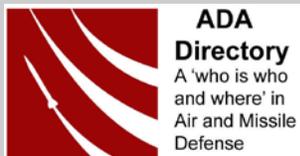




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[Arizona Congressman Franks Defends Airborne Laser Program](#)

"The ABL program is critical in maintaining Americas technological edge and national security capabilities to destroy ballistic missiles."



[Deployment Mission Ends 2-43 ADA Soldiers Come Home](#)

Soldiers of E Battery, 2nd Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery (E/2-43 ADA), were welcomed home from a 15-month deployment in Afghanistan.

[India Battery Stinger Live Fire](#)

Stinger Missiles Light Up the Skies Over National Training Center



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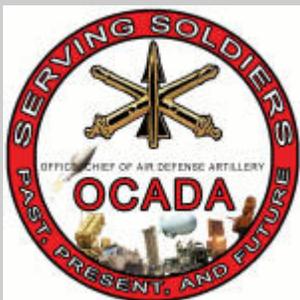
**Tuesday
31 March 2009**

[Obama to Seek Arms Control Treaty](#)

President Obama plans to launch negotiations to draft a new arms control treaty that would slash the American and Russian strategic nuclear arsenals by about a third.

[US Goals 'Toxic Assets'](#)

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said that President Obama should back off of US plans for a missile defense system in Eastern Europe and should not support NATO expansion to include former Soviet bloc countries.



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[380th Air Expeditionary Wing Welcomes
Fort Bliss Patriot Soldiers](#)

5-52 ADA soldiers will support Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom and Joint Task Force Horn of Africa



[108th ADA Soldiers Participate in Red
Flag Exercise](#)

Patriot Soldiers test their combat readiness during joint exercise.



[Patriot Battalion Conducts Missile
Engagement Training in Utah](#)

1st Battalion, 7th Air Defense Artillery, travels from Fort Bragg to Dugway Proving Grounds.

[North Korea Threatens
War Against Japan
Over Missile](#)

North Korea vows to wage war against Japan if Japanese defense forces try to shoot down a communications satellite.

[Last Delta Flight](#)

Today is Delta's last flight out of Lawton-Fort Sill. American Eagle is left to fill in the gaps.

**Monday
30 March 2009**

[Missile Defense
Agency Wants 'Golf
Ball,' Other Assets
Used](#)

A US missile defense advocacy group urges the Pentagon to deploy "all available" defensive assets in the Pacific

[Forward Observer:
Missile Guidance](#)

The Pentagon's expensive pursuit of the Holy Grail of a perfect missile defense is expected to slow down.

[Cuts Could Affect
Missile Defense
Testing](#)

Most observers believe the Missile Defense Agency will face cutbacks of \$2 billion, a fifth of the annual missile

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ADA Command Sergeant Major's Professional Development Website for ADA NCOs

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Medal Citations Attest to the Bravery of ADA Soldiers Under Fire



[ADA Distinguished Service Cross Recipients](#)



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Provincial Governor Visits 3-2 ADA

Event serves as a culminating event for Patriot battalion's Good Neighbor Program.



Battle Command Staff Trainer: The Army's Premiere Battle Command Systems Collective Task Trainer

BCST software application enables units to conduct battle staff training on Army Battle Command Command and Control Systems via internal resources with minimal setup, time and effort.



Nike Veteran Reunion Set for September 11-13 in Alaska

Friends of Nike Site Summit schedule national Nike veterans reunion in Anchorage.



defense portfolio.

Tinker, Others to Get \$74M in Stimulus Funds

In the midst of a construction boom to accommodate the Air Defense Artillery School—Fort Sill will get more than \$9 million for projects aimed at modernizing health care facilities.

Korean War Hero's Name to Adorn \$200M Training Course

The first major training course in a \$200-million range improvement plan at Fort Bliss will be dedicated to a Medal of Honor recipient and for uncommon valor during the Korean War.

Sunday 29 March 2009 Obama to Seek NATO Support for Afghanistan Plan

Looming over the Prague meeting will be the issue of missile defense.

No Trade-Off with US on Missile Defense

Moscow would increase pressure on Iran in exchange for the US retreat from plans to deploy missile defense elements in Eastern Europe.

