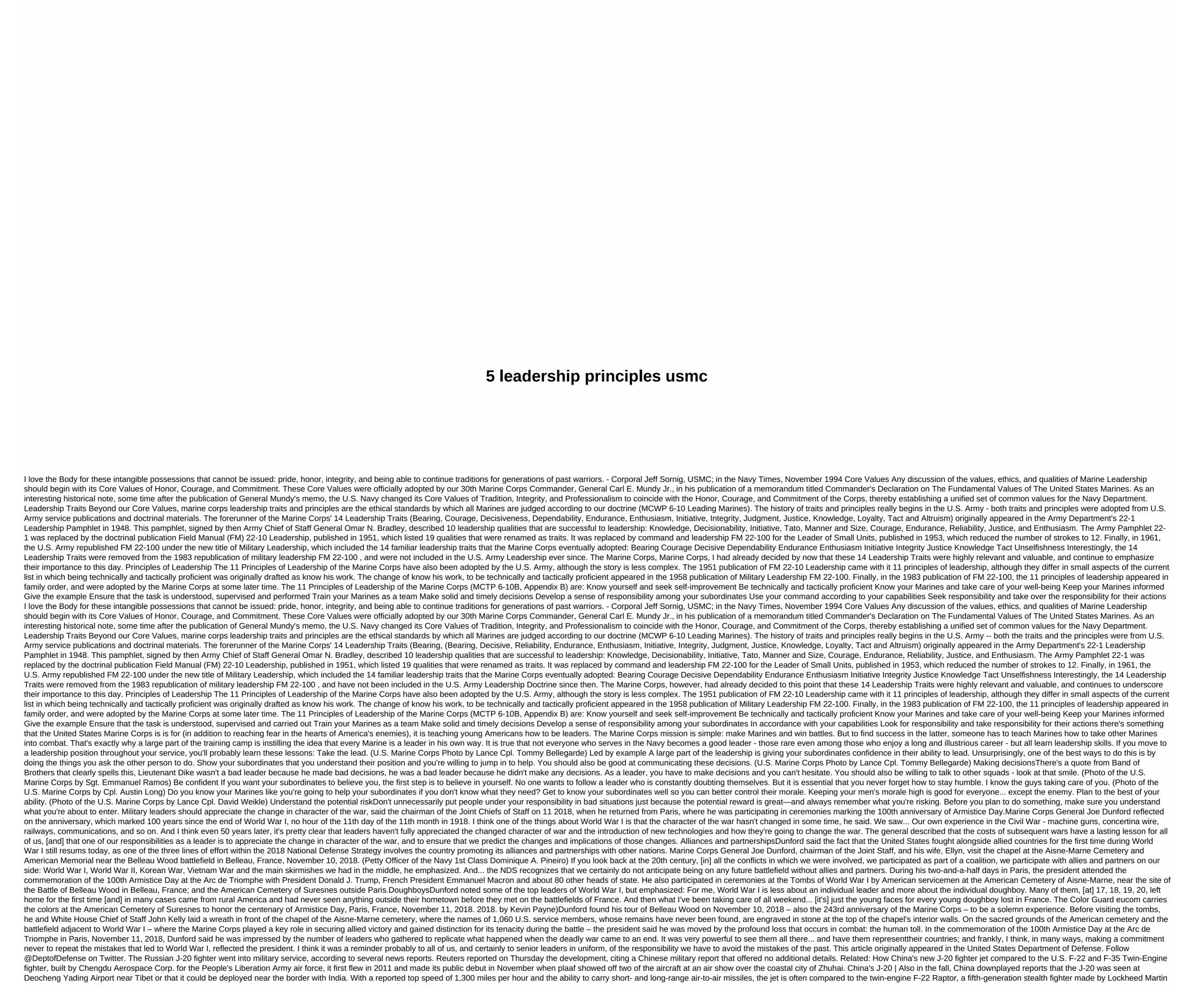
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Corp. for the U.S. Air Force. But the J-20 is believed to be much less stealthy than the F-22. Forward mounted canards, poorly armored engines and lower vertical stabilizers limit the amount your section which determines how visible the aircraft is to a radar -- can be reduced, Justin Bronk, a researcher at Royal United
Services. Services in London, he wrote. Even so, the apparent arrival of an operational J-20 highlights China's growing role as a military power. The country, the second-largest defense spender after the U.S., is also privately financing the Shenyang FC-31, a twin-engine multi-player fighter that resembles Lockheed's F-
35 Joint Strike Fighter. A production variant of the FC-31 may fly in 2019. U.S. lawmakers in the past have questioned Pentagon officials why the government has not retalnated against China for copying the designs of its more advanced fighters. A rendering of the Chengdu J-20. | Screenshot via Hindu judaic/YouTube
What they were able to do in such a quick period of time without any RD... I understand that there may be some differences in software and weaponry and this and that, asked Senator Joe Manchin, Democrat of West Virginia, during a hearing in 2015. But they're making leaps, which are unusual, at the behest of us, and
we know that, I understand, but we're not taking any action against them. Robert Work, assistant secretary of defense contractors and this helped them develop systems, but added: we hardened our systems. Necessity is the mother of
invention. If there is a certain need and the thing that satisfies such a need does not exist, then some hard-working soul is obliged to create it. Richard Davis embodyed this mentality when he took some Keylar and turned it into a light vest - and its revolutionary design changed the war fight forever. With only a few minor
modifications, Davis' project has become the armor that police and troops wear in combat today. You might be wondering why Davis, a detroit pizza guy, would need such a thing. Well, what would you do if you were tired of getting shot while delivering pies? You had comfort and maneuverability or light protection against
small arms and fragmentation. It's your choice. (U.S. Air Force Photo) Armor, one way or another, has existed for as long as war itself. But when gunpowder and firearms took the place of swords and arrows on the battlefield, standard metal plates no longer did the trick - bullets received from muskets would pierce most
of the metals. But as the firearms decreased from the old cannons to the rifles we know today, the metal plate armor made a comeback. During World War II, Colonel Malcolm C. Grow of the British Army created the nylon and manganese vest. It weighed 22 lbs, only worked where the plates were, and was not
