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1. **CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SECURITY: [Drones of the Navy SEALs](#)**

“The combination of the world’s most proficient naval special operators enhanced by modern technology will continue to produce powerful strategic effects through tactical actions.”

2. **OTHER BLOGS (Rotating, based on relevant content)**

AOL DEFENSE:

[Intelligence Agencies Move Towards Single Super-Cloud](#)

“Now in its eighth month, the goal of the effort is to connect the CIA's existing cloud to a new cloud run by the National Security Agency.”

[Pentagon's Global Strike Weapon Stuck In Limbo; Congress Fears Accidental WWII](#)

“The need for a prompt global strike weapon seems clear. The fleet is ready. Industry is ready. But policymakers have yet to make good on their year-old promise to advance the new missile.”

BLACKFIVE: [In "Cyber Warfare" - Education is Key](#)

BUSINESS INSIDER: ['Did We Just Kill A Kid?' — The Six Words That Ended A US Drone Pilot's Career](#)

“While obviously a tragedy for the victims and their families, Bryant describes the incredible toll taken on U.S. troops required to obey orders producing such dire results.”

CENTER FOR NEW AMERICAN SECURITY: [A Competitive Turn: How Increased Chinese Maritime Actions Complicate U.S. Partnerships](#)

“James R. Holmes, professor of strategy at the Naval War College, argues that China’s increasingly competitive actions in the East and South China Seas are further complicating U.S. efforts to forge maritime security coalitions.”

CNN SECURITY CLEARANCE: [Sizing up Kerry as secretary of state](#)

“While the loss in the 2004 presidential election affected him for years, insiders say he has finally moved past it and is ready to serve under a president rather than as president. Friends and colleagues say he would view the post as a chance to carve out an influential niche for himself in the administration and a place for himself in history.”

DOD BUZZ: [Hagel offers combat edge to SecDef post](#)

“If former U.S. Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., is nominated and approved as the next defense secretary he’ll have one thing going into that job that few of his predecessors of the last 60 years have had: combat experience.”

EAGLESPEAK: [Japan's East China Sea Response to China: A new base near the dispute](#)

EARLY WARNING: [The Strategic Value Of The V-22 In The Emerging Security Environment](#)

“Able to fly faster and higher than existing rotary wing systems as well as travel farther with a greater payload, the V-22 has enabled the Marine Corps to change the way it operates and, in many instances, do more with less.”

FAST COMPANY: [Robotic Arm Breakthrough Uses Power Of Thought To Control It](#)

“Within two days of having a pair of sensors implanted in the motor cortex of her brain, reports The Lancet, 53-year-old Jan Scheuermann was able to move and grasp a number of objects using just her thoughts to control the arm.”

FOREIGN POLICY: [Cabinet announcements: a big week for the Pentagon?](#)

GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE: [Bigger Than Apps: Our 3D Printed Future](#)

INFOSEC ISLAND: [The "January Effect" - An Annual Phenomenon Since 2009](#)

“During the interview, I was asked about a future forecast for 2013. I mentioned a phenomenon that I've noticed each year since 2009 - a major breach or act of cyber warfare that kicks off the New Year.”

INNOVATION MANAGEMENT: [The Innovation Disconnect](#)

“CEOs talk enthusiastically about the need for innovation. Workers at the front line can see the needs and opportunities for fresh ideas. But somehow nothing happens. Ideas do not get implemented. Innovation grinds to a halt. This is the innovation disconnect and it has to be tackled head on.”