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Challenge and Response

Traces our country's long history of covert and special operations, focusing on the similarities and differences in the practice from the Revolutionary War to the present. • References literature supporting both sides of the special and covert operations debate • Explains how covert operations is used as a tool of American foreign policy • Examines the changes in covert operations since the attacks of September 11, 2001

Considerations for Integrating Women into Closed Occupations in U.S. Special Operations Forces

Since its creation in 1963, United States Southern Command has been led by 30 senior officers representing all four of the armed forces. None has undertaken his leadership responsibilities with the cultural sensitivity and creativity demonstrated by Admiral Jim Stavridis during his tenure in command. Breaking with tradition, Admiral Stavridis discarded the customary military model as he organized the Southern Command Headquarters. In its place he created an organization designed not to subdue adversaries, but instead to build durable and enduring partnerships with friends. His observation that it is the business of Southern Command to launch "ideas not missiles" into the command's area of responsibility gained strategic resonance throughout the Caribbean and Central and South America, and at the highest levels in Washington, DC.

Islam

40 photos, figures and tables.

Improving the Understanding of Special Operations

Written as a Top Secret US Army procedural manual and released under the Freedom of Information act this manual describes the step-by-step process recommended to control and contain the minds of the enemy and the general public alike. Within these 180+ pages you will read in complete detailed the Mission of PSYOP as well as PSYOP Roles, Policies and Strategies and Core Tasks. Also included are the logistics and communication procedures used to insure the "right" people get the "right" information.

SOCOM 3

Psyop

From a highly decorated general, a brilliant new way of understanding war and its role in the twenty-first century. Drawing on his vast experience as a commander during the first Gulf War, and in Bosnia, Kosovo, and Northern Ireland, General Rupert Smith gives us a probing analysis of modern war. He demonstrates why today's conflicts must be understood as intertwined political and military events, and makes clear why the current model of total war has failed in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other recent campaigns. Smith offers a compelling contemporary vision for how to secure our world and

the consequences of ignoring the new, shifting face of war.

Handbook of Defence Politics

Major Tim McCulloh and Major Rick Johnson's combined contributions to this monograph on Hybrid Warfare benefit from a combination of both an overarching theory as well as an operational perspective. The combination of the works into a single manuscript provides a synergy of the two perspectives. While the idea of hybrid warfare is not new, the authors together provide a clarity and utility which presents a relevant contextual narrative of the space between conventional conflicts and realm of irregular warfare. Major McCulloh's contribution in the first section entitled The Inadequacy of Definition and the Utility of a Theory of Hybrid Conflict: Is the 'Hybrid Threat' New? lays the theoretical basis to bring a definition of Hybrid Warfare into focus while addressing the pertinent question of its historical origin. The theory presented uses historical trends, illustrated through two case studies, to postulate a set of principles to provide a unifying logic to hybrid behavior. In the first study, Major McCulloh examines the Israel-Hezbollah war of 2006. Within this case study, Major McCulloh's six principles of hybrid warfare are defined as: (1) a hybrid force's composition, capabilities, and effects are unique to the forces context; (2) each hybrid force has a specific ideology that creates an internal narrative to the organization; (3) a hybrid force always perceives an existential threat to its survival; (4) in hybrid war

there is a capability overmatch between adversaries; (5) a hybrid force contains both conventional and unconventional components; and (6) hybrid forces seek to use defensive operations. To test the theory, Major McCulloh then examines the Soviet partisan network on the Eastern Front from 1941-1945. With the two case studies examined under the same theoretical framework, Major McCulloh asserts that the framework can be used as tool for anticipating emergent hybrid organizations while demonstrating historical continuity. With a theoretical underpinning having been argued by Major McCulloh, the strategic studies question of "so what?" is addressed at the operational level by Major Johnson. In Major Johnson's section entitled Operational Approaches to Hybrid Warfare, the author uses historical examples and case studies to form a basis for approaching hybrid threats through a lens x of U.S. oriented operational art. Major Johnson uses case studies of U.S. efforts in Vietnam and Iraq to illuminate operational approaches to defeating hybrid threats. Much like Major McCulloh, Major Johnson utilizes the Israel-Hezbollah conflict of 2006 as a starting point, contextualizes hybrid warfare vis-a-vis other mixed forms of warfare, addresses the nature of operational art, and then delves backward to find validation of the author's propositions. In examining the case of Vietnam, Major Johnson examines the synergistic effects of Communist organization, strategy, and operational flexibility in depth which serves to highlight the concurrent political and military efforts used by the Vietcong and North Vietnamese. In the Iraq case study, Major Johnson examines a profoundly complex and varied adversary juxtaposed to the

