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## **WEEK OF 05 OCTOBER 2020 – ISSUE 1**

### [BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING AND HE'S HERE TO HELP](#)

By Mandi Bohrer and Ron Granieri October 6, 2020

*Once the stuff of science fiction, facial recognition is here & it has been for a while. But this incredible tool has a much-feared Big Brother aspect. @Mandi\_Bee joins @ronaldgranieri to discuss how the tech can be safely & legally employed.*

### [MAKING SENSE OF THE RUMBLINGS ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA](#)

By Nate Kerkhoff October 8, 2020

*Jun '20 - S. Korean activists launched 20 balloons filled w/ anti-N Korean leaflets & banners, \$'s & SD cards. N. Korea reacted badly, but then deescalated. Nate Kerkhoff looks at the internal factors at play in this most recent round of tensions.*

### [SWARM GAMING: REGAINING THE STRATEGIC INNOVATION INITIATIVE \(WARGAMING ROOM\)](#)

By Stephen Downes-Martin October 9, 2020

*Wargames are an amazing developmental tool. But for true mental agility @StephenDownesM1 says "swarm gaming" is the best way to understand novel scenarios of the future @NavalWarCollege.*

## **WEEK OF 12 OCTOBER 2020 – ISSUE 2**

### [GAMES, PLAY, AND THE AFFECTIVE DOMAIN](#)

By Megan Hennessey and Ken Gilliam October 13, 2020

*What does an educational methodologist think of wargames? She loves them! @MegJHennessey & @AWC\_ORSA talk @LEGOSERIOUSPLAY and gaming in general at @ArmyWarCollege.*

### [BATTLE CRY: A COMPREHENSIVE CIVIL WAR STUDY \(DUSTY SHELVES\)](#)

By Justin Magula October 15, 2020

*2020 got you down? Concerned by all the divisiveness? @JustinMagula tells DUSTY SHELVES to read "Battle Cry of Freedom" to gain some perspective on what true civil war looks like*

### [TURNKEY ALLIES: ISRAEL BACKING THE SUNNI CAUSE](#)

By Andrew Narloch October 16, 2020

*In an armed confrontation between Sunni Arab states and Iran where would Israel fit in. @andrewnarloch believes they'd be integral based on recent relations normalizations with Sunni neighbors*

**WEEK OF 19 OCTOBER 2020 – ISSUE 3**[THE VALUE OF WRITTEN THOUGHT: STEPHEN VOGEL \(ON WRITING\)](#)

By Stephen Vogel and Michael Neiberg October 20, 2020

*@Steve\_Vogel is a Pulitzer nominated journalist, incredibly successful author & passionate historian. He joins @MichaelNeiberg to share thoughts on journalism vs writing & what future historians face documenting the current electronic era.*

[A MODERN APPLICATION OF LANDPOWER IN SYRIA](#)

By Phillip Brown October 22, 2020

*The ability to gain, sustain, & exploit control over land - that's landpower defined. Phil Brown tells WAR ROOM how recent engagements in Syria & Iraq prove landpower is central to nat'l security & its employment is indicative of nat'l priorities.*

[SECURITY COOPERATION: COLLABORATION IN THE ERA OF POWER COMPETITION](#)

By Jonathan Swoyer and Assad Raza October 23, 2020

*Army SOF & Foreign Area Officers are 2 communities that regularly work together but don't know each other well enough. @AssadRaza12 & @swoychuk argue more familiarity w/ each other's msns & skills benefits all & enhances the U.S. Strategic msn.*

**WEEK OF 26 OCTOBER 2020 – ISSUE 4**[UNDERSTANDING A DIFFERENT PEOPLE: THE OKINAWAN IDENTITY](#)

By Courtney Short and Jacqueline E. Whitt October 27, 2020

*It's human nature to make assumptions about a person or peoples based on their race, nationality or culture. @cashort01 joins @notabattlechick to discuss how assumptions about the Okinawan people affected the U.S. invasion of the Ryukyus in WWII.*

[THE INFORMATION APOCALYPSE PART VIII: CIVICS LESSONS](#)

By Mari Eder October 29, 2020

*@mk2353 wants to restore faith in the U.S. election process. No partisanship. No hyperbole. Just vote.*

[COVID-19 AND THE INFORMATION WAR: CHANGING THE NARRATIVE](#)

By Leon Hartwell October 30, 2020

*@LeonHartwell views the story of this year's pandemic through the lens of Karpman's Drama Triangle and he cautions the U.S. to change the narrative and move to the rescuer role, or at least not be the victim or perpetrator. @CEPA.*

**WEEK OF 02 NOVEMBER 2020 – ISSUE 5**[A FATAL DOSE IN 2 MILLIGRAMS: FENTANYL AND NATIONAL SECURITY](#)

By Heidi Munro and Ron Granieri November 3, 2020

*The U.S. has struggled w/ the opioid crisis for decades. The most recent "combatant" on the battlefield is fentanyl, responsible for 31K+ deaths in '18. @hmu65 joins @RonaldGranieri to discuss how this once legal pain killer threatens nat sec.*

[OPIOID MISUSE/ABUSE BY SOLDIERS AND VETERANS OF THE U.S. ARMY](#)

By Greg Gharst November 5, 2020

*War is hell & its psychological & physical toll has wreaked havoc on too many military members. Greg Gharst warns the Army to pay close attn to how opioids are used to treat those wounds & its impact on the force.*