- [Army Magazine](#)
- [Army Times](#)
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- [CNN](#)
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**Duster Display Pays Tribute to Vietnam Era
ADA Medal of Honor Recipient
Sgt. Mitchell W. Stout**

Sgt. Stout was killed on March 12, 1970 when a grenade was thrown into his squad's bunker during a ground assault at the Khe Gio Bridge near the DMZ.



**National Dusters, Quad 50s,
Searchlights, Vulcans and Hawks
Association Schedules 2009 Reunion
for San Antonio**

Veterans will converge July 1-5 in the Alamo City for 27 annual reunion.



Keen Edge 2009
94th Army Air and Missile Defense
Command Exercises Joint, Bilateral
Defense

**Missile Defense:
A Priority**

The US must continue to fund a multi-layered missile defense system that will supplement our armed forces.

**Saturday
28 March 2009
Fort Bliss: Area Caves
Ready Soldiers for
Terrain**

US Soldiers are crawling through caves on Fort Bliss, preparing to fight the Taliban in Afghanistan.

**Czech Missile Defense
Opponents Cheer**

Czech opponents of US plans to deploy a missile defense radar in their country, hailed the collapse of the government this week as vindication for their cause.

**Friday
27 March 2009
Obama Unveils Afghan
Plan to Add Troops
and Set Goals**

President Obama said on Friday that he plans to further bolster American forces in Afghanistan.

**Standard Missile-2
Demonstration**
A Raytheon missile

Laser Avenger Zaps UAV

White Sands Missile Range test marked "the first time a combat vehicle has used a laser to shoot down an unmanned aerial vehicle.



intercepted and destroyed a ballistic missile target at the U.S. Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division.

Japan Prepares For North Korea Missile Launch

On Friday the Japanese government ordered two missile-equipped destroyers to the Sea of Japan and sent batteries of Patriot missile interceptors to protect the northern coastline.

Israel Successfully Tests Anti-Rocket System

Israel has successfully tested a high-tech system designed to protect civilians from rocket attacks.



Meeting the Army's Senior NCO Needs

How to Grow the ADA Senior Enlisted Leader

(CONTINUED FROM ADA TODAY SECTION, BLUE COLUMN AT RIGHT)

Thursday, 26 March 2009

BRAC Growth Booming at Fort Sill

About 1,500 new soldiers and civilians already have relocated to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, as part of changes associated with the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, and about 900 more are expected to arrive this summer.

Area Military Projects Get \$36M in Stimulus

Military facilities in El Paso and New Mexico will receive nearly \$36 million in federal funding for a variety of projects expected to stimulate the regional economy.

HIMARS Launcher Fires Air Defense Missile

Lockheed Martin's High-Mobility Artillery Rocket System launcher successfully fired two Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missiles during an Army "common launcher" feasibility demonstration at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico.

[Clinton Promises US Support for Poland](#)

While avoiding promises to deploy US missile defenses in Poland and the Czech Republic, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton reassure Warsaw that the United States will meet defense obligations to NATO Allies.

[Harvard Defense Expert to Fight Pentagon Cost Overruns](#)

The bill for the Defense Department's 95 major weapon procurement programs now totals \$295 billion over their original budgets.

[Are US Missile Defenses Geared for the Wrong Missiles?](#)

"Ballistic missiles are about as passe as e-mail," said the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs, Marine General James Cartwright.

[North Korean Missile Reportedly in Place](#)

Spy satellites detected what looked to be a Taepodong-2 missile in place.

[Pentagon Report: China's Missile Development "Shifting Balance](#)

China's military is developing longer-range ballistic and anti-ship missiles a report released by the Pentagon said.

Wednesday, 25 March 2009

[New Name for "Global War On Terror"](#)

The Obama administration appears to be backing away from the phrase Global War on Terror, and replacing it with "Overseas Contingency Operation."

[Anti-Aircraft Battalion To Be Deployed Near Gaza](#)

The Israel Air Force is now establishing a new anti-aircraft battalion whose task will be to test the Iron Dome anti-ballistic missile system.

[Indian Missile Defense: Success Too Soon?](#)

A ballistic missile blasted off from a warship sailing in the Bay of Bengal, its target a small enclave of land off the coast, one of India's most important missile testing facilities.

[Nuclear Dealing](#)

Unless cooler heads prevail, Congress will soon receive the first civilian nuclear cooperation agreement of the Obama administration.

