



provide Commanding Officers with new “Gray Zone” responsibilities to prevent conflict escalation while defending their ship.

According to Rear Adm. Seiko Okano, the Navy’s program executive officer for Integrated Warfare Systems, at the Surface Navy Association’s annual conference in 2021, integrating HELIOS into Aegis “is a pretty big deal...We’ve realized over time that the capability that we’re giving to the fleet is actually more capable than what we initially had thought.”

“Combat system integration enhances overall system effectiveness and is the key to unlo