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RUSI(NS) also publishes a weekly *Defence & Security Newsletter*, aimed at opinion leaders and industry. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter, or want past editions, email <u>admin@duncom.ca</u>.

Membership Renewal. With early 2020 it is time for membership renewal. A notification email was sent to RUSI(NS) members and prospects. Whether you are paying dues or your dues are waived, please fill out the renewal form. Your information is important for the accuracy of our data base and therefore our operations. Please return your renewal form promptly. If you do not have the form, email RUSINOvaScotia@gmail.com.

Survey. The beginning of 2020 is also time for the annual RUSI(NS) survey. Survey Monkey is being used to manage the survey. You received a survey email in early January asking you to fill in the survey. The survey is short. Your feedback is important and wanted – please take the time to complete the survey. For those who receive RUSI(NS) emails at an @forces address and therefore would have issues with a Survey Monkey link, a separate email was sent to you. If you do not have the survey (as Survey Monkey email or separate form), email <u>RUSINOvaScotia@gmail.com</u>.

#### **Events:**

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New: **3 March**, Tuesday - Distinguished Speaker Colonel RT Strickland, Commandant Canadian Army Command and Staff College Kingston, on counter-insurgency. Evening (hours TBA, likely 1800).

Location TBD, likely Royal Artillery Park Officers' Mess or Cambridge Military Library. This is a shortnotice event to take advantage of the colonel's availability. More information will be promulgated when determined.

New: **4 March**, Wednesday - RUSI(NS) Annual General Meeting. Noon start. Royal Artillery Park Officers' Mess. This event was re-scheduled from 19 February because of snow.

**18 March**, Wednesday - Distinguished Speaker Dr Jonathan Fowler, Saint Mary's University, titled "The Historical Archaeology of Halifax's Earliest Defences." 1100-1300 (note difference from our usual timings). Royal Artillery Park Officers' Mess.

**5 April**, Wednesday - (To be confirmed) Distinguished Speaker, senior officer from RCN. 1130-1330. Royal Artillery Park Officers' Mess.

**28** April, Tuesday - Evening @ Government House presentation by Dr Marc Milner to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic. Dr Milner will present on the longest continuous naval and air campaign during the Second World War in which the RCN and RCAF played a pivotal role. See: <a href="https://lt.gov.ns.ca/news-events/evenings-government-house">https://lt.gov.ns.ca/news-events/evenings-government-house</a>.

**28** April, Tuesday - presentation by RUSI(NS) member Tom Tulloch, "The Royal Naval Burying Ground." 7 pm. Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. See: https://maritimemuseum.novascotia.ca/event/royal-naval-burying-ground-tom-tulloch.

**20 May**, Wednesday - (To be confirmed) Distinguished Speaker Chief of Halifax Regional Police Dan Kinsella, about policing in HRM. 1130-1330. Royal Artillery Park Officers' Mess.

**26 May**, Tuesday - presentation by RUSI(NS) member Tom Tulloch, "The Halifax Graving Doc." 7 pm. Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. See: https://maritimemuseum.novascotia.ca/event/halifax-graving-dock-history-tom-tulloch.

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Canadian Forces @CanadianForces 13 Feb tweeted: No, we are not having a baby Globemaster...  $\rightarrow \Box$  See the unloading of an F/A-18 that was "delivered" to Canada onboard a CC-177, back from helping with the AUS wildfire efforts RUSI(NS) retweeted: Great demonstration of strategic airlift. Part of balanced #RCAF fleet. #Airpower





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RUSI(NS) retweeted: It's good engineering & logistics	
(planning, equipping, training, exercising) that gets our	
@CanadianForces where they need to be & keeps them there	
NCI Agency @NCIAgency 15 Feb tweeted: "The release of	22
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for NATO," said the Agency's Rene Thaens on the release of	
an Invitation for Bid to develop NATO's first counter-drone	
capability. More on pages 68-70 of #NITECH Magazine.	
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(NATO Innovation and Technology magazine article	
"Countering Drones")	A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A

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U.S. military to receive new device to capture potable water from ambient arid air

https://defence-blog.com/army/u-s-military-to-receive-newdevice-to-capture-potable-water-from-ambient-arid-air.html



Once developed this could be an extremely useful capability too for humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) operations.

Telus plans rollout of 5G network using Huawei technology

https://www.cbc.ca/news/business/telus-5g-huawei-1.5462994



This is a disturbing article at best. What is more important is that we have a private company in the form of Telus that **is** now dictating Canadian security policy.

While one cannot completely blame Telus because the Federal Government has not made a decision on 5G content in a timely fashion. However, Canada has much to lose for a wrong decision. It is now very clear that the US will cut access to information and intelligence sources to any country that uses Huawei equipment. The US Congress has already introduced the necessary legislation. The British have had a rather blunt request to reconsider their decision to use Huawei equipment in any part of their system.