[Seoul, China Meet on North Korea Missile](#)

In an effort to defuse tensions over the rocket launch General Chen Bingde of China's People's Liberation Army, met with his South Korean counterpart.

[Missile Defense On NATO List](#)

NATO foreign ministers will meet with their Russian counterparts before summer and missile defense should be on the agenda.

[Clinton Seeks to Reassure Poland on Missile Shield](#)

Obama administration sends signals that it intends to give up missile defense in Europe as part of a security deal with Russia

Tuesday, 24 March 2009

[The Hidden Killers Of US Troops](#)

IEDs are cheap to build, easy to deploy, and as deadly as the most technologically advanced battlefield weapon.

[Japan Expresses Doubts Over Missile Defense](#)

North Korea plans to launch a communications satellite, but Japan and its allies fear that is a ruse to disguise the testing of a long-range missile capable of carrying a nuclear warhead.

[Levin Moves to Cut Waste, Fraud and Abuse from Missile Programs](#)

Senate Armed Services Chairman Carl Levin (D-MI) put the hammer down on the Missile Defense Agency this week -- diplomatic but forceful, Levin said the lax policies of the Bush administration were over.

[Congress Continues Criticism of US Missile Defense System in Europe](#)

Two key members of Congress raised questions about the US missile defense plan for Europe, saying that the system is untested and would not protect key American interests from an attack by Iran.

[North Korea Reasserts Right to Satellite Launch](#)

North Korea warned the United States, Japan and their allies not to interfere with its plan to launch a satellite into space.

[Cartwright Sees Missile Defense Shifting](#)

The vice-chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff envisions the future mission for missile defense shifting from protecting the homeland to protecting US troops deployed overseas, as well as allies and friends.

Monday, 23 March 2009

[Congress Continues Criticism of US Missile Defense System in Europe](#)

Two key members of Congress raised questions about the US missile defense plan for Europe, saying that the system is untested and would not protect key American interests from an attack by Iran.

[Raytheon Awarded Contract for Missile Defense Support](#)

Raytheon Company was awarded a \$27 million contract to support the Ground Based Midcourse Defense program.

[US Military Pacific Commanders Make Case for Missile Defense](#)

Chairman of the Missile Defense Advocacy Alliance, reports on the testimony of the US Military Pacific Commanders.

[Hard Times Are Good Times For Uncle Sam](#)

The recession has been a boon for Army recruiters, who have seen better results in recent months than they have in years.

Friday, 20 March 2009

[US Could Hit North Korean Missile](#)

There is a "high probability" that the United States could knock down a North Korean missile aimed at this country.

[Patriot Batteries May Shift North](#)

Japan may shift Patriot missile batteries to its northern coast to intercept debris that might be created if North Korea's rocket launch fails.

[US Conducts "Intense Review" of Missile Defense Plans for Europe](#)

The US Defense Department is taking a hard look at plans to deploy missile defenses in Eastern Europe as it finalizes its budget proposal for fiscal 2010.

Thursday, 19 March 2009

[US Commanders Say Ready for North Korea Missile](#)

The United States could intercept a North Korean missile launched toward US territory.

[Advances Made on Electric Laser](#)

An electric laser with enough power to shoot down enemy missiles and drones has been developed.

[Russia Voices Hope for Ending Missile Defense Rift](#)

Russia and the United States have a good chance to end their divisive dispute over missile defenses in Europe.

[Northrop Grumman to Highlight 'Strategic Flexibility' At Missile Defense Conference](#)

Northrop Grumman Corporation will highlight capabilities that add strategic mobility and flexibility to the nation's layered missile defense system.

Wednesday, 18 March 2009

[Soaring Costs Jeopardize Missile Defense Systems](#)

The national missile defense programs could have cost overruns of \$2 to \$3 billion, reinforcing expectations that they will be subject to cuts by the Obama administration.

[6th ADA Brigade Soldiers Intercept Ballistic Missile](#)

A THAAD missile intercepted a ballistic missile target during a test at the Pacific Missile Range off the island of Kauai in Hawaii.

[Pentagon to Stop Forced Tour Extensions](#)

The Army will substantially reduce use of the unpopular practice of holding troops beyond their enlistment dates and will pay \$500 to those still forced to stay.

