

Navy Center for Innovation

daily blog watch

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

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1. WIRED: DANGER ROOM:

[Somali Pirate Kingpin Calls It Quits as Hijackings Plummet](#): “The dread Somali pirate Mohamed Abdi Hassan called a press conference Thursday to announce his retirement. He picked a good time to get out of the game: piracy is way, way down.”

[U.S. Drones Pound Pakistan, Which Responds by Doing Exactly Nothing](#): “Make that *seven* U.S. drone strikes in Pakistan during the first 10 days of 2013. But the recent uptick in drone strikes hasn’t yet coincided with a resurgence in Pakistani outrage that marred Washington’s relationship with Islamabad in 2012.”

[Darpa Open Sources Code for Building Your Own Amphibious Tank](#): “Two years ago, Defense Secretary Robert Gates killed off the Marines’ Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle — a \$13 billion misfire of an attempt to build an armored boat that could make landfall and still get around on the beach. But on Monday, the Department of Defense will give you the chance to design something better.”

2. CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SECURITY:

[MFP 2: Investing for the Maritime Future](#): “This is the second in our series of posts from our Maritime Futures Project.”

3. INFORMATION DISSEMINATION:

[The Coming Russian Naval Modernization](#): “The 21st century is being called the maritime century by several people, not because of what the US Navy is doing, but because of what the rest of the world is doing with their naval power.”

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

AOL DEFENSE:

[Pacific Strategy Is Sunk If We Can't Solve Fiscal Crisis: State Dept Official](#): “Campbell, a veteran Asian hand, quoted Australia's defense minister as saying America "is one comprehensive budget agreement away" from removing regional doubts about our commitment -- an assessment with which Campbell vigorously agreed.”

[Cloud Of Iron: DARPA Hardens Cloud Computing Against Cyber Attack](#): “New technology creates new capabilities -- and new vulnerabilities. "Moving to the cloud" is the trend du jour, even in the intelligence world, but the recent attacks on the nation's banking system has raised uncomfortable questions about how to make cloud computing secure.”

ARES:

[First Borei Submarine Enters Service](#): “According to Sevmas, the new sub has a length of 170 meters and width of 13.5 meters. It can dive up to 450 meters and has a submerged speed of 29 knots. Borei class submarines are designed to carry 16 R-30 Bulava (SS-NX-30) intercontinental ballistic missiles.”

BUSINESS INSIDER:

[China Sends Fighter Jets To Meet Japan's F-15s In The East China Sea](#): "After repeatedly flying surveillance aircraft into disputed airspace with Japan, and Tokyo scrambling F-15s in response, China's now sending fighters of its own on "routine flights" into the East China Sea."

CNN SECURITY CLEARANCE:

[Waiting for post-Chavez Venezuela](#): "Asked Thursday to comment about Chavez, State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland told reporters that the United States has "put forward some ideas about how this relationship could be improved on a step-by-step basis."

FOREIGN POLICY:

[A Few Good Men \(and how the military lost them\)](#): "The best and brightest in the services aren't playing the military's game anymore. They're leaving, and in droves, over frustrations with a personnel system that is tantamount to "coercion," in Kane's terms. Here are some examples..." (*ed note: Site may require registration from non-.mil domains*)

gCAPTAIN:

[US Navy Submarine Gives Love Tap to Fishing Boat, Damages Periscope](#): "A nuclear-powered U.S. attack submarine struck a suspected fishing vessel shortly after passing through the Strait of Hormuz in the Gulf on Thursday, damaging one of the submarine's periscopes but injuring no one, a Navy official said on the condition of anonymity."

LONG WAR JOURNAL:

['Key al Qaeda paramilitary commander' killed in recent drone strike in Pakistan](#): "Sheikh Yasin Al Kuwaiti, who was killed in a US drone strike on Jan. 8, was a "key al Qaeda paramilitary commander" who was "very high up the food chain," a US intelligence official who tracks the terror group in Pakistan's tribal areas told The Long War Journal."

THE NAVAL DIPLOMAT:

[The Interview: Admiral Samuel J. Locklear](#): "PACOM Commander, Admiral Samuel J. Locklear, spoke to Sergei DeSilva-Ranasinghe on what the upgraded U.S. presence in the region will imply, including initiatives to neutralize the growing transnational challenges like violent extremism; the impact of the pivot on relations with Indonesia and Indochina; and, importantly, the likely reverberations for U.S.-China relations."

NAVY LIVE:

[LCS Update: We're Right on Track](#): (by Rear Admiral Thomas Rowden) "In advance of next week's Surface Navy Association (SNA) symposium in northern Virginia, I want to talk about the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) program. While most of the information is not new, I think it is essential to understand where we are..."

SLASHDOT:

[The Science Behind Building a Space Gun](#): "Astronomer and gamer Scott Manley (more famous for his Kerbal Space program coverage) has created a fantastic video explaining the science behind building guns that could one day be used to launch payloads into space. It's not as easy as simply making a bigger gun, there's a whole host of unorthodox 'gun' designs which work around the limitations of garden variety propellants."

WAR IS BORING:

[Linguistic Roots of China's January Surprise](#): "Rumor is China will conduct its third major anti-satellite missile test in six years on Jan. 11. Not coincidentally, the two previous ASAT tests also occurred on Jan. 11 in 2007 and 2010. China also flew its J-20 stealth fighter prototype for the first time on Jan. 11, 2011."