comfortable by any stretch of the imagination, but it was reasonably effective. This style was used until the Vietnam War. I mean, if it works... Right? (Photo: Michel Curi) After serving in the Body of U.S. Navy, Richard Davis opened a pizzeria 7 Miles in One night, a delivery took him down a back alley and he was
whistled at gunpoint. Weeks later, another order came to the same address (it was up to the same order as two pepperoni and ham pizzas). This time, however, he came prepared with a .22 revolver hidden under the pies. The same thieves tried the same feat, but he was ready. A shootout has begun. Davis took one
round to the back of his leg and another shaved his temple. He managed four shots at his attackers, leaving two of his three attackers injured. In the weeks he spent recovering, his pizzeria was burned to the ground. He had nothing but his name. Meanwhile, at DuPont Co. Labs, they had just made a breakthrough in tire
technology. They were wearing a new, lightweight, super-strong synthetic fabric called Kevlar. It was flexible and five times stronger than steel. Davis got his hands on some of this new material and turned some of them together into a vest using ballistic nylon. He called it the Second Chance vest and created it with the
intention of putting it in the hands of the police. He worked on the vests all day and tried to sell his life-saving products to the police at night - with little success. He needed a bigger trick to get their attention. His method? He gathered the police to attend a demonstration. He was going to shoot himself in the chest
despite the fact that his vest had never been tested on a person. The vest worked like a charm. Davis shot himself and while it hurt like hell - because, you know, the vests can't stop inertia - it didn't matter. His speech was so effective that it later became standard among all police officers in the country. Variations in its
original design are used by the troops to this day. To watch the Smithsonian's interview with Richard Davis, check out the video below. Congratulations! You've reached the interview is a fundamental step in the hiring process. How you manage yourself, your answers and the questions you
have for the interviewer often determine what happens next. Before you get to the interview, you've probably prepared a resume that identifies your skills, experience, and passion for your next career step. This curriculum pigued the interest of the employer who will interview you to see: Are your face-to-face responses
consistent with what you represented in your resume and application? Can you articulate your value offering to the company? Will you fit into the company's culture? What else can they learn about you to help them make a hiring decision. Preparing for the interview Taking control of the interview requires you to have
knowledge about the company, industry and business environment in which the company operates, the company's culture, the and the company's culture, the and the company's culture, the and the company you're meeting? What's yours brand, and how do you align yourself with the values of the company?
