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*, 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© 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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