organizational harmony presented in the Vietnam case study. Major Johnson examines two radically different conflicts and develops three "imperatives" for operational art in hybrid warfare: (1) an operational approach must disrupt the logic of the forms of conflict the hybrid threat employs; (2) tactical success and strategic aims must be developed within the same context which gave rise to the hybrid threat and; (3) a successful approach should avoid prescriptive measures across time and space. Many may argue that the concept is not needed or is redundant to other definitions of mixed forms of warfare, or offers nothing unique. However, in this case the authors do contribute to the understanding of warfare as a spectrum of conflict rather than a dichotomy of black and white alternatives.

Socom U. S. Navy Seals

Special Operations Forces

Call Sign Chaos

Think and act like a Navy SEAL and you can survive anything. You can live scared—or be prepared. “We never thought it would happen to us.” From random shootings to deadly wildfires to terrorist attacks, the reality is that modern life is unpredictable and dangerous. Don’t live in fear or rely on luck. Learn the SEAL mindset: Be prepared, feel confident, step up,

and know exactly how to survive any life-threatening situation. Former Navy SEAL and preeminent American survivalist Cade Courtley delivers step-by-step instructions anyone can master in this illustrated, user-friendly guide. You'll learn to think like a SEAL and how to: improvise weapons from everyday items * pack a go bag* escape mass-shootings * treat injuries at the scene* subdue a hijacker * survive extreme climates * travel safely abroad* defend against animal attacks * survive pandemic * and much more Don't be taken by surprise. Don't be a target. Fight back, protect yourself, and beat the odds with the essential manual no one in the twenty-first century should be without. BE A SURVIVOR, NOT A STATISTIC!

Operating in the Gray Zone

The Oxford Guide to American Military History

Team Up & Dominate! Are you ready to take part in up to 32-player battles and crush the opposition? Are you ready to eliminate the mercenaries and save the hostages? Map-Specific Strategies Each map has its own secret sniper nests, choke points, and ambush locations. Uncover the best tips and tricks for each map! Mode-Specific Tactics Control, Escort, Extraction, Breach, Demolition, Suppression, and Elimination are all covered in detail for each map. Each spawn point, capture point, hostage location, and target objective is called out to give you the best

advantage! Complete Armory Extensive weapon data provides the deepest insight into each weapon's strengths and weaknesses! Suggested Loadouts We've provided the best loadout suggestions for the maps and which ones best fit your tactics. Exclusive 2-Sided Foldout And Much More! Gear and Attachment Data Complete Award List Clan Info Boot Camp Defense Tips Customization Suggestions Platform: PlayStation 3 Genre: Shooter

American Covert Operations: A Guide to the Issues

"Written under the direction of West Point social sciences faculty for its Student Conference on US Affairs, or SCUSA, the contributors to this edited volume introduce undergraduate students to issues of transnational conflict, providing context to a variety of contemporary issues, such as immigration, terrorism, and environmental security. The goal is to challenge students by sparking policy level debate and formulation of policy recommendations, putting students in the driver's seat and asking them to think as policymakers. Well acquainted with the demands of classroom discussion, the contributors know how to make world politics, international relations, and foreign policy accessible to undergraduate students. The primary question driving the volume is "how does the US promote or even determine an effective and appropriate policy response to boundary-spanning problems?" And if future political and military leaders are all but guaranteed to face the challenge of collective action within the confines of an

uncoordinated international system, then what domestic and foreign factors should be considered, what elements brought to the foreground? The book's three part organization--Transnational Challenges and Domestic Sources of U.S. Foreign Policy; Transnational Challenges and Regional Issues in US Foreign Policy; and Transnational Challenges and Opportunities for U.S. Foreign Policy--coupled with topic-recommended reading lists at the end of each chapter will help students develop an approach to the substantial topic of "foreign policy" as a whole, making it more manageable"--