[Veterans Groups Denounce Private Insurance Proposal](#)

An Obama administration proposal to bill veterans' private insurance companies for treatment of combat-related injuries has prompted veterans groups to condemn the idea as unethical

[The Risks of a Missile Defenseless Europe](#)

The Czech government postponed a parliamentary vote on a deal to place an American missile defense installation on Czech soil.

Tuesday, 17 March 2009

[Phalanx Gun May Be Best Defense Against Hamas Rockets](#)

Phalanx is vastly more flexible than experimental laser systems.

[Technology Improves Security for Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan](#)

The Rapid Aerostat Initial Deployment System has been continually upgraded since elements were first deployed in Iraq.

['Honor and Remember' Vet Dies](#)

Baker was injured while serving as a firefighter in Kuwait during the Gulf War when a Scud missile struck his barracks.

[Missile Defense Hard To Evaluate: GAO](#)

The U.S. Government Accountability Office says it still can't assess the missile defense system's overall performance.

[Israel Could Use Ballistic Missiles Against Iran: Report](#)

Ballistic missiles could be Israel's weapon of choice against Iranian nuclear facilities if it decides on a pre-emptive attack and deems air strikes too risky.

[U.S. Air Force Accepts First Delivery of Raytheon Miniature Air Launched Decoy](#)

U.S. Air Force accepts delivery of Raytheon Company's first Miniature Air-Launched Decoy low-rate initial production unit.

[Pentagon Puts Controversial Personnel Plan on Hold](#)

The Pentagon stops moving civilian employees from the traditional General Schedule employee classification structure to the controversial National Security Personnel System.

Monday, 16 March 2009

[Israeli Bureaucrats Never Gave Phalanx an Even Break](#)

The Americans were convinced from their own highly successful experience using the Phalanx in Iraq that the weapon could do the job of defending the Israeli towns targeted by the Qassams.

[US Shot Down Iranian UAV Over Iraq](#)

A US military spokesman confirmed today multi-role fighters shot down an unmanned Iranian aircraft in Iraqi airspace last month.

[Aerial Ambush](#)

Third successful test put India in exclusive club with the US, Russia and Israel, which are developing their own ballistic missile defense systems.

[Bracing for a Bailout Backlash](#)

Obama administration concerned about populist backlash against banks and Wall Street.

[Reports Question US Shield of Europe](#)

After more than \$100 billion spent to develop a U.S. missile defense, an American-operated system proposed for Europe would cost billions more to deploy and still may fail.

[Raytheon's Readies Space-Based "Super-Sensor" for Missile Launch Warning](#)

Raytheon completes performance tests on an infrared missile-warning sensor that will scan an entire hemisphere from a single space-based telescope.

[Obama's Defense Budget Offsets Ring Hollow](#)

Every system that we are buying now or plan to buy has been justified based on "future requirements" not refighting the last war. Missile defense is a case in point.

Sunday, 15 March 2009

[Missile Defense Scientists Shoot Down Mosquitoes With Lasers](#)

A quarter-century ago, American rocket scientists proposed the "Star Wars" defense system to knock Soviet missiles from the skies with laser beams. Some of the same scientists are now aiming their lasers at another airborne threat: the mosquito.

[Missile Creep](#)

Compared with land-based missile defense, Aegis has the advantage of proximity.

[Pentagon Rethinking Old Two-Wars Doctrine](#)

Protracted wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are forcing the Obama administration to rethink what for more than two decades has been a central premise of American strategy: that the nation need only prepare to fight two major wars at a time.

[Report: Cuba, Venezuela Could Host Russian Bombers](#)

Russia could use bases for its strategic bombers on the doorstep of the United States in Cuba and Venezuela to underpin long-distance patrols in the region.

Saturday, 14 March 2009

[Russia's Strategic Bombers May Use Cuban Airfields](#)

Russia expressed interest in using Cuban airfields during patrol missions of its strategic bombers.

[Iron Dome Dreams Prevented Israel From Defending Sderot](#)

Israel's Iron Dome very-short-range anti-ballistic missile defense system is skyrocketing way over cost and is still years from effective deployment. So why doesn't Israel buy America's tried and tested Phalanx super machine gun to do the job instead?

