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# Farewell, Lt Col Paul Berg

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**T**his issue marks the end of a significant era for *Air and Space Power Journal (ASPJ)*. Since 2004 Lt Col Paul Berg, PhD, has served not only as senior editor of *ASPJ* but also as chief of professional journals and mentor to five additional editorial teams that publish independent versions of the *Journal* in Spanish, Portuguese, French, Arabic, and Chinese. He will soon retire from active duty after 28 years of extraordinary service to the nation.

Over the past six years—roughly one-tenth of *ASPJ*'s existence—Lieutenant Colonel Berg supplied the vision and expertise that shaped the *Journal* and furthered its reputation. He enlarged an already enviable network of air, space, and cyberspace experts who offered both thought-provoking commentary on and unflinching peer review of articles submitted to *ASPJ*. Under his leadership, the *Journal* served as a hub of information where airpower laureates and operational leaders met to scrutinize airpower axioms and forge new understanding of evolving capabilities and challenges. As a result, *ASPJ* consistently provided senior military and civilian leaders the benefit of independent, critical thinking across the full spectrum of Air Force disciplines.

Paul's leadership enabled substantial growth in the *Journal*'s quality and timeliness, extending its relevance and accessibility across a new range of multinational readers. He established three new foreign language versions of the *Journal*—French (now Africa and Francophonie), Arabic, and Chinese. Like *ASPJ*'s earlier Spanish and Portuguese editions, these newer journals feature unique content tailored to promote engagement and mutual understanding in strategically important regions. Under Lieutenant Colonel Berg's leadership, the airpower message is now accessible in locales from Beijing to Bogotá, Rio to Riyadh, and Mombasa to Montreal.

Having accumulated some 5,800 flight hours, two tours on the faculty at Air University, and a "365" to the current war, Lt Col Paul Berg is the scholar-warrior we hear about. He has put his heart and soul into both the Air Force and *ASPJ*, and we are privileged to have served with him. On behalf of the men and women of Air University, especially those affiliated with the Air Force Research Institute and all versions of the *Journal*, we congratulate him on his inspiring service to the nation and extend our best wishes for success in his future endeavors. ✪