Canada will be even more affected as Canada plays a major part in the defence of the US. The modernization of the North Warning System, for example, is a huge project with direct impact on both Canada and the US. The US will not allow anything to affect this system and it is expected that considerable pressure will be put on Canada to ensure that the defence of the US will continue to be safe.

Canada is very dependent on the US and the rest of the Five Eyes community for its information and intelligence not to mention our economy. The US is also our largest trading partner and our truest friend - despite recent events. It has always had our back even when Canada has cut defence and security capabilities and did not support US interests.

China, under the Communist Chinese Party (CCP), is not a friend and has been **an** active enemy at times (*in the* Korean War, most Canadian casualties were inflicted by the Chinese, not North Korean troops). More recently it began using economic warfare, conducting espionage as described by CSIS, and waging information warfare against Canada. We have a lot to lose and very little to gain by siding with Chinese interests. China has been a 'thug' power, it continues to be today, whether in occupied East Turkistan (Xinxiang Province), occupied Tibet, the Doklam region against India or against multiple neighbours in the South China Sea. Their recent ham-fisted conduct in dealing with the Novel Corona virus (also known as the Wuhan virus and more recently, in a measure of kowtowing to the CCP, the COVID 19 virus by WHO) is equally concerning. There are documented cases of disappearing reporters, the arrest of the original whistle blowers, alleged brutality against 'healthcare workers,' the arrest of innocent folks on the street with extreme violence, that shows that the CCP will stop at nothing to protect itself not from disease but from opposition to the CCP.

Huawei is a Chinese company; it has no choice but to comply and Mr Ren himself is a member of the CCP. They will do whatever is necessary for the CCP or they will end up in jail. The decision should be very simple; defend friends and Allies or support an adversary.

The US Navy is learning how to operate in the Arctic, and more ships may not be the answer

https://www.businessinsider.com/us-military-presence-inarctic-challenged-by-harsh-conditions-2020-2



The Canadians "...have these expeditionary logistics hubs, which are not optimized for one of our (US) destroyers...(the destroyers are) too big for them..." Not only is infrastructure (marine and otherwise) in the Arctic essential, but development of that infrastructure needs to take into account growth,

government and commercial, military and civil, Canadian and foreign. In matters military, logistics rule!

"Canada's investing very heavily in our own ship capacity, with six ice-capable Arctic offshore patrol boats and three coast guard icebreakers in the pipeline..." Nice to see a Canadian government official so assess the Canadian National Shipbuilding Strategy (by the way, they're ships, not boats). Is six naval patrol vessels enough? What about logistics ships for the North? What about under-ice-capable submarines? How many icebreakers, of what capability, do we really need, now and in the future? What we are building now does not constitute a balanced Arctic fleet.

Good to read the US is learning from us. We have a lot to learn ourselves about operating up there.

Powering the stealthy submarine hunter – Type 26 frigate propulsion system in focus

https://www.themilitarytimes.co.uk/defencesecurity/powering-the-stealthy-submarine-hunter-type-26frigate-propulsion-system-in-focus/



A bit concerning that the specialist facility where GE Marine manufactures the Advanced Induction Motors that propel the UK Type 26 frigate (basis for the Canadian Surface Combatant) was under threat of closure until a campaign by concerned UK Members of Parliament, unions and others resulted in an advanced order for motors that saved the critical facility. How vulnerable is the supply chain for our new ships? How much of the chain is in foreign hands and lands?

Frankfurt am Main combat support vessel arrives in Kiel for iMERZ modification

https://www.navalnews.com/naval-news/2020/02/frankfurtam-main-combat-support-vessel-arrives-in-kiel-for-imerzmodification/



"The 'iMERZ' (integrated Naval Rescue Centre) consists of an integrated infirmary, two operating rooms, an X-ray room, a dental technology department and various laboratories to ensure the operational readiness of the German Navy at sea." Quite the capability. It is not apparent from the article whether the new system is container-based like the previous one, though it appears so. Will the Royal Canadian Navy's replenishment oilers being built under the Joint Support Ship project have such a capability? It is certain that there will be some level of medical and dental capability built into the ships (more likely in RCN use retaining traditional/prosaic names like sickbay and dental office). The RCN is studying container-based capabilities (there has been reporting of sonar-in-a-box). A container-based medical facility to augment the ships' organic capability makes a lot of sense, particularly for humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations.

