



## Royal United Services Institute of Nova Scotia

### Dispatches

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#### Events:

Invitations for Remembrance Dinner 6 November have been sent out. Please RSVP soon if you intend to attend. Maximum attendance has almost been attained. Evening, Royal Artillery Park Officers' Mess.

To list an event in *Dispatches*, email the CIO by noon Thursday. RUSI(NS) events are by invitation only. If you are interested in attending and have not been invited, email [RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com](mailto:RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com). RUSI(NS) events may be cancelled at short notice – email RUSI(NS) if there is a question of an event occurring.

**23 October**, Wednesday - 50th Commemoration of HMCS *Kootenay* Tragedy. 10:30 am. Bonaventure Memorial, Point Pleasant Park, Halifax. See: <https://hmcskootenay1969.shutterfly.com/>

**24 October**, Thursday, and **9 November**, Saturday - Library and Archives Canada Halifax office workshops "In the Trenches: Digitized First World War Records." "This introductory workshop teaches participants how to access Canadian Expeditionary Force service files online, identify an individual's military unit, and consult various digitized resources such as war diaries to learn the context of a person's military service. Laptops will be provided to complete search exercises. Please register as space is limited. To register, please contact the Library and Archives Canada Halifax office by email at [bac.halifax.lac@canada.ca](mailto:bac.halifax.lac@canada.ca) or by phone at 902-426-4031.

The workshop will be presented at Halifax Public Libraries. Choose to attend the workshop either at:

24 October, 6:30 to 8:00 pm, Alderney Gate Public Library, Helen Creighton Room, 2nd floor. Link to Halifax Public Libraries event notice:  
<https://halifax.bibliocommons.com/events/search/q=in%20the%20trenches/event/5d24dcf71db409df48848775>

9 November, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm, Central Library, RBC Learning Centre, 3rd floor. Link to Halifax Public Libraries event notice:  
<https://halifax.bibliocommons.com/events/search/q=in%20the%20trenches/event/5d8bac7943b0052300e00d5a>”

**25 October**, Friday - Dalhousie University Schulich School of Law Marine & Environmental Law Institute speaker Yngvil Erichsen, University of Bergen, on “Polar Shipping.” Noon to 1 pm. Room 312, Faculty Lounge. For information see: [https://www.dal.ca/faculty/law/news-events/events/2019/10/25/marine\\_environmental\\_law\\_fall\\_speaker\\_series\\_polar\\_shipping.html](https://www.dal.ca/faculty/law/news-events/events/2019/10/25/marine_environmental_law_fall_speaker_series_polar_shipping.html)

**4 November**, Monday – Dalhousie University Centre for the Study of Security and Development presentation “Obama’s foreign policy legacy.” 5:30 to 7 pm. Games Room, Dalhousie University Club. See: [https://www.dal.ca/sites/cssd/news-events/events-calendar/2019/11/04/roundtable\\_on\\_obama\\_s\\_foreign\\_policy\\_legacy.html](https://www.dal.ca/sites/cssd/news-events/events-calendar/2019/11/04/roundtable_on_obama_s_foreign_policy_legacy.html) for more information.

**5 November**, Tuesday - Evenings @ Government House presentation by Leo Deveau "The Princess Louise Fusiliers: 150 Years of Service and Sacrifice" to mark the 150th anniversary of this renowned Halifax based infantry regiment. 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm). Government House, 1451 Barrington Street, Halifax. Registration: call 902-424-7001 or online <https://lt.gov.ns.ca/>.

**6 November**, Wednesday - Remembrance Dinner. Evening. Royal Artillery Park Officers' Mess.

**11 November**, Monday - Remembrance Day Parade. Forenoon. Royal Artillery Park.

**20 November**, Wednesday - Distinguished Speaker Craig Dalton, Veterans Ombudsman, about veterans affairs. 1130-1330. Royal Artillery Park Officers' Mess.

**5 May 2020** - commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands. Contact Peter Stoffer or email [RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com](mailto:RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com) for information.