Global Trends 2025: A Transformed World

So-called gray zone wars are not new, but they have highlighted shortcomings in the way the West thinks about war and strategy. This monograph proposes an alternative to the U.S. military's current campaign-planning framework, one oriented on achieving positional advantages over rival powers and built around the use of a coercion-deterrence dynamic germane to almost all wars as well as to conflicts short of war.

SEAL Survival Guide

Ms. Bronwyn Bruton and Dr. Paul Williams bring their expertise in governance, conflict mitigation, and Africa, to this analysis of Somalia's attempts to establish security and build state institutions while facing the Harakat al-Shabaab insurgency. By every

measure of state effectiveness-income generation and distribution, execution of the rule of law, and ability to provide basic human security-Somalia has little or no capability. The authors address the roots of Somalia's long-running conflict and examine the often conflicting motivations of the large range of actors: local, national, regional, and international. This context is essential for understanding the evolution and sustainment of Harakat al-Shabaab. With its links to al-Qaeda, Harakat al-Shabaab remains a security challenge for the entire Horn of Africa. While AMISOM's goal was to protect Somalia's weak transitional national government and stabilize the security environment, its mission went well beyond traditional peacekeeping to include warfighting, counterinsurgency operations, and humanitarian assistance. The AMISOM approach may come to characterize future operations in this region.

Wham

"Dr. Roby Barrett's examination and study of some 200 years of the Sultanate of Oman's dynastic history is an excellent companion piece to his earlier work, *Yemen: A Different Political Paradigm in Context*. His Oman study puts into context the last four decades of the Sultanate's history to answer the question of whether Oman has changed fundamentally from a nation fraught with instability and conflict to one of peace and stability. Dr. Barrett's research focuses on the current rule of Sultan Qaboos and his approach to change, development, and modernity in a centuries-old culture that has experienced political, economic,

and social upheaval throughout most of its early existence."--Page ix.

U. S. Special Operations Forces (SOF)

The Utility of Force

Contents: (1) Background: Command Structures and Components; Special Operations Forces in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine, and Joint; NATO Special Operations; (2) Current Organizational and Budgetary Issues: 2010 Quadrennial Defense Review Report SOF-Related Directives; 2010 USSOCOM Posture Statement; (3) Afghanistan-Related Issues; A Change of Command Relationship for U.S. SOF; U.S. SOF Direct Action Against Afghan Insurgents; Training Village Security Forces; (4) Issues for Congress: Are Current Command Relationships and Rules of Engagement Having a Detrimental Impact on Special Operations in Afghanistan?; Are We Making the Best Use of SOF in Afghanistan?

U.S. News & World Report

MASSIVE MULTIPLAYER CHAPTER: in-depth analysis of online mode, multiplayer tactics revealed, radically refine your teamwork and wreak havoc among your opponents! ALL SINGLE-PLAYER AND MULTIPLAYER MAPS: highlighting absolutely everything. Keys to all icons are presented in the back cover foldout. COMPLETE MISSION-BASED WALKTHROUGH: step by step instructions to help you ace the game on all

difficulty levels. ALL SECRETS REVEALED: unlockables, hidden Bonus and Crosstalk objectives, PSP (Playstation Portable) connectivity you name it, this guide's got it, and now so do you. INSTANT ACCESS: Innovative back cover foldout, color coded index, unique 3-level tab system ensure you find the data you require immediately.

