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[CHANGING OUR TOOLKIT FOR "CHANGE"](#)

By Tom Galvin July 30, 2020

*Innovation & improvement require change, a complex process in a large org. Tom Galvin explains how @ArmyWarCollege is equipping students w/ a new Toolkit for Change.*

[SHALL WE PLAY A GAME? \(WARGAMING ROOM\)](#)

By War Room July 31, 2020

*What if the DoD wargamed its biggest strategic decisions? 6 scholars respond to our latest Whiteboard and introduce our new series the Wargaming Room @Georgetown @NavalNews @MarineCorpsU @AWC\_ORSA @krisjandr @Wojtowicz\_N @elliebartels.*

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By John Brennan, Steve Marks, Edward Croot and Ron Granieri August 4, 2020

*Org culture is a complex & difficult subj to grasp. Get it right & you have a unit that lives its values daily. Get it wrong & you have discipline, morale & behavioral issues. @1st\_SF\_Command ldrship joins @RonaldGranieri to discuss Special Forces' ID crisis.*

[YOUR HAMBURGER AND NATIONAL SECURITY: VEGANISM, FOOD INSECURITY AND AMERICAN POWER](#)

By Kerrilee Berger and Franky Matissek August 6, 2020

*Eat your vegetables! It might just make for a more secure world! Kerrilee Berger and Franky Matissek look at veganism and the unlikely tie to national security.*

[THE MAGIC OF THE INTERWEBS](#)

By Joseph Atkinson, Richard D'Angelo and Ron Granieri August 11, 2020

*The internet can dramatically improve one's quality of life and ability to succeed. It can also be a dark and scary place filled with threats and boogeymen. Joe Atkinson and Rich D'Angelo join @RonaldGranieri to share their experiences in the cyber arena.*

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By Adam Seipp August 13, 2020

*For those that long for the days of the Fulda Gap The Third World War by Sir John Hackett is a must read. For those too young to remember there's still plenty of reasons - Russia & China -to pick up this classic rvwd by @AdamSeipp @historyTAMU.*

[REFLECTIONS ON MILITARY STRATEGY: KILLING ANNIHILATION VS. ATTRITION](#)

By Thomas Bruscano August 14, 2020

*War can be a strange thing but does it have to be bipolar? Either annihilate the enemy or attrit them. @BruscanoTom is back to tell us what successful military strategy really requires and it's not an either-or proposition.*

**WEEK OF 17 AUGUST 2020 – ISSUE 7**[NOT YOUR FATHER'S NATIONAL GUARD](#)

By Mike Flaherty, Pete Helzer and Ron Granieri August 18, 2020

*From Katrina to Afghanistan and GWOT to Covid the Army Nat'l Guard has seen its share of challenges & met them with diligence & discipline. @paratistamus & @MichaelFlat join @RonaldGranieri to discuss the modern Nat'l Guard & their academic year.*

[THE INTERFACE: REESTABLISHING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TACTICS AND POLITICS](#)

By Olivia Garard August 20, 2020

*PME often delineates the gap between tactical & strategic, politics & the military. @teaandtactics explains how examining the boundaries between them, the interconnection & Interface that ties them is more useful for today's challenges.*

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By Khaled Al Khalifa and Ron Granieri August 25, 2020

*Masters Program in foreign language. Check. Elect to accomplish three times the work. Check. Do a third of it during pandemic lockdown. Check. Khaled Al Khalifa joins @ronaldgranieri to discuss War College, Carlisle Scholars and Eisenhower.*

[AN ALLEGORY OF THE CAVE: INNOVATION AND TERRORIST DRONES](#)

By Kerry Chávez and Ori Swed August 27, 2020

*A hobbyist's toy finds its way to the terrorist's arsenal and becomes an effective and cost efficient weapon. How can they be stopped? Kerry Chávez and @OriSwed warn of the dangerous use of drones and what must be done to counter them.*

[THAT ONE MOST IMPORTANT THING: A WHITEBOARD](#)

By War Room August 28, 2020

*You've finally made it to your year at the War College. This month's Whiteboard asks "What is the most important thing a war college student should learn in their year of study?" @AirWarCollege @ArmyWarCollege @NWC\_NDU.*

**WEEK OF 31 AUGUST 2020 - ISSUE 9**[TOWARDS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF OTHER PEOPLES](#)

By Brad Arsenault, Steven Saum, Maricarmen Smith-Martinez, Joby Taylor and Ron Granieri September 1, 2020