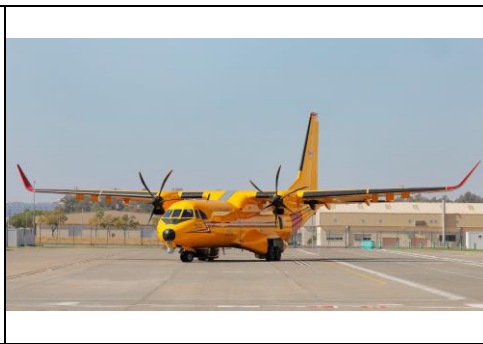
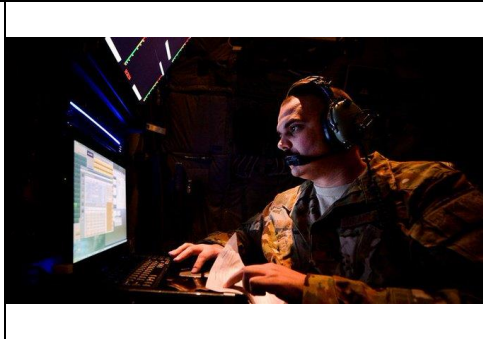


#### **Recent Publications:**

RUSI(NS) Paper "Recruiting and Retention in the Canadian Armed Forces" <https://rusi-ns.ca/recruiting-and-retention-in-the-canadian-armed-forces/>, 7 October 2019

The United Services Institute of Nanaimo and North Island (USINNI) Newsletter Vol 27 No 10 October 2019 is available on request to [RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com](mailto:RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com).

The Military Institute of Windsor Communiqué, Volume XXXVII Number 9 October 2019 is available on request to [RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com](mailto:RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com).

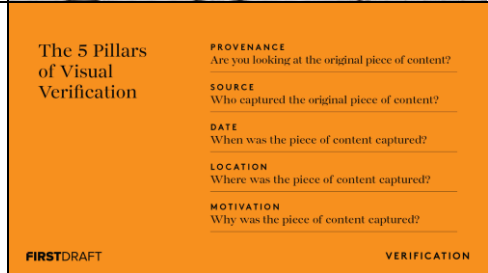
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<p>1st #RCAF #CC295 fixed-wing search &amp; rescue #FWSAR a/c shows off its final 'livery,' distinctive #SAR yellow <a href="https://www.airbus.com/newsroom/press-releases/en/2019/10/first-royal-canadian-air-force-c295-shows-off-its-final-livery.html">https://www.airbus.com/newsroom/press-releases/en/2019/10/first-royal-canadian-air-force-c295-shows-off-its-final-livery.html</a> A/C name to be announced (First Royal Canadian Air Force C295 shows off its final livery) <i>Lots of nice pix of the 'aeronuts.'</i> More at: Canada's first C295 approaches delivery <a href="https://www.shephardmedia.com/news/mil-log/canadas-first-c295-approaches-delivery/">https://www.shephardmedia.com/news/mil-log/canadas-first-c295-approaches-delivery/</a></p>	
<p>STRATCOMCOE @STRATCOMCOE 14 Oct tweeted and RUSI(NS) retweeted: "Just as "likes" activate areas of the brain associated with desire, conspiracy theories and false news about other races, other religions, and other opinions activate fears in susceptible audiences" Read more: What's Not To Like? Social Media As Information Operations Force Multiplier – Analysis <a href="https://www.eurasiareview.com/13102019-whats-not-to-like-social-media-as-information-operations-force-multiplier-analysis/">https://www.eurasiareview.com/13102019-whats-not-to-like-social-media-as-information-operations-force-multiplier-analysis/</a></p>	
<p>STRATCOMCOE @STRATCOMCOE 14 Oct tweeted and RUSI(NS) retweeted: "To what extent does false information actually matter politically? Who is exposed to it, where, and to what effect?" Read more about the research gaps in studying disinformation @NiemanLab (Focus here, not there: These are the gaps in political misinformation research <a href="https://www.niemanlab.org/2019/10/focus-here-not-there-these-are-the-gaps-in-political-misinformation-research/">https://www.niemanlab.org/2019/10/focus-here-not-there-these-are-the-gaps-in-political-misinformation-research/</a>)</p>	
<p>STRATCOMCOE @STRATCOMCOE 15 Oct tweeted and RUSI(NS) retweeted: "The Art of War is not just a military master class. It is a lesson in strategic communication." A reexamination of Sun Tzu's war: (Water rabbits and logs: The nature of Sun Tzu's war, reexamined <a href="https://supchina.com/2019/10/08/water-rabbits-and-logs-the-nature-of-sun-tzus-war-reexamined/">https://supchina.com/2019/10/08/water-rabbits-and-logs-the-nature-of-sun-tzus-war-reexamined/</a>)</p>	

