



2012 CURRENT STRATEGY FORUM

GLOBAL TRENDS
Implications for National Policy and the Maritime Forces

June 12 & 13



PROGRAM OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, JUNE 12 (Civilian–business attire/Military–summer white or service equivalent)

6:30 a.m. **Guest Registration – Continental Breakfast available in Spruance Lobby**

8:00 **Administrative Announcements**

8:05 **Welcome and Introduction**

Rear Admiral John N. Christenson, U.S. Navy, President, U.S. Naval War College

8:10 **Keynote Address**

The Honorable Robert O. Work, Under Secretary of the Navy

9:05 **Keynote Address**

Dr. Ian A. Bremmer, Eurasia Group

10:00 **Break**

10:15 **Panel 1 - Emerging Global Trends and Strategic Challenges in the Coming Decade**

In order to make informed decisions regarding national policy, defense strategy, and resource allocation, our nation must recognize the trends shaping today's global system. Examples of these trends include the economic rise of new powers, the growing influence of non-state actors, the ability to organize around ideas and influence traditional politics, and the proliferation of weapons. These trends potentially place stress upon the global system and present challenges in achieving national objectives. This panel will present the latest thinking regarding these developments and challenges in the coming decades as well as debate the various paths ahead for our nation and maritime forces.

♦ Dr. Susan K. Avery, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

♦ Dr. Marvin J. Cetron, Forecasting International

♦ Dr. Robert J. Lieber, Georgetown University

Moderator: Dr. Derek S. Reveron, U.S. Naval War College

11:45 **Lunch**

Commissioned Officers' Club

1:15 p.m. **Keynote Address**

General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps

Assistant Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps

2:15 **Keynote Address**

Dr. Peter W. Singer, The Brookings Institution

3:15 **Break**

3:30 **Panel 2 - A Moment of Transition: From Today's Wars to Preparing for Future Challenges**

In January 2012, President Obama introduced new strategic guidance for the Department of Defense, calling for the military to shift away from a large land presence in the Middle East to "focus on a broader range of challenges and opportunities" while sustaining security and prosperity in the Asia Pacific region. This panel will delve more deeply into the ramifications of such a shift and address such issues as what course of action seems most appropriate for our nation currently, what

we can learn from historical case studies regarding how to withdraw from wars, and how our friends and others in the international community view anticipated challenges and opportunities in the near to mid-term.

- ♦ Dr. Andrew J. Bacevich, Boston University
- ♦ Dr. Barry R. Posen, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- ♦ Dr. Hugh White, Australian National University

Moderator: Dr. John H. Maurer, U.S. Naval War College

5:00 **Adjourn for the day**

6:30 **Secretary of the Navy Reception**
Commissioned Officers' Club

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13 (Civilian–business attire/Military–summer white or service equivalent)

6:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast available in Spruance Lobby**

8:00 **Move to seminar locations**

8:10 **Seminars**

10:15 **Return to Spruance Lobby for refreshments**

11:00 **Keynote Address**

Dr. Abigail E. Disney, Executive Producer, “Women, War & Peace”

12:00 **Lunch**

Commissioned Officers' Club

1:30 p.m. **Keynote Address**

Dr. Nicholas Andrew Martin Rodger, All Souls College, Oxford

2:30 **Break**

2:45 **Panel 3 - Sustaining Global Leadership: Role of the Maritime Force**

Security of our nation, friends, and allies, prosperity from an open and free international economic system, and supporting the fundamental rights of every human being are the enduring objectives of our nation as stated by the President in the recently released “Sustaining U.S. Global Leadership: Priorities for 21st Century Defense.” As we prepare to make tough budget cuts and resource reduction decisions in the coming years, it is important to understand the Navy’s contribution to those enduring ends. How might we adapt to become a “leaner, agile, flexible and more technologically advanced” force in order to ensure that the United States preserves its leadership role within the international system? This panel will explore both developments in international relations and advances in technology to inform the debate about the correct path forward for our nation’s maritime forces as they face increasing challenges in contested commons.

- ♦ Rear Admiral Kenneth E. Floyd, U.S. Navy, Director, Warfare Integration (OPNAV N9I)
- ♦ Vice Admiral Richard W. Hunt, U.S. Navy, Commander, Naval Surface Forces and Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet
- ♦ The Honorable Sean J. Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy
- ♦ Lieutenant General John E. Wissler, U.S. Marine Corps, Deputy Commandant for Programs and Resources

Moderator: The Honorable Robert O. Work, Under Secretary of the Navy

4:15 **Closing Remarks**

The Honorable Robert O. Work, Under Secretary of the Navy

4:30 **Adjourn**