How has your military career prepared you for the experience you're pursuing? This job needs to happen before you even run for office, but you should certainly refine your thinking as the interview approaches. Search the company online. Look closely through your site (what the company says about itself), but also look
out for your content. On Google, put your company name in the search bar and look for all options - Web, Images, and News - to see what else you can find about them. You can find about them put words like ABC Company competitors or ABC Company ratings to see what else you can find about the company you're interviewing
with. Search for the hiring manager. Look at their LinkedIn profile - what common interests or experiences do you share? What someone puts on LinkedIn is public information. It's not scary to look at their profile to find synergies. Know your resume. Be well versed in your past: dates, responsibilities and positions you
have held. If you have recently separated or retired from the service, be sure to make it easier for the hiring manager to understand your military candidates, spend time civilizing your experience to show how it relates to the position you are applying for. Decide how
you're going to show up. How do people in the company dress? Image is your first impression in an interview, and you need to understand how to present yourself to show that it will fit, but wear a notch above that. Hiring managers want to see that you're like them, but they're looking for you to dress in a way that shows
respect for the interview. Interview taking control of the interview means you are clear about why this company's mission; you have researched the opportunities they offer; and you're focused on how your value and experience can benefit
them. You feel empowered with information, confidence and a clear game plan to get on board. Of course, the interviewer has a lot of power in this situation. They may decide that you are a good fit, or understand how you will assimilate in their company. We can only control ourselves and
certain aspects of situations; we can't control other people. Get ready for a small talk. Some interviewers like to chat before the interview begins to calm the candidate. Use this as a focused moment to build relationships and set the tone of the interview. Think about what you go and won't talk about before you get to the
interview so you don't misunderstand the and say something inappropriate. Consider current events as good icebreakers, as long as they are not controversial (political and religious), for example, you can talk about the upcoming holiday season, but not the latest incident of gun violence in schools. Focus on
what and why. Don't ignore that the interviewer not only needs to understand your past and how relevant it is to the open position, but also needs to feel something about you. We call it an emotional need, and it drives purchasing decisions. If the hiring manager finds that you are too aggressive, pushy or rigid, they may
not feel that you are a good fit. Focus on what that person needs to feel about you to see it as an adjustment for the company and position. Defend why you're the right candidate. Report your experience as value added. For each question asked, report your military experience to show how you are trained and qualified
for the position you are applying for. You need to bridge what you've done in the past with what you can do in the future. The interviewer won't have time to make that connection alone. You can take control by showing patterns of success and results and direct your attention to forward-looking goals. Ask focused
questions. Interviewers expect you to ask questions. Take control of the interview by having these questions if they are answered during the interview. You should have at least five questions prepared around the company's vision and business
objectives, culture and work environment, veteran hiring initiatives, boarding process and employee successes. This shows that you're focused on finding the right fit for yourself, not just fitting your offer into any company that has it. Pay attention to your body language. During the face-to-face interview, keep your hands
relaxed and in front of you. If you're sitting in a chair and facing a desk, keep your notepad or portfolio on your lap. At a conference table? It is allowed to lean on the table and take notes. Relax your shoulders, but stay professional in posture. Make good eye contact. This validates the interviewer by paying attention to
your questions and comments. When you get up to leave, extend a confident and ensuring handshake. Watch out for the interviewer, If they are relaxed and casual, then don't feel attention. You also may not be too relaxed or may seem disrespectful. Take your suggestions from the interviewer, but realize that they work
there, so they can act as they please. You want to work there; show that you will fit in, but also be attentive to the interview after the interview for example, a reference list), send this email as soon as possible. No to thank the interviewer for
the meeting and confirm their interest in the position. Do not hesitate to include a list of bullet points from highlights of the that reinforce you are the right candidate for the job. Then send a handwritten thank you note to everyone you interviewed with. Be specific about points in the discussion, and reinforce how you are a
great fit for the company. Interviews are only one step in the hiring process, but they are critical. You can have a series of interviews with multiple people in the company before an offer is made. Be prepared to appear consistently and authentically in each case to prove that you are the person they believe you to be! The
Secretary of the Navy is responsible for appointing U.S. Navy ships under the direction of the president and with the guidance of Congress. But it's not just a random choice; there have long been rules and traditions about how ships are named. On Monday, the Congressional Research Service released a report on
