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AVIATION WEEK:

[U.S. Navy Gives LCS-1 A Makeover](#) "...it was clear that the LCS program team had made a priority of fixing some major ship issues noted earlier in the year by Aviation Week during an unsanctioned guided tour of the ship while it was in a U.S. Navy dry dock in San Diego."

BLOGS OF WAR:

[Interview: Ethics and Security in the Age of Ubiquitous Media with Dr. Rebecca Johnson](#): "I can't do anything about what brings classified information into the public realm. I can – and must – accept responsibility for my own actions."

BROOKINGS:

[Defense Cuts, Big and Small](#): "A typical observer can be forgiven some confusion about the current state of play, which extends beyond the defense sequestration threatened by the fiscal cliff. Ten-year cuts already mandated from the 2011 Budget Control Act are described in various places as costing the armed forces \$487 billion, \$350 billion, or even nothing at all in its core budget."

BUSINESS INSIDER:

[Russia Quietly Announces A Major Shift On Syria](#): "The move is the most overwhelming sign yet that Russia's support for the Assad regime has deteriorated significantly. Russia has been Syria's most important ally in the conflict to date."

CNN SECURITY CLEARANCE:

[U.S. official: North Korea likely deceived U.S., allies before launching rocket](#): "'We had our dukes up, operationally, but we were caught off guard,' the official said."

[U.S. officials: Syria using more accurate Iranian-made missiles](#) "The Fateh trades range for accuracy. It can travel about 125 miles, while the Scud can go about 185 miles. But the Fateh has a "circular error probable" or - CEP - of 330 feet, while the Scud's CEP is 1,480 feet."

DEFENSE TECH:

[Chinese developing C-17 clone](#): "As Danger Room pointed out earlier, the photos show an aircraft that looks a heck of a lot like the U.S. Air Force's C-17."

FOREIGN POLICY:

[Wanted: A Few Good Leaders](#): "There's a reason our national experience since 9/11 has been mixed with confusion, pride, trying developments, ruinous expense, and fleeting successes. We have lots of leaders but a national deficit in true leadership. Two trends have brought us to this crisis."

INNOVATION IN PRACTICE:

[Let Me Speak!](#): "New research shows that, over time, procedural fairness (giving people the opportunity to express their views) has a positive maintaining effect on creativity whereas stifling their views decreases creativity."

LONG WAR JOURNAL:

[Taliban capture more than 20 Pakistani policemen](#)

[US drones strike in Pakistan's Shawal Valley](#)

NAVAL DRONES:

[Unmanned Systems for EM-Cyber Warfare](#)

NAVY LIVE:

[Navy Live – Top 5 of 2012](#)

THOMAS P.M. BARNETT:

[WAPo WonkBlog: "What will we smuggle in the future? Drones, coal, and honeybees."](#)