*It takes a special individual to "contribute part of your life to this country." This time we're talking about the @PeaceCorps. @MaricarmenMSM Joby Taylor, Brad Arsenault, & @swamiriver join @ronaldgranieri in the studio.*

[THE ECONOMIC DEFENSE CAPITAL FUND: A TOOL FOR THE ECONOMIC VOID](#)

By Brandon Bodor and Thomas Day September 3, 2020

*You're a small business with innovative tech. Getting DoD to pay attention is easier than ever. Staying afloat \$\$ in a pandemic is tougher than ever. @BTBodor & @ThomasLDay have an idea on how to fix that & stay ahead of China*

**WEEK OF 7 SEPTEMBER 2020 - ISSUE 10**[A SMARTER WAY TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN](#)

By David Eckley, Silas Martinez and Ron Granieri September 8, 2020

*The Army competes w/the other services, government & industry for motivated, talented & qualified recruits - a tall order in the best of times. Dave Eckley & @SigSourer join @ronaldgranieri to discuss how innovation plays a role in meeting goals.*

[THE INFORMATION APOCALYPSE, PART VII: COMPETENCE AND ETHICS](#)

By Mari Eder September 10, 2020

*Competence and ethical behavior is a firm foundation for trust in a relationship. If either is found lacking the damage can be irreparable. @mk2353 is back with pt VII of her series The Information Apocalypse.*

[GETTING WAR \(GAMING\) BACK INTO THE WAR COLLEGE](#)

By Christopher Hossfeld and Ken Gilliam September 11, 2020

*How does a PME institution go about developing creative & critical thinking skills in mil ldrs? One tool in the kit is wargaming. Chris Hossfeld & Ken Gilliam explain how USAWC uses the Joint Overmatch wargame in its curriculum.*

**WEEK OF 14 SEPTEMBER 2020 – ISSUE 11**[WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO ANSWER A FEW QUESTIONS?](#)

By Amanda Cronkhite and Ron Granieri September 15, 2020

*The phone rings. You absent-mindedly answer. "Would you be willing to answer a few questions?" It's the attack of the pollsters! @abcronkhite joins @ronaldgranieri in the studio to discuss the art and science of polling.*

[THE GAITHER REPORT: REALITY VS WORST CASE PLANS \(DUSTY SHELVES\)](#)

By George W. Runkle IV September 17, 2020

*The DoD is infamous for its worst-case planning prowess. But the 1957 Gaither Committee took worst-case to a whole new level. George Runkle tells DUSTY SHELVES why the Gaither Report is a must read for Nat Sec pros.*

[CHINA'S RECIPE FOR INSURGENCY](#)

By Alden Leader September 18, 2020

*In COIN, support of the local populace is critical - crushing them all indiscriminately is not how you do it. Alden Leader looks at how China's Uighur policy will cause an insurgency not stop one.*

**WEEK OF 21 SEPTEMBER 2020 – ISSUE 12**[TWO AUTHORS UNDER THE SAME ROOF \(ON WRITING\)](#)

By Kara Dixon Vuic, Jason Vuic and Michael Neiberg September 22, 2020

*Jason Vuic & @KaraDixonVuic, two incredibly successful authors who happen to be married to each other, stop by the studio to compare very different writing styles with @MichaelNeiberg.*

[WHAT'S IN A WAR PLAN?](#)

By Michael Loftus September 24, 2020

*We teach DIME & call war "the continuation of politics by other means" so why don't our war plans include all aspects of government? @loftusmt looks at history to inform our current efforts planning for conflict.*

[WOMEN IN PEACE AND SECURITY](#)

By Jean Manes and Ron Granieri September 29, 2020

*In 2000 UNSC Res. 1325 created the Women in Peace and Security program. Amb @jeanmanes is in the studio with @ronaldgranieri to discuss the crucial role women play in the Nat'l Sec realm. @StateDept @Southcom.*

**WEEK OF 28 SEPTEMBER 2020 – ISSUE 13**

[A REALIST CASE FOR GERMANY TO RESURRECT NATO](#)

*By Antony Palocaren October 1, 2020*

*As U.S. military presence draws down in Europe to focus on the threat of China, who will take up the leadership role on NATO? @TonyPalox says it's time for Germany to step up and provide the strong leadership NATO needs.*

[IMAGINING OVERMATCH: CRITICAL DOMAINS IN THE NEXT WAR - A WHITEBOARD](#)

*By War Room October 2, 2020*

*This month's Whiteboard asks "In the next large-scale, peer-competition conflict, what will be the critical (or decisive) domain of warfighting, and why?" @Bob\_Caslen @ArmyWarCollege @NavalAcademy @NavalWarCollege.*