current rules for naming ships recently obtained by the Navy and those that will be acquired in the future. The report outlines the rules for naming ships to Congress, but the final decision rests with the Secretary of the Navy, so, of course, there are exceptions. In fact, the report says exceptions to naming rules are as
much a Navy tradition as the naming rules themselves. See below the rules for naming Navy ships - and exceptions . An artist rendering future Columbia-class ballistic missile submarines will replace the Ohio-class, beginning patrolling in 2031. The first
submarine was named Columbia for the District of Columbia, but the Navy has not publicly stated what the rule will be to name this class of submarines. The 12 Columbia Class of submarines are a shipbuilding priority. The Columbia Class Program Executive Office is on track to begin construction with the USS Columbia
(SSBN 826) in fiscal 2021, deliver in fiscal 2021, deliver in fiscal year 2028 and on patrol in 2031. The Seawolf-class use Connecticut rapid-attack submarine docked in the U.S. Fleet in Yokosuka for a visit to the port. Petty Officer 1st Class Benjamin Dobbs /U.S. Navy/DVIDSA Navy does not appear to have a rule for naming Seawolf-class
attack submarines. The three submarines of this class still in service are Seawolf, Connecticut, and Jimmy Carter - named for a fish, a state and a president. Designed to be the world's guietest submarines are one of the Navy's most advanced underwater combat platforms, and unique among
U.S. submarines. Jimmy Carter now serves the same secret purpose as the USS Parche, the U.S. Navy's most decorated warship. Virginia sub class uss Hawaii rapid attack navigates battleship Missouri Memorial and USS Memorial as it pulls to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, June 6, 2019. Mass Communication
Specialist 2nd Class Charles Oki / U.S. Navy / DVIDS The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS USS Vinson (CVN 70) underway in the Indian Ocean prior to flight operations. The Carl Vinson Will
end its deployment with a homeport move to Norfolk, Va., and will conduct a three-year replenishment and complex overhaul. Photo of the U.S. Navy by Photographer Mate 3rd Class Dusty Howell USS Preble, USS Halsey, and USS Sampson in progress behind the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt in the Persian
Gulf, March 24, 2018.US Navy The coastal combat ship USS Montgomery, variant of Independence, at Changi Naval Base in Singapore. Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Tristin Barth / U.S. Navy / DVIDS USS Boxer (LHD 4) prepares to launch Australian Blackhawks S-70A during flight operations in support of
Exercise Talisman Saber 2005.USA. Navy Photo of photographer Mate 3rd Class James F. Bartels The amphibious transport ships USS San Antonio and USS New York in progress together in the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Virginia, June 9, 2011.US graphic representation of 2011.US future military commander of
U.S. Maritime Command John Lewis. Photo The U.S. Navy by 1st class mass communication expert Armando Gonzales John Lewis and human rights activists such as Lewis himself. Some of the Navy's Lewis and Clark-class dry cargo ships and ammunition are named for civil
rights leaders such as Cesar Chavez, too, although the rule is to name them for explorers. Lewis, who fought for civil rights alongside Dr. Martin Luther King and is now a member of Congress, participated in the keel placement of his eponymous tanker earlier this year. Spearhead-class expeditionary fast shipping ship
USNS Carson City arrives in Sekondi, Ghana, in support of its deployment at the Africa Partnership Station, July 21, 2019. John McAninley/U.S. Navy/DVIDS USNS John Glenn underway off the coast of California, January 9, 2014 U.S. Navy/DVIDS USNS Navajo (T-TATS 6), February 15, 2019.
Photo Illustration of the U.S. NavyThis article originally appeared on Business Insider. Follow @Business Insider on Twitter. Since the ultra-new and always correct rules of social correctness dictated that the only acceptable thing we can discuss or see online from now until Election Day is to vote, we think it's appropriate
to create an article about everything the military wishes they might have some say, but in reality, they never will. Appropriate labels for mre sides and snacks. It's probably a good thing that MRE ingredients will always remain secret. There's a big difference between assuming you're eating retarding flame and knowing it.
If nothing else, soldiers should be allowed to resemble inedible crackers. Bread to read crust crust Chew toy similar to what you give your dog. Teriyaki meatsticks are really tasteless meat, but we will fool you with
the appearance. All captains must run for office, everywhere, can't wait to stay in attention for a short speech about what is inevitably an hour-long re-reading of the story of their life. Imagine a world where the Company Commander has to depend on how well they have convinced Private I-just-want-to-play-XBOX-in-my-
room of his ability to lead the Company. All we're asking for is a choice between two, maybe three twenty-somethings tasked with telling a 40-year-old first sergeant how in his experience the Company must fix bayonets for every field problem and assault through that open field as if it were 1918. Weapons spending in
movies, every soldier carries sophisticated equipment straight from a Bond movie. However, the royal soldiers know that this could not be further from the truth. Try driving your 1970s vehicles into battle with a Desert Strom-era carbine issued with cold war-direct night vision goggles. The job definitely lacks sex appeal
when you realize that the Army is nothing like Call of Duty. While opting for a vintage uniform (the second change and count in less than a decade) seems to be the most urgent thing to spend money on top, we're betting that the Infantry may have other suggestions. After all, uniforms don't kill the enemy, guns do!