[US Navy Air and Missile Defense Command](#)

The U.S. Navy is establishing an Air and Missile Defense Command, to concentrate on its growing success in developing and deploying anti-missile systems.

Friday, 13 March 2009

[For Bliss Museum Shifts From Air Defense to Armored Weaponry](#)

The eventual departure of Fort Bliss' Air Defense Artillery School to Fort Sill, Okla., will not mean an absence of museum pieces honoring the branch and its soldiers.

[Air Defense Crews Complete Patriot Portability Drills](#)

Packing and moving an entire Patriot missile system is difficult in the best conditions. But 5-7 ADA soldiers were doing it in less than an hour, in the pelting snow and rain, even as their vehicles mired in thickening mud.

[What's Wrong With Israel's Iron Dome ABM Defense System?](#)

Iron Dome is now months, possibly years behind schedule, and critics say the very assumptions it was based on were unsustainable from the very start.

[Japan Warns It Might Shoot Down North Korean Missile](#)

Japan strongly protested North Korea's planned rocket launch, warning Friday it could shoot it down after the North said it would fly over Japan.

[Pentagon Tempted by North Korean Launch](#)

To Pentagon planners, the image of counter-missile missiles firing away at the Taepodong-2 as it arcs over the northern Japanese island of Honshu is compelling if not irresistible.

[Evaluating North Korean Missile Threat](#)

Even if the launch is successful, it would only indicate that the missile might be capable of reaching Alaska, Hawaii or other outlying U.S. territories.

[Pentagon Plans Blimp to Spy from New Heights](#)

Pentagon intends to develop a giant dirigible that will float 65,000 feet above the Earth for 10 years, providing unblinking and intricate radar surveillance of the vehicles, planes and even people below.

[Collaboration of Space and Missile Defense Research](#)

Boeing and Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command are working together to coordinate and fuse multiple types of sensor data for Integrated Air and Missile Defense.

[U.S. Jet Shoots Down Iranian Drone Over Iraq \(Updated\)](#)

Iran has built an array of unmanned aerial vehicles.

[Scientist's New Missile Defense: Killer Drones](#)

MIT professor has proposed what he describes as a more politically palatable way of delivering missile defense: putting the interceptors on long-haul drones instead of parking them in the ground.

[China "Worried" About US Treasury Holdings](#)

China's premier expressed concern Friday about its massive holdings of Treasuries and other U.S. debt, appealing to Washington to safeguard their value

Thursday, 12 March 2009

[U.S. Jet Shoots Down Iranian Drone Over Iraq](#)

An American fighter jet shot down an Iranian drone as it was flying over Iraq, according to U.S. military sources.

[3-3 ADA Deploys](#)

New unit will conduct Counter-Rocket, Artillery and Mortar missions in Southwest Asia.

[Defensible Missile Defense](#)

There is a "designer" missile defense that would answer President Obama's hesitations and allay Russia's fears. And unlike the Bush missile defense, it would actually be able to deal with the threat of ballistic missile attacks from North Korea and Iran if such a threat ever emerged.

[E-Bombs Could Go Mainstream](#)

E-bombs, weapons that destroy electronics with an intense pulse of electromagnetic radiation, could target air defense systems.

[North Korea Gives Notice of April Rocket Launch](#)

Media reported last week that Japan and the United States might try to intercept any ballistic missile launched by the North.

[Growing Threat of Ballistic Missiles Drives Agency's Efforts](#)

New Missile Defense Agency director says Aegis, THAAD the Ground-Based Midcourse Defense Program, Patriot, the Navy's SM3s, and other systems have "unique performance" functions" in air and missile defense architecture.

[Poland Hopes to Complete US Missile Shield Talks in April](#)

Poland hopes to complete technical talks on stationing parts of a US missile defense shield on its soil next month.

[Alaska House Urges Continued Federal Support of Missile Defense System](#)

Alaska State Senate unanimously passes House Joint Resolution 12, which urges Congress to continue funding for the Ground-based Midcourse Defense System.

[Obama: Troop Move to Mexican Border Under Consideration](#)

President Obama is looking at possibly deploying National Guard troops to contain violence on the U.S.-Mexico.

Wednesday, 11 March 2009

[Israel's Defense Against Qassam Rockets Still a BMD shambles](#)

Scathing criticism from Israeli mainstream media cast serious doubt on Israeli defense minister's handling of very-short-range ballistic missile defense, the Iron Dome and Magic Wand programs.

