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- **3 March**, Tuesday Distinguished Speaker Colonel RT Strickland, Commandant Canadian Army Command and Staff College Kingston, titled "Strategy, COIN, and Contribution Warfare: A Perspective on Canada in Afghanistan." 1700-1900. Royal Artillery Park Officers' Mess.
- **4 March**, Wednesday RUSI(NS) **Annual General Meeting**. Noon start. Royal Artillery Park Officers' Mess.
- **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: https://lt.gov.ns.ca/news-events/evenings-government-house.

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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5thCanadianDivision @5CdnDiv 20 Feb tweeted and RUSI(NS) retweeted: The #MightyMaroonMachine was proud to represent the @CanadianForces as The Honourable Labi Kousoulis @NSLAE @NSLeg announced important legislative changes in support of our Reserve Force members. Visit https://bit.ly/2T3Sgyn #StrongProudReady CANAGE #CAF #NovaScotia

(Province Enhancing Job Protections for Reservists https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20200220004)

Canadian Global Affairs Institute @CAGlobalAffairs 20 Feb tweeted and RUSI(NS) retweeted: The security environment is swiftly evolving — how can the #RCAF be better at budgeting and planning to adapt to it? Ross Fetterly examines in a CGAI policy perspective:

https://cgai.ca/use_it_or_lose_it_corporate_over_planning_in_t he_air_force

(Use it or Lose it: Corporate Over-Planning in the Air Force)
MARPAC/FMAR(P) @MARPAC_FMARP 20 Feb tweeted:
The @RoyalCanNavy and the #CANSUBFOR reached a
major milestone as #HMCSVictoria carried out her Camber
Dive. This trial is an important step following a work period.
Next step will be her return to sea! #WeTheNavy
#ReadyAyeReady #CANSUBFOR #SilentService
AnchorFlexed biceps

RUSI(NS) retweeted: Safety of the boat & her submariners is the priority when operating a submarine force. Strategic asset, not easily developed, challenging to retain. CAN needs plan for Victoria-class #submarine replacement soon







#RCAF CP140 Aurora Block IV long-range patrol aircraft flight testing at 14 Wing Greenwood NS. Block IV mods include beyond-line-of-sight satellite communication, Link 16 Tactical Data Link, & a self-defence system. Block by Block https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/services/procurement/cp-140-aurora.html#shr-pg0



CBC News @CBCNews 25 Feb tweeted: The federal government has spent slightly more than \$1 billion over the last seven years on design and preparatory contracts for the navy's new frigates and supply ships. The projects still haven't bought anything that floats. https://cbc.ca/1.5474312 @Murray_Brewster

(\$1 billion and counting: Inside Canada's troubled efforts to build new warships

https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/frigates-joint-supply-ships-navy-procurement-canada-1.5474312)

RUSI(NS) retweeted: Major crown defence projects, especially large warships, are complex undertakings with many phases & outlays https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/services/procurement/defence-purchases-and-upgrades-process.html Not unreasonable to expend \$1B in 7 years, particularly since CANcaneeded to rebuild shipbuilding capability under National Shipbuilding Strategy



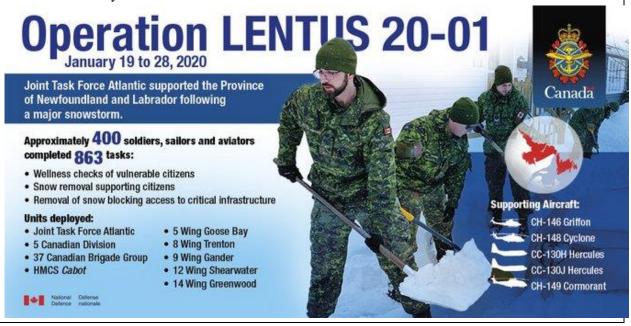
Canadian Armed Forces Operations @CFOperations 20 Feb tweeted and RUSI(NS) retweeted: A few weeks ago the CAF deployed a CC-177 Globemaster aircraft to assist with bushfire relief efforts in Australia and:

delivered 75k lbs of fire retardant airlifted 3 helicopters transported 44 personnel

That's 219k lbs of cargo! #OpRENAISSANCE #OpBushfire



Canadian Armed Forces Operations @CFOperations 24 Feb tweeted and RUSI(NS) retweeted: Approximately 400 #CAF members, 863 tasks completed... #OPLENTUS 2020-01 – Newfoundland snowstorm January 2020



Twitter is testing new ways to fight misinformation — including a community-based points system https://ww.nbcnews.com/tech/tech-news/twitter-testing-new-ways-fight-misinformation-including-community-based-points-n1139931

Hopefully followers of @RUSI_NS will never see any red or orange badges below our tweets..

