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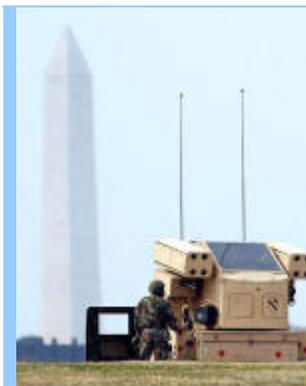
[Weekend Warriors - Modern Army Combatives](#)

From across the Korean peninsula and Japan, 120 competitors amassed at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea, on 4 April 2009 for the 35th Air Defense Artillery Combatives Tournament.
(By SGT Gretchen N. Goodrich, HHB, 35th ADA Brigade, PAO.)



[ADA Family Carries on the Tradition](#)

On 27 March 2009, Shantel Crichlow signed her intent to attend and play basketball for the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.
(By Kathleen Doyle, Staff Editor)



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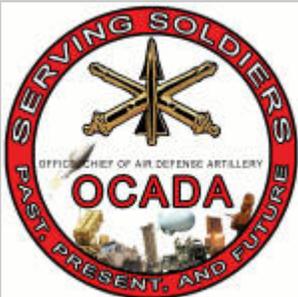
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[White Sands Missile Range Commander Moves to Fort Bliss](#)

Although Brigadier General David L. Mann just assumed command of WSMR in Oct 2008, Army officials announced Wednesday that Mann will assume command of the 32nd Army Air and Missile Command at Fort Bliss, Texas, in August 2009.

[Air and Missile Defense Command Established](#)

Navy Air and Missile Defense Command (NAMDC) was established



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William Blair Case "The Pen" of Air Defense Artillery for more than 30 years, retired on 30 March 2009. During his career, Mr. Case was the Editor-in-Chief of the ADA magazine (PB-44), the ADA Yearbook(s), many pamphlets and brochures and was the creator and manager of this web site. In 2007, Blair shared the honor of being named the Chief of Staff of the Army's Editor of the Year. Blair's historical knowledge, wonderful wit and unique writing style has kept us informed on ADA topics for several generations. We thank him for his dedication, diligence and patriotism.
(By Kathleen Doyle, Staff Editor)



April 30 in a ceremony at Naval Support Facility Dahlgren, Virginia.

[Gates: Persuasion Better
Tack Against Iran's
Nuclear Pursuits](#)

Gates said Thursday that a military strike on Iran's nuclear program would not stop that country from pursuing the development of a nuclear weapon.

[Woman Gets Prison for
Fatal Hit-and-Run of Fort
Bliss Soldier](#)

A Northeast El Paso woman accused of killing a Fort Bliss Soldier has been found guilty and sentenced to prison.

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[General Officer
Assignments No. 283-09](#)
Brigadier General David L. Mann, Commanding General, White Sands Missile Range, White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, to commanding general, 32d Army Air Missile Defense Command, Fort Bliss, Texas.

[Friends Gather,
Remember Young Man
Gunned Down At Fort
Bliss](#)

Over 100 students and friends gathered Saturday

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night to remember the young man that was shot and killed Friday morning on Fort Bliss.

[Soldier Charged With Murder in Student's Death](#)

A U.S. Army soldier has been charged with murder in the shooting death of an El Paso high school student.

[Keeping the Nuclear Balance Balanced](#)

As part of this modernization, The U.S. started building a limited missile defense system.

[Procurement: The Persian Gulf Arms Race](#)

To defend the UAE from potential Iranian aggression, they are spending \$7 billion on the American Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) anti-missile systems to protect itself against the growing arsenal of Iranian ballistic missiles.

[Kyrgyzstan Denies Talks With U.S. on Air Base](#)

The Pentagon said on Tuesday they had made progress in trying to persuade Kyrgyzstan not to close the Manas Air Base which supports military operations in Afghanistan.

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Army Times
Boston Globe
CBS News
CNN
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Military Review
MSNBC
National Review
Newsweek
New York Times
Parameters
Time Magazine
Wall Street Journal
Washington Post

[Raytheon Names Roketsan Key Supplier For Patriot Missile Assembly](#)

Roketsan joins Raytheon as a key strategic partner providing integrated air and missile defense to a growing number of international customers.

[US Plans Missile Defense Training Improvements](#)

The US Defense Department yesterday announced a new initiative aimed at producing missile defense exercises that are more realistic

[Japan Deploys PAC-3 Missile Battery](#)

Yesterday, Japan fielded a Patriot Advanced Capability 3 missile defense firing unit at its Aibano Air Force Base in Takashima.

