THE WAR NEXT TIME:
Countering Rogue States and Terrorists Armed with Chemical and Biological Weapons

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Preface

This volume, The War Next Time, was begun before the initiation of "the war last time," namely Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). Most of the book has been updated to reflect that OIF experience. However, some of the chapters were reprints of journal articles or published speeches that took place prior to Operation Iraqi Freedom. Therefore, this is something the reader should keep in mind, especially when reading chapters 2, 8, and 9.

It is a central hypothesis of this book that the future conflicts of the United States are highly likely to be unconventional wars where the adversary uses unconventional means to try to level the playing field against the world's foremost military power.

Further, the editors and authors share the premise that this "war next time" very likely may take the form of biological and/or chemical warfare or terrorism. Therefore, that is the focus of this book.

As we say at the USAF Counterproliferation Center, "We cannot afford to be the unready confronting the unthinkable." To this end, this volume is aimed at educating the future U.S. policy-makers, airmen, soldiers, sailors, and marines who will be called upon to deal with the menace of adversaries armed with chemical and biological capabilities.