[US, Israel Disagree on Iran Arms Threat](#)

U.S. assessment contrasts with a stark Israeli warning that Iran has crossed the "technological threshold" in its pursuit of a nuclear bomb.

[Our Friends the Russians?](#)

The president has offered to abandon America's planned deployment of an anti-missile shield in Eastern Europe in exchange for Russia's help against Iran's nuclear-weapons program.

[North Korea Says It Will Defend Itself Against US](#)

North Korea vowed "every necessary measure" to defend itself against what it calls U.S. threats, claiming American military exercises in South Korea are a preparation to invade the communist nation.

[India's ABM Hits Target Missile, But When Will It be Operational?](#)

India took another step toward joining the elite club of nations that have developed their own anti-ballistic interceptor systems. But it has a long way to go yet.

[Air Defense: Another Cheap Chinese Copy](#)

The HQ-9 missile is similar to the US Patriot, and is deployed in ships as well.

Tuesday, 10 March 2009

[Hi-Tech Choppers Are Key to American Mission in Afghanistan](#)

Afghanistan was a helicopter graveyard back in the 1980s, when Mujahideen, supplied with U.S.-made Stinger missiles, systematically shot down Soviet helicopters.

[Prague Seeks Out US Missile Defense Stance](#)

Czech President Vaclav Klaus said Monday that he is seeking a sign from President Obama as to whether the U.S. will uphold its agreement to deploy missile defenses in the Czech Republic and Poland.

[Cutting Defense Too Deeply](#)

Perceived reversal of U.S. commitment to missile defense runs the risk of threatening our credibility with our allies and may encourage others to proliferate as well.

[The Worst Kind of Stimulus](#)

Governments around the world are throwing billions into the one sector of their economies that will probably do the least good for the world: their military-industrial complexes.

[India Kicks Off Work on Advanced Missile Defense Shield](#)

Buoyed by the successful testing of its fledgling ballistic missile defense, India is pushing ahead with a more ambitious version capable of shooting down incoming ICBMs in the 5,000 km range.

Monday, 9 March 2009

[North Korea Threatens Full-Scale War if Rocket is Intercepted](#)

North Korea Threatens Full Scale War if Rocket is Intercepted North Korea says it will wage war on America, Japan and South Korea if any attempt is made to intercept the launch of a rocket it claims is intended to put a satellite into space.

[US and South Korea Start Military Maneuvers, Angering North](#)

North Korea described the maneuvers in South Korea as preparations to invade the North, and put its 1.1 million-member armed forces on standby.

[Polish President: Missile Defense Should Go Ahead](#)

Poland's president said Sunday he believes the US will honor its agreement to build a missile defense base in his country.

[Missile Defense Funds Need Support](#)

Rogue nations that seek to do us harm will not sit idle, so neither can we. Funding research and development of the nation's missile defense program must continue.

[Fear of Lost Jobs Is Hurdle to Reining In Defense Contracts](#)

Missile defense programs, which are still being tested, represent "low-hanging fruit."

[William Swanson Interview](#)

Tenure as CEO has included the re-emergence as a major program of the Patriot missile defense system - a system Swanson oversaw as the youngest plant manager, then the youngest vice president in the company's history in the 1980s.

[Iran Crosses Nuclear Tech Threshold](#)

Israel for the first time acknowledges that Teheran has mastered technology to make a nuclear bomb.

[Israel Analysis: How Much Time is Left?](#)

It's no secret that Israel is concerned with the outcome of a dialogue between the US and Iran.

[India Plans Radars in Space to Boost Missile Defense System](#)

India is planning space-based radars to overcome the range impediment for its missile defense system.

Sunday, 8 March 2009

[Iran Test Fires New Missile](#)

Iran has test-fired a new long-range missile, the country's state Press TV reported on Sunday.

[Israeli Warplanes Await S-300 Sale to Iran](#)

Russia's transfer of its S-300 air-defense systems to Iran would be the trigger point for Israel to take Iran to war, says a US think-tank.

[Analysis: US Seeks Hard Bargain on Missile Defense](#)

If the Obama Administration intends to give up missile defense in Europe as part of a security deal with Russia, as early maneuvering seems to suggest, then Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton is driving a hard bargain.

