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Mr. Harmer is the author of numerous reports and studies, including *Threat and Response: Israeli Missile Defense*; *Iran's Submarine Force*; *U.S. Options For a Syria No Fly Zone*; *Required Sorties and Weapons to Degrade Syrian Air Force*; *Iranian Naval and Maritime Strategy*; and *U.S. Navy Positions Ships for Possible Strike Against Syrian Targets*.

Prior to joining ISW, Mr Harmer served as an enlisted infantryman in the Marine Corps and as a U.S. Naval Aviator. Among his various postings, he served as Deputy Director of Future Operations at the U.S. Navy Fifth Fleet in Manama, Bahrain, from February 2008 to May 2009. Mr. Harmer graduated from the United States Naval Academy with a B.A. in History. He received an M.A. in International Relations from Troy University, an M.A. in International Public Policy from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, and has also studied at the U.S. Naval War College.

He is a regular guest on television news programs, including CNN, BBC, MSNBC, Fox, and CBS. He has been quoted in several hundred newspaper and magazine articles, including *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Time*, *U.S. News and World Report*, and *Foreign Policy*, as well as online media outlets.

Selected Media

**Links Below*

Business Insider (6/14/2016)
Financial Times (5/30/2016)
The Daily Beast (5/17/2016)
Voice of America (5/4/2016)
The Hill (4/30/2016)
USA Today (4/28/2016)
Marine Corps Times (4/26/16)
The Guardian (3/31/2016)

Selected Publications

**Links Below*

U.S. Options For A Syria No Fly Zone (November 2015)
U.S. Navy Positions Ships For Possible Strike Against Syrian Targets (August 2013)
Iranian Naval and Maritime Strategy (June 2013)
Threat and Response: Israeli Missile Defense (August 2012)
Iran's Submarine Force (June 2012)
Required Sorties and Weapons to Degrade Syrian Air Force (November 2010)