

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

Also, please check out the new NWDC Navy Center for Innovation Blog at:

<https://www.nwdc.navy.mil/ncoi/blog/>

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1. SMALL WARS JOURNAL:

[Conducting Security Force Assistance in a Rural District: Understanding the Operational Environment](#)

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

AOL DEFENSE:

[The End Of Advantage: Enemies May Catch Up With US Technology -- Or Surpass It](#)

[First Look: New Army Capstone Concept Takes On Cyber, Hybrid Warfare -- And Marines](#)

"Now the Army's concepts and wargames increasingly examine "forced entry" and "early entry" operations, not just airborne infiltration by Special Forces and the 82nd Airborne Division but also operations from the sea -- which makes some Marines uneasy."

BUSINESS INSIDER:

[David Cameron Is Poised To Hit The 'Eject' Button On Afghanistan](#)

CNN SECURITY CLEARANCE:

[Hagel's defense posture forged by war experience](#)

EARLY WARNING:

[Construction Of USS Zumwalt Reaches Milestone](#)

"The DDG 1000 is a marvel of naval design and U.S. technological ingenuity. 155 feet long and 65 feet high, the integrated deckhouse, built entirely of composites and designed to reduce the ships' radar, infrared and electromagnetic signatures, is just one of the Zumwalt's advanced features."

[Missile Defense Is Necessary But Raises Thorny Issues](#)

FAST COMPANY:

[National Defense Authorization Act Would Increase Funds To Fight Hackers](#)

[A Cheap Landmine Detector That Acts Like A Tumbleweed](#)

FOREIGN POLICY:

[People's Power](#) "Eight ways China's military is catching up to the United States." (Ed. Warning: This is one of those multiple-click slide shows, but with some decent text to accompany the photos.)

HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL (HBS WORKING KNOWLEDGE):

[How to be Extremely Productive](#)

NEW ATLANTICIST:

[NATO's Syria Red Line](#)

THE NAVAL DIPLOMAT:

[**A Sobering Assessment**](#)

“But taking the long view, there is one story that the region's security watchers should not ignore — the release of the U.S. National Intelligence Council's 2030 report on global futures, titled *Alternative Worlds*.”

TIME MAGAZINE BATTLELAND BLOG:

[**C'mon Ladies! Let's Get With the Program!**](#)

“...I also noted that the Marine Corps has opened infantry training to women officers, and yet few women are volunteering for the training. The excuse is that since this is a pilot program, if they make it through they won't be attached to an infantry unit, so why bother? I'll tell you why bother...it's all about credibility.”