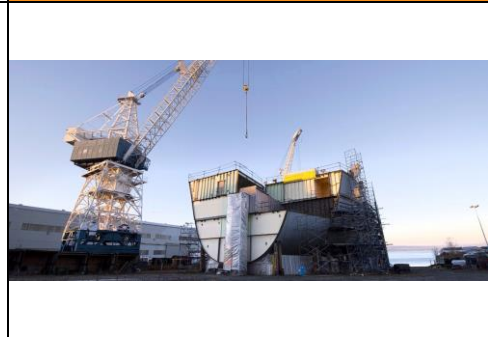
STRATCOMCOE @STRATCOMCOE 16 Oct tweeted and RUSI(NS) retweeted:  
 "There's also potential for these technologies to work hand-in-hand with national campaigns to develop levels of media literacy required to consistently discern the "fake" in fake news." Read more:  
 (New Tech Aims to Help Societies Learn to Spot Fake News <https://www.defenseone.com/ideas/2019/10/new-technologies-look-highlight-objectively-fake-news/160587/>)



STRATCOMCOE @STRATCOMCOE 16 Oct tweeted and RUSI(NS) retweeted: "Verification of online content can be intimidating, but it is not difficult." Check out @firstdraftnews's guide of essentials to verifying online info:  
<https://firstdraftnews.org/verifying-online-information-the-absolute-essentials/>



Canadian Global Affairs Institute @CAGlobalAffairs 17 Oct tweeted and RUSI(NS) retweeted: Does the addition of a third shipyard to the #NationalShipbuildingStrategy signal the demise of the strategy? Read Craig Stone's new policy perspective where he grapples with a lack of information on recent NSS developments and looks to its future:  
 (The Demise of the National Shipbuilding Strategy: Is it Inevitable?  
[https://www.cgai.ca/the\\_demise\\_of\\_the\\_national\\_shipbuilding\\_strategy\\_is\\_it\\_inevitable](https://www.cgai.ca/the_demise_of_the_national_shipbuilding_strategy_is_it_inevitable))



**Posted on Facebook Royal United Services Institute NS with comments:**

Analysis: Bloc Québécois push for more shipbuilding contracts for Davie, cancellation of AOPS  
<https://ottawacitizen.com/news/national/defence-watch/bloc-quebecois-push-for-more-shipbuilding-contracts-for-quebec-cancellation-of-aops>



Politicizing defence procurement. This is what has, and if left unchecked will mess up equipping our Forces properly.

For Xi Jinping, the biggest danger to the Communist Party is itself

<https://www.scmp.com/week-asia/opinion/article/3032542/xi-jinping-biggest-danger-communist-party-itself>



The article “For Xi Jinping, the biggest danger to the Communist Party is itself”, written by Wang Xiangwei on 12 October 2019, makes an interesting read and worthy of thought. As Xi has gained further power by closing down avenues for participation by members of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) by way of his self-serving “corruption campaign” to eliminate rivals, he also has caused the party to atrophy, which has far reaching effects.

At 70, the CCP sees itself at a critical phase where although party membership is high, its action or inaction could cause a rapid demise of the system as happened in the former USSR at age 69. The Party itself is part of the problem...but so is Xi and his overall incompetence in dealing with virtually all facets of Chinese growth. There will be a party plenum sometime this month. Dates have not been announced. Quite surprisingly though, some major changes are usually the outcome, such as Deng’s move to a semi-market economy in the late 1980s.

China is beset with major problems. It is in low-level conflict with all its neighbours, it is in a major trade war with the US, its economy is slowing, over 40% of the population is still in poverty, it has a massive real estate bubble, its lack of rule of law that protect outside investment continues to hamper growth, and not to mention its handling of Hong Kong and Taiwan. China is in fact a mess with little hope of achieving its longer term goals as more countries view Chinese actions as self-serving.

