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Notes from the China Maritime Studies Institute (CMSI) Director

Upcoming Release of *Chinese Undersea Warfare: Narrowing the Gaps*. The Naval War College Press will soon publish CMSI's 2023 conference volume. *Chinese Undersea Warfare: Narrowing the Gaps* offers a comprehensive assessment of the People's Republic of China's rapidly developing capabilities in the undersea domain and their implications for the United States and its allies and partners. Drawing extensively on original Chinese-language sources, historical comparison, and technical, organizational, and operational analysis, the 25 chapters in this volume examine the strategic, administrative, personnel, and industrial foundations of PRC subsurface development. Watch out for our announcement to the CMSI distribution list of the volume's release. The volume will be posted on the CMSI webpage and available for download alongside our other [Studies in Chinese Maritime Development](#).

CMSI's New Multimedia Page. CMSI routinely produces multimedia content that complements its publications, explores new avenues of inquiry, and provides additional analytical insight into China's military maritime developments. We are pleased to announce today's launch of CMSI's [new multimedia page](#). The webpage brings together video recordings of CMSI faculty lectures, interviews, and downloadable resources that support education and research on China in the military maritime domain.

We are Live on PiX. CMSI publications are now linked directly on the Protected Internet Exchange (PiX), a US government information sharing platform. PiX, an unclassified, password-protected system that allows approved users to access critical information pertaining to relevant Communities of Interest (COI). CMSI's PiX portal is located at [this hyperlink](#).

CMSI Turned 20. On 24 September 2026, CMSI marked the 20th anniversary of its founding at the U.S. Naval War College with a Lecture of Opportunity featuring the 29th Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral (Ret.) Gary Roughead, and former CMSI Director Dr. Peter Dutton. The event brought together members of the Naval War College community and Naval War College Foundation. Admiral Roughead's keynote remarks are posted on the CMSI 20th Anniversary [splash page](#).

2027 CMSI Conference — Save the Date. Mark your calendars for 11–12 May 2027, when CMSI hosts its next biennial conference at the U.S. Naval War College. "Military-Civil Fusion at Sea: China's Asymmetric Advantage?" The conference will examine how Beijing's Military-Civil Fusion Development Strategy is reshaping the military maritime domain and enhancing the PRC's ability to compete in peacetime and prepare for conflict. Additional details, including registration information, will be announced in the coming months via the CMSI distribution list.

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CMSI's Research in the News

Selected media coverage, commentary, and public engagement featuring CMSI faculty and research.

Ian Easton was quoted in an article by John Feng entitled "[US Talks Itself out of War With China](#)," *Newsweek*, 13 October 2026

Ryan Martinson was quoted in an article in the online journal *Asian News International* entitled "[Taiwan detects four PLA aircraft, six PLAN vessels operating near territory](#)," ANI, 12 October 2026

Christopher Sharman was quoted in an article entitled "[US turns to low-cost Blackbeard hypersonic missiles to overwhelm Chinese defenses](#)," by Gabriel Dominguez writing for the *South China Morning Post*, 12 October 2026

A report written for Australia's *Lowy Institute* by Christopher Eylward entitled "[How Beijing could throttle Taiwan without firing a shot](#)," referenced a series of CMSI China Maritime Reports. The *Lowy Institute*, 02 October 2026

Ryan Martinson was quoted in an article in the Indian online journal *The Tribune* entitled "[Taiwan detects 3 PLA aircraft, 5 PLAN ships operating around island](#)," *The Tribune*, 27 September 2026

Andrew Erickson provided a lecture to the United States Naval War College's Issues in National Security series entitled "[Toppling Trees, Flourishing Forest Why the PLA Navy Advances Despite Corruption Related Removals](#)," on 22 September 2026

Chris Sharman moderated a panel discussion with former Chief of Naval Operations ADM (Ret.) Gary Roughead and Dr Peter Dutton at the [CMSI 20th Anniversary Event](#) on 20 September 2026

Dan Rice's CMSI Note #6 "Sharpening the Sword: Chinese Navy Aircraft Carrier Battle Group Defense Zones" was cited by Gabriel Honroda in an online article entitled "[Japan tapping quantum sensor drones to hunt China's hidden subs](#)," *Asia Times*, 16 September 2026

Ryan Martinson was quoted in an article written by Christine Rovoi for the *Pacific Media Network* entitled "[China building coast guard presence in Pacific waters east of Taiwan, analysts say](#)," PMN, 16 September 2026

CMSI Translation #32 "The U.S. Marine Corps Concept for "Stand-In Forces"—Analysis and Response" was cited in an online article entitled "[US Marine Stand in Forces in the Pacific worry China, report details](#)," *Defense News*, 15 September 2026