Warning labels for MRE consumption You will only make the mistake once consuming a new MRE flavor without first asking your veteran peers the inevitable side effects unique to each meal. We thought every soldier would benefit from putting up-to-date feedback on the package. Besides, who wouldn't love to vote for
the best review of the year? Severe meat taco explosive diarrhea is likely. Best consumed at a crawling distance from a latrine. Chili with beans Days long blocking probably leaving consumers with walking syndrome. Public leave required due to pulmonary health of the platoon. Mandatory fun day funds Nothing says fun
as mandatory fun. To begin the one day free you'll have in the foreseeable future, Company Commanders seem to think there's nothing better than a day full of mandatory activities and strange connection about low-guality meat and the prepared food section of the local supermarket. Oh, yes, much better than a real day
off. Especially when you are forced to spend it with the same group of people you see all day for five days in a row each week for years on end. Year after year, the idea that soldiers possess the ability to have fun outside of what is continues to confuse leadership. Is this the year to hear the will of the people? Term limits
home. We're not sure what the CIF Operations Training Manual says, but we think it's likely that any study will show a correlation between the years a human spends at the CIF and an increase in unrealistic and even psychopathic expectations. Save a soul, enforce CIF term limits. Holding a new private draft like the
school's dodgeball is no secret that basic standards have dropped with each passing decade, resulting in soldiers showing up for businesses waiting for amenities directly outside the Ritz. Nothing would bring more joy to sadistic sergeants everywhere than to publicly align and select incoming soldiers to their unit as if it
were the NFL draft. Perhaps a more accurate reception for the company than what is currently in place would help the poor ones adjust a little better. Apache helicopters can shoot down enemy tanks, light bunkers and personnel more than 7.5 miles away. But the Army is looking at a future world where a new generation
of attack helicopters and scouts may be facing Chinese ships and Russian air defenses on islands in the Pacific or mountains across Eurasia. And then they want to increase their range, and a new missile would bend it. Future Vertical Lift Cross-Functional Teamwww.youtube.com The army's future vertical vertical lift
team, an organization named after an old Xerox machine that has gained sensitivity, is testing Spike-NLOS on an Apache AH-64E attack helicopter, At this time, the Apache's longest-range ammo is its Hellfire Anti-Tank Guided Missile. This time-tested bad boy can deliver a cargo warhead in shape against a target 7.5
miles away. But the Russian S-400 can kill targets about 25 miles away. So imagine the first Desert Storm attack where Apaches conducted a deep attack against Iragi air defenses. Now imagine them needing to secretly traverse 17 miles of desert under the cover of enemy radar before they could launch their missiles.
Every foot you can cut that vulnerable distance would save the lives of pilots in combat. And these guys from AFVLCFT may have cut 7.5 miles (it's 39,600 feet, for those who are still moving away). The AFLCIO's choice of Spike-NLOS provides more than just a wider reach, however. It has a fiber optic cable that
launches behind it as it flies, allowing the pilot to give new commands while the missile is in the air. Pilots can even fire the missile at a target area before spotting an enemy. As the missile is flying, the can then designate who should kill. And it has a tandem warhead allowing it to defeat most reactive armor. Spike-NLOS
is already in production for Israeli forces, so U.S. forces could see whenever Congress ponies up the money. As long as AARDVARK recommends it. When the trailer for Top Gun: Maverick was released, he took the internet by surprise with his exciting photos of legendary Navy fighters doing amazing things and
legendary actors looking a little older than any of us would like. The responses were largely positive at the beginning... that is, until some people began to notice changes made to Mayerick's old jacket. That is, that both Taiwanese and Japanese stains had been removed. For those of us who have been following China's
influence over American cinema, it didn't take long to figure out why these patches were removed. It is not simply a question of winning over the Chinese government. See, unlike here in the United States, where our film rating system may be corrupt, but it is not legally
mandatory, Chinese censors decide which films are suitable for release in Chinese markets... and as big-budget action moves of recent years have proven, Chinese markets are too lucrative for studios to let go. As a result, studios have started playing ball with China's censors just to ensure that Dwayne Johnson doesn't
have to rely on American theaters to pay for his next giant gorilla movie, and if you think removing patches from Maverick's jacket is as bad as it gets, you're in for a rude awakening. The Old One wasn't always a white woman. (Marvel/Walt Disney Studios) Doctor Strange of Marvel washed in white The Ancient to
appease the ChinaMarvel Cinematic Universe may be among the most lucrative film franchises in history, but that doesn't mean they're immune to Chinese pressure. This presented a serious problem in the pre-production of Doctor Strange, as the character-titular's plot heavily involved a comic book character known as
The Ancient — historically portrayed as a Tibetan monk. The Chinese censors probably wouldn't have allowed the release of a film that so prominently featured a tibet character (a nation that China doesn't recognize as independent), so they chose to cast the decidedly white Tilda Swinton and take a beating in the media
for whitewashing the role instead. The studio traded China to North Korea after the film was finished. (MGM) The remake was, for most of us, a real disappointment. The original beloved depicted desperate teenagers fighting an
enemy invasion in a very personal way - forgetting flag patriotism for a discreet type that many military personnel can actually a silent but constant determination to protect his home. The remake didn't have that vision... as well as a believable villain. The idea that North Korea could make American defenses useless and
capture a large part of the The American continent seems wedable... but then, it was never supposed to be the North Koreans in the first place. The entire film was shot using China as invaders. After Chinese media expressed concerns about their nation's representation in the film, the studio panicked and hired not one