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[Boeing Arrow Shoots Down Second Missile Target](#) Boeing announced that its portion of the Arrow II anti-ballistic interceptor its building with Israel Aerospace Industries destroyed a target ballistic missile on April 7 in a test conducted in Israel.

Tuesday, 28 April 2009

[Plan to Cut Weapons Programs Disputed](#) Some of the largest defense contractors, labor unions and trade groups are banding together to argue that the new administration is putting 100,000 or more jobs at risk by proposing deep cuts in weapons programs.

[Fort Bliss to Get Millions in Stimulus Money](#) The Department of Defense has awarded over \$107 million in grants to Fort Bliss from the economic stimulus bill passed by Congress earlier this year.

[Kim Jong Il's Son Elevated to Defense Post](#) The reclusive, nuclear-armed communist nation's next leader has been the focus of intense media speculation since Kim, 67, reportedly suffered a stroke last summer.

[Yes, It Is Rocket Science!](#) Lieutenant General Patrick O Reilly, director of the Department of Defense's Missile Defense Agency stated that the failure was either in the third stage or the malfunction occurred between the third stage and the payload.

[Gates to Host Top Japanese Defense Official](#) Defense chiefs, Hamada and Gates are expected to discuss the proposal for a major overhaul of the U.S. military, its realignment of forces in Japan and maintaining ballistic missile shields in light of North Korea's recent rocket launch.

[All Things Missile](#) A group of U.S. military organizations are teaming up to develop improved, better-integrated missile defense training.

[Russia: Turkey Seeks To Buy Air Defense System](#) NATO member Turkey wants to acquire Russia's new-generation S-400 Triumph (NATO codename SA-21 Growler) air defense missile systems.

[North Korean Missile Threat Debated](#) The recent rocket launch has fueled calls to maintain funding levels for various U.S. missile defense programs.

Monday, 27 April 2009

[100 Days of Good, Bad and Ugly](#) Dumbing Down Missile Defense, Appeasing North Korea and Iran, Changes on Cuba, Gutting the Defense Budget and "Cold War" Weapons.

[Barak Bids for U.S. Vulcan Phalanx Anti-Qassam Missile After Israeli Iron Dome Falts](#) Defense minister Ehud Barak, finally accepting that the Iron Dome will not be up to the task, applied to Washington to purchase Vulcan Phalanx systems worth \$25 million each.

[The Rocket Science of Missile Threats](#) North Korea has successfully tested a long-range ballistic missile, this success coupled with the North Korean nuclear weapons makes North Korea a nuclear threat.

[Russia: Turkey Seeks To Buy Air Defense System](#) NATO member Turkey wants to acquire Russia's new-generation S-400 Triumph (NATO codename SA-21 Growler) air defense missile systems.

[Studying Ground-Based SM-3 Missile System](#) The current missile system offers a two-part defense--the Aegis destroyer-based SM-3 missile system and the Patriot Advanced Capability 3 system.

[U.S. Ignores Threat of EMP Attack](#) A short-range ballistic missile could conceivably sail undetected within range of U.S. territory.

[1 Killed, 1 Wounded After Shooting At Fort Bliss](#) Authorities say one high school student is dead and another person has been wounded after a shooting at a military complex on the Fort Bliss installation.

Friday, 24 April 2009

[Russia: N. Korea Not Prepared to Resume Nuclear Talks](#) A Russian diplomat warned that no country should use North Korea's recent rocket launch to justify an arms race or building up missile defenses in the region.

[Homeland Security Replaces Veterans Report Agency Head](#) The head of the Homeland Security agency responsible for a controversial report that suggested veterans were being recruited to commit terrorist acts in the U.S. is being replaced by a former FBI and CIA official.

[**Soldier Accused In Deadly Fort Bliss Shooting**](#) A Soldier is in custody in connection with a fatal shooting inside a military housing complex.

Thursday, 23 April 2009

[**Raytheon 2009 Profit to Exceed Forecast**](#) Raytheon's first-quarter profit rose 14 percent on increased sales from air-and-missile-defense systems and training programs.

[**Missile Defense Essential, But Not Cheap or Easy**](#) BMD received some heavy blows, including Defense Secretary Gates' decision to put a freeze on 33 long-range Ground-Based Midcourse Interceptors.

[**First 100 Days of Obama's National Security**](#) Overall, Obama's first 100 days of managing the nation's National Security have left both supporters and critics wanting to see more.

