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## Andrew Exum

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"The War in Afghanistan: What to Expect in 2011"

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**Andrew Exum** is a Fellow with the Center for a New American Security. He is a native of East Tennessee and served on active duty in the U.S. Army from 2000 until 2004. He led a platoon of light infantry in Afghanistan in 2002 and a platoon of Army Rangers in Iraq and Afghanistan in 2003 and 2004, respectively. Most recently, Exum served as an advisor on the CENTCOM Assessment Team and as a civilian advisor to Gen. Stanley McChrystal in Afghanistan.

Exum is the author of one book, *This Man's Army: A Soldier's Story from the Frontlines of the War on Terror* (Gotham, 2004) and has published opinion pieces in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, the *Guardian* and many other newspapers. Exum studied classics and English literature at the University of Pennsylvania and earned a master's degree in Middle Eastern Studies from the American University of Beirut. He is a doctoral candidate in the Department of War Studies at King's College London and founder of the counterinsurgency blog [Abu Muqawama](#).

For his talk, Exum will discuss what has taken place in Afghanistan since President Obama took office and what to expect from 2011, when U.S. forces are scheduled to begin a transition, to 2014, when that transition is expected to be completed. He will examine how we will be able to tell if the current military strategy is either succeeding or failing.



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