but five special effects companies to remove any sign that the invading force was Chinese, replacing all flags with North Koreans. You can't stop the time (or China's influence on Hollywood)(TriStar Pictures)Looper has changed venue and his cast to replace Paris with Shanghai if it's not strange enough to see Joseph
Gordon Levitt walking with Bruce Willis's nose, the 2012 science fiction action film Looper also saw significant changes to meet Chinese film regulations. After a deal had already been made between the studio (Endgame Entertainment) and a Chinese studio called DMG, the Chinese government intervened to order a
series of changes in the story. Although the original story had presented a future Paris strongly, Chinese censors ordered at least a third of the film to take place in Paris were then rewritten to take place in Shanghai, with Willis'
on-screen wife changed to Chinese actress Summer Oing. Rampage has made 3 times more in the international market than in the U (Warner Brothers)Many new blockbusters are not even aimed at the American publicit is said that the main export of America has become culture, and this may well be true. There are
few places on the planet where American movies and music cannot be found, but increasingly, being produced in America does not necessarily mean that the target audience is American movies and music cannot be found, but increasingly, being produced in American movies and music cannot be found, but increasingly, being produced in American movies and music cannot be found, but increasingly, being produced in American movies and music cannot be found, but increasingly, being produced in American movies and music cannot be found, but increasingly, being produced in American movies and music cannot be found, but increasingly, being produced in American movies and music cannot be found, but increasingly and the found in the found 
still made a fortune. These films (along with almost all participants in the Transformers franchise) can be criticized by critics and moviegoers, but Chinese audiences absolutely eat them. If you've ever wondered how poorly written action movies without a plot continue to be made – that's the reason. Even movies that are
widely considered good get the treatment of the Chinese market, with so much chinese product placement in Captain America: Civil War that a more appropriate name may have been Captain China: Check out these Live Phones. When asked about the current level of savings for buyers commissioners in an era of
comprehensive reforms, the acting director of the Defense Commissioner Agency (DeCA), retired Navy Admiral Robert Bianchi, referred to the results of a price comparison survey conducted in 2016 and released in january 2012 2017. It showed that the average economy in commissioners overall was 23.7% compared
to prices commercial grocery stores. More specifically, the savings of patrons was 20.2% in state commissioners and 44.2% abroad. The same survey also showed that average customer savings varied widely across u.S. regions, from a 32.6% rise in Alaska and Hawaii to a drop of about 18% for commissioner buyers in
the Mid-South and Mountain states. Bianchi and the team said it's the regional cost-cutting goals that DeCA monitors monthly and, in finer, guarterly detail, to ensure that measures to turn commissioners into more business stores are not diluting customer savings. Read also: The review of the commissioner economy
could cost shoppers an extra price savings per region being tracked monthly through our syndicated data and [on] a quarterly basis through manual stores [of local stores] and using syndicated data, a DeCA spokesperson explained. The largest price comparison survey released a year ago established a new method of
calculating savings that included a proportion of prices for private or store brands. This angered patron advocacy groups because, at the time, commissioners did not sell their own private label products. The concern was that the timing served to cushion the established base savings goals, which The DeCA, by law,
should sustain forever more. A front view of the Bridgeport Commissioner's products section. (Photo by DeCA by Nancy O'Nell) This occurred long before Bianchi became acting director of the DeCA in November 2017 to lead the transformation commissioner, while serving as chief executive of the Navy Exchange
Service. Bianchi said he believes the baseline for savings, which use regional price reviews and private labels, more accurately reflects the real value of the benefit. The previous method, which led to claims that customers saved more than 30%, compared common prices with average commercial prices of branded
goods only across the country, ignoring popular private labels. The steps that transform commissioners include: replacing traditional cost prices based on regional markets; offering DeCA or private brand branded products as low-priced alternatives to brand names; cutting the variety of
national brands on the shelves and negotiating more competitive prices for surviving brands with brokers and manufacturers. Related: Veterans can now register for an early chance at online military exchange purchases The employer savings are real and substantial, Bianchi said. But sending messages that, by
connecting this to the customer, becomes important, and variable prices are Commissary savings can be distorted, Bianchi said, when, for example, a buyer enters a commercial supermarket and the first item seen are bananas selling for 39 cents a pound versus 52 cents seen in the commissary. Even though we may
be saving them many dollars on chicken or other goods, they get that that printing and saving Um, am I really saving money or not? We know you are. So part of what I have our team looking at are image items. As we introduce variable pricing, this will give us the ability to compete with these other retailers and manage
prices in the marketplace. Customers need to be more aware of the average economy, Bianchi said. So the part I have to do is a message that so they won't be deterred when they see a loss-leading item in a commercial market and think their commissioner benefit has lost value. The value proposition has to be real and
clear to them. Readers of last week's column, which described a sharp decline in commissioner sales, reacted with emails. Many blamed the fall in sales on a supposed narrowing of economies. Others criticized empty shelves and popular items out of stock. Energy efficient ice cream freezers inside a Commissary.