China's Maritime Gray Zone Operations

Issues of defence politics and policy have long been at the forefront of political agendas and defining of international affairs. However, the dramatic changes to the global system that have taken place since the end of the Cold War and particularly since the terror attacks on the USA on 11 September 2001 have amplified the world's attention toward political and policy issues of national, regional and global security. The focus of this volume is on examining the fundamental causes of, and defence policy responses to this new 'post-9/11' security environment. Edited by Isaiah (Ike) Wilson III and James J. F. Forest of the US Military Academy, West Point, USA, this volume is international in scope, with pieces written by experts in the field, offering a collection of up-to-date and balanced insights on key contemporary issues of concern to defence policymakers. The book will be an invaluable reference tool for academics and students, researchers in international relations, policymakers, media professionals and government officials.

Partnership for the Americas: Western Hemisphere Strategy and U.S. Southern

Command

This report examines U.S. decisions related to the development or use of special operations forces. It should assist in future planning and execution by the Army Special Operations Forces, the U.S. Army, and the joint special operations community.

Oman

"Global Trends 2025: A Transformed World" is the fourth unclassified report prepared by the National Intelligence Council (NIC) in recent years that takes a long-term view of the future. It offers a fresh look at how key global trends might develop over the next 15 years to influence world events. Our report is not meant to be an exercise in prediction or crystal ball-gazing. Mindful that there are many possible "futures," we offer a range of possibilities and potential discontinuities, as a way of opening our minds to developments we might otherwise miss. (From the NIC website)

Tactical Shooter Pro Gaming Performance Guide

A clear-eyed account of learning how to lead in a chaotic world, by General Jim Mattis--the former Secretary of Defense and one of the most formidable strategic thinkers of our time--and Bing West, a former assistant secretary of defense and combat Marine. Call Sign Chaos is the account of Jim Mattis's storied career, from wide-ranging leadership roles in

three wars to ultimately commanding a quarter of a million troops across the Middle East. Along the way, Mattis recounts his foundational experiences as a leader, extracting the lessons he has learned about the nature of warfighting and peacemaking, the importance of allies, and the strategic dilemmas--and short-sighted thinking--now facing our nation. He makes it clear why America must return to a strategic footing so as not to continue winning battles but fighting inconclusive wars. Mattis divides his book into three parts: direct leadership, executive leadership, and strategic leadership. In the first part, Mattis recalls his early experiences leading Marines into battle, when he knew his troops as well as his own brothers. In the second part, he explores what it means to command thousands of troops and how to adapt your leadership style to ensure your intent is understood by your most junior troops so that they can own their mission. In the third part, Mattis describes the challenges and techniques of leadership at the strategic level, where military leaders reconcile war's grim realities with political leaders' human aspirations, where complexity reigns and the consequences of imprudence are severe, even catastrophic. Call Sign Chaos is a memoir of lifelong learning, following along as Mattis rises from Marine recruit to four-star general. It is a journey learning to lead and a story about how he, through constant study and action, developed a unique leadership philosophy--one relevant to us all.

Psychological Operations

The U.S. Navy is ready to execute the Nation's tasks at sea, from prompt and sustained combat operations to every-day forward-presence, diplomacy and relief efforts. We operate worldwide, in space, cyberspace, and throughout the maritime domain. The United States is and will remain a maritime nation, and our security and prosperity are inextricably linked to our ability to operate naval forces on, under and above the seas and oceans of the world. To that end, the Navy executes programs that enable our Sailors, Marines, civilians, and forces to meet existing and emerging challenges at sea with confidence. Six priorities guide today's planning, programming, and budgeting decisions: (1) maintain a credible, modern, and survivable sea based strategic deterrent; (2) sustain forward presence, distributed globally in places that matter; (3) develop the capability and capacity to win decisively; (4) focus on critical afloat and ashore readiness to ensure the Navy is adequately funded and ready; (5) enhance the Navy's asymmetric capabilities in the physical domains as well as in cyberspace and the electromagnetic spectrum; and (6) sustain a relevant industrial base, particularly in shipbuilding.