This author suggests that real “rule of law” should be the next step, something that is unlikely to happen in real terms. This month will likely see a “solution” of sorts for Hong Kong, some move on trade talks with the US and an outcome for the Party Plenum that will be worth studying. Certainly, there will be issues of consequence in the near future.

Tsai pledges to defend Taiwan, calls Beijing's 'one country, two systems' a failure

<https://www.taiwannews.com.tw/en/news/3793349>



This week marks the 108<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Republic of China (ROC) on 10 October 2019 or “10-10 day.” President Tsai of Taiwan (ROC) gave a ten-minute speech in which she stated that Taiwan would defend itself but would not provoke China. She clearly however, expressed the view that China’s actions in Hong Kong proves that the one country, two systems is an abject failure. In her speech she also comments on Hong Kong; it is now into the fifth month of demonstrations and the economy and tourism have suffered to the point that Asian press sources wonder whether Hong Kong will ever recover its place as an international business centre. China’s actions have consisted mainly of threats and ham-fisted actions in Hong Kong. There is little doubt that President Xi’s ongoing program of increasing control is forcing an overall decent into reactionary times in China overall. Any action

against Hong Kong will result in international actions against China potentially closing China's access to international investment opportunities. Given China's increasing debt load coupled with the massive bubble in Chinese real estate a misstep would cause a major problem in the Chinese economy as international investment would likely dry up.

The Canadian Government elected on 21 Oct 19 must look at its relationship with China and Taiwan in a new light especially given China's actions against Canadian citizens in China. Keep in mind as well, that there are over 300,000 Canadian citizens in Hong Kong, most with dual citizenship. China does not respect dual citizenship and therefore there are potentially tens of thousands of Canadians at risk. Does Canada have a plan to evacuate Canadian citizens? China is a totalitarian regime and Taiwan is a liberal democracy; it is something worth considering whom we have more in common. Does any Canadian Government want to be seen to embolden a totalitarian regime by offering up a liberal democracy? Can we say Czechoslovakia in 1938? I sincerely hope that any future Canadian Government will act in an ethical and moral way even if it hurts economically. China under the Chinese Communist Party is not a friend.

Chess master Garry Kasparov: Russia's tech threat is 'tactical,' China's 'strategic'

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/10/14/garry-kasparov-russias-tech-threat-is-tactical-chinas-strategic.html>



The RUSI(NS) Distinguished Speaker for 16 October 2019, Adam MacDonald, with his talk entitled "China-Russia Cooperation in the Arctic: A Cause for Concern for the West?" precisely matched Garry Kasparov's recent situation analysis.






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This Week

<https://mailchi.mp/usi.org/thisweek-11-october?e=a539211a30>



<p>European-built fighter aircraft: did they ever stand a chance in Canada's competition?</p> <p><a href="https://ottawacitizen.com/news/national/defence-watch/european-built-fighter-aircraft-did-they-ever-stand-a-chance-in-canadas-competition">https://ottawacitizen.com/news/national/defence-watch/european-built-fighter-aircraft-did-they-ever-stand-a-chance-in-canadas-competition</a></p>	
<p>Belt and Road Tests China's Image in Pakistan</p> <p><a href="https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/10/10/belt-and-road-tests-china-image-pakistan-imran-khan-xi-jinping-diplomacy-special-relationship/?utm_source=PostUp&amp;utm_medium=email&amp;utm_campaign=15556&amp;utm_term=Editor#39;s%20Picks%20OC">https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/10/10/belt-and-road-tests-china-image-pakistan-imran-khan-xi-jinping-diplomacy-special-relationship/?utm_source=PostUp&amp;utm_medium=email&amp;utm_campaign=15556&amp;utm_term=Editor#39;s%20Picks%20OC</a></p>	
<p>On North Korea, the Chickens Are Coming Home to Roost</p> <p><a href="https://www.defenseone.com/ideas/2019/10/north-korea-chickens-are-coming-home-roost/160521/?oref=defenseone%20today%20nl">https://www.defenseone.com/ideas/2019/10/north-korea-chickens-are-coming-home-roost/160521/?oref=defenseone today nl</a></p>	
<p>Iranian oil tanker hit by two missiles near Saudi port: state news</p> <p><a href="https://www.cnn.com/2019/10/11/middleeast/iran-oil-tanker-red-sea-intl-hnk/index.html?utm_source=Sailthru&amp;utm_medium=email&amp;utm_campaign=EBB%2010.11.19&amp;utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief">https://www.cnn.com/2019/10/11/middleeast/iran-oil-tanker-red-sea-intl-hnk/index.html?utm_source=Sailthru&amp;utm_medium=email&amp;utm_campaign=EBB%2010.11.19&amp;utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief</a></p>	
<p>Russia Is Gearing Up for a Conflict With the United States in the Caribbean</p> <p><a href="https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/10/09/russias-putin-venezuela-evade-oil-sanctions-preparing-conflict-united-states/?utm_source=PostUp&amp;utm_medium=email&amp;utm_campaign=15398&amp;utm_term=Flashpoints%20OC">https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/10/09/russias-putin-venezuela-evade-oil-sanctions-preparing-conflict-united-states/?utm_source=PostUp&amp;utm_medium=email&amp;utm_campaign=15398&amp;utm_term=Flashpoints%20OC</a></p>	