(Photo by DeCA by Nancy O'Nell) Manufacturers and brokers have shared recent digitized sales data from commissioners who they say show variable prices and private labeling accelerating sales swell as customers discover that favored brands are gone. An industry analysis noted how Duracell batteries were removed
from commissioners last year. While sales data show energizer battery sales soaring, as you would expect, overall battery sales in commissioners have fallen. Bianchi said it's premature to sound alarms about variable prices or the introduction of the DeCA Home Base, Top Care and Freedom's Choice brands. Each
commissioner now has some items with varying prices and initial data suggests that customers are responding positively, Bianchi said. In fact, we're starting to become more competitive in the items most relevant to our customers, which we hope will only help our sales performance. However, we still have a relatively
small portion of the total variety of varied prices. As of mid-January 2018, this total was only 7,000 of the 38,000 items stocked. Read also: House-Senate to negotiate major changes to military benefits It is therefore too early to draw conclusions on how this will affect sales trends across the commissioner. Initial item-level
sales data and customer input leave us confident that this is the right approach. The initial results of private labels on bottled water, cheese, health products, paper towels and more are also encouraging, Bianchi said. The goal is to sell 3,000 to 4,000 items with commissioner labels. We continue to see sales growth and
penetration levels increase, and our customers regularly tell us they are happy to have these low alternatives and high quality on the shelf. None of the items introduced so far give us any concern about the acceptance of our brands, and we will continue to aggressively launch these products given the very positive
response from customers. In fact, he added, many product categories with private labels saw an increase in relative sales not seen in product categories without private labels. Bianchi said he came to DeCA with a lot of retail experience and a new set of eyes. He found deficiencies in customer service, expense
control and sales planning, all key to moving to a profit and loss environment. More: Fall on 'The Stumps:' Commissary closes because of the rat infestation You only have a different perspective when store expenses are covered by appropriate dollars, he said. He found buyers commissioners uncomfortable in having
baggers handle groceries for tips. Bianchi said, which may explain the popularity of self-checkout, Admiral Robert J. Bianchi, commander of the Navy Exchange at Camp Lemonier during a visit to the camp to assess the progress of the
facilities under his area of responsibility. Camp Lemonier, located in the Horn of Africa, is the only U.S. military infrastructure located in Africa, (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Jonathan P. Idle) How many people carry money these days, he said. And if you go to an ATM you're only going to
get 20 years. So we're kind of looking at the bagger issue. Bianchi said he spent his first few months at DeCA focused on customers, employees and having store partners with local communities. He will soon turn to repair relationships with brokers and manufacturers who might have been intimidated by
all the recent changes in commissioners linked to profits and losses. Honestly, as these initiatives were implemented, there was probably a lack of transparency, which created some concern and doubt on the part of the industry [and] some bad feelings, Bianchi said. Some people still remain critical, which I think is a
transfer from that. Industry representatives who also handled the base exchanges, which have long generated profits, were probably less frightened by the change in mindset at DeCA, he said. The reality is that the business model has to change as we move into a profit-and-loss environment. We want to create a
situation where everyone wins. But I'll tell you, from walking floors in commissioners, we [need] a rationalization of assortment, which means more cuts in the number of brand goods. So there may be winners and losers, but that's no different than what the private sector goes through every day. A U.S. Navy EP-3E Aries
electronic surveillance plane had a near collision with a Chinese fighter iet in the East China Sea. The incident is the latest in a links between Chinese Chengdu J-10 Firebird fighter armed with air-to-air missiles flew under the EP-3 and
stopped about 300 feet in front of the Navy plane, forcing it to make an evasive maneuver to avoid a one The incident reportedly occurred in international airspace, about 90 miles from Oingdao, the head of the North China Sea Fleet. According to GlobalSecurity.org, the North Sea Fleet includes some of China's most
powerful assets, including several nuclear-powered submarines in service with the People's Liberation Army Navy. The incident occurred days after Admiral John Richardson, head of marine operations, spoke to his Chinese counterpart about North Korea. The United States and China have been involved in a series of
incidents in recent months. Last May, another pair of J-10s had a close encounter with a Navy P-3 Orion maritime patrol aircraft, reaching 200 meters from the plane, and making slow turns in front of the plane. Also in May, the crew of an OC-135W Constant Phoenix Air Force radiation surveillance plane was at the end
of a Top Gun intercept that the Department of Defense characterized as unprofessional. In 2001, a J-8 Finback collided with an EP-3E, killing the Chinese airfield. Chengdu J-10 taking off. (Wikimedia Commons Photo) The United States conducted
a series of freedom of navigation exercises in the region, including a passage within six miles of Mischief Recife. China has threatened to fine ships that do not comply with its maritime notices in the South China Sea, a major maritime flashpoint. Although not as prominent in the news as the South China Sea, the East
China Sea is also the site of territorial disputes, notifiedly the Senkaku Islands, which both Japan and China claim, With so many war films out there to choose from, few come from the direct perspective of a man who personally lived through the hell that was Vietnam, Acclaimed writer-director Oliver Stone (an Army
veteran) led the audience to the highly political moment in American history, where the war efforts of our military were predominantly overlooked when they returned home. The son of a successful stockbroker, Stone left Yale in the 1960s and enlisted in the Army, becoming one of the first U.S. troops to arrive in Vietnam.
