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FROM THE EDITORS

As the Navy, the Naval War College in particular, continues to work toward the articulation of a new maritime strategy, it is well to be reminded that such a strategy will encompass more than the Navy itself. Admiral Michael Mullen, Chief of Naval Operations, has introduced the concept of the “thousand-ship navy” in order to underline the vital role of international cooperation in the maritime domain to meet the threats of today and tomorrow. But critical to this vision as well is the U.S. Coast Guard—a force larger and more capable than many of the world’s navies, and one whose multiple and in some cases unique missions have only gained in relevance and importance in the current strategic environment. Vice Admiral Vivien Crea, Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard, offers an authoritative and timely account of the role that service is currently playing as a component of our National Fleet in support of homeland security, the safeguarding of order throughout the maritime domain, and international cooperation in the global war on terror.

Contributing further to the current debate on national maritime strategy is Roger W. Barnett, professor emeritus at the Naval War College, who offers a useful reminder of the importance of ensuring congruity between any new maritime strategy and the traditions or “culture” of the Navy and the sea services generally. Professor Craig Allen, current holder of the Charles H. Stockton Chair in International Law at the Naval War College, extends and deepens several recent discussions in this journal of the Proliferation Security Initiative, one of the most innovative and successful recent examples of U.S. Navy–led international maritime cooperation. This is an area, it may be added, in which the Center for Naval Warfare Studies has been centrally involved over the last several years through sponsorship of an intensive wargaming program for civilian agency officials as well as naval officers from a variety of the participating countries.

The current issue of the *Review* also features more contributions by associates of the China Maritime Studies Institute (CMSI), a new research center within the Center for Naval Warfare Studies specializing in analysis of Chinese-language military publications. Andrew S. Erickson and Lyle J. Goldstein (CMSI’s first director) provide a detailed survey of the Chinese nuclear submarine program as discussed in this literature over the last several years. Lieutenant Michael C.

Grubb, USN, a submarine officer with a background in naval architecture and marine engineering, provides a unique analysis of the global merchant shipping industry and the role it might play in a hypothetical Chinese blockade of Taiwan. The *Review* is pleased to open its pages to Naval War College students like Lieutenant Grubb, and we hope to see more such work in the future.

Finally, special acknowledgement should also be made of the timely and careful analysis of key organizational issues in the area of military medicine by three current or retired senior officers in the Navy's Medical Corps, Captain Arthur M. Smith, Captain David A. Lane, and Vice Admiral James A. Zimble. Their advocacy of "purple medicine" is certain to be an important contribution in an ongoing debate on this matter within the Department of Defense.

1990S MARITIME STRATEGY: NEWPORT PAPER 27

U.S. Naval Strategy in the 1990s: Selected Documents, edited by John B. Hattendorf, the Naval War College's Ernest J. King Professor of Maritime History, is now available on the Press website and in print (directly distributed to series subscribers). The volume collects documents reflecting the evolution of official thinking within the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps during the post-Cold War era concerning the fundamental missions and strategy of the sea services. It forms part of a larger project bringing greater transparency to a dimension of our naval history that is now seen as having urgent interest. Professor Hattendorf initiated the undertaking with his authoritative study in Newport Paper 19 (2004) of the Maritime Strategy of the 1980s. In Newport Paper 27, covering the 1990s, he has assembled for the first time in a single publication all the major naval strategy and policy statements of that decade.

TSUNAMI ASSISTANCE: NEWPORT PAPER 28

Newport Paper 28, *Waves of Hope: The U.S. Navy's Response to the Tsunami in Northern Indonesia*—the first comprehensive history and analysis of Operation UNIFIED ASSISTANCE in late 2004 and early 2005—is available online and in print. Dr. Bruce Elleman, a research professor in the Department of Maritime History at the Naval War College, has produced a valuable and unique study, drawing upon a variety of internal Navy documents, oral histories, and interviews with senior officers, including Admiral Vern Clark. It will prove of immediate benefit to planners in the naval and joint world of the U.S. military, as well as to those of other nations potentially interested in exploiting its lessons to improve their own capabilities in the frequently neglected yet vital—indeed, life-saving—military mission of humanitarian assistance.

LEADERSHIP AND DECISION

A reader has kindly drawn our attention to a quotation attribution in Mackubin Owens's "Rumsfeld, the Generals, and the State of U.S. Civil-Military Relations," in our Autumn 2006 issue. Professor Owens has followed up and tells us: "In my piece, I quoted General Tony Zinni as saying that Sec. Rumsfeld was 'incompetent, strategically, operationally, and tactically.' In fact, it was Army Major General Paul Eaton who made the comment. I apologize for the error."