

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:

[Secret Nuclear Redesign Will Keep U.S. Subs Running Silently for 50 Years](#): “This will be the second try for the Navy to use electric drive subs. The service experimented with the technology in the 1960s and 1970s but found the boats equipped with the drives to be underpowered and maintenance heavy.”

2. CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SECURITY:

[MFP 6: The Fleet of the Future](#): “What will your Navy/Coast Guard look like in 5/10/25/50 years, and how is it different from today?”

3. USNI:

[Rise of the Declinists](#): “In the last few years, we have heard a lot of talk about a Fleet of 313 and now 300. Many of us have been arguing for half a decade that neither is the number we should be looking at, that is not what the nation will fund; 270 to 240 is more likely.”

4. CDR SALAMANDER:

[AMCSB: Zombie Boards & The Truths They Tell](#): “It is like a decade of war never happened. You could have seen almost the same results in 2000. This is simply the result of a system running on autopilot.”

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

AOL DEFENSE:

['We're Terrified' Of Sequestration's Impact On Readiness: Navy 4-Star](#): “Navy readiness is already under strain, America's top admirals say. And looming budget cuts will only make things worse. And they are very worried -- "terrified" about some effects -- about just how bad this may get.”

BUSINESS INSIDER:

[US Forces On Standby Near Algeria Hostage Situation](#): “Barbara Starr of CNN reports that a U.S. Africa Command response force is waiting on standby, adding that the team has been diverted from Mali and is gathering intel on the facility.”

DOD BUZZ:

[Navy to see shrinking budgets but no shortage of crises](#): “Adm. William E. Gortney, commander of U.S. Fleet Forces Command, told a crowd of surface naval officers and defense industry executives at the Surface Navy Association’s annual conference that the Navy faces further crises beyond sequestration, the shrinking budget and the war in Afghanistan.”

FOREIGN POLICY:

[Some Algerian hostages may have escaped; Mr. Marlboro behind the attack; Panetta, on the “\(gun\) nuts;” The Corps’ Frank McKenzie, leaning forward on the QDR; Ray Mabus to talk boats and budgets this afternoon, and more.](#) (Foreign Policy’s own round-up)

INNOVATION MANAGEMENT: [8 Ways to be Innovative Even If You're Not](#): “Creativity isn't a switch most of us can turn on at will, so the key to being creative and hence, innovative is to view a problem from a different perspective. Necessity is, after all, the mother of innovation, so creating a little artificial necessity automatically stimulates new product, service or business creation.”

THE NAVAL DIPLOMAT:

[The Real Anti-Access Story](#): “The Chinese anti-access system is built around three pillars. Submarines, anti-ship ballistic missiles, and cruise missiles launched from air, surface, and land platforms each threaten to push American carriers away from China’s littoral.”

OUTSIDE THE BELTWAY:

[US Programmer Outsourced Coding to China, Watched Cat Videos](#): “A company’s best programmer was a Chinese man working for a fifth of what lesser employees earned. Alas, one of those employees was getting paid the other four-fifths.”

6. FROM THE READERS:

THE ECONOMIST:

[The great innovation debate](#): “With its clean lines and intuitive user interface, the humble loo transformed the lives of billions of people. And it wasn’t just modern sanitation that sprang from late-19th and early-20th-century brains: they produced cars, planes, the telephone, radio and antibiotics. Modern science has failed to make anything like the same impact, and this is why a growing band of thinkers claim that the pace of innovation has slowed.”