use of an *ARMOR* article is as a study aid in the training of Army soldiers, and complying with copyright regulations when a protected article is reproduced can be onerous.

Deadlines

Within two or three weeks of submission, you will either receive a notice of acceptance or rejection. If accepted, we will send a "permission to publish" form and a "biographical worksheet" for your signature.

ARMOR is due at the printer about three weeks before it is mailed to units, and work on each issue usually begins about seven weeks prior to mailing.

Please refer to the table below for submissions:

<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Submission Deadline</u>
January-February	1 November
March-April	1 January
May-June	1 March
July-August	1 May
September-October	1 July
November-December	1 September

Rewards

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