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1. CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SECURITY:

[MFP 1: Reducing and Protecting Maritime Budgets](#): "This is the first in our series of posts from our Maritime Futures Project. The project is designed to illustrate possible developments in naval affairs and maritime security in the near-, medium-, and long-term tomorrows."

2. USNI:

[Royal Navy vs. Japanese Navy Fun Fact of the Day](#): "In the course of reading Robert Kaplan's article in the Wall Street Journal, I had to back up and read this twice: 'The Japanese navy boasts roughly four times as many major warships as the British Royal Navy.' Wait ... What?"

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

AOL DEFENSE:

[Why Sequestration May Be The Least Worst Case](#): "Given how far apart Republicans and Democrats are on how to avoid the sequester, Harrison said, both sides may well look at the automatic cuts and decide, 'it's probably better than any deal we could negotiate with the other side.'"

BUSINESS INSIDER:

[There's An Arms Race Going On In Asia Unlike Anything Since The Cold War](#): "Couple America's pivot to the Pacific with the arms race and the scramble to weaponize cyberspace, and the tense situation in Southwest Asia is like nothing seen since the Cold War."

CNN SECURITY CLEARANCE:

[0 to 9,000: Afghanistan options emerge](#): "The Pentagon expects to get a read on Thursday from Afghan President Hamid Karzai on what he expects from the U.S. military going forward, a defense official said. "We're going to tell them where we think it's going as far as training the Afghan National Security Forces, and they'll tell us where they think it's going," the official said."

EARLY WARNING:

[Which Military Depots Would Defense Sequestration Kill?](#): "Here are a few well-known locations that would be especially vulnerable to drastic cuts or outright closure."

GLOBAL GUERRILLAS:

[How an Internet of Drones will be Built: Think 2,400 baud](#): "I remember when serious people told me that the Internet was "a fad" like CB radios or "inconsequential" since we already had CompuServe/AOL and corporate LANs. Fortunately, there will be lots of entrepreneurial, flexible minds out there willing to take up the challenge."

HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL (HBS WORKING KNOWLEDGE):

[Culture Changers: Managing High-Impact Entrepreneurs](#): “Professor Mukti Khaire's challenge to management students is lofty, even by Harvard MBA standards. Don't just change the way people live, change the way they think. Change culture.”

INNOVATION MANAGEMENT:

[Crowdsourcing Government?](#): “Sadly, whereas crowd-funding is seen as innovative, flexible, responsive, bottom up, transparent, enabling ... governments would be hard pushed to receive similar accolades. However, times are changing...”

NAVY LIVE:

[Surface Forces Priorities in an Ever-Changing Maritime Environment](#): *(by Vice Admiral Tom Copeman, Commander Surface Forces Pacific)* “How many of us saw the expansion of C5ISR? Or, who knew in the late 1980's that there would even be UAVs, much less see the ubiquity of their use? Which is the sticking point about the future—it is wholly unknown. And for those who say past is prelude. That may be, but the past isn't a plot.”

THE NAVAL DIPLOMAT:

[World War II: No Model for Contemporary U.S. Strategy](#): “Yes, America got it done during World War II. It nevertheless astonishes me that scholars and practitioners who espouse “offshore balancing” see that conflict as a model for U.S. grand strategy.”

[The Next Oil?: Rare Earth Metals](#): “The 17 elements can be found in most high-tech gadgets, from advanced military technology to mobile phones. China currently holds claim to over 90 percent of the world's production.”

SECRECY NEWS (FEDERATION OF AMERICAN SCIENTISTS):

[Homeland Security Has Too Many Definitions, Says CRS](#): “Ten years after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the U.S. government does not have a single definition for ‘homeland security.’”

TIME MAGAZINE BATTLELAND BLOG:

[Navy Goes to Great Depths to Determine Cause of Air Force Crash](#): “...Only one problem: the wreckage ended up more than three miles down in Davy Jones' locker. Not to fear: the Navy, and its contractor, Phoenix International Holdings of Largo, Md., hunted down waterlogged remnants of the F-16 more than 16,400 feet below sea level in August.”

WIRED MAGAZINE (OTHER):

[Hardware: Kickstarter Campaigns Reap \\$319M in 2012](#): “While Kickstarter's hardware projects made headlines in 2012, film and gaming ideas were the real cash magnets for the crowdfunding site, raising a combined \$176 million. That's just one of the many stats Kickstarter recently released on its crowdfunding activity in 2012, arguably the year the online service, and the notion of crowdfunding, went mainstream.”

WAR IS BORING:

[A Reminder Not to Overreact in the Western Pacific](#): “In a ferocious response the IJN threw nearly every vessel and aircraft available into scouring the Western Pacific for the carrier task group (whose existence had been tortured out of captured B-25 crews in China). The tremendous volume of signal traffic generated proved to be a gold mine for Cmdr. Joe Rochefort, and the other crack codebreakers of the U.S. Navy.”

4. FROM THE READERS:

[Chinese Soldiers Fire Artillery Shells Using Bare Hands](#): “Al Qaeda insurgents in Iraq used to wire Improvised Explosive Devices just like in this video — using 9-volt batteries and stereo wire — but those would just explode underground. In this video, however, the Chinese army does them one better by wiring explosives and firing them through the air — without canons or launchers.”