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19 June, Wednesday - Distinguished Speaker Dr Garry Heard, Leader, Underwater Surveillance and Communications, Defence R & D Canada - Atlantic, on Defence Research & Development in the Arctic. 1130-1330. Royal Artillery Park Officers' Mess.

17 July, Wednesday - Distinguished Speaker TBA, speaking on Defence procurement from the industry perspective. 1130-1330. Royal Artillery Park Officers' Mess.

21 August, Wednesday - Distinguished Speaker TBA. 1130-1330. Royal Artillery Park Officers' Mess.

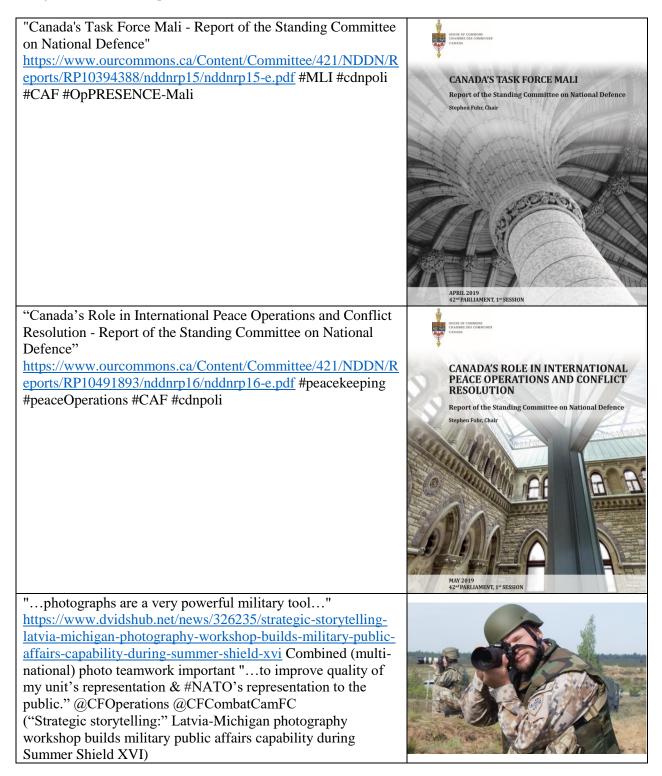
18 September, Wednesday - Distinguished Speaker TBA. 1130-1330. Royal Artillery Park Officers' Mess.

Publications:

RUSI(NS) Information Note "Defence Project 'Quad Charts'," 5 June 2019 <u>https://rusi-ns.ca/defence-project-quad-charts/</u>

The Military Institute of Windsor Communiqué, Volume XXXVII, Number 6, June 2019 is available on request to <u>RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com</u>.

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http://shipfax.blogspot.com/2019/06/fine-print-and-shoes.html "CAN actually needs two (large) polar icebreakers" What is national icebreaker fleet requirement? And, hmm, will CCGS John G Diefenbaker retain name? #CCG @CoastGuardCAN see also: Ottawa 'explores options' to build Canada's polar icebreaker http://www.rcinet.ca/en/2019/06/10/davie-shipyard-canadapolar-icebreaker/ Royal Canadian Navy @RoyalCanNavy 16 Mar tweeted: Here are members of the Naval Tactical Operations Group in action! Recently deployed to Tunisia, they provided maritime boarding operational training to the Tunisian Armed Forces during #OpEDIFICE #ReadytoLead #ReadyAyeReady #CAF RUSI(NS) retweeted: Operation EDIFICE-Tunisia = annually @CanadianForces deploys team of #RCNavy Naval Tactical Operations Group to train with Tunisian Navy in maritime boarding ops (shooting, boarding techniques, medical trg, fitness trg) https://www.canada.ca/en/department-nationaldefence/services/operations/military-operations/currentoperations/operation-edifice.html #NavalDiplomacy in action **#OpEDIFICE** (Ed: this tweet is dated due to timings with info from NDHQ. But, hey, it's been an active spring there...)

Posted on Facebook Royal United Services Institute NS with comments:

De-Platforming and the Online Extremist's Dilemma <u>https://www.lawfareblog.com/de-platforming-and-online-</u> <u>extremists-dilemma</u>

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#...the goal of marginalization is to force extremists into the online extremist's dilemma between broadbased messaging and internal security."

