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Victor Davis Hanson is the Martin and Illie Anderson Senior Fellow in Residence in Classics and Military History at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University, and a Professor of Classics Emeritus at California State University, Fresno.

Dr. Hanson is the author or editor of 24 books and hundreds of articles, reviews, and editorials, but it is his lifelong study of warfare and its impact on civilizations for which we recognize him with this edition of the *Index*. His approach to telling the stories of the great wars of our past and the leaders, peoples, cultures, and political systems involved in them has made the lessons of history accessible to the widest possible audience. War places extraordinary demands on the breadth and depth of society and calls upon us to be serious about

leadership, strategy, and “providing for the common defense.” Dr. Hanson’s insights into Western military history have helped millions to develop a greater appreciation of the timeless principles of warfare.

Getting national defense right preserves and protects everything that makes our country the symbol of freedom, prosperity, and opportunity it has been and is to so many around the world. Conversely, neglecting the fundamentals of military power, competency and accountability in high office, and the involvement of citizens in the workings of their government can have the most tragic of consequences.

We are delighted to honor Professor Hanson and his body of work with this edition of the *Index of U.S. Military Strength*.