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1. CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SECURITY:

[MFP 9: Final Predictions For The Future](#): "This is the ninth and final regular post in our Maritime Futures Project."

[MFP: The Future of Piracy](#): "The following is a guest post inspired by the questions in our Maritime Futures Project."

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

AOL DEFENSE:

[Hoss Cartwright Heralds New Era In Warfare: 'No longer do we troll for trouble; we predict it'](#): "The data 'doesn't replace them; it enables them,' he said. In fact, the new availability to troops on patrol, combined with the power of the data 'is fundamentally changing warfare.'"

[Navy to Test-Fire DARPA's Hellads Laser](#): "DARPA plans to buy a second Hellads high-energy laser system from General Atomics Aeronautical Systems (GA-ASI), to provide to the Office of Naval Research (ONR) for the demonstration of a laser weapon system against targets relevant to surface ships."

BUSINESS INSIDER:

[BREMNER: The Japan-China Crisis Is The Most Significant Geopolitical Tension In The World](#): "There's no question that the United States certainly does not want to see conflict between their ally Japan, and the Chinese. But how much effort the U.S. will be able to put into stopping it and given how tied the Americans are to the Japanese; it's not clear to me this isn't going to get worse. If I had to bet right now, I think there is [going to be] a significant run of escalation in 2013."

CHINA DEFENSE BLOG:

[Exporting Type54 FFG](#): "The list of Type54's potential customers keep growing, first Pakistan, then Bangladesh, (Algeria?) now Thailand."

EAGLESPEAK:

[One more hit for the Littoral Combat Ship - Assigned helicopters can't tow the minesweeping gear for LCS](#)

[MIW ops](#): "Mine sweeping helicopters used by the U.S. Navy have been big honking MH-53E's with three engines and huge rotors. The plan was to replace them with a "kit" for the small MH-60S birds, which could then be flown off the Littoral Combat Ships as part of the "mine warfare package." Well, it won't be happening."

gCAPTAIN:

[Typhon's Private Navy: A Game-Changer or a New Maritime Counter-Piracy Maginot Line?](#)

MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION (MARINE CORPS GAZETTE):

[ABSOLUTE TRAVESTY!](#) As LtGen Breckenridge, USMC, said in 1934, “I want our officers to be original, and to confidently assert themselves by speech and pen. To stand up and speak, and to sit down and write; and in between times to read and reason.”

THE NAVAL DIPLOMAT:

[China: Changing its Tune on North Korea?](#) China’s approval of the resolution, which not only condemns the missile launch, but also imposes sanctions on several Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) citizens and firms, represents Beijing’s strongest response to a North Korea ballistic missile test to date.

[Would China Block Korean Unification?](#) While such an argument may grab headlines in a leading American newspaper, it falls apart under analytical scrutiny. The report not only misunderstands the fundamental Chinese rationale for maintaining a divided Korean peninsula, but also misses the three more likely scenarios that will make it almost impossible for China to stand in the way of Korean reunification.

SOPHIE IN NORTH KOREA:

[It might not get weirder than this](#) *(ed. note: These are the blogged observations of Google CEO Eric Schmidt’s daughter Sophie, who accompanied Schmidt and former ambassador Bill Richardson on a visit to NK. Her remarks are presented here as an interesting take on the poor current conditions in the country, even within a “Potemkin village” environment.)*

WAR IS BORING:

[PBS’ ‘Rise of the Drones’](#): “It’s good. Fair. Smart.”