

Editorial Committee – Read-aheads for October 2025 meeting

Key Successes & Achievements

- Published in JED
 - Jeff Fischer contributed an article for the August JED (uploaded separately)
- Advancing a common framework for Editorial Advisory and the Advocacy & Technical Advisory (ATA) Committee
 - The ATA will be opening their committee meetings quarterly to the Editorial Committee so that we can sync up with each other. Our combined meeting will fall on an off-month for the scheduled Editorial Committee meetings that Sarah Sain sent out last week.
- LtGen Deptula on UKR drone warfare – Intro by Fisch
 - The FTCN podcast will be interviewing Gen. Deptula on our podcast on November 4. We will air this interview before the convention, but we are not sure of the exact day yet.
- Engagement with JRAC
 - MGen Vaughn is the director of the JRAC. Fisch has gotten close (through his legal team) to securing an interview for John Knowles. Unfortunately, the new restrictions on media engagement with OSD and Joint Staff are making this far more challenging than initially anticipated.

Challenges & Risks

- Identifying reader/member interest
 - The general consensus of the committee is that we should be aligning JED directly with advocacy efforts. That said, we can do more to pursue content that truly captures reader interest. Fisch expresses, “Maybe I’m an outlier, but based on what I saw in Ukraine, I could have easily written three full JED issues on that experience alone—and I’m confident it would have strongly resonated with readers, including those in industry.”
- International vs being International
 - AOC often talks about expanding internationally, but to truly grow in that space, it needs to make direct investments. That means showing up at key

events like DTV, MSPO, DSEI, and others. When Fisch mentioned AOC to about 15 people in the EW community at MSPO in Poland and at DTV in Ukraine, their response was the same: “*What’s that?*”

Current Priorities

- Craft a meaningful Editorial/Advocacy committee relationship
 - By combining the committee meetings on a quarterly basis, we will start to work together more closely.

Next Steps & Goals

- Share Lessons Learned from Ukraine DTV & exploit Ukraine EW NOW!
- Get a ‘new big’ into JED/FTCN
 - At DTV, they featured a ‘surprise guest’—and I really liked the concept. Many in the audience thought it might be President Zelensky. It wasn’t—but instead it was Ukraine’s top drone pilot, credited with over 500 Russian tank kills. His combat footage was incredible, and his discussion comparing RF and fiber optics was both practical and eye-opening.
 - That kind of authentic “warfighter” perspective (not industry, government, or policy) is what I’d love to see us bring in. It’s the “new big thing” that really resonates.
- Expose U.S. EMSO Industry to Ukraine’s Demand Signal
 - Showcase what capabilities are working, what systems are selling, and where Ukrainian forces are signaling demand. For example, did you know that companies can register a system online, take it into Ukraine, and test it directly in combat? The Ukrainian military provides immediate feedback on performance—and if the system proves combat-worthy, they may even offer to purchase it on the spot.