[**U.S. Should Back Kinetic Energy Interceptor**](#) The KEI has the advantage of being the first missile-defense system to have been designed from the start free of the constraints imposed by the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

Wednesday, 22 April 2009

[**Boost-Phase Systems Can Boost U.S. Missile Defense**](#) A mobile boost-phase missile-defense capability would provide the White House with additional options in dealing with ballistic missile proliferation.

[**Russia Says, U.S. Not Slowing on Missile Defense**](#) A senior Russian official said yesterday he saw no signs that the United States was rethinking plans for missile defense installations in Europe.

[**Navy's New Air and Missile Defense Command**](#) The U.S. Navy will establish the newest warfare center of excellence during a ceremony commissioning the Navy Air and Missile Defense Command.

[**Defense Budget - 'From Supremacy to Adequacy'**](#) Iran launched a satellite on the 30th anniversary of the 1979 Islamic Revolution, demonstrating the key technologies of propulsion, staging and guidance to deliver a weapon of mass destruction globally. Two weeks ago, North Korea furthered their missile and nuclear development by launching a Taepodong-2 missile into the South China Sea, despite widespread international condemnation.

Tuesday, 21 April 2009

[**Army Delivers \\$27M for U.S. Missile Defense Work**](#) Raytheon Co. awarded additional contract for engineering work on the Patriot missile defense system.

[**Boost-Phase Missile Defense Essential to Defend America**](#) Any ballistic missile defense system deployed by the United States needs to be multilayered to have any real hope of effective operation.

[**Israel Negotiating Purchase of US Missile Defense System**](#) Israel hopes to buy a U.S. missile defense system to protect Israeli towns from short-range rockets and mortar fire.

[**Lockheed Martin Reports Smaller Quarterly Profit**](#) The Pentagon is requesting increased funding for Lockheed's THAAD missile defense launchers.

[**Kucinich: Victory Against Privatization**](#) DFAS takes away contract from Lockheed Martin, government to perform services.

Monday, 20 April 2009

General Assignments Announced Command of the Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill at Fort Sill, Oklahoma will change hands from Major General Vangjel to Major General Halverson.

House Armed Services Subcommittee on The Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities Hearing Missile defense has been caricatured as "a weapon that doesn't work aimed at a threat that doesn't exist." President Obama has asserted that he will take an "evidence - based" approach to missile defense.

Crafting New Missile Defense Strategy The United States needs a new strategy for missile defenses, one that reflects the changing international environment and military requirements.

Friday, 17 April 2009

Soldiers Enjoy Rare Chance to Blow Stuff Up 5-5 ADA locks onto the heat signature, pushes a button and seconds later, the computer screen flashes white.

Lockheed Martin Rolls Out New THAAD System Official roll out of key Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense system is marked by a ceremony on 13 April 2009.

Obama's Missile Defense Conundrum What would you do if an enemy tested a weapon that could kill millions of your fellow citizens?

DHS Right-Wing Report Issued Despite Concerns Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano on Thursday dismissed criticism of an intelligence assessment by her agency.

Gates Hints At Changes To Ban On Gays In Military During President Obama's campaign, he promised to end the ban on gays in the military, and the White House said recently that it was reviewing the issue.

Moscow Urges NATO to Cancel Georgia Exercises Russia sends official notification to NATO proposing that upcoming military exercises planned in Georgia be postponed or cancelled.

Thursday, 16 April 2009

On Foreign Policy: Obama Shifts a Bit Is the Obama administration less committed than Bush's was to build a missile defense system in Eastern Europe?

Russia Waits for Concrete US Missile Defense Proposal Moscow is still waiting for a concrete proposal from the United States to address its concerns about plans to deploy missile defenses in Europe.

Peres Dismisses Talk of Israeli Attack on Iran Israeli President Shimon Peres rejected speculation that his country might attack to deny Iran the means of making nuclear weapons.

General Officer Assignments Brigadier General. Keith C. Walker, will be the Director of the Future Force Integration Directorate, Army Capabilities Integration Center, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Military Training On Extremists Preying on Service Members Soldiers are prohibited from active participation in organizations which promote supremacist causes, attempt to create illegal discrimination based on race, creed, color, gender, religion, sex or national origin, advocate the use of force or violence, or otherwise attempt to deprive individuals of their civil rights.

[**Air Defense: Arrow Losing Its Rich Uncle**](#) The US wants to withdraw its support for development of the Israeli Arrow anti-ballistic missile system.