Smart sea gliders improve US Navy's ocean observation

https://navaltoday.com/2020/02/19/smart-sea-glidersimprove-us-navys-ocean-observation/

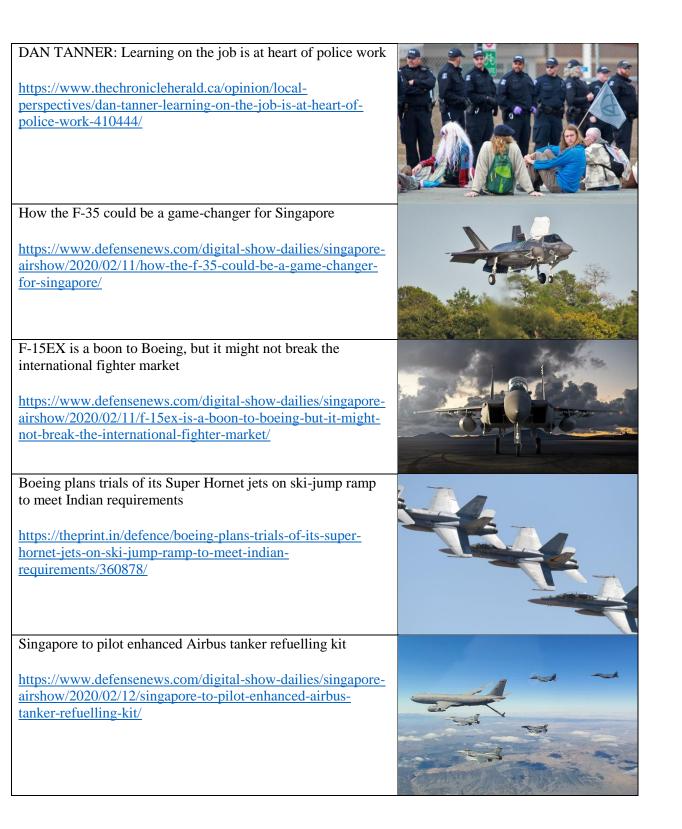


"...NRL researchers have been looking at ways to optimize glider placement, including using them in teams." Hmm, what would one call groups of two or more ocean gliders? Swarms, used for aerial drones, just doesn't seem to be an appropriate term (though it is a legitiamate collective noun for some types of fish). Each type of fish (and birds and other animals) has its own collective noun (see: "Collective Nouns For Fish" <u>https://boatgoldcoast.com.au/collective-nouns-fish/</u>). Maybe one of those nouns would be a good choice for two or more ocean gliders working together.

Can you imagine deploying groups of observation ocean gliders into an area in which you are about to operate your ships (which can also include surface and underwater drones)? Can you imagine the drone counter-measures that an adversary might take to reduce the observations of your drones and therefore your knowledge of the operating area?

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Canadian Forces nixes post about military "bling" but moves ahead with other initiatives to recruit women	
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Canadian military works to define 'hateful conduct' to help it	
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Special forces troops from Petawawa taking part in African training exercise	
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Ship seizures included 'relatively new' Iranian surface to air missile bound for Houthi rebels in Yemen

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Send in the army? Why one expert says that would be a 'ludicrous' response to rail blockades

https://www.cbc.ca/news/SOMNIA-1.5469252



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

### #bio-printing

West Point researching bio-printed bandages and organs for field care <u>https://www.armytimes.com/news/2020/02/18/west-point-researching-bio-printed-bandages-and-organs-for-field-care/</u>

#### #drones

Report on Pentagon Counter-Drone Weapons https://news.usni.org/2020/02/14/report-on-pentagon-counter-drone-weapons

## #information operations

How memes are becoming the new frontier of information warfare <u>https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/how-memes-are-becoming-the-new-frontier-of-information-warfare/</u>

## **#IT security**

5G Cyber Security: A Risk-Management Approach <u>https://rusi.org/publication/occasional-papers/5g-cyber-security-risk-management-approach</u>

## #land warfare

Small Units in Big Wars: How Platoons and Squads Should Prepare for Large-Scale Combat Operations -Modern War Institute

https://www.armytimes.com/2020/02/13/how-small-units-can-prepare-for-large-scale-combat-operations/

## #logistics

All Things Merchant Marine with Dr. Sal Mercogliano Note the defence sealift aspects in the articles listed: <u>http://cimsec.org/sea-control-159-all-things-</u> merchant-marine-with-dr-sal-mercogliano/43059

### #strategy

Technocrats and Operational Experts

https://warroom.armywarcollege.edu/special-series/dusty-shelves/technocrats-and-operational-experts/

Five Things That Helped Carl von Clausewitz Become A Great Strategic Thinker <u>https://thestrategybridge.org/the-bridge/2017/4/19/five-things-that-helped-carl-von-clausewitz-become-a-great-strategic-thinker</u>

Who was Sun Tzu's Napoleon? https://thestrategybridge.org/the-bridge/2020/2/11/who-was-sun-tzus-napoleon

#### #warfare

Technological Optimism and the Imagined Future: Implications for Warfare <u>https://thestrategybridge.org/the-bridge/2020/2/18/technological-optimism-and-the-imagined-future-implications-for-warfare</u>