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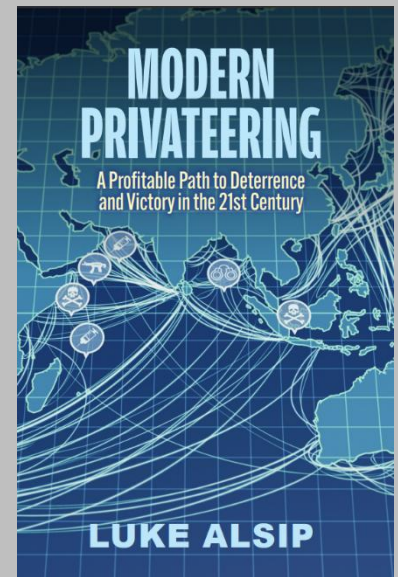


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Modern Privateering: Modern Privateering makes a bold case for the revival of a centuries-old tool: privateering. Once dismissed as a relic of the Age of Sail, it's now reimagined as a cost-effective, legally sanctioned means to degrade enemy power, deter aggression, and defend freedom on the seas. Whether facing authoritarian regimes, pirates, or transnational criminals, this strategic handbook lays out how privateering could:

- Impose steep economic costs on U.S. adversaries
- Disrupt criminal and illicit maritime activity
- Strengthen deterrence and shorten conflicts
- Provide economic lifelines during wartime

With practical guidance, revenue models, and operational insights, Modern Privateering equips entrepreneurs, strategists, and policymakers to build privateering firms for the 21st century. This is not just a history lesson— it's a call to action. It's time to bring privateers back to the fight!



About the Privateer Project:

The Privateer Project envisions a rejuvenation of privateering to restrict the movement of tyrants, terrorists and criminals across all domains while enabling privateers to operate legally, effectively, and profitably.

Unleashing the privateering potential will provide positive effects from the warfighter operating alongside privateers, the multiple industries that will be able to invest, equip, train and profit from the utilization of privateers as well as their follow on exploits.

Privateering need to be contained to the maritime domain when its ability to mobilize and incentivize greater elements of society can be applied to problem sets in cyber, space, intelligence and multiple civil functions.



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Luke Alsip Author of Modern Privateering and President of the Privateer Project

Luke Alsip is the author of *Modern Privateering* and President of The Privateer Project, an initiative dedicated to examining how privateering once a vital tool of maritime strategy can be adapted to address today's geopolitical, cyber, and economic security challenges. In this role, Luke conducts research, public outreach, and policy engagement to explore innovative solutions at the intersection of history, law, and modern conflict.

Luke brings over fifteen years of professional experience in the defense and intelligence community. He has served as an intelligence specialist, officer, analyst, and consultant, supporting missions for the Department of Defense and the U.S. Intelligence Community. His work has spanned global theaters and focused on identifying threats, informing operational decisions, and advancing strategic initiatives.

A native of Chicago who grew up in Colorado, Luke enlisted in the U.S. Navy directly after high school. His service took him from Hawaii to Bahrain, where he gained firsthand exposure to counter terrorism/intelligence/counternarcotic operations and the complexities of international security. These experiences deeply shaped his perspective on how non-state actors and innovative contracting models might contribute to solving enduring security problems.

Today, Luke combines his professional background with his passion for writing and scholarship. His debut book, *Modern Privateering*, weaves together history, law, and strategy to make the case for a modern revival of privateering principles. When not researching or writing, Luke enjoys traveling and exploring new places with his family.

Appearances and Presentations: The Privateer Project offers engaging and customizable presentations on privateering and its modern applications. Whether for workplaces, clubs, or community groups, these talks are designed to spark conversation and connect history to today's global challenges. Each presentation can be tailored to your audience's interests ranging from maritime security and cyber threats to economic innovation and policy reform. Events also include opportunities for exclusive Privateer Project merchandise, creating a memorable experience that participants can take with them.



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Sample Interview Questions:

- How did privateering shape naval warfare and global commerce in past centuries?
- What role did Letters of Marque play in legitimizing privateers?
- How did the Paris Declaration of 1856 change the practice of privateering?
- Were privateers considered patriots or profiteers in their own time?
- In a modern context, what would issuing a Letter of Marque look like?
- Could privateering be applied outside of the seas—in cyberspace, space, or even finance?
- How might privateering intersect with current sanctions enforcement and asset seizures?
- What safeguards would be needed to prevent abuse of a modern privateering system?
- How could privateering help counter state-sponsored illicit activity, like sanctions evasion or smuggling?
- Which U.S. adversaries or challenges make privateering most relevant today?
- Could privateering provide a cost-effective alternative to traditional military deployments?
- What lessons from counter-piracy operations off Somalia or in the Gulf of Guinea inform your thinking?
- What inspired you to dedicate research to reviving the idea of privateering?
- What is the mission of The Privateer Project beyond the book itself?
- How has your Navy and intelligence background shaped your perspective on privateering?
- What challenges have you faced in raising awareness about the concept?
- What would success look like for The Privateer Project in five years?
- How could privateering empower private firms to contribute to national security?
- What misconceptions do people usually have when they first hear “privateering”?
- If privateering were revived, how would it benefit both the U.S. government and private sector?

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