Ryan Martinson was quoted in an article entitled "[Chinese Coast Guard turns to the Pacific](#)," which appeared in the *Taipei Times*, 13 September 2026

Ryan Martinson was quoted in an article written by Todd Crawford entitled "[China Expands Coast Guard Patrols East of Taiwan, Raising Blockade Concerns](#)," for *Vision Times*, 09 September 2026

Ryan Martinson was quoted in the article written by Andreo Calonzo "[China piles pressure on Taiwan with new patrols off Pacific coast](#)," for the *Japan Times*, 07 September 2026

Ian Easton was quoted in an article by Kelvin Chen entitled "[Easton Says China doubtful of US 'Hellscape' concept in Taiwan Strait](#)," *Taiwan News*, 07 September 2026



CMSI's Research in the News (continued)

Ryan Martinson was quoted in an article in the online publication *First Post* "[Taiwan detects 20 Chinese aircraft sorties, 12 cross median line amid drills](#)," *First Post*, 05 September 2026

Joshua Arostegui's CMR # 32 "The PCH 191 Modular Long Range Rocket Launcher: Reshaping the PLA's Army's role in a Cross Strait Campaign" was cited by Chung Li-Hua and Jake Chung in an article entitled "[MAC Details the Potential Scope of Chinese Artillery](#)," *Taipei Times*, 06 September 2026

Ryan Martinson's CMR # 46 "China's Fisherman Spies: Intelligence Specialists in the Maritime Militia" was cited by Joe Trevithick in a report for the defense website *The War Zone* entitled "[Chinese Cargo Ship's Clandestinely Gather Signals Intelligence](#)," TWZ, 01 September 2026

Christopher Sharman was quoted in an article entitled "[Beijing Allegedly Hid Spy Equipment Aboard Commercial Ships Operating Near US](#)," by Francis Kapper writing for *The Daily Caller*, 01 September 2026

Ian Easton was quoted in an article for *Reuters* written by David Lague and Yimou Lee entitled "[On islands key to Taiwan's defense troops prepare for a Chinese first strike](#)," *Reuters*, 28 August 2026

Christopher Sharman was quoted in an article entitled "[How typhoons and extreme weather could undermine Taiwan Strait readiness](#)," by Gabriel Dominguez writing for the *South China Morning Post*, 28 August 2026

Ryan Martinson was quoted in an article entitled "[China deploys record number of ships around Taiwan as pressure grows](#)," *The Straits Times*, 26 August 2026

Ian Easton was cited in an article for *RealClear Defense* by William A. Sayers and Julian Spencer-Churchill entitled "[China Cannot Yet Hold a Beach on Taiwan](#)," *RealClear Defense*, 25 August 2026

Andrew Erickson was quoted in an article in the online journal *Asian News International* entitled "[China Threatens Taiwan from every angle](#)," ANI, 24 August 2026

Dan Rice's CMSI Note #6 "Sharpening the Sword: Chinese Navy Aircraft Carrier Battle Group Defense Zones" was cited by Gabriel Honroda in an online article entitled "[China loading more missile punch into its frigate fleet](#)," *Asia Times*, 20 August 2026

Ian Easton was quoted in an article for *The Wall Street Journal* written by Joyu Wang entitled "[Taiwan Weaponizes Coast Guard to Prepare for Battle with China](#)," WSJ, 12 August 2026

Christopher Sharman was quoted in an article entitled "[Beyond numbers why China's carrier force won't copy US model](#)," by Gabriel Dominguez writing for the *South China Morning Post*, 12 August 2026

Christopher Sharman was quoted in an article entitled "[Why Submarine Attacks May Prove to be the Achilles Heel for China's New Carrier Fleet](#)," by Gabriel Dominguez writing for the *South China Morning Post*, 11 August 2026

Christopher Sharman was quoted in an article entitled "[Will Philippine Sea Be the Main Battlefield for PLA Carriers in a Taiwan War](#)," by Gabriel Dominguez writing for the *South China Morning Post*, 02 August 2026

Christopher Sharman was quoted in an article entitled "[Is China building a new type of attack submarine? Satellite images hint at stealth gains](#)," by Gabriel Dominguez writing for the *South China Morning Post*, 24 July 2026

Andrew Erickson was quoted in an article for *The Economist* entitled "[China is gaining troubling military know how from Russia](#)," *The Economist*, 23 July 2026



Recent CMSI Publications

Recent scholarship and analysis by CMSI faculty and affiliated researchers.