"Those tasked with online counterterrorism must ask whether the benefits that extremists gain from using a particular online platform outweigh the potential negative effects of de-platforming." "De-platforming" = use of a combination of automated detection and human review by mainstream social media platforms to identify and remove extremist accounts and content from their sites.

"The employment of online counterterrorism policies based on the principles of marginalization can complement takedown efforts and keep extremist narratives on the periphery by denying them virality, reach and impact, and by compelling supporters of terrorist groups to make difficult choices about the online extremist's dilemma."

'Crazy' to let Huawei control Canada's 5G network, Rogers Communications vice-chairman Philip Lind says, calling for ban

https://www.scmp.com/news/china/article/3012525/crazy-lethuawei-control-canadas-5g-rogers-communications-vicechairman



On the 5G and Huawei controversy one rarely hears from the service providers. This is changing and the views are often opposed.

Normally when one hears from industry the argument is that a Huawei ban will inevitably raise consumer costs and that security concerns are overblown. However, Rogers' vice- chairman supports a 5G ban for Huawei believing it will be controlled by the Chinese government. Unlike other communications providers, Rogers also expects no additional costs from such a ban because it has partnered with Ericsson for its 5G work. Other providers such as Telus do use Huawei and oppose its banning, suggesting costs, not security, are the dominant consideration.

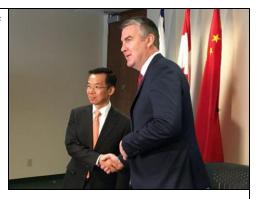
Telus says ban on Huawei over national security concerns could set back 5G network plan <u>https://globalnews.ca/news/4961217/telus-huawei-national-security/</u> By David Paddon the Canadian Press, 18 Feb. 2019.

Earlier, Telus had specifically stated it did not see Huawei as a big security threat despite the quite opposite view of former Canadian security officials such as Richard Fadden, former National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister. The above article also makes clear Telus had enjoyed rising annual profits reaching \$3.7 billion for the fourth quarter of 2018 suggesting it is entirely capable of supporting the self-described "incremental" costs of a Huawei ban.

How 5G network builders are competing with Huawei in Asia Network builders say sales are not just about cost <u>https://www.zdnet.com/article/how-5g-network-builders-are-competing-with-huawei-in-asia/</u> Andrew Silver, ZD Net, 3 June 2019.

This article sheds further doubt on the claimed inevitability or irreplaceable nature of Huawei. In Asia, where one would expect to see Huawei dominate completely, it has only inked 40 sales for 5G, while Nokia has claimed 38 and Ericsson 18. Later reports now have Nokia ahead: Nokia surpasses Huawei, Ericsson 5G contracts globally <u>https://mobilesyrup.com/2019/06/04/nokia-surpasses-huawei-ericsson-5g-contracts-globally/</u> Shruti Shekar , Mobile Syrup, 4 Jun 2019. Despite Freeland's pleas, N.S. premier declines to press Chinese ambassador on Canadian detainees

https://nationalpost.com/news/politics/despite-freelands-pleasnova-scotia-premier-declines-to-press-chinese-ambassador-oncanadian-detainees



Canada's allies do not include Nova Scotia June 2019

Canadian-Chinese relations have continued to deteriorate since the Meng Wanzhou extradition arrest. Canadian canola shipments are restricted and the same may be occurring with our pork exports to China. A Canadian drug trafficker has had his sentence increased to the ultimate penalty. Most importantly, Mr Kovrig and Mr Spavor remain in Chinese detention. Up to this point it is probably safe to say Canada was relying on the US to advance the latter's case as it negotiated the US-Chinese trade agreement. Now that that agreement is in peril, one suspects that Canada's possibly best chance of getting Kovrig and Spavor back has diminished dramatically. In fact, recent comments by the Prime Minister, Foreign Minister and Defence Minister have taken a harsher tone with regard to China, covering everything from Tiananmen Square to the Chinese imprisonment of the Uighurs. The Prime Minister are also made clear that we were reaching out to our allies, and Australia, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Spain, the United Kingdom, the United States, the EU, the G7 and NATO have given us support. Barring a major escalation with China that could involve Canadian-applied sanctions, the expelling of Chinese diplomats and spies, and taking our trade concerns to the World Trade Organization, this international outreach to our allies has probably been our best option. That it is likely effective can be judged by China's outrage over our doing so. So now we come to the Nova Scotian response.