Wednesday, 15 April 2009

[**Toward a Combined US/Israeli Missile Shield**](#) The fifth "Juniper Cobra" exercise is likely to be the most complex yet and will for the first time include the launch of interceptors.

[**Obama Hits Right Buttons**](#) It was hard to miss President Obama's message during his European tour, from now on the U.S. is going to listen, not scold; reconcile, not repudiate; assemble, not divide.

[**Huntsville Congressman Travels to Israel and Egypt to Talk Missile Defense**](#)

North Alabama's congressman spent nearly a week in Israel and Egypt, talking missile defense to Middle Eastern leaders.

[**Team Delivers Recommendations on Fires CoE Integration**](#)

Boeing and Creative Technologies Inc., provided the Army a proposed road map to integrate the new Fires Center of Excellence at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

[**India Test Fires Short-Range Missile**](#) India successfully tested a new version of its short-range Prithvi-II ballistic missile Wednesday

[**A Message for North Korea**](#) The 15-member United National Security Council has unanimously adopted a presidential statement condemning the 5 April 2009 rocket launch by North Korea.

[**Best Radar Not Used to Track N. Korean Missile**](#) Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates denied permission for the U.S. Northern Command to use sea-based radar to monitor North Korea's recent missile launch.

Tuesday, 14 April 2009

[**General Casey Announces New General Posts**](#) Brigadier General Roger F. Mathews, will be Commandant of the U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Center at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

[**U.S. and Israel Plan Major Missile Defense Exercise**](#) The United States and Israel will conduct their most complex military exercise (Juniper Cobra) ever, jointly testing three ballistic missile defense systems.

[**25th National Space Symposium**](#) "We are going to have to learn to operate in a degraded environment," said LTG Kevin T. Campbell, Commanding General, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/ Army Forces Strategic Command and Commander of Joint Functional Component Command-Integrated Missile Defense of U.S. Strategic Command.

[**No Time to Back Down on Missile Defense**](#) We must also continue to develop and deploy the tools and equipment and technologies that will allow America's fighting men and women to have every advantage on the battlefield.

[**Obama's Penny-Wise, Pound-Foolish Defense Budget**](#) Since his historic, April 6, 2009, announcement, the question is, does Gates' short-term savings plan short-change future readiness.

[**Cornyn: Missile Defense Spending Needed**](#) "While trillions of dollars in domestic spending are justified as economic stimulus, new defenses against ballistic missiles -- built right here in America -- must overcome much higher hurdles from the budgetary bean counters," he said.

Monday, 13 April 2009

[21st Century Threats: Unproven Technology Lays Basis for Missile Defense](#) Ballistic missiles in the hands of rogue states, potentially armed with weapons of mass destruction, remain one of the most serious security threats of the 21st century.

[Russia Plans Strong, Younger Missile Arsenal](#) Russia over the next seven years plans to convert its strategic missile arsenal into a smaller force that would be largely comprised of new weapons.

Friday, 10 April 2009

[N. Korea Launch Shows Missile Defense Need](#) North Korea's rocket launch demonstrates the need for investment in missile defense systems, Sen. John McCain said Friday.

[2nd & 3rd Stages of N. Korea Rocket Separated](#) The third stage of North Korea's three-stage rocket apparently separated from the second stage in the course of falling into the Pacific.

[The Koreas: A Tale of Two Triangles](#) Facing the North Korean challenge, South Korea has to tread carefully between the US and China.

Thursday, 9 April 2009

[Fort Bliss Housing Meets Cost Snag](#) Army needs to change its local housing survey, which determines the allowance.

[Jan Fischer Appointed Czech Interim Prime Minister](#) Czech political reshuffling could bring complications to the ratification of the Lisbon treaty and a planned U.S. anti-missile radar base in the country.

[Taking Aim at Israel's Arrow-3 Missile](#) Israel's Arrow-3 anti-ballistic missile may be one of the first victims of President Obama's defense spending cuts.

[Japan Seeks North Korean Debris; McCain Wants Pressure](#) Japan wants to press ahead with a search for debris from North Korea's rocket launch.

[Korean Lessons](#) The lesson of North Korea's rogue launch is that America needs more missile defense not less.

Wednesday, 8 April 2009

[Contracting Boom Could Fizzle Out](#) The recent surge in defense-contracting workforce would begin to ebb under the latest budget proposal.

[A Wide Assault On Pay-For-Performance](#) Last month, the Pentagon announced that it would halt conversion of additional workers into NSPS pending a top-to-bottom review of the program.

