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The changing character of the contemporary wars of the late 20th and early 21st centuries yields a need to reflect on a wide range of issues related to the comprehensive methods of effective Military Forces preparedness. This consideration enables the overcoming of the environment’s new challenges successfully, for example, of complex scenarios in operations, timely actions to face diverse threats, and situational awareness to define the strategies to be implemented. In this context, it is also necessary to examine the importance of intangible factors in war, which can influence the decision-making process, producing, or not, the desired strategic effects; all this, without neglecting the social value that the Military Forces represent for the nation.

Therefore, this issue of the *Revista Científica General José María Córdova* (Colombian Journal of Military and Strategic Studies) offers a dossier of five articles on contemporary wars and their effect on the Military Forces, selected by Guest Editor, Dr. Marina Mirón from the Center of Military Ethics of King’s College London. Academics and internationally recognized military professionals have prepared these articles that contribute to a broader understanding of the challenges posed by the increasingly complex wars.

Withal, as is customary in the last issue of the year, the *Journal* publicly thanks the work of the Editorial Board and the evaluating peers of 2019. Due to their commitment and active participation, the dissemination of military and strategic studies-related research projects was maximized, and the quality of published content increased.

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