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PRE-FLIGHT CHECKLIST FOR AUTHORS

Before submitting, confirm that your article meets these requirements:

- Draft length is **700–1500 words**.
- Abstract (100–150 words) is included.
- Article has undergone an **OPSEC review**.
- References are disclosed and cited in **APA 7th edition** format where appropriate.
- Graphics/images provided separately (not embedded).
- Short author biography (2–4 sentences) included.
- You are prepared to revise and edit your work.
- Article reflects **your own voice and ideas** (AI may assist, but cannot generate entire draft).

Note: The editorial review process may take **3–6 weeks**.

GUIDANCE FOR AUTHORS

The U.S. Army Aviation Digest is the official professional journal of the U.S. Army Aviation Branch. We welcome contributions that strengthen professional dialogue, share lessons learned, and advance Army Aviation. To ensure quality and efficiency, please review the following guidance before submitting:

1. Article Length

- Drafts should be **700–1500 words**.
- More words do not equal better ideas. Brevity, clarity, and persuasion are critical. You are competing for readers' time and attention.
- Articles exceeding this range that demonstrate incoherence and/or lack of novelty will be returned.

2. Abstract Requirement

- A **100–150 word abstract** summarizing the article's main point, purpose, and relevance is included on the submission form.
- If you cannot summarize your article, it likely lacks focus and coherence.

3. Exclusivity

- Articles accepted by the Digest may not be published elsewhere without notifying the editors.

4. References and Citations

- Authors must disclose all references (quotes, paraphrasing, data) and AI assistance and type (e.g., “outlining/drafting assistance via ChatGPT”).
- References must be accurate, with in-text citations and the reference list provided in **APA 7th edition** format where appropriate.
- Editors will support minor formatting corrections; major citation errors such as missing all or numerous in-text citations and references will result in rejection.
- **Plagiarism is prohibited** and will result in rejection.
- Use <https://owl.purdue.edu> for citation and reference support.

5. Graphics and Imagery

- Authors are encouraged to provide relevant graphics/images.
- The art director can assist authors with photos, graphics, images, charts, and graphs and will make final decisions on graphics/images included with the article.
- Submit images separately (not embedded in Word documents) via email or DoD Safe to the Digest mailbox, art director, or editors, with the article title and author’s last name in the subject line.

6. Artificial Intelligence (AI) Usage

- AI tools may be used for **brainstorming, outlining, drafting assistance, and grammar revision**.
- Articles must reflect **the author’s own ideas, voice, and tone**.
- Submissions that appear entirely AI-generated will be rejected.

7. Operational Security (OPSEC)

- Authors are responsible for obtaining an OPSEC review of their article and graphics before submission. Contact your associated S2 or G2 section.
- The Aviation Center of Excellence will also conduct OPSEC review, but articles with obvious OPSEC violations will be rejected.
- The Digest is approved for **public distribution**. References to non-releasable documents are not permitted.

8. Editorial Responsibility

- The Aviation Digest staff is small (two editors). We cannot overhaul incoherent drafts.
- Authors must commit to editing and revising their work.

ARTICLE SUBMISSION FORM

Submit your article draft and this completed submission form to:
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Article Title: _____

Author(s) Name, Rank, Unit/Organization: _____

Coauthor(s) Name, Rank, Unit/Organization (if applicable):

Contact Information (email, phone): _____

Article Type (check all that apply):

- Technological Developments
- Strategy
- Tactics
- Techniques and Procedures
- "How To" Guidance
- Practical Exercises
- Training Methods
- Historical Perspectives
- Views / Opinions
- Letter to the Editor
- Short Bulletin-Type Item (summarizing official Army actions related to Aviation)
- Other: _____

Intended Audience (check all that apply):

- Aviation Senior Leaders
- Field Grade Officers
- Company Grade Officers
- Warrant Officers
- NCOs
- Standardization Personnel
- Junior Enlisted
- Maintenance Leaders
- Other: _____

Abstract / Summary (100–150 words):

Is this idea currently useful and relevant to the Army Aviation community? (Yes/No, with explanation):

Word Count of Draft (must be 700–1500 words): _____

Acknowledgments (check each box to confirm):

- I acknowledge that if this article is accepted by the Aviation Digest, I will not pursue publication elsewhere without notifying the editors.
- I have disclosed all references used, provided a reference list, and formatted citations in APA 7th edition to the best of my ability.
- I understand plagiarism is prohibited and will result in rejection.
- I will provide all graphics/imagery as separate files with proper labeling, or I will coordinate graphics/imagery with the Art Director.
- I am prepared to dedicate time to editing and revising my article. I understand the Digest staff will not complete a major overhaul.
- I have obtained an OPSEC review for my article and supporting materials. I understand submissions containing OPSEC violations or citing non-publicly releasable documents will be rejected.
- I understand that articles entirely generated by AI are not acceptable.

Short Author Biography (2–4 sentences per author):

Signature & Date: _____

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