[A Military That Packs Less Wallop](#) The Airborne Laser, The cheapest element of military's layered missile defense system, the Airborne Laser, has essentially been terminated, ending "the military's first operational foray into directed energy.

[Huntsville Contractors Respond to Gates' 2010 Defense Budget](#) Kinetic energy interceptors is a new technology that approaches strategic missile defense by attacking the threat while it is boosting and ascending that could prove invaluable in warfare.

[The Best Defense](#) The long-awaited fiscal 2010 budget request, halts the increase of ground-based missile defense programs in favor of more limited missile defense approaches.

[North Korean Missile Launch Condemned](#) Republicans in Congress are calling for beefed-up missile defense spending and economic sanctions against North Korea.

[U.S. Representative. McHugh's on Defense Department Budget Cuts](#)

"Additionally, cutting missile defense spending and focusing missile defense programs to a ballistic missile's terminal phase places unnecessary risk to the homeland," said Congressman John M. McHugh, ranking member of the House Armed Services Committee.

Tuesday, 7 April 2009

[Former Army Nurse Pleads Guilty in Hepatitis-C Case](#) A former William Beaumont Army Medical Center nurse accused of infecting more than a dozen patients plead guilty to assault and theft.

[Hundreds of Soldiers Return to Fort Bliss](#) It was home sweet home for hundreds of Fort Bliss soldiers from the 2nd Battalion 43rd Air Defense Artillery.

[Missile Defense Radar Not Used to Detect North Korea Launch](#) Missile defense experts question why a \$900 million advanced sea-based radar platform was not used to monitor the launch of a North Korean rocket.

[Japan Seeks Strong UN Response on North Korea](#) Washington, Tokyo and Seoul say North Korea's launch on Sunday of a long-range ballistic missile violated U.N. Security Council resolutions.

[Israeli Defense Force Makes Technological Advancements for Missile Defense System](#) Today, the IDF carried out a test launch of the Arrow II Missile Defense System; part of a program designed to improve security methods in Israel and in the United States.

[Congress Slams Defense Budget Cuts](#)

Cutting missile defense just after North Korea's launch of a long-distance missile would leave the United States vulnerable to growing ballistic missile threats.

[Lockheed Proposes Funding Plan for Air-Launched Patriot Missile](#) Lockheed Martin has proposed a plan to develop and integrate an air-launched version of the MIM-104 PAC-3 missile on the Air Force's Boeing F-15C fighter fleet.

[Victim's Dad: Husband Wanted Wife Out of Army](#) The husband of a Fort Bliss soldier he shot and killed was jealous and wanted her to leave the Army.

Monday, 6 April 2009

[U.S. Missile Defense Plan Endangered in Czech Republic](#) Plans to place a U.S. missile defense radar in the Czech Republic appear to be on the ropes.

[North Korean ICBM Test Highlights Need for Missile Defense](#) The failed Taepodong-2 ICBM test Sunday highlighted the need for ballistic missile defense systems to defend against such threats.

[Kim Could Still Win From Missile Misfire](#) North Korea may not have succeeded in putting a satellite into orbit. But its long-range missile launch has given new life to the debate over their capabilities -- and intentions.

[Lieberman's Honeymoon With Obama Stops at Missile Defense](#) The reconciliation between Senator Joe Lieberman and President Obama hit a snag Monday over ballistic missile defense.

Obama Seizes on Missile Launch in Seeking Nuclear Cuts "In a strange turn of history, the threat of global nuclear war has gone down, but the risk of a nuclear attack has gone up," Mr. Obama told a huge crowd in Prague's central square.

Gates to Propose U.S. Defense Add-Ons, Not Just Cuts Defense Secretary Robert Gates will propose to add "a lot of" U.S. capabilities even as he proposes to cut certain arms programs.

North Korean Missile Launch Was A Failure, Experts Say Failure undercut the North Korean campaign to come across as a fearsome adversary able to hurl deadly warheads halfway around the globe.

North Korea Fires Rocket Over Tohoku North Korea fired a long-range rocket over the Tohoku region Sunday, but Japan did not try to shoot it down because its debris posed no threat to Japanese territory.

Sunday, 5 April 2009

Obama Seizes on Missile Launch in Seeking Nuclear Cuts "In a strange turn of history, the threat of global nuclear war has gone down, but the risk of a nuclear attack has gone up," President Obama told a huge crowd in Prague's central square.

Japan Issues Two Missile False Alarms The Japanese government issued two false alarms Saturday before and after a defense radar system picked up evidence of "a flying object."