Despite a most direct request from the Foreign Minister's office, Premier McNeil declined to raise the issue of our kidnapped citizens during the Chinese ambassador's visit to Halifax. In fact, the Chinese Ambassador indicated that McNeil is a 'great friend,' and Nova Scotia is at the forefront of co-operation between China and Canadian provinces. Praise from this diplo-thug is no honour and by prioritizing economic interests over human rights Nova Scotia is precisely following China's increasingly successful script.

Create an Unmanned Experimental Squadron and Learning System

http://cimsec.org/create-an-unmanned-experimental-squadronand-learning-system/40300



"...a dedicated experimental squadron hosting the whole family of unmanned vehicles should put the most promising tactics into action in live, challenging, objective-based exercises with the results fed back to restart the loop. Only the best ideas will survive these trials and deliver on the full promise of unmanned systems to tomorrow's fleet."

Tanker ban bill: What it means, who is for and against it, and what's next

https://globalnews.ca/news/5365808/tanker-ban-bill-questions/



The area of the ban is not one naval replenishment oilers would normally sail, and the 12,500 tonnes of cargo fuel limit is likely more than the Berlin-class-derived JSS will carry. But one wonders whether the ban could apply to the Protecteur-class or whether then is an exemption for the Navy in the legislation.

The Leopard changes (some) of its spots

https://canadianarmytoday.com/the-leopard-changes-some-ofits-spots/



Difficult to figure how many MBT, ARV and AEV the Canadian Army actually has. The Army's official site (<u>http://www.army-armee.forces.gc.ca/en/vehicles/leopard-2a4-tank.page</u>) does not list numbers. Wikipedia (<u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_equipment_of_the_Canadian_Army</u>) is dated. Any reader willing to take a crack at the matter?

Canada puts premium on fighter jets' ability to conduct attacks on foreign soil

https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-canada-putspremium-on-fighter-jets-ability-to-conduct-attacks-on/



What are the stated mission requirements for the RCAF fighter force? Is it defence of Canada or expeditionary operations? An interesting question....

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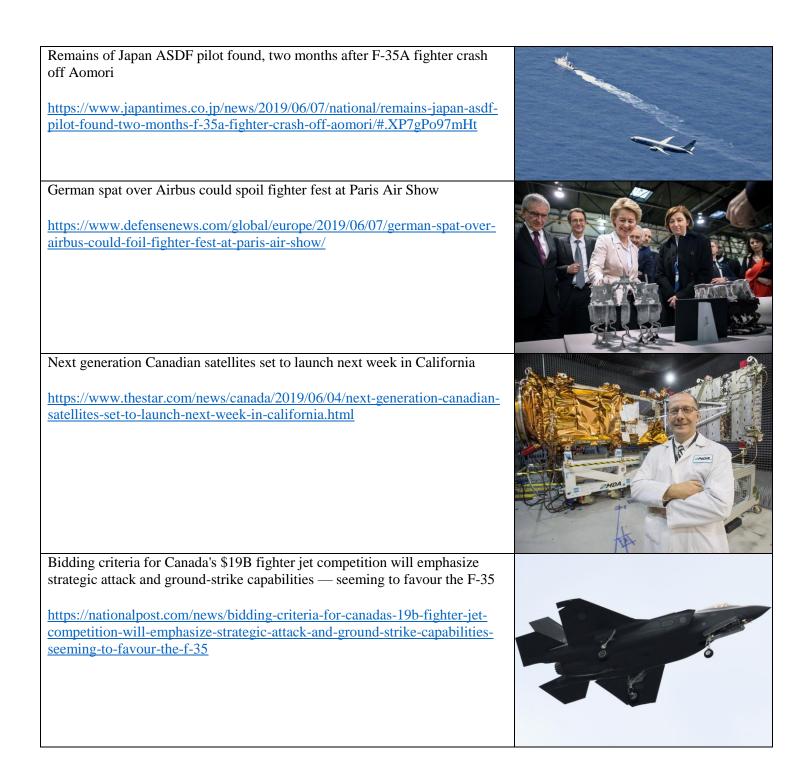
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The Leopard changes (some) of its spots

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Difficult to figure how many MBT, ARV and AEV the Canadian Army actually has. The Army's official site (<u>http://www.army-armee.forces.gc.ca/en/vehicles/leopard-2a4-tank.page</u>) does not list numbers. Wikipedia (<u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_equipment_of_the_Canadian_Army</u>) is dated. Any reader willing to take a crack at the matter?