Russia's Naval Targets and Current Capabilities

<https://www.jewishpolicycenter.org/2019/10/10/russias-naval-targets-and-current-capabilities/>



U.S. should follow Canada's lead in placing far right groups on terror list, says report

<https://ottawacitizen.com/news/national/defence-watch/us-should-follow-canadas-lead-in-placing-far-right-groups-on-terror-list-says-report>



The NBA Is China's Willing Tool

[https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/10/07/us-businesses-like-the-nba-are-chinas-willing-tools/?utm\\_source=PostUp&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=15426&utm\\_term=Editor%27s%20Picks%20OC](https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/10/07/us-businesses-like-the-nba-are-chinas-willing-tools/?utm_source=PostUp&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=15426&utm_term=Editor%27s%20Picks%20OC)



COMMENTARY: Canada needs to plan ways to meet China's military challenge

<https://www.msn.com/en-ca/news/politics/commentary-canada-needs-to-plan-ways-to-meet-chinas-military-challenge/ar-AAIIfL1?ocid=se>



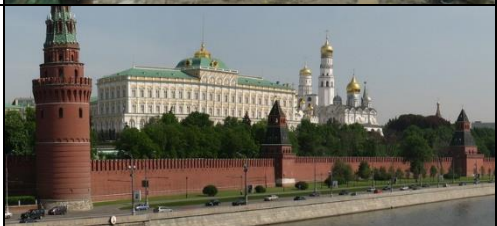










Norway's F-35s have a problem with a unique piece of gear

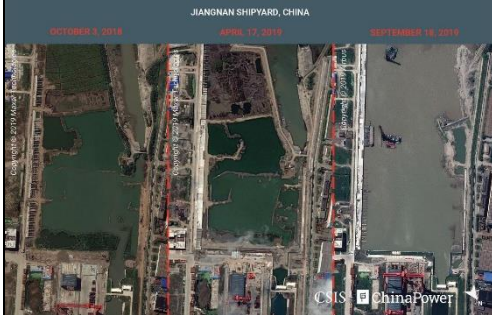




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<p>Why Is Turkey in NATO Anyway?</p> <p><a href="https://www.defenseone.com/ideas/2019/10/why-turkey-nato-anyway/160563/?oref=defenseone_today_nl">https://www.defenseone.com/ideas/2019/10/why-turkey-nato-anyway/160563/?oref=defenseone_today_nl</a></p>	
<p>BRAUN: Giving thanks to Canadian peacekeepers' efforts in South Sudan</p> <p><a href="https://www.recorder.ca/news/local-news/braun-giving-thanks-to-canadian-peacekeepers-efforts-in-south-sudan/wcm/0026fc40-b87e-4416-857f-6f20096d61f0">https://www.recorder.ca/news/local-news/braun-giving-thanks-to-canadian-peacekeepers-efforts-in-south-sudan/wcm/0026fc40-b87e-4416-857f-6f20096d61f0</a></p>	
<p>To Fight Disinformation, Rethink Counterintelligence</p> <p><a href="https://www.defenseone.com/ideas/2019/10/fight-disinformation-rethink-counterintelligence/160582/?oref=defenseone_today_nl">https://www.defenseone.com/ideas/2019/10/fight-disinformation-rethink-counterintelligence/160582/?oref=defenseone_today_nl</a></p>	
<p>Russia slates drills for nuclear forces</p> <p><a href="https://www.navytimes.com/news/your-navy/2019/10/14/russia-slates-drills-for-nuclear-forces/?utm_source=Sailthru&amp;utm_medium=email&amp;utm_campaign=EBB%2010.15.19&amp;utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief">https://www.navytimes.com/news/your-navy/2019/10/14/russia-slates-drills-for-nuclear-forces/?utm_source=Sailthru&amp;utm_medium=email&amp;utm_campaign=EBB%2010.15.19&amp;utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief</a></p>	