Counterinsurgency in Somalia

Dr. Henriksen argues that America needs to get back to the basics of counterinsurgency lest it bankrupts itself in nation-building and reconstruction projects that are driven from the top, not the bottom. Citing tremendously expensive "Winning Hearts and Minds" efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan, he hypothesizes that

"WHAM operations must be waged with much less expenditure of U.S. dollars in the years ahead." He offers Britain's frugal victory in Malaya as one example of a low budget counterinsurgency success that started with protecting the people, over time formed a representative government, and linked the people and their support to that government. Economic development was part of the strategy, but it was a supporting and complementary effort. It wasn't a major effort in and of itself.

Warrior King

In this collection of essays, the contributors examine the implications of the formal dissolution of the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact on planning for future military threats. They attempt to identify the nature and source of the most likely future threats to global security. Part I contains a broad review of the major determinants of international change. Part II analyzes specific situations, the changing nature of warfare, and potential responses to emerging challenges.

U. S. Army Military Intervention in Panama: Operation Just Cause, December 1989-January 1990

U.S. Government Counterterrorism: A Guide to Who Does What is the first readily available, unclassified guide to the many U.S. government agencies, bureau offices, and programs involved in all aspects of countering terrorism domestically and overseas. The authors, veterans of the U.S. government's

counterterrorism efforts, present a rare insider's view of the counterterrorism effort, addressing such topics as government training initiatives, weapons of mass destruction, interagency coordination, research and development, and the congressional role in policy and budget issues. Includes a Foreword by Brian Michael Jenkins, Senior Advisor RAND Corporation Individual chapters describe the various agencies, their bureaus, and offices that develop and implement the counterterrorism policies and programs, providing a useful unclassified guide to government officials at all levels as well as students and others interested in how the U.S. counters terrorism. The book also discusses the challenges involved in coordinating the counterterrorism efforts at federal, state, and local levels and explains how key terror events influenced the development of programs, agencies, and counterterrorism legislation. The legislative underpinnings and tools of the U.S. counterterrorism efforts are covered as are the oft-debated issues of defining terrorism itself and efforts to counter violent extremism. In addition to outlining the specific agencies and programs, the authors provide unique insights into the broader context of counterterrorism efforts and developments in the last 10-plus years since 9/11 and they raise future considerations given recent landscape-altering global events. The authors were interviewed by National Defense Magazine in a January 23, 2012 article entitled Counterterrorism 101: Navigating the Bureaucratic Maze. They were interviewed on April 30, 2012 by Federal News Radio. Michael Kraft was also interviewed on June 27, 2014 by Federal News Radio.

21st Century SOF

This survival manual is organized as follows: Chapter 1. Introduction Survival Actions Pattern for Survival Chapter 2. Psychology of Survival A Look at Stress Natural Reactions Preparing Yourself Chapter 3. Survival Planning and Survival Kits Importance of Planning Survival Kits Chapter 4. Basic Survival Medicine Requirements for Maintenance of Health Medical Emergencies Lifesaving Steps Bone and Joint Injury Bites and Stings Wounds Environmental Injuries Herbal Medicines Chapter 5. Shelters Shelter Site Selection Types of Shelters Chapter 6. Water Procurement Water Sources Still Construction Water Purification Water Filtration Devices Chapter 7. Firecraft Basic Fire Principles Site Selection and Preparation Fire Material Selection How to Build a Fire How to Light a Fire Chapter 8. Food Procurement Animals for Food Traps and Snares Killing Devices Fishing Devices Preparation of Fish and Game for Cooking and Storage Chapter 9. Survival Use of Plants Edibility of Plants Plants for Medicine Miscellaneous Uses of Plants Chapter 10. Poisonous Plants How Plants Poison All About Plants Rules for Avoiding Poisonous Plants Contact Dermatitis Ingestion Poisoning Chapter 11. Dangerous Animals Insects and Arachnids Leeches Bats Poisonous Snakes Dangerous Lizards Dangers in Rivers Dangers in Bays and Estuaries Saltwater Dangers Chapter 12. Field-Expedient Weapons, Tools, and Equipment Clubs Edged Weapons Other Expedient Weapons Lashing and Cordage Rucksack Construction Clothing and Insulation Cooking and Eating Utensils Chapter 13.

