



A War Is Business Crossword Puzzle

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3. *Wired's* national security blog, featuring Spencer Ackerman.
4. Bethesda, Maryland-based contractor that receives one of ever \$14 spent by the Pentagon.
6. Relevant economic concept: "Guns versus _____."

9. In Iraq, Bradley and Abrams.
10. Iconic helicopter built by Sikorsky Aircraft, a United Technologies' subsidiary.
13. Of the five flavors of the 1980s fruit snack, Thunder Jets, this Northrup Grumman jet was said to be "so secret that they are only in a few pouches."
15. 1980s comedy about university researchers developing space-to-ground laser systems for the military.
16. Washington State politician whose campaign was the top recipient of defense-aerospace industry donations in the 2009-2010 cycle.
18. Shay Assad, the Pentagon's Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, once was a top executive at this company.
19. _____ *Defense Weekly* began as *All the World's Fighting Ships* in 1898.
20. President who made the term "military-industrial complex" famous in his farewell address.
21. L-3 acquired this corporation in 2005, despite its involvement in detainee abuse in Iraq and bribery in Benin.
22. The Obama Administration requested \$3 billion in foreign-military financing for this nation in FY 2011.
25. The Navy's "_____ Combat Ship" program "has been plagued with billions and billions of cost overruns and wastes of taxpayers' dollars," according to Sen. John McCain.
28. Bush cabinet official who joined BAE Systems' board of directors in 2010.
29. The founder of the firm formerly known as Blackwater.
32. In 2007, Halliburton opened its "second headquarters" in this city.
34. According to a 1992 Congressional report, this missile system "was not the spectacular success in the Persian Gulf War that the American public was led to believe."
35. The United States has not yet signed on to the _____ Treaty, which prohibits the use, stockpiling and production of land mines.
36. Nickname of former Congressman Randall Cunningham, who's serving time in a federal prison in Tucson for taking bribes from defense contractors.

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1. The fictional military contractor that employs a town of geniuses in the SyFy television series *Eureka*.
2. *War is a _____*, a book by U.S. Marine Major General Smedley D. Butler.
5. "The Merchant of Death."
7. Before he became the Obama Administration's deputy secretary of defense, William Lynn was a lobbyist for this company. (Same as 18 Across.)
8. Chalmers Johnson work about the unintended consequences of American imperialism.
11. Common name for the AK-47. Now it's a brand of vodka, umbrella and knife.
12. 2010 US-Russia arms treaty, formally known as "Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms."
14. Predator, Reaper and Global Hawk are all _____.
17. How the Strategic Defense Initiative is better known.
23. In 2009, KBR pleaded guilty to charges that it bribed officials in this African nation.
24. "Stark Industries" is a fictional weapons developer in this comic book series.
26. Fall Out Boy hit, "This Ain't a Scene, It's an _____."
27. "I personally think he's trying to destroy the Marine Corps," Rep. Duncan Hunter said of Defense Secretary Robert Gates' decision to cut funding of his tank-boat thing (abbrev'd). Its manufacturer, General Dynamics, is Hunter's top campaign donor.
30. City that hosts the Defence & Security Equipment International, the arms industry's Comic-Con.
31. Brent Wilkes, a defense contractor convicted in conjunction with 36-Across, is currently free on appeal. Last summer, he won \$10,000 playing this game.
33. Nickname employed by Rep. Howard McKeon, current chairman of House Armed Services Committee.

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