Obama Sets Goal on Nuclear Arms as North Korea Launches Rocket President Obama and Secretary of State Clinton, got word that U.S. intelligence and defense officials had confirmed North Korea launched a Taepodong-2 rocket over the Sea of Japan.

U.S. Will Ask for Tougher UN Sanctions on North Korea "This provocation underscores the need for action ...," said President Obama.

Saturday, 4 April 2009

As North Korea Counts Down, Japan Talks Tough Surprised by a 1998 launch, Tokyo is ready this time, warning against any violation of its airspace.

Fort Bliss Soldier Shot Dead On Post Fort Bliss soldiers and their family members question their safety after a soldier was gunned down on post.

Casey: Longer Home Stays Are Possible Soldiers fighting overseas could eventually have longer stays at home, depending on supply and demand.

Gates Planning Major Changes In Programs, Defense Budget Restructuring dozens of major defense programs shifts military spending from preparations for large-scale war against traditional rivals to the counterinsurgency programs likely to dominate U.S. conflicts in coming decades.

New Words For War As many have pointed out, the old term was awkward -- "terror" describes a means of war, not an enemy.

Air Defense to Leave Fort Bliss Soon Abrams tanks are replacing Patriot missiles at Fort Bliss.

Friday, 3 April 2009

Missing Pieces in Missile Defense It seems like a no-brainer to deploy the SBX in light of North Korea's scheduled launch.

Morning Bell: A Missile Defense Wake Up Call Barring a sudden change in weather, sometime tonight North Korea will likely launch a multistage rocket over Japan, far into the Pacific Ocean.

[Gates Prepares 'Fundamental Shift' in Defense Funding Priorities](#) Ballistic missile defense, which represents the Pentagon's largest acquisitions program, also could be on the chopping block.

[Report: New Defense Budget Decimates Weapon Programs](#) Major portions of the Missile Defense Agency will be dissolved.

[Bad News Bears - Economic Fear-Mongering by the Media](#) There may be a potential U.S.-Russian deal to stop Iran's nuclear program and to cancel the missile defense plan for Eastern Europe.

[Defense Cuts](#) Gates will essentially terminate the Missile Defense Agency and with it Boeing's Airborne Laser System.

[South Korea on Alert for Possible North Korea Missile Launch](#) The warning came three days after North Korea vowed to wage war against Japan.

[Prague 09: Swan Song for Star Wars](#) The practical reason we need to ditch the European Missile Defense program is because it doesn't work.

[Army Family Conference Reveals Top Five 2009 Issues](#) With 25 years of experience, the Army Family Action Plan program has good reason to boast - it's making real changes happen.

Thursday, 2 April 2009

[Launch Plan Sets Off Surveillance Frenzy](#) As tension mount, Japan, the United States and South Korea are deploying several high-tech surveillance systems to monitor what is suspected will actually be a ballistic missile test.

[Medvedev Says U.S. Can Move on Missile Shield](#) Russia's President says that the United States is ready to discuss different ideas on the deployment of a European missile defense system, which Moscow strongly opposes.

[Czechs Ban Protest March During Obama's Visit](#) Czech officials decided to ban any protest march against a U.S. radar base on Czech territory.

Wednesday, 1 April 2009

[North Korea Threatens to Shoot Down Spy Planes](#) North Korea accused the United States of spying on the site of an impending rocket launch and threatened to shoot down any U.S. planes that intrude into its airspace.

[North Korean Rocket Appears Topped With Satellite](#) A Taepodong 2 missile on the launch pad is tipped with a bulb-shaped object that is more likely to be a satellite than a warhead.

[U.S. and Russia Seek New Start With Arms Talks](#) To "push the reset button" in a relationship that has been teetering on the brink of a new cold war, the two leaders promised to work together on a number of issues.

[Analyst: Cut 6 Programs to Save \\$35B Annually](#) The U.S. military could save \$35 billion a year by killing or substantially cutting six major weapon programs.

[Obama Milks Military to Offset Domestic Spending](#) An analysis by Republicans on the House Armed Services Committee reveals the four military branches will be forced to make up a \$141 billion shortfall over two years.

[Northrop Study Boosts Case for Missile Defense](#) While President Obama contemplates cuts to missile defense programs, Northrop Grumman Corp. has issued a risk analysis urging continued vigilance in light of unpredictable "second nuclear age" threats.

[New Concerns Over Chinese 'Carrier-Killer'](#) After years of conjecture, details have begun to emerge of a "kill weapon" developed by the Chinese.