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JIM McNERNEY'S NEW BOEING

The current situation and the development strategies of the world leader company in the Defence and aerospace markets (and recently also in new sectors, like the information technology, cyberwarfare, unmanned aerial systems, communication and C4I systems), in a meeting our Editor-in-Chief had with Boeing CEO, Mr. Jim McNERNEY.

THE TOW ANTI-TANK MISSILE

The TOW anti-tank missile is in operation with over 45 countries and was produced in more than 650,000 units, so being the longest-lived missile in its category. The TOW still is being produced in its most advanced version for the US Armed Forces and several customer worldwide.

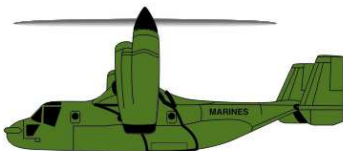


THE FUTURE WAR AT SEA

Milan Vego, a former US Navy officer and teacher at US Naval War College's JMO Department in Newport, starts this article with an accurate analysis of the current doctrines and tactics employed in the war at sea, and their future developments; then he states how, as in the past, in the future the new technologies will allow to significantly improve commanders' capabilities in

performing with greatly increased effectiveness their several and challenging tasks; this without totally relieving them of decision making processes.

BELL BOEING V-22 OSPREY



The origins, development, technical features, performances and operational deployment of the Bell Boeing V-22 OSPREY tilt-rotor aircraft at last becoming operational, after a long gestation (the OSPREY programme started in 1981, and the first prototype was completed in May 1988), in 2008 and currently equipping three Special Operations Squadron of the USAF and seven USMC squadrons.

THE FLYING GUNSHIP EVOLUTION

Launched during the Vietnam War, the flying gunship concept, based on transport aircraft (initially the C-47, then the C-119G, the C-130 and, in the future, the C-27J is likely to succeed) with side mounted weapons, survived until now thanks to its effectiveness compensating the inherent vulnerability resulting from its mission profile.



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