



Blogs relevant to naval operations/warfare, policy, and innovation are monitored for items of interest. Some items include a brief abstract. If you would like to recommend a blog site for inclusion, or want to be removed from the list please contact: Yana Samberg at: yana.samberg.ctr@navy.mil

Also, please check out the new NWDC Navy Center for Innovation Blog at:
<https://www.nwdc.navy.mil/ncoi/blog/default.aspx>

1. CDR SALAMANDER:

- [A Book Review - Shipmate Style](#)
- [Ummmm About Your Drone CONOPS](#)

2. WIRED: DANGER ROOM:

- [Perfume of War: Iran Makes Musk to Conceal Troops](#)
- [Nowhere to Hide: Secret Spy Sat Agency Plans Unblinking Array](#) (NRO expands reach)

3. WIRED: THREAT LEVEL:

- [Hackers Release 1 Million Apple Device IDs Allegedly Stolen From FBI Laptop](#)
- [FBI Says Laptop Wasn't Hacked; Never Possessed File of Apple Device IDs](#)

4. DISRUPTIVE THINKERS: NSTR

5. CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SECURITY:

[Wrapping Up Sea-based Nation Week](#)

6. INFORMATION DISSEMINATION: NSTR

7. SMALL WARS JOURNAL:

- [On the Use of Aid and Development to Induce Political Conversion: Lessons from a Failed State](#)
- [Irregular Warfare and The Marine Corps](#)
- [Afghanistan: Green on Blue Attacks Are Only a Small Part of the Problem](#)
- [Keep Calm and Carry On: A Plan for Yemen](#)

8. USNI:

[More than a Facebook Page: Forming A New, Internal Social Media Strategy for the US Navy](#)

9. OTHER BLOGS (Rotating, based on relevant content)

AUTOPIA:

- [Trains Try Regenerative Braking in Philly](#)



- [How Gaming Tech Is Making Safer Cars](#)

BROOKINGS: [Only Beautiful Please: A British Diplomat's Photos of North Korea](#) (British ambassador to N. Korea has a new book)

CATO INSTITUTE:

- [Corruption, Drug Cartels and the Mexican Police](#) by Ted Galen Carpenter
- [Romney and Obama Foolishly Ignore the War on Drugs](#) by Ted Galen Carpenter

CENTER FOR STRATEGIC AND BUDGETARY ASSESSMENTS: [Budget Cuts Bear Down](#) (Defense budget cuts and the USAF)

CNN SECURITY CLEARANCE:

- [U.S. companies eye Egypt for investment](#)
- [Pentagon: SEAL's book has classified info, didn't follow protocol](#)

THE DEW LINE:

- [USMC's F-35B completes air start testing at Edwards AFB](#)
- [Low level Navy F/A-18 Super Hornet video](#)
- [A bad day at the office: U-2-style](#)

FOREIGN POLICY:

- [A Steal at \\$10 Billion](#) (The United States is building a nuclear bomb that costs more than its weight in solid gold. Why?)
- [Bipartisan Bloat](#) (If there's one thing that Obama and Romney agree on, it's more military spending. Too bad they're both wrong.)
- [Building a Better Bear](#) (Can Russia reform its outmoded military without scaring the United States?)
- [Bullish on the Bear](#) (More on Russia)
- ['Our Strategic Compass Is Unmoored'](#) (Notes from a general to his active-duty sons on the lessons of Afghanistan.)
- [Cyber Fail-](#) (Why can't the government keep hackers out? Because the public is afraid of letting it.)
- [No Easy Day for Secrecy](#) (the SEAL book)
- [Are We Winning in Afghanistan?](#)
- [Assad's Massacre Strategy](#)
- [Corruptistan](#) (Meet the oil barons, fashion divas, and ruling families of Central Asia.)
- [7 Questionable Claims in the Democratic Platform](#)



GADGET LAB: [When Will Your Smartphone Really Replace Your Wallet?](#)

GUNPOWERD & LEAD: [The Public Sphere is Failing Because We Are Failing](#)

HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL: [Book Excerpt: Indispensable: When Leaders Really Matter](#) (In his new book, [Indispensable: When Leaders Really Matter](#), Harvard Business School Assistant Professor Gautam Mukunda addresses the question of whether leaders create history or are created by it. In this excerpt from Chapter One, he discusses why most individual leaders have little or no real impact on the organizations they lead.)

HERITAGE FOUNDATION:

- [Secretary Clinton's Asia Tour: Keep the Pressure on South China Sea](#)
- [U.S. Debt Hits \\$16 Trillion](#)
- [DHS Deportation Numbers Again Called into Question](#)
- [National Security Should Not Be an Excuse for Protectionism](#)

LAWFARE BLOG: [Get Yer Free Journal Articles on Terrorism Here!](#) (Cambridge University Press has made [this cache of terrorism articles](#) from its international relations journals available for free—until October 6. Check 'em out.)

MARINE CORPS TIMES: [Gauges worn by troops offer blast impact clues](#) (About 7,000 U.S. ground troops in Afghanistan are now wearing blast gauges that enable neurologists in the war zone for the first time to gather detailed profiles of explosions that cause brain damage among service members.)

THE NAVAL DIPLOMAT:

- [Indonesia: The Downside of Decentralization](#)
- [The Master PLAN: China's New Guided Missile Destroyer](#)
- [South Korea's Irresponsible Diplomacy With Japan](#)
- [John Wayne, The U.S. Navy and Change](#)

SECRECY NEWS (FEDERATION OF AMERICAN SCIENTISTS):

- [US-Israel Military Exercises Spawn Mixed Messages](#)
- [DoD Security Policy is Incoherent and Unmanageable, IG Says](#)

TIME MAGAZINE BATTLELAND BLOG:

- [He NOEs What He's Doing...](#) (When helicopter pilots deftly hug the earth at treetop level, it's called nap-of-the-earth – NOE – flying. It's a technique designed to avoid enemy detection – flying under the radar, as it's sometimes called. It's altogether something else to do it in a Navy F-18 jet fighter as in this video, anonymously posted on YouTube. [...])
- ["Green-on-Blue" Attacks, From the "Green" Side...](#)
- [Pentagon: Ex-SEAL Book on Bin Laden Raid Contains Secrets](#)



- [Seeds of Peace](#) (Army Colonel Brian Copes and the Indiana Army National Guard headed off to war with a pitchfork, not a rifle. As commander of the 1-19th Agribusiness Development Team in Afghanistan in 2009, Copes' team deployed to Khost province, abutting Pakistan in far eastern Afghanistan. Their mission: to work with local farmers, U.S. civilians and international groups to help bring Afghan farming into the 20th, if not quite the 21st, Century.)

US FLEET FORCES COMMAND: [Fair Winds and Following Seas, Shipmates](#)

10. FROM THE READERS

- One reader found this piece in the New York Times and passed it on for the following reason: "I thought this was a very interesting article because it's the first (that I'm aware of) that social media has been used by warring groups to instigate violence and sway mass behavior."

NEW DELHI — [India's](#) top domestic security official on Sunday called on the Pakistani government to investigate Indian claims that "elements based in [Pakistan](#)" had orchestrated a fear-mongering misinformation campaign using text messages and social media that helped set off last week's [nationwide panic among migrants from India's isolated northeastern states](#).

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/08/20/world/asia/india-asks-pakistan-to-help-investigate-root-of-panic.html?_r=1