**WEEK OF 09 NOVEMBER 2020 – ISSUE 6**[A LABORATORY FOR MILITARY PROFESSIONALS \(WARGAMING ROOM\)](#)

By Doug Winton and Ken Gilliam November 10, 2020

*@dwwinton joins @AWC\_ORSA in the WARGAMING ROOM for another look at wargames at the U.S. Army War College. They look at the use of Joint Overmatch and MDO1943 in the resident program.*

[MILITARY GEOGRAPHY AND MILITARY STRATEGY](#)

By Thomas Bruscano August 14, 2020

*If the military fails surely it must be the fault of politicians. @BruscanoTom says NOPE -it's time for mil strategists to return geography to its previous level of importance.*

**WEEK OF 16 NOVEMBER 2020 – ISSUE 7**[PAST VISIONS OF FUTURE WARS](#)

By Adam Seipp, Thomas Bruscano and Ron Granieri November 17, 2020

*@AdamSeipp joins @BruscanoTom & @RonaldGranieri to look at the captivating genres of Cold War apocalypse and military techno-thriller in this week's episode of A BETTER PEACE.*

[HELMAND: TWO YEARS LATER](#)

By Nathaniel Lowry November 19, 2020

*WAR ROOM welcomes Nathan Lowry as he recounts his time with the Marines in Helmand province in '17-'18. He compares the most recent Taliban attacks with previous surges and asks what the future holds for the Afghan people.*

**WEEK OF 23 NOVEMBER 2020 – ISSUE 8**[RUSSIAN EXPANSION AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF HYBRID WARFARE](#)

By Thomas Deen November 24, 2020

*Control the narrative & you control reality. Russia understood this in '08 & again in '14 as they invaded Georgia & Ukraine. Today reality resides on the internet & @ThomasFDeen1 tells us how to better safeguard that space.*

[WOODROW WILSON: THANKSGIVING 1918](#)

By War Room November 25, 2020

*WAR ROOM commemorates Woodrow Wilson's 1918 Thanksgiving Proclamation, given in a time when cause for thanks was perhaps easier to find.*

**WEEK OF 30 NOVEMBER 2020 – ISSUE 9**[THE MOST IMPORTANT PART IS THE BEGINNING](#)

By Chandler Myers December 1, 2020

*National defense isn't just about manpower and weapons and strategy. Chandler Myers makes the case for focusing on K-12 education in the name of national security. Start at the beginning.*

[WANTED: INNOVATION TOOLS FOR AIR FORCE LEADERS](#)

By Elizabeth Vaughan Moyer December 3, 2020

*Prototype, experiment, fail, analyze - repeat. Elizabeth Vaughan Moyer says USAF leadership can do a better job clearing the path for innovative Airmen*

[AFTER 2020, WHAT'S NEXT? A WHITEBOARD](#)

By War Room December 4, 2020

*This month's Whiteboard asks "What do you envision as the greatest challenges facing homeland security and domestic intelligence for the next decade?"*

**WEEK OF 7 DECEMBER 2020 – ISSUE 10**[MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE: WHY THE ALLIES WON \(DUSTY SHELVES\)](#)

By Heather Venable December 8, 2020

*War is never a simple venture. DUSTY SHELVES welcomes @Heather\_at\_ACTS to review Overy's "Why the Allies Won" to prove that point. Sometimes having the most eqpt does not ensure a victory.*

[LIKE YOUR BRAIN HAS JUST GONE TO THE GYM \(WARGAMING ROOM\)](#)

By Chris Dougherty, Becca Wasser and Ken Gilliam December 10, 2020

*A BETTER PEACE welcomes @becca\_wasser & @C\_M\_Dougherty as they join @AWC\_ORSA to discuss The Gaming Lab @CNASdc just launched in October.*

[THE 2020 HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE](#)

By War Room December 11, 2020

*It's that time of the year again. Time to find that perfect gift for your favorite national security professional. And to help we've got the anxiously awaited WAR ROOM Gift Guide for 2020.*

**WEEK OF 14 DECEMBER 2020 – ISSUE 11**[HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT: RADICALS IN THE RANKS](#)

By Robert Payne and Ron Granieri December 15, 2020

*When evil exists in your population it will find its way into your trusted institutions. Robert Payne joins @RonaldGranieri to discuss extremism in the military and how to weed it out.*

[SENIOR LEADER BEHAVIOR: WHAT DIFFERENCES MATTER?](#)

By Craig Bullis and Charles Allen December 17, 2020

*As the U.S. Army implements the Army Talent Mgmt pgm data indicates it may emphasize the wrong things. @dex17013 & Craig Bullis use 2 Div Cdr Studies to highlight the behaviors & personality traits we should really look at in leader dev.*

**WEEK OF 21 DECEMBER 2020 – ISSUE 12**[THE FUTURE OF THE UNITED STATES' FRIENDS AND FOES](#)

By Paula Alvarez-Couceiro December 23, 2020

*A multipolar world is a complicated world and where the U.S. fits in has changed. WAR ROOM welcomes @pacouceiro to examine the role of allies & partners in retaining U.S. power & influence @SAISStrat @SAISHopkins.*

[FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT: CHRISTMAS 1942](#)

By War Room December 24, 2020

*In keeping with WAR ROOM's tradition of reprinting holiday messages of leaders throughout history, here is Franklin D. Roosevelt's 1942 Christmas Eve address. Happy Holidays to all of you & here's to a bright New Year.*

**WEEK OF 28 DECEMBER 2020 – ISSUE 13**[CHINA, SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND GREAT POWER COMPETITION](#)

By Hugh Harsono December 29, 2020

*Developing countries need energy. China's got renewable energy tech. That combination makes for inroads, strange bedfellows & a big edge for China in the Great Power Competition. Hugh Harsono gives us the rundown.*