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via Giphy) To all our Vietnam war veterans, everyone at We Are The Mighty salutes you. A Navy SEAL who led a risky attack on a mountain peak to rescue a teammate stranded in Afghanistan in 2002 will receive the Medal of Honor, according to a White House announcement. Retired master-in-chief of war operator
Britt K. Slabinski will receive the highest military honor on May 24, 2018, according to the announcement. According to the was kicked out of an MH-47 Chinook crippled by rocket-
propelled enemy grenade fire on March 4, 2002 in eastern Afghanistan. An MH-47 Chinook helicopter. (U.S. Air Force Photo by 1st Class Aviator Christopher Callaway) The operation would be known as The Battle of Roberts Ridge in roberts' honor. The team had originally begun the mission the day before, tasked with
establishing an outpost at the top of Takur Ghar mountain as part of Operation Anaconda in Afghanistan's Shah-i-Kot Valley. Then-senior chief Slabinski boldly assembled his remaining team and organized supporting assets for a daring attack back to the mountain peak in an attempt to rescue his stranded teammate,
the White House announcement says. Later, after a second insertion opposite the enemy, the then Senior Slabinski led his joint team of six men up a snow-covered hill in a frontal attack against two bunkers under mure's three-thirdenemy fire repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire as he confronted al-Qaeda forces in
the rescue attempt, according to the statement. Proximity made air support impossible, and after several teammates became casual, the situation became untenable, the statement said. Moving his team to a safer position, Slabinski directed air strikes overnight and, as daylight approached, led an arduous walk through
the deep snow of his waist while still under enemy fire. He treated the casualties and continued to draw fire on the enemy for 14 hours until an extract finally arrived. The retired master, special warfare operator Britt K. Slabinski, will receive the highest military honor. Slabinski previously received the Navy Cross for
leading the rescue and directing continuous fire at the enemy throughout the long and brutal struggle. Throughout this sustained engagement, Petty Officer Slabinski exhibited the classic grace under fire in firmly leading the intrepid rescue operation, saving the lives of his wounded men and setting the conditions for the
enemy's final defeat and the apprehension of Takur Ghar, his medal quote says. For his heroic display of decisive and tenacious leadership, unyielding courage in the face of constant enemy fire, and extreme devotion to duty, Petty Officer Slabinski reflected great credit on himself and maintained the highest traditions of
the United States Naval Service. Slabinski's actions were highlighted in a moving 2016 New York Times account that emphasized the role of Air Force Sgt. John Chapman, who was attached to the SEAL team and ended up dying on the mountain. Task and Purpose reported in late April 2018 that Chapman, credited with
saving the entire SEAL team he was attached to during the operation, will receive the Medal of Honor posthumously. The White House hasn't confirmed that, Chapman reportedly directed air strikes from AC-130 ships after Roberts was kicked out of MH-47. During Roberts' rescue attempts, Chapman would eventually be
wounded by enemy fire at close range. An AC-130U00A0 attack by the U.S. Air Force. (Photo of the U.S. Air Force by Julianne Showalter) Reporting around the sEALs in Chapman's recovery paints a complex picture. According to the New York Times, Slabinski believed, and told his men, that
Chapman was dead. Air Force officials, however, reportedly disputed that Chapman was still alive and fought alone for more than an hour after the SEALs returned to a safer position. Images of predatory drones supposedly support this belief. Slabinski himself told the publication that doubt persisted in his mind. I'm trying
to direct what everyone is going on, trying to see what's going on with John; I already have 95% of in my mind that he was killed, he said he an interview with the Times. That's why I was like, 'Okay, we have to move.' Slabinski would be only the second living SEAL to receive the Medal of Honor for heroism in
Afghanistan. The first, senior chief of special warfare operations Edward Byers, received the award in February 2016 for his role in rescuing an American doctor who had been captured by the Taliban. Slabinski will also be the 12th member of the living service overall to receive the Medal of Honor for actions in
Afeganistão. De according to a biography provided by the White House, Slabinski enlisted in the Navy in 1988 and graduated from basic underwater demolition/SEAL training in 1990. He completed nine overseas deployments and 15 combat deployments throughout his career, including several tours in Iraq and
Afghanistan. He retired as director of the Naval War Security and Security Analysis Special Program after more than 25 years of service, according to the Communiqués. In addition to the Navy Cross, Slabinski's previous awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Medal, five Bronze Stars with v combat device, and two
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