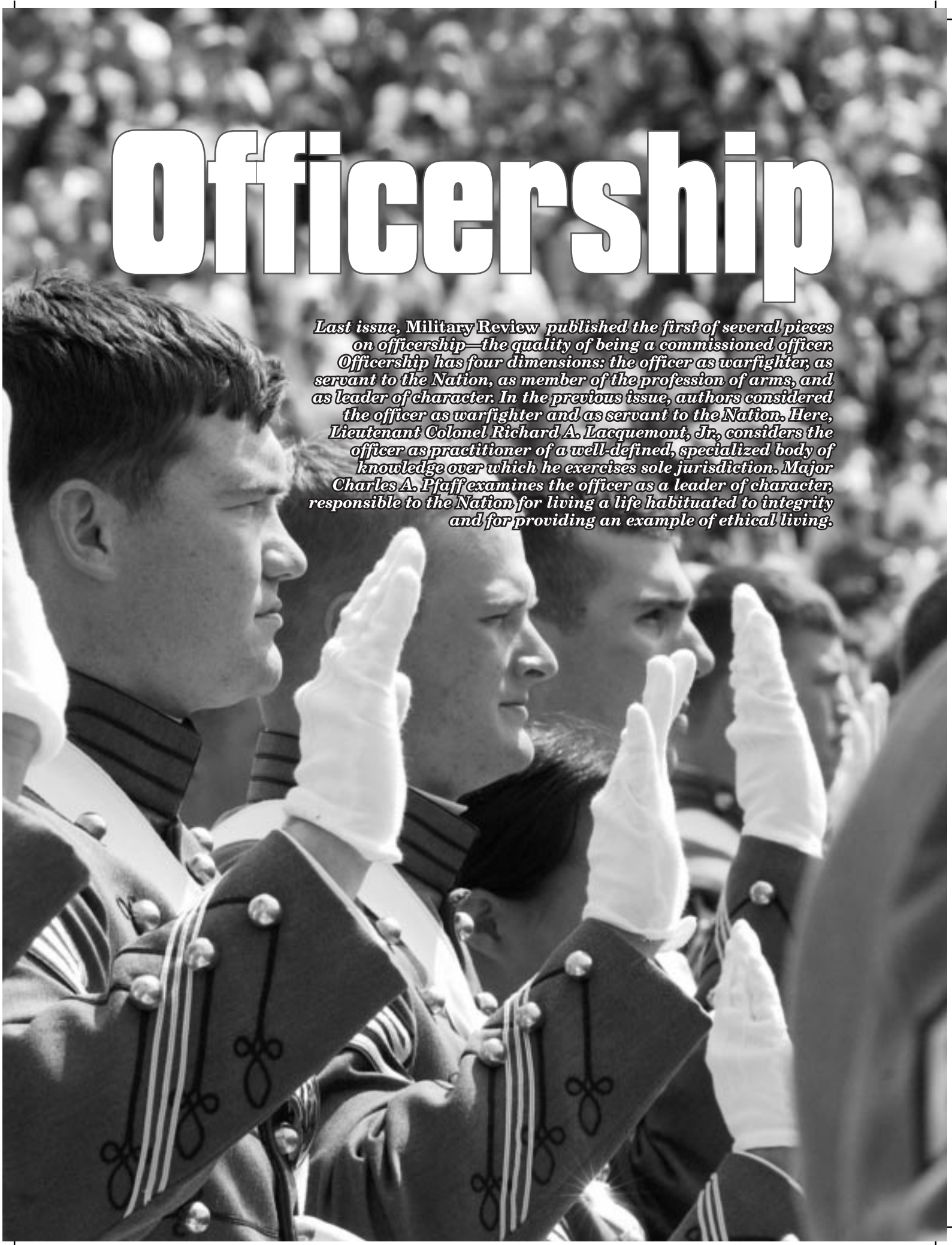
Officership



Last issue, Military Review *published the first of several pieces on officership—the quality of being a commissioned officer. Officership has four dimensions: the officer as warfighter, as servant to the Nation, as member of the profession of arms, and as leader of character. In the previous issue, authors considered the officer as warfighter and as servant to the Nation. Here, Lieutenant Colonel Richard A. Lacquemont, Jr., considers the officer as practitioner of a well-defined, specialized body of knowledge over which he exercises sole jurisdiction. Major Charles A. Pfaff examines the officer as a leader of character, responsible to the Nation for living a life habituated to integrity and for providing an example of ethical living.*