Martinson, Ryan., “[Precluding the Powerful Enemy: A New PLA Concept for a Taiwan Conflict.](#)” CMSI Note No 25, 14 October 2026

Easton, Ian and Poznanski, Michael published an article in *Foreign Policy* entitled “[China Doesn’t Need to Invade Taiwan to Control It.](#)” *Foreign Policy*, 06 October 2026

Hundman, Eric and Akiyama, Connor., “[Tightening the Institutional Cage: The PLA Navy’s Discipline Inspection Commission.](#)” China Maritime Report No. 58, 28 September 2026

Former Chief of Naval Operations ADM (ret) Gary Roughead, provided the [keynote address](#) to CMSI’s 20th Anniversary Event on 24 September 2026

Martinson, Ryan and Dutton, Peter published an article in *War on the Rocks* entitled “[China’s Warrior Scientists: Insights from Recent Operations Around Taiwan.](#)” *War on the Rocks*, 08 September 2026

Easton, Ian., “[Crossing a Hellscape: PLA Views on New U.S. Military Concepts to Defend Taiwan.](#)” CMSI Note. No. 24, 26 August 2026

Becker, Jeffrey and Waidelich, Brian., “[Sailing Thousands of Miles Without Losing Course: The Roles and Authorities of the PLAN Party Standing Committee.](#)” China Maritime Report No. 57, 06 August 2026

Erickson, Andrew., Sharman, Christopher., and Shaw, Jordan “[Vice Admiral Zhang Zheng Likely at the Helm: The PLAN’s Apparent New Most Senior Officer.](#)” CMSI Note. No. 23, 29 July 2026

Martinson, Ryan., “[Testing Boundaries: The Lan Hai 201 Mission East of Taiwan.](#)” CMSI Note No 22, 28 July 2026

Shen, Natalie and Wuthnow, Joel., “[The Silent Service: Assessing PLAN Influence in the Central Military Commission.](#)” China Maritime Report No. 56, 15 July 2026



CMSI Translations

Selected translations of Chinese-language military and maritime sources.

[The U.S. Marine Corps Concept for “Stand-In Forces” – Analysis and Response](#) , *Military Art*, no.11 November 2023

[Joint Air and Missile Defense Operations in the Maritime Domain Must Emphasize and Strengthen the “Four Joint Functions”](#) ,” *Military Art*, no. 10 October 2023

[Vision for Future Next-Generation Aircraft Carrier Supply Ships](#) , *Shipborne Weapons*, no.9 September 2025

[Can “Armchair Strategizing” Secure Victory from a Thousand Miles Away?](#) *Navy Today*, no.5 May 2025

[Joint Sea-2025](#) The First Joint Underwater Patrol Starting with the China-Russia “” Exercise, *Ordinance Industry Science and Technology*, no.19 2025

[Butterfly Effect](#) How to Leverage the “” to Cause the Collapse of “Taiwan Independence” Elements, *Naval and Merchant Ships*, no. 5 May 2025

[Research on Integrated Defense Against Precision Strikes by the Powerful Enemy at Sea](#), *Air Force Military Studies*, no.5 2023

[A Super-AIP Submarine Under the Bayi Flag](#), *Shipborne Weapons*, no. 3B March 2025

CMSI Quarterly Review Special Translation Edition Volume 1, Number 7: [From Coastal Defense to the Far Seas: China’s Naval Strategic Transformation](#)

Education & Engagement

CMSI faculty routinely engage with U.S. and international defense, academic, and policy communities through conferences, briefings, professional military education, and institutional exchanges. Selected highlights over the last quarter include:

U.S.-Taiwan Business Council Annual Defense Conference	SENEDIA Defense Innovation Days	Interagency Institute for Federal Health
Congressional Intensive	COMPACFLT CFMCC	Naval Justice School
National Chengchi University (NCCU), Taiwan	Taiwan National Defense University (NDU)	Center for Naval Strategy Congressional Intensive
CSIS	CASI	Navy Undersea Warfare Center
Oil Company International Maritime Forum (OCIMF)	Institute for National Defense and Security Research (INDSR)	Institute for International Relations (IIR), Taiwan
Prospect Foundation, Taiwan	Taiwan National Archives	American Institute in Taiwan (AIT)
ROC Army Academy, Taiwan	Center for Naval Analysis	NATO Intelligence Fusion Centre



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[China Landpower Studies Center](#)

Photos from Recent CMSI-Supported Events



Professor Erickson participates in 2026
Delegation of U.S. Scholars and Experts to Taiwan



Professors Easton and Sharman lecture at the 2026 Center
for Maritime Strategy Congressional Maritime Intensive



Professor Sharman moderates CMSI's 20th
Anniversary Academic Panel with Dr. Peter Dutton
and Admiral (Ret.) Gary Roughead



Admiral Roughead delivers keynote address at
CMSI's 20th Anniversary Event