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[FRANKEN-NATO: GIVING NEW LIFE TO AN OLD EUROPEAN DEFENSE AMBITION?](#)

by Mary Foster, released 3 October

With NATO having expanded to 29 nations, great internal tension has formed about the alliance's purpose. What can NATO best do to sustain unity?

[CAN SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES DO 'EVERYTHING'? DISPELLING THE MYTH – A PODCAST](#)

by Josh Kennedy, Buck Haberichter, and Jacqueline E. Whitt, released 6 October

WAR ROOM podcast explores a misperception that special forces are capable of resolving all national security dilemmas without the need for conventional forces.

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[PROTECTING HUMAN DIGNITY IN WAR: AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE -- A PODCAST](#)

by Martin Lacourt and Ryan McCannell, released 11 October

War Room welcomes special guest Martin Lacourt, the senior armed forces delegate to the International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC) regional delegation to the US and Canada. He discusses the role of the ICRC in international conflict, the importance of protecting human dignity, and keeping the laws of warfare relevant.

[THE ARMY'S MOBILIZATION PROBLEM](#)

by Joseph Whitlock, released 13 October

The United States is running a high risk that it may lose in a major theater war because it cannot mobilize and deploy the Army quickly enough.

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[MILITARY CONTRACTING: HOW OTHER NATIONS DO IT](#)

by Rick Wagner, released 17 October

To fight, the U.S. military needs contractors, but contracting brings risk. The experiences of partner nations may provide insights on how to do it better.

SUPER STORMS AND MEGACITIES: THE LESSONS OF HURRICANE HARVEY

by Mark Grey and Michele Devlin, released 20 October

The experiences of Hurricane Harvey provide lessons about the growing megacity environments where the Army may have to fight in the future.

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TRADE IN A ZERO SUM GRAND STRATEGY

by Joel Hillison, released 24 October

Discusses the security costs and benefits of a neo-mercantilist trade policy. What is the impact of the current major shift in the U.S. approach to trade?

THE “DUSTY SHELVES” SERIES: BRINGING MILITARY HISTORY TO LIFE

by Tom Galvin and Jacqueline E. Whitt, released 27 October

Learn about War Room’s “Dusty Shelves” series of articles and podcasts related to important artifacts of military history!

RIDGWAY’S MEMO: “WHY WE ARE HERE” (DUSTY SHELVES)

by Con Crane and Jacqueline E. Whitt, released 27 October

Podcast examines the leadership of LTG Matthew B. Ridgway as he rebuilt the fighting spirit of a broken Eighth U.S. Army in the Korean War.

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THE NEW COLD WAR: HOW RUSSIA IS WINNING

by Brian Rauen, released 31 October

Describes President Putin’s aggressive strategy of exhaustion to undermine the will and resources of the U.S. and its allies while restoring Russia’s power.

GROWING AFRICAN PEACEKEEPING CAPACITY -- A PODCAST

by Emmanuel Kotia and Brian Foster, released 3 November

War Room welcomes distinguished guest Brigadier General Emmaneul Kotia, Deputy Commandant of the Kofi Annan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KAIPTC) in Ghana. BG Kotia discusses the complexities of peace operations in Africa that complicate the requirements and tasks of peacekeepers.

WEEK OF 6 NOVEMBER 2017

WHAT THE U.S. MILITARY CAN LEARN FROM THE CHINESE DRONE STARTUP ECOSYSTEM

by Hugh Harsono, released 7 November

U.S. military’s drone program relies too much on innovation coming from large government contractors and should instead follow China’s approach.

THE MULTI-DOMAIN BATTLE: WHAT'S IN IT FOR THE HOMELAND?

by Bert Tussing and Barrett Parker, released 10 November

The security of our homeland can no longer be relied upon. Does the new Multi-Domain Battle concept adequately account for this reality?

WEEK OF 13 NOVEMBER 2017

U.S. INTERESTS IN ITS GEOGRAPHIC PERIMETER, PAST & PRESENT -- A PODCAST

by Dawn Berry with Jacqueline E. Whitt, released 15 November

Podcast relates history of U.S. interests in its geographic perimeter, including Greenland and the Virgin Islands, and implications for U.S. security today.

THE UTILITY OF MILITARY FORCE

by Yssouf Traore, released 17 November

Two recent operations in Mali are contrasted to show under what circumstances nations should consider employing military force and prosecuting war.

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LEARNING STRATEGY BY WALKING THE GROUND -- A PODCAST

by Len Fullenkamp and Andrew A. Hill, released 21 November

Historian Len Fullenkamp shows the value of staff rides, immersing oneself in strategic environments to learn what the past teaches about the present.

HARRY TRUMAN: THANKSGIVING 1945

by Harry Truman, released 21 November

On November 12, 1945, President Harry S. Truman issued this proclamation to celebrate America's first Thanksgiving since victory in World War II. We present the proclamation in its entirety as a Thanksgiving message to our readers.

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WHY AN AIR FORCE? TOWARD NEW THINKING ON SERVICE ARCHITECTURE -- A PODCAST

by Rob Farley and Mark Duckenfield, released 28 November

What are the lessons from an independent Air Force that we might apply to whether or not we should have an independent cyber and space force?

DRONES AND THE DISRUPTION OF NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGIES

by Jim Cooney, release 1 December

Drone usage is increasing as it appears to offer low risk military solutions, but at what cost to the military and other elements of national power?

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WHY IS THE VIETNAM WAR EXPERIENCE STILL RELEVANT? -- A PODCAST

by Len Fullenkamp and Andrew A. Hill, released 5 December

War Room podcast discusses the Vietnam War against the backdrop of social and political change in the 1960s and the lessons they provide for today.

NSC-68: THE POLICY DOCUMENT THAT SHAPED THE COLD WAR [DUSTY SHELVES]

by Tami Davis Biddle and Jacqueline E. Whitt, released 8 December

Discusses the history and enduring importance of National Security Council Report 68 that shaped US national security policy for the Cold War.

WEEK OF 11 DECEMBER 2017

GAME OF TRIBES: GETTING COUNTERTERRORISM RIGHT

by Matt Rose and Yssouf Traore, released 13 December

Authors suggest the rise of destabilizing militant groups is an outcome of tribal dynamics, requiring a different counterterrorism strategy than now in use.

HOW STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE HAS CHANGED SINCE 9/11 -- A PODCAST

by Michael Morell with Genevieve Lester, released 15 December

War Room welcomes special guest Michael Morell, former Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency from 2010-2013. He discusses the evolution of strategic intelligence since 9/11 and moral and ethical challenges analysts continuously face.

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RECEIPT: BOMB, ATOMIC, 1 EACH [DUSTY SHELVES]

by Con Crane and Jacqueline E. Whitt, released 19 December

Historian Con Crane tells the story behind a hand-receipt issued for the first atomic weapon used in combat. A testimony to bureaucracy at work!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS DROP: SPREADING CHEER ACROSS THE PACIFIC -- A PODCAST

by Buck Haberichter and Jacqueline E. Whitt, released 21 December

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