

Navy Center for Innovation

daily blog watch

Blogs relevant to naval operations/warfare, policy, and innovation are monitored for items of interest. Some items include a brief excerpt. 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:

[Air Force Wants You to Design Its Next-Gen Sensors \(For Cheap\)](#): "Want to design the next generation of Air Force sensors and imaging tools? Yeah, they're not going to pay you much."

[Next Pentagon Chief Doesn't Want to Get Sucked Into France's Mali War](#): "Something the next Pentagon chief really, really doesn't want to do: deepen the U.S. involvement in France's war in Mali."

2. INFORMATION DISSEMINATION:

[Talking Littoral Combat Ships With the Under](#): "The following contribution is by Robert O Work, Undersecretary of the Navy. He has requested I post this response to my LCS blog post from last night."

3. USNI:

[Military Innovation: The Gunnery Revolution, Senior Officers, and The Dreaded Staff](#): "The involvement of Junior Officers in innovation has certainly been highlighted in the past year. However, what is the role of the mid-grade or senior officer? And what about an officer's peers?"

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

AOL DEFENSE:

[Council Worries 100K Shipbuilding Jobs At Risk; Sequestration Killed GDP Growth](#): "For anyone who believed those who have claimed that defense cuts don't affect "real" jobs or the economy, today appears to be a sobering day."

BUSINESS INSIDER:

[North Korea Placed Under Martial Law Ahead Of Expected Nuclear Test](#): "North Korea has been placed under martial law and Kim Jong-un has told his front-line troops to "be ready for a war," according to South Korean media reports."

DEFENSE TECH:

[Back to the Future with Cargo Airship](#): "Eventually the company wants to build a full-size 450-foot-long vehicle that can carry 66 tons of payload."

[Navy Under Secretary not worried about F-35B grounding](#): "'The F-35B is off probation. It's doing well. Probably heard about a recent grounding. It's going to be an issue with the vendor, it was a vendor issue, a problem. The plane is doing well,' Work said Tuesday."

DOD BUZZ:

[Amos expects to issue ACV RFP soon](#): "Marine Corps Commandant plans to brief the SecNav on the program before taking the next step toward replacing the Amphibious Assault Vehicle."

FOREIGN POLICY:

Why Combat Matters: “Are you kidding me? Of course it's important that Hagel fought in Vietnam.”

What Chuck Hagel will say; Eighty Hagelians sign letter; The Navy's new Special Warfare Group; Why “pirouette” was the word of the day at the Pentagon, and a little more. *(FP's own round up)*

INFOSEC ISLAND:

New York Times Says It Was Infiltrated By Chinese Hackers: “The *New York Times* said it had fallen victim to hackers possibly connected to China's military, linking the sophisticated attacks to its expose of the vast wealth amassed by Premier Wen Jiabao's family.”

The Case for National Cyber Labs: “‘Cyber Ranges’ as these networks are now often referred to, are fun! And they're extremely useful in developing real-world skills without disappearing behind bars. It's not even a new idea; various militaries have been doing it for a while now.”

THE NAVAL DIPLOMAT:

China's New Militancy: “In this environment, Chinese military officers can get away with advocating “short, sharp wars” and talking about the need to “strike first.” Their boldness suggests, as some privately say, that General Secretary Xi is associating with generals and admirals who think war with the U.S. might be a good idea.”

If Korea Were to Unite: “Without North Korea and its 1.1 million troops serving as geographic and human buffers, Beijing will consider Korean and U.S. troops as serious regional threats.”

NAVAL DRONES:

Dirty Jobs: Drone Edition: “HullBUG will autonomously remove the bio-fouling such as algae and barnacles that grow on ship's hulls. Previous versions of HullBUG were tested on frigates at Naval Station Mayport in Jacksonville, Florida.”