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As a unique institution by age, structure and organization, "Carol I" National Defense University has always been a landmark at the level of the Romanian military education organizations through the scope of its information activities, in the service of national security, but also through collaboration with similar institutions from Europe.

The moment when this Bulletin issue appears has a special significance for our magazine, in the sense that we mark in 2017 the achievement of 80 years of existence, a period commenced on January 23, 1937, when the Romanian Army General Staff approved the Order number 2872 which sanctioned the establishment of the Upper School Bulletin.

The eight decades that time has marked its value means not just a bridge over time, but also a vivid, step-by-step testimony of a school that has assumed the specialization and training of the military at a high level of professionalism, and at the same time giving the possibility of many generations of soldiers, actively participating in important events and with a significant impact on the existence of the Romanian nation, to present in the pages of the magazine, in a special way, the thoughts, reflections, perceptions and results of the scientific researches specific to the military phenomenon.

The predominant scientific act in recent appearances has led to accumulations of experiences that build the military academic environment in an absolutely necessary way for these times. The principles underlying the editing of articles are scientific value and innovation, aspects that organically fulfill the evolution of a military career. Today, the Bulletin is both a barometer of scientific level analysis and an insight into the future that we decide together in the choices we make. Parts of the history and evolution of the magazine are brought to the attention of the reader in the pages of this issue through the article: **80 years in the service of the military academic community: "Carol I" National Defense University Newsletter between tradition and modernity.**

Making an arc over time, we pay tribute to all those who have devoted their time, attention and passion to respond to concrete needs in the military academic field and to maintain the level of publication of major importance in Romanian higher education and military scientific research.

Also, being accustomed to briefly presenting the most important events at a geopolitical level in the previous editions, we firmly believe that, in terms of Romania's foreign policy, President Klaus Iohannis' visit to the United States marks such an event. This visit was due to the 20th anniversary of the signing, in 1997, of the Romanian-American Strategic Partnership, a partnership that allowed the consolidation of relations in areas of mutual interest for both countries and at the same time it was an important factor to support peace and stability in Southeast Europe.



Military cooperation was an essential element in this bilateral partnership process, with the Romanian Army participating, alongside US troops, with important troops at the military operations in the theaters of operations in Iraq and in Afghanistan. Romania is and will remain a trustworthy ally of the United States within the North Atlantic Alliance and a faithful ally within the Strategic Partnership between the two countries.

Romania's decision to allocate 2% of GDP for defense, the implementation of the anti-missile shield from Deveselu that protects the NATO member states from possible air strikes and the ways in which our country develops its defense capabilities are some other elements that make Romania an indisputable ally of United States in the current geopolitical conditions.

In this context, the visit of the President of Romania is the result of a natural process of well-established partnership and mutual support of the regional and global interests of the two strategic partners.

The Editorial Board