Desert Survival Terrain Environmental Factors Need for Water Heat Casualties Precautions Desert Hazards Chapter 14. Tropical Survival Tropical Weather Jungle Types Travel Through Jungle Areas Immediate Considerations Water Procurement Food Poisonous Plants Chapter 15. Cold Weather Survival Cold Regions and Locations Windchill Basic Principles of Cold Weather Survival Hygiene Medical Aspects Cold Injuries Shelters Fire Water Food Travel Weather Signs Chapter 16. Sea Survival The Open Sea Seashores Chapter 17. Expedient Water Crossings Rivers and Streams Rapids Rafts Flotation Devices Other Water Obstacles Vegetation Obstacles Chapter 18. Field-Expedient Direction Finding Using the Sun and Shadows Using the Moon Using the Stars Making Improvised Compasses Other Means of Determining Direction Chapter 19. Signaling Techniques Application Means for Signaling Codes and Signals Aircraft Vectoring Procedures Chapter 20. Survival Movement in Hostile Areas Phases of Planning Execution Return to Friendly Control Chapter 21. Camouflage Personal Camouflage Methods of Stalking Chapter 22. Contact With People Contact With Local People The Survivor's Behavior Changes to Political Allegiance Chapter 23. Survival in Man-Made Hazards The Nuclear Environment Biological Environments Chemical Environments

U.S. Government Counterterrorism

Dr. Roby Barrett, in his latest JSOU monograph, provides an overview of the conflicts in early Islam that are still the sources of many conflicts today.

Viewing the Islamic world as one entity, or one made up of major sects (Sunni and Shia), is misleading. Islam is a complex religion with a vast history of internal conflict that speaks to contemporary issues today, including discussions on terrorism and radicalism. Dr. Barrett discusses the shifting U.S. role relative to Islam and provides an overview of contemporary Islam, including radicalism and the issue of a fractured community. Islam's internal conflict highlights the reason why Pan-Islamic movements never gain much traction and why radical Islam remains disjointed. Dr. Barrett posits that the West must focus less on Islam as an ideology and more on those local issues that drive the threat. The insights provided by Dr. Barrett in this monograph challenge the reader to rethink how one approaches the challenges in the Middle East.

Sniper II

This report examines how Joint Task Force-Haiti (JTF-Haiti) supported the humanitarian assistance and disaster relief efforts in Haiti. It focuses on how JTF-Haiti was organized, how it conducted Operation Unified Response, and how the U.S. Army supported that effort. The analysis includes a review of existing authorities and organizations and explains how JTF-Haiti fit into the U.S. whole-of-government approach and the international response.

U.S. Navy Program Guide - 2017

This report considers the 21st century security

environment, previous work on special operations theory, and various other perspectives of SOF gleaned from the author's research to synthesize an American SOF school of thought, which he argues provides a foundation for developing an American special operations theory for the 21st century. The author offers definitions, premises, and principles that explain modern American special operations over the last 70 years and can serve SOF well into the future. Based on his research, the author identifies major areas of concern for SOF leadership. As USSOCOM confronts the challenges offered by the 21st century and policymakers continue to look at SOF as a preferred means to address numerous and complex security issues, theory is essential in determining and explaining the appropriate roles and missions for SOF in the 21st century.

Vulnerability Assessment Method Pocket Guide

Integrating women into special operations forces poses potential challenges for unit cohesion. The integration of women raises issues of effectiveness, in terms of physical standards and ensuring the readiness, cohesion, and morale essential to high-performing teams. This report assesses those challenges and provides analytical support for validating occupational standards for positions controlled by U.S. Special Operations Command.

National Security Strategy of the United States

First Person Shooter tactics tips and tricks. Everything you'll ever need to know for your ultimate performance in FPS multilayer games like Call of Duty and Battlefield.

