

# Pentagon's Prediction of 'Inevitable' Conflict with China in 2025 Shows War Is America's Primary 'Export Commodity'

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*For a country constantly chest-thumping about the size of its economy, the United States is remarkably [over-reliant on one form of "export" - war](#). For decades, the American-led political West used proxy wars to hurt its geopolitical adversaries. While most of these weren't a direct existential threat to US rivals and were relatively limited in scope, recent years brought a major shift to this strategic approach.*

Washington DC has become more bellicose than at any point in its history, aggressively attacking the very heartlands of its opponents. In the case of Russia and China, the only reason America isn't directly attacking either of the superpowers is their ability to immediately "[return the favor](#)". And yet, the US keeps fanning up conflicts that are pushing the world ever closer toward another global conflict.

Ukraine and Taiwan are the two most prominent examples of America's strategy of "accelerated escalation", obviously designed to cause "irrational decision-making" in both Moscow and Beijing, [according to the Pentagon-funded RAND Corporation](#). With Ukraine reaching a boiling point and Russia forced to intervene, Washington DC is determined to do the same with China in Taiwan. In recent years, top American officials, including several military commanders, have been warning about the "inevitability of war with China".

However, the latest statement is quite concerning, issued in the form of a memo by an active four-star general and circulated with an official order. This is particularly dangerous, especially when taking into account the fact that the general took the step of conveying it through the official chain of command. [According to NBC News](#), General Mike Minihan sent it to his subordinate officers:

"A four-star Air Force general sent a memo on Friday to the officers he commands that

predicts the U.S. will be at war with China in two years and tells them to get ready to prep by firing 'a clip' at a target, and 'aim for the head'. In the memo sent Friday and obtained by NBC News, Gen. Mike Minihan, head of Air Mobility Command, said, 'I hope I am wrong. My gut tells me will fight in 2025.'"

According to various sources, the US Air Force general commands approximately 50,000 US servicemen and nearly 500 planes, making his comments all the more concerning. This is particularly true when taking into account that USAF is in direct control of two arms of America's thermonuclear triad – its land-based ICBMs (intercontinental ballistic missiles) and nuclear-armed strategic bombers.

Perhaps the most alarming part of the grisly prediction is that it instructed commanders under him to "consider their personal affairs and whether a visit should be scheduled with their servicing base legal office to ensure they are legally ready and prepared." Minihan claims this is because China is allegedly "determined to make a move" against its breakaway island province of Taiwan within the next two years and that this would trigger a direct US military response.

He further called for "a fortified, ready, integrated, and agile Joint Force Maneuver Team ready to fight and win inside the first island chain." Minihan also issued an order that all steps in preparation for war with China were to be reported to him directly by February 28. As to why he thinks this is "inevitable" by 2025, NBC claims he stated the following:

"Minihan said in the memo that because both Taiwan and the U.S. will have presidential elections in 2024, the U.S. will be 'distracted,' and Chinese President Xi Jinping will have an opportunity to move on Taiwan."

The wording is quite concerning, especially when coming from a high-level military commander. General Minihan directed all Air Mobility Command personnel to "fire a clip into a 7-meter target with the full understanding that unrepentant lethality matters most. Aim for the head." Using such phrases when talking about the "coming war" with a nuclear-armed China is unwise, to say the least, not to mention the complete disregard for the most basic diplomatic etiquette. Additionally, China's conventional capabilities are very different in comparison to just a decade ago. Beijing has invested heavily in technological advances that rival or even surpass America's, particularly hypersonic weapons, [in which Washington DC significantly lags behind](#).

Still, [China has spent decades trying to resolve the Taiwan issue peacefully](#), especially through close economic ties with the island, [but the US has been undermining these efforts](#), particularly in recent years. Beijing's attempts to achieve nonviolent political reunification with Taiwan have been severely compromised by American arms deliveries, with Taipei spending dozens of billions on weapons, [most of which haven't even been delivered due to the current US focus on Ukraine](#). China has been warning Washington DC against fomenting the independence ambitions of its breakaway island province. However, the US hasn't only ignored this, but it seems it's already planning yet another war with another superpower.

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