On the cover: The Netherlands has a requirement for a force of modern LPD (Landing Platform Dock) ships in response to the deep restructuring process of their Armed Forces and to provide an amphibious lift and C2 capability in support of joined/combined or multinational operations. The latter comes to fruition with the commissioning of the latest asset, the Joint Support Ship (JSS) Zr.Ms. “Karel Doorman” (L 833), on 24 April 2015, with the Royal Netherlands Navy now sharing the use of the 28,000 tons ship with the Germany Navy. The delivery of the JSS to the naval service was on risk following the Ministry of Defence’s (MoD) intent in October 2013 to reverse the procurement of the ship due to a number of austerity-driven budget cuts that The Hague announced during the second half of 2013. Note her I-Mast 400 integrated mast provided by THALES Nederland, housing all of her main radar and infrared/electro-optical sensors. (Photo: Courtesy of Royal Netherlands Navy)