

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

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1. WIRED: DANGER ROOM

[Army Kills The Military's Last Remaining Giant Spy Blimp](#): "Say goodbye to the Long Endurance Multi-Intelligence Vehicle, or LEMV. Built by Northrop Grumman, it's a dimpled blimp as long as a football field; seven stories high; and carries a price tag of over half a billion dollars."

2. NAVY WARFARE DEVELOPMENT COMMAND

[em2 MMOWGLI Phase 1 Themes Feedback Requested!](#): "Week 1 of em2 MMOWGLI has come to a close, but the collaboration continues! We encourage you to take a look at the central themes generated by the players and to begin preparing your contributions for Phase 2."

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

AOL DEFENSE

[Retired Lt. Gen. Deptula: Drones Best Weapons We've Got For Accuracy, Control, Oversight; Critics Don't Get It](#): "Dave Deptula, the first general charged with overseeing drones and the Air Force general in command of the Air Operations Center when the first Predator fired a Hellfire missile, steps right into the debate about whether death by drone is moral, legal or qualitatively different from other weapons that strike from afar."

CENTER FOR NEW AMERICAN SECURITY

[China muscles US in Pacific](#): "Senior Colonel Liu Mingfu, at the People's Liberation Army's National Defence University, told Fairfax Media this week that American strategic influence would be confined "east of the Pacific midline" as it is displaced by Chinese power throughout east Asia, including Australia."

[Atomic Kingdom: If Iran Builds the Bomb, Will Saudi Arabia Be Next?](#): "Colin Kahl discusses his forthcoming report *Atomic Kingdom: If Iran Builds the Bomb, Will Saudi Arabia Be Next?* and the prospects for Saudi reactive proliferation."

FAST COMPANY

[FAA Approves UAV Testing Sites](#): "The FAA has approved six test ranges for drones in the United States where unmanned aircraft can legally be flown. Earlier this afternoon, President Obama signed the FAA Modernization and Reform Act into law."

FOREIGN POLICY

[What Arms Race? Why Asia Isn't Europe 1913](#): "Arms races, naval or otherwise, get a bad rap. They are usually regarded as the military expression and consequence of the existing state of international relations, but they can also develop a momentum of their own, wasting money, exacerbating already tense relations between states and threatening to destabilize whole regions. Instead of reflecting policy as Clausewitz reminds us the military should do, arms racers determine it. All too often, moreover, they seem to make conflict more likely."

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[Day Three Testimony Highlights Complexity in Bounty Case](#): "When solving a mystery, an investigator looks for evidence. On the third day of testimony at the joint Coast Guard/NTSB hearings in Portsmouth, Virginia, I was reminded just how hard it was to come by in this case."

MARINE CORPS ASSOCIATION (MARINE CORPS GAZETTE)

[Deception in Air-Sea Battle](#): "As Capt Friedman puts it, "[I]t was assumed, by the US Navy as late as 1943 and the US Army in 1944, that air and sea firepower would negate shore defenses. ASB is built around this same assumption, an assumption proven false sixty-nine years ago."

TIME MAGAZINE BATTLELAND BLOG

[Atomic Flashback](#): "Interesting to read the back-and-forth between Robert Zarate of the Foreign Policy Initiative, and Kingston Reif of the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, over how big the U.S. nuclear stockpile should be. It resurrected a pleasant memory. In his post earlier Friday, Reif mentions the deep cuts in nuclear weapons made by President George H.W. Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev 22 years ago..."