#artificial intelligence

China's Quest for an AI Revolution in Warfare <u>https://thestrategybridge.org/the-bridge/2017/6/8/-chinas-quest-for-an-ai-revolution-in-warfare</u>

#artillery

China's Norinco Develops Artillery Guns to Combat Wild Fires <u>https://www.defenseworld.net/news/24561/China s Norinco Develops Artillery Guns to Combat Wil</u> <u>d_Fires#</u> A bit different...

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Most cyber attacks from the US: report <u>http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1153777.shtml</u> Phase 0: the other guy's attacking me!

#drones

Autonomous Vehicles in Support of Naval Operations <u>https://www.nap.edu/catalog/11379/autonomous-vehicles-in-support-of-naval-operations</u> This pub got highlighted this week though it is some years old. If someone wants a copy and is unwilling to register with the National Academies, email <u>RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com</u> for a copy.

'Optionally manned' robotic gun is Army's latest step toward autonomous weapons https://www.zdnet.com/article/optionally-manned-robotic-gun-is-armys-latest-autonomous-weapon/

Report to Congress on Navy Large Unmanned Surface and Undersea Vehicles <u>https://news.usni.org/2019/06/11/report-to-congress-on-navy-large-unmanned-surface-and-undersea-vehicles</u>

#financial crime

A Civil Approach to Tackling Criminal Finances <u>https://rusi.org/event/paper-launch-civil-approach-tackling-criminal-finances</u> Related to 'finwar.'

#future fighter

No More F-35: Why a 6th Generation Fighter Will Be Everything https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/no-more-f-35-why-6th-generation-fighter-will-be-everything-62122

#information operations

Twitterbots: Anatomy of a Propaganda Campaign https://www.symantec.com/blogs/threat-intelligence/twitterbots-propaganda-disinformation

YouTube's Bad Week and the Limitations of Laboratories of Online Governance <u>https://www.lawfareblog.com/youtubes-bad-week-and-limitations-laboratories-online-governance</u> Thoughts for any online presence.

How the RCMP Dealt With the Media During a Suspected Terror Attack <u>https://www.vice.com/en_ca/article/nea97d/how-the-rcmp-dealt-with-the-media-during-a-suspected-terror-attack</u>

#mobilization #logistics #3D printing #information operations

Mobilisation in the Information Technology Era https://logisticsinwar.com/2019/06/09/mobilisation-in-the-information-technology-era/

#national security

Canadian National Security: News on Mali and the Norman Affair https://www.lawfareblog.com/canadian-national-security-news-mali-and-norman-affair

#NATO

Strategy through Partnership Is Key to NATO's Future <u>https://www.geopoliticalmonitor.com/strategy-through-partnership-is-key-to-natos-future/</u>

#RCAF

Opération TALENT, pour répondre au problème de pénurie de personnel à l'ARC

#urban operations

The Inescapable Truths of Urban Warfare: Five Lessons from Basra 2007 <u>https://mwi.usma.edu/inescapable-truths-urban-warfare-five-lessons-basra-2007/</u>

#veterans

Veterans Ombudsman Releases 2019 Report Card https://www.ombudsman-veterans.gc.ca/eng/media/news-releases/post/59

Notes for Remarks by Craig Dalton Veterans Ombudsman to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs (ACVA) on 2019 Report Card and Future Priorities <u>https://www.ombudsman-veterans.gc.ca/eng/media/speeches/post/29</u>

#warfare Asymmetric Warfare: Redefining Standard Terms <u>https://www.domesticpreparedness.com/resilience/asymmetric-warfare--redefining-standard-terms/</u>

Other:

U.S. Army War College Library **Periodical Articles for Current Awareness** June 2019 https://www.armywarcollege.edu/library/bibs/2019PACJUN.PDF

From a RUSI(NS) member on Facebook

(https://www.facebook.com/marcel.boudreau.92/posts/10157028946495937): Just got a quick peek of our PLF Crest at the end of the Mackay Bridge - Halifax side by Brandon MacKinnon of the HDBC. This will be in place until end September 2019.