[False Starts For Star Wars](#)

Obama's position on Star Wars deployment is skeptical; the White House Web site says he'll proceed with it only pending "positive" evidence that it works. And that's the rub. Effectively, so far, it doesn't.

[US Says 12,000 US Troops to Leave Iraq by September](#)

U.S. military announces 12,000 American and 4,000 British troops will leave Iraq by September, reducing U.S. combat power from 14 brigades to 12 brigades.

[Nike-Hercules Missile Sites and 'the Good Ol' Days'](#)

Nike-Hercules missile sites formed "ring of supersonic steel" to protect Los Angeles.

Saturday, 7 March 2009

[Job Losses Hint at Vast Remaking of Economy](#)

As government data revealed that 651,000 more jobs disappeared in February, a sense took hold that growing joblessness may reflect a wrenching restructuring of the American economy.

[Downturn Slows Missile Defense Agency BRAC Recruiting](#)

Economic slowdown has caused Missile Defense Agency managers to rethink options provided to Pentagon employees relocating Redstone Arsenal.

[Russian Foreign Minister Offers Hope for Global Disarmament Talks](#)

United States has labeled space weapons offer a political ploy to gain a military advantage because it would prohibit an American missile interceptor system from being installed in the Czech Republic and Poland.

[Managing Missile Defense's Demise](#)

In case the Obama administration decides to abandon the project, it should do so cleverly and manage the process in a way that secures the political interests of the United States and its Central European allies.

[Russia Urges U.S. to Heed Its Missile Shield Concerns](#)

Russia calls on United States to take Moscow's concerns into account when it reviews plans to deploy a missile defense shield in Eastern Europe to counter nuclear threats.

[Intercept Puts India's Missile Defense Interceptor on a Par With US](#)

India claims it has successfully tested a home-grown interceptor designed to destroy incoming missiles and compared its capability to an American ballistic missile defense system.

Friday, 6 March 2009

[US invites Russia to Join Its Missile Defense Plan in Eastern Europe](#)

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on Friday invited Russia to join Washington's plan to deploy a missile defense shield in Eastern Europe.

[North Korea Missile Launch Not Imminent, Says South](#)

A North Korean missile launch may not come for some time although the communist state has been preparing its longest-range rocket for a test flight, South Korea's unification minister said on Wednesday.

[Missile Defenseless](#)

President Obama has wasted no time in trying to turn back the clock on missile defense, one of the great foreign-policy achievements of the Bush administration.

[The Missiles of March](#)

Poles and Czechs were counting on the shield to guard against threats perhaps not only from Iran, but from *any* regional force.

[651,000 Jobs Reported Lost in February](#)

More than 4.4 million people have now lost their jobs since the recession began in December 2007.

[South Korean Airlines Stay Clear of North Korea After Threat](#)

South Korean airlines are rerouting their flights away from North Korean airspace, hours after the North threatened Seoul's passenger planes amid heightened tensions on the divided peninsula.

[Navy Plans Air and Missile Defense Command](#)

US Navy will standup Air and Missile Defense Command Will Standup in April.

[No 'Grand Bargain'](#)

Russia cannot accept that Poland and the Czech Republic are independent states that are cooperating with the United States on a missile system focused on Iran.

[Clinton Plans "Serious" Talks on Missile Defense With Russia](#)

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said yesterday she hoped for "serious" talks with her Russian counterpart on the proposal for missile defense installations in Europe.

[Where Is Our Radical Youth?](#)

The only specter haunting the groves of American academe seems to be suburban contentment.

[India Successfully Tests Missile Interceptor](#)

India successfully tested its homegrown missile interception system Friday for the third time, boosting chances of turning it into a viable defense system.

[Raytheon Awarded \\$11 Million Option for Patriot Missile Facilities](#)

Raytheon Company has been awarded \$11.4 million to support Patriot missile facilities during 2009.

[Reports: Russia Building Anti-Satellite Weapons](#)

Russia is working on anti-satellite weapons to match technologies developed by other nations, a deputy defense minister was quoted as saying Thursday.

[World Awaits Ballistic-Missile Takedown on High Seas](#)

Does "Star Wars" missile defense work or not? We may soon find out, if the rocket launch planned by North Korean starts to veer anywhere near the Land of the Rising Sun.