<p>From air policing to air defense: Lithuania urges new tack in NATO's Baltic mission</p> <p><a href="https://www.defensenews.com/global/europe/2019/10/14/from-air-policing-to-air-defense-lithuania-urges-new-tack-in-natos-baltic-mission/?utm_source=Sailthru&amp;utm_medium=email&amp;utm_campaign=EBB%2010.15.19&amp;utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief">https://www.defensenews.com/global/europe/2019/10/14/from-air-policing-to-air-defense-lithuania-urges-new-tack-in-natos-baltic-mission/?utm_source=Sailthru&amp;utm_medium=email&amp;utm_campaign=EBB%2010.15.19&amp;utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief</a></p>	
<p>The US Is Leaving Syria. Russia Is Moving In.</p> <p><a href="https://www.defenseone.com/threats/2019/10/us-leaving-syria-russia-moving/160594/?oref=defense_one_breaking_nl">https://www.defenseone.com/threats/2019/10/us-leaving-syria-russia-moving/160594/?oref=defense_one_breaking_nl</a></p>	

<p>Canada suspends new export permits to Turkey amid Syrian military operation</p> <p><a href="https://globalnews.ca/news/6032667/canada-turkey-export-permits/">https://globalnews.ca/news/6032667/canada-turkey-export-permits/</a></p>	
<p>Russia's Putin seeks to enhance ties to US-allied UAE</p> <p><a href="https://www.militarytimes.com/flashpoints/2019/10/15/russias-putin-seeks-to-enhance-ties-to-us-allied-uae/?utm_source=Sailthru&amp;utm_medium=email&amp;utm_campaign=EBB%2010.16.19&amp;utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief">https://www.militarytimes.com/flashpoints/2019/10/15/russias-putin-seeks-to-enhance-ties-to-us-allied-uae/?utm_source=Sailthru&amp;utm_medium=email&amp;utm_campaign=EBB%2010.16.19&amp;utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief</a></p>	
<p>Snowbirds aerobatic team grounded "as long as needed" as RCAF investigates crash</p> <p><a href="https://ottawacitizen.com/news/national/defence-watch/snowbirds-aerobatic-team-grounded-as-long-as-needed-as-rcaf-investigates-crash">https://ottawacitizen.com/news/national/defence-watch/snowbirds-aerobatic-team-grounded-as-long-as-needed-as-rcaf-investigates-crash</a></p>	
<p>China Has Begun to Shape and Manage the US, Not the Other Way Around</p> <p><a href="https://www.defenseone.com/ideas/2019/10/china-has-begun-shape-and-manage-us-not-other-way-around/160646/?oref=defenseone_today_nl">https://www.defenseone.com/ideas/2019/10/china-has-begun-shape-and-manage-us-not-other-way-around/160646/?oref=defenseone_today_nl</a></p>	
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<p>Conservatives promise to 'protect' defence spending from deficit battle</p> <p><a href="https://www.msn.com/en-ca/news/elections/conservatives-promise-to-protect-defence-spending-from-deficit-battle/ar-AAIV5fu?ocid=se">https://www.msn.com/en-ca/news/elections/conservatives-promise-to-protect-defence-spending-from-deficit-battle/ar-AAIV5fu?ocid=se</a></p>	
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<p>Heron and MQ-9 drones approved for Canadian military program</p> <p><a href="https://ottawacitizen.com/news/national/defence-watch/heron-and-mq-9-drones-approved-for-canadian-military-program">https://ottawacitizen.com/news/national/defence-watch/heron-and-mq-9-drones-approved-for-canadian-military-program</a></p>	