The Future of U.S. Special Operations Forces

U.S. special operations forces are doing more things in more places than ever before. They are now active in some seventy countries and, since 2001, have seen their combined budget nearly quintuple -- a trend that seems likely to continue. As the United States seeks ways to tackle a range of security threats worldwide, shore up the resilience of its friends and allies against terrorist and criminal networks, and minimize need for large-scale military interventions, the importance of special operations forces will grow. Yet, the strategic vision for special operations forces has not kept pace with the growing demands for their skills. Most people -- and, indeed, many policymakers -- associate the special operations forces with secret nighttime raids like the one that targeted Osama bin Laden: tactical operations against a particular individual or group. The abilities of special operations forces, however, extend much further, into military training, information operations, civil affairs, and more. As the United States shifts its focus from war fighting to building and supporting its partners, the author argues, it will become critical to better define these strategic capabilities and ensure that special operations forces have the staffing and funding to succeed. The author further calls on the Pentagon to

remove bureaucratic and operational obstacles to cooperation among the special operations forces of each service, and between special and conventional forces. She also recommends that all special operations forces commands work to develop a pipeline of talented, motivated officers with expertise in these issues, and that the role of civilian leadership in budget and operational oversight be reinforced.

US Army Survival Manual: FM 21-76

Mastering the Gray Zone

China's maritime "gray zone" operations represent a new challenge for the U.S. Navy and the sea services of our allies, partners, and friends in maritime East Asia. There, Beijing is waging what some Chinese sources term a "war without gunsmoke." Already winning in important areas, China could gain far more if left unchecked. One of China's greatest advantages thus far has been foreign difficulty in understanding the situation, let alone determining an effective response. With contributions from some of the world's leading subject matter experts, this volume aims to close that gap by explaining the forces and doctrines driving China's paranaul expansion, operating in the "gray zone" between war and peace. The book covers China's major maritime forces beyond core gray-hulled Navy units, with particular focus on China's second and third sea forces: the "white-hulled" Coast Guard and "blue-hulled" Maritime Militia. Increasingly, these paranaul forces, and the "gray zone" in which

they typically operate, are on the frontlines of China's seaward expansion.

Thinking Beyond Boundaries

"Discussions of an emerging practice of 'gray zone' conflict have become increasingly common throughout the U.S. Army and the wider national security community, but the concept remains ill-defined and poorly understood. This monograph aims to contribute to the emerging dialogue about competition and rivalry in the gray zone by defining the term, comparing and contrasting it with related theories, and offering tentative hypotheses about this increasingly important form of state competition. The idea of operating gradually and somewhat covertly to remain below key thresholds of response is hardly new. Many approaches being used today -- such as support for proxy forces and insurgent militias -- have been employed for millennia. The monograph argues that the emergence of this more coherent and intentional form of gray zone conflict is best understood as the confluence of three factors. Understood in this context, gray zone strategies can be defined as a form of conflict that pursues political objectives through integrated campaigns; employs mostly nonmilitary or nonkinetic tools; strives to remain under key escalatory or red line thresholds to avoid outright conventional conflict; and moves gradually toward its objectives rather than seeking conclusive results in a relatively limited period of time. Having examined the scope and character of gray zone conflict, the monograph offers seven

hypotheses about this emerging form of rivalry. Finally, the monograph offers recommendations for the United States and its friends and allies to deal with this challenge"--Publisher's web site.

The U.S. Military Response to the 2010 Haiti Earthquake

From a military commander's perspective, the role of psychological operations (PSYOP) in the successful planning and execution of modern military operations is absolutely essential. It is an integral part of the United States Special Operations Command mission. Today, the military faces a dynamic and unpredictable world. PSYOP will remain a valuable instrument in the overall defense posture and will be a key asset in the fulfillment of U.S. national policy. This manuscript explores the breadth and depth of fundamental PSYOP roles, principles and methods. Each article is an independent effort and together they represent a cross section of what the best and brightest feel is key to both offensive and defensive psychological operations. Air University Press.

Hybrid Warfare

A West Point graduate, military athlete, and Iraq War officer presents a critical assessment of the war and why he believes it has gone terribly wrong, in an account that describes his command of hundreds of soldiers, the fateful decision that led to the alleged drowning of an Iraqi, and his participation in humanitarian rebuilding efforts. Reprint.

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