



# What has the war in Ukraine told us about expeditionary warfare?

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# *What the US and NATO wartime experiences tell us*

Surprise happens

- 1950: North Korea invades the South
- 1990: Saddam Hussein invades Kuwait
- 2001: Terrorists based in Afghanistan attack the United States
- 2004: Insurgency develops in Iraq
- 2023: Russia invades Ukraine (strategic surprise)

Deterrence by detection fails

Rapidly deployable forces needed to reassure allies, deter adversaries, and fight, if necessary.

# *What the Russian and Ukrainian wartime experiences tell us*

Heavy maritime losses—both lose their flagships



Marines/Naval Infantry  
dragged into ground fight



Heavy personnel and equipment losses,  
need for replacements



Cannon artillery still king of battle, shell  
shortage



# CSIS US-China wargame

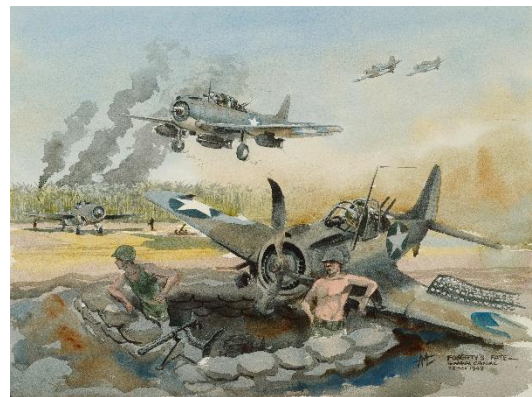


**There is no “Ukraine model” for Taiwan.**

**90% of aircraft losses on ground**

**Prewar deployments to Taiwan unlikely; MLR/MDTF challenge**

**Avoid crisis deployments that create vulnerabilities.**



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# What will happen with the war in Ukraine in the next 12 months?

In-place cease fire

Russia driven out, ex. Crimea

Russia driven out, including Crimea

Ukraine collapses

2d anniversary--continued stalemate

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