



The Future of the United States Navy

With Admiral Vern Clark, Chief of Naval Operations

Monday, June 20, 2005, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.
 Wohlstetter Conference Center, Twelfth Floor, AEI
 1150 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036

No branch of the armed forces better epitomizes both the promise and the peril of American superpower than the United States Navy. Unrivaled in its ability to project conventional military strength across the world's oceans, the Pentagon's fleet of ships and submarines is increasingly challenged by a range of new threats, from radical Islam to the rise of China, and tasked with host of new missions, from missile defense to sea-basing.

What is the role of sea power in the post-9/11 world? How should the Navy transform—in its strategy, doctrine, posture, and procurement—to ensure its relevance in the global war on terror? How large should the U.S. fleet be, and what should it look like? How should the U.S. Navy respond to China's naval modernization and the shifting balance of maritime power in the Asia-Pacific region?

These and other questions will be the subject of an all-day AEI conference, the second in a series on the future of America's armed forces. Admiral Vern Clark, chief of naval operations, will deliver the keynote address.

8:30 a.m. Registration

8:45 **Panel I: Strategy and Missions of the Future Navy**

Discussants: Vice Admiral ARTHUR CEBROWSKI, U.S. Navy (Ret.)
 THOMAS MAHNKEN, Johns Hopkins University SAIS
 Rear Admiral MIKE MCDEVITT, U.S. Navy (Ret.),
 Center for Naval Analyses
 ROBERT WORK, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments

Moderator: DAN BLUMENTHAL, AEI

10:30 Coffee Break

10:45 **Panel II: Sizing, Shaping, and Posturing the Fleet**

Discussants: TERRY J. PUDAS, acting director, Office of Force Transformation,
 U.S. Department of Defense
 Captain KARL HASSLINGER, U.S. Navy (Ret.), General Dynamics
 Electric Boat
 DAVID J. TRACHTENBERG, National Security Research, Inc.
 ROBERT WORK, Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments

Moderator: THOMAS DONNELLY, AEI

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12:30 p.m. Luncheon

1:00 *Keynote Address:* Admiral VERN CLARK, chief of naval operations, U.S. Navy

1:45 **Panel III: Budgeting, Transformation, and the Defense Industrial Base**

Discussants: The Honorable JOHN J. YOUNG, assistant secretary of the Navy for research, development, and acquisition
Rear Admiral PAUL ROBINSON, U.S. Navy (Ret.), Northrop Grumman Ship Systems
RONALD O'ROURKE, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress
ANDREW L. ROSS, Naval War College

Moderator: FREDERICK W. KAGAN, AEI

3:30 Adjournment

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