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## War With China a Real Possibility, Naval Expert Warns

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A real war between the United States and Communist China is a real possibility as the CCP rapidly expands its naval capabilities while the U.S. fleet shrinks and gets older, warned China expert and Navy Capt. James Fanell (Ret.) in this interview on Conversations That Matter with The New American magazine's Alex Newman.

Perhaps even more alarming, the CCP has been receiving massive assistance from U.S. leaders for decades, added Capt. Fanell.

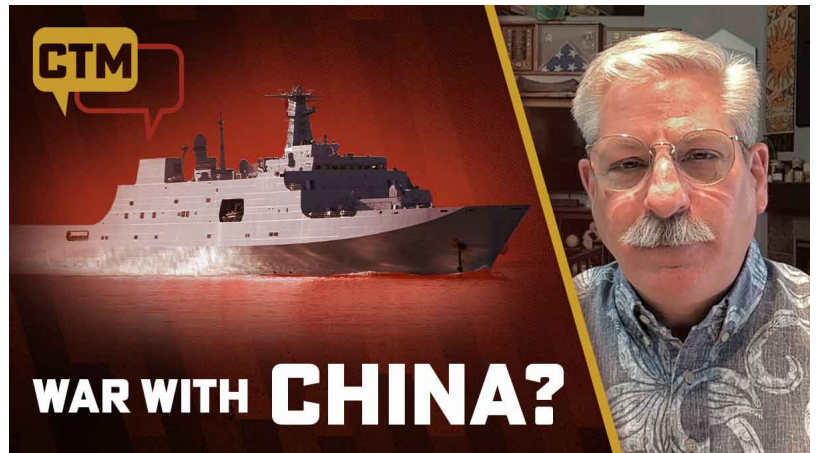
Fanell is a 29-year veteran and former Director of Intelligence and Information Operations for the U.S. Pacific Fleet who served in an unprecedented series of afloat and ashore assignments throughout the Indo-Pacific with a focus on China. He is a government fellow at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy, founding member of the Committee on Present Danger China, coauthor of the Embracing Communist China: America's Greatest Strategic Failure and a former presenter at the European American Workshop.

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