

# NEXT WAR

## REIMAGINING HOW WE FIGHT

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Current and anticipated conflicts are nothing like previous ones. How wars are waged is being transformed before our very eyes, with massive implications for tomorrow's Army. *Next War: Reimagining How We Fight*, written by Colonel John F. Antal (Retired), examines the following top disruptors, which are changing our current methods of war:

- Transparent battlespace.
- First-strike advantage.
- Artificial intelligence and the tempo of war.
- Top attack.
- Full autonomy.
- Super swarm.
- Kill web.
- Visualization of the battlespace.
- Decision dominance.

These disruptors are examined through the lens of speculative but—based on current events and ongoing conflicts—plausible near-future conflicts. Comprehensive discussions follow individual vignettes.

Colonel Antal explores and explains technologies and capabilities that currently have a major impact, such as Starlink<sup>®</sup> satellites and hybrid robotics, in detail. He also discusses the unique limitations and opportunities associated with urban conflicts, which are seemingly becoming the norm.

*Next War* is essential reading for all protection professionals and planners. We must reimagine how we fight and how we protect today in order to prevail in future wars.

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