**Other Sources:** Recommendations for ‘themes’ (e.g., #drones) to list in this section are welcome.

**#Arctic**

The polar voyage being threatened by thin ice

<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20191004-largest-arctic-expedition-in-history-going-the-north-pole>

## **#culture**

In Defence of Crow Culture

<https://wavellroom.com/2019/06/11/in-defence-of-crow-culture/>

Crow = Combat Recruit Of War. UK culture - interesting (culture always should be. "Culture eats strategy for breakfast.")

## **#drones**

Airports and Unmanned Aircraft Systems, Volume 1: Managing and Engaging Stakeholders on UAS in the Vicinity of Airports

<https://www.nap.edu/catalog/25599/airports-and-unmanned-aircraft-systems-volume-1-managing-and-engaging-stakeholders-on-uas-in-the-vicinity-of-airports>

The Drunken Predator Speaks

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/drunken-predator-speaks>

## **#families**

Here's why the (US) Army is changing its family readiness groups

<https://www.militarytimes.com/pay-benefits/2019/10/15/heres-why-the-army-is-changing-its-family-readiness-groups/>

Recalling the October 2018 talk to us about the Halifax and Region Military Family Resource Centre by Shelley Hopkins, Executive Director of the MFRC.

## **#grand strategy**

Rethinking New Zealand's Grand Strategy

<https://www.geopoliticalmonitor.com/rethinking-new-zealands-grand-strategy/>

For comparison with Canada's grand strategy...

## **#information operations**

Responsible Reporting in an Age of Information Disorder

<https://firstdraftnews.org/how-journalists-can-responsibly-report-on-manipulated-pictures-and-video/>  
[https://firstdraftnews.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Responsible\\_Reporting\\_Digital\\_AW-1.pdf](https://firstdraftnews.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Responsible_Reporting_Digital_AW-1.pdf)

Verifying online information: The absolute essentials

<https://firstdraftnews.org/verifying-online-information-the-absolute-essentials/>  
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## **#land warfare**

Kurdish Fighters Mount Counterattack Using Network of Tunnels

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/10/15/syrian-kurdish-fighters-mount-counterattack-turkish-sdf-network-of-tunnels/>

Underground or tunnel war. A form of warfare almost as old as warfare itself.

## **#NATO**

Long read: The World's Most Successful Alliance — 70 years of freedom

<https://medium.com/voices-of-the-armed-forces/long-read-the-worlds-most-successful-alliance-70-years-of-freedom-988d2699f50c>

### **#naval engineering**

Toward New Naval Platforms: A Strategic View of the Future of Naval Engineering

<https://www.nap.edu/catalog/25601/toward-new-naval-platforms-a-strategic-view-of-the-future-of-naval-engineering>

### **#recruiting**

Eight-second attention span? The Army of the future needs you.

<https://www.armytimes.com/news/your-army/2019/10/15/eight-second-attention-span-the-army-of-the-future-needs-you>

US, but recruiting is a topic of interest in this area. Probably many places...

### **#shipbreaking**

Shipbreaking - A Dirty and Dangerous Industry

<https://www.drycargomag.com/shipbreaking-a-dirty-and-dangerous-industry>

Not the situation in Canada. Shipbreaking [subject of several RUSI(NS) writings] has been safe and relatively incident-free.

### **#veterans**

Red poppy to be used to remember civilian victims for first time (UK article)

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2019/oct/15/red-poppy-used-remember-civilian-victims-for-first-time>

Royal Canadian Legion advises this policy change has no effect in Canada.

### **Other:**

**Project 44** Update 1.2: Using war diaries of the First Canadian Army, the Project '44 team has mapped out the Normandy Campaign, creating "the most extensive geospatial historical database in the world." The team has now begun mapping the North-West Europe Campaign from September 1st, 1944 to May 5th, 1945. This second chapter, 'THE NORTH-WEST EUROPE CAMPAIGN,' will be officially launching May 2020. See: <https://www.project44.ca/>.