Posted on Facebook Royal United Services Institute NS with comments:

The Navy Wants A Rapidly Deployable Version Of Its Cold War Era Submarine Monitoring Network

https://www.thedrive.com/the-war-zone/32319/the-navy-wants-a-containerized-sub-tracking-sonar-that-can-be-left-at-sea-for-long-periods



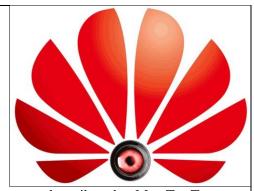
Standard (ISO) containers for sensors (and weapons). Vessels can be a 'trucks' to carry containers with capabilities not normally fitted to the ships - an advance on the 'fitted for but not with' concept. The Royal Canadian Navy's Arctic and Offshore Patrol Vessels being built under the Arctic and Offshore Patrol Ship project are designed to carry multiple containers. The vessels can be outfitted to operate as more potent warships than the fitted guns and sensors lead some people to think.

And think what could be done with other Canadian government and civil vessels (vessels of opportunity - VOO) taken up to perform defence and security missions.

An initialism/acronym-rich article. But informative, and not just from an equipment/kit perspective. The points on theatre anti-submarine warfare are important to hoist in. Canada is part of this effort, as are other allies of the United States.

Exclusive: Did Huawei bring down Nortel? Corporate espionage, theft, and the parallel rise and fall of two telecom...

<u>https://nationalpost.com/news/exclusive-did-huawei-bring-down-nortel-corporate-espionage-theft-and-the-parallel-rise-and-fall-of-two-telecom-giants</u>



Huawei versus Nortel. This article is a handy illustration of that remark attributed to Mao Tse Tung, 'Use the past to serve the present; use the West to serve China."

The Privatization of Migration Control

https://www.cigionline.org/articles/privatization-migration-control



"A lack of technical capacity within government can lead to a potentially inappropriate reliance on the private sector." Is that a problem, especially here in Canada? If so, develop the technical capacity within the Canadian government. We've already seen this issue from when governments to past decades reduced expertise within the Department of National Defence, etc., which used to staff major

crown projects such as shipbuilding. Now Canada is paying out large amounts of money to the builders to provide that expertise.

If the tools are useful for controlling our borders, then ensure there are enough of our border security personnel with the appropriate training to develop and use the tools properly. That actually might reduce the amount of regulation and oversight necessary and as seem to be called for by the article's author.

How to Fix U.S. Special Operations Forces

https://warontherocks.com/2020/02/how-to-fix-u-s-special-operations-

forces/?utm_source=WOTR+Newsletter&utm_campaign=fd8 847de01-

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This is a worthwhile War on the Rocks read, particularly from a perspective of institutional oversight and change.

Howard Coombs, CDAI

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Russian patrol vehicle in clash with US convoy in Syria violated deconfliction rules, OIR says

https://www.militarytimes.com/flashpoints/2020/02/20/centcom-reviewing-road-clash-incident-between-us-and-russian-forces-in-

syria/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_camp aign=EBB%20022120&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief

India clears \$2.12 billion purchase of Hellfire-equipped naval helicopters

https://www.defensenews.com/naval/2020/02/20/india-clears-212-billion-purchase-of-hellfire-equipped-naval-helicopters/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EBB%20022120&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief

The West Can't Even Agree on Itself, Much Less China

https://www.defenseone.com/ideas/2020/02/west-cant-even-agree-itself-much-less-china/163261/?oref=defense_one_breaking_nl

Canadian Space Agency searching for young astronauts

https://www.cbc.ca/radio/quirks/canadian-space-agency-searching-for-young-astronauts-1.5471149

How China's Incompetence Endangered the World

https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/02/15/coronavirus-xi-jinping-chinas-incompetence-endangered-the-world/?utm_source=PostUp&utm_medium=email&utm_camp_aign=19822&utm_term=Editor#39;s%20Picks%20OC&?tpcc=19822



Taiwan's Military Is a Hollow Shell

https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/02/15/china-threat-invasion-conscription-taiwans-military-is-a-hollow-shell/?utm_source=PostUp&utm_medium=email&utm_campa_ign=19822&utm_term=Editor#39;s%20Picks%20OC&?tpcc=19822

Nova Scotia could see limited internet voting for military with proposed changes

https://globalnews.ca/news/6579176/nova-scotia-could-see-limited-internet-voting-for-military-with-proposed-changes/

Veterans Affairs taking a harder line on therapy for families of former soldiers, ombudsman says

https://www.cbc.ca/news/SOMNIA-1.5472252

Upgraded RCAF Aurora aircraft conducts initial flight test

https://www.msn.com/en-ca/news/canada/upgraded-rcafaurora-aircraft-conducts-initial-flight-test/ar-BB10jfWe?ocid=se2

Thai Air Force releases wish list for the next decade

https://www.defensenews.com/global/asia-pacific/2020/02/21/thai-air-force-releases-wish-list-for-thenext-

decade/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_cam_paign=EBB%2002.24.20&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief



\$1 billion and counting: Inside Canada's troubled efforts to build new warships

https://www.cbc.ca/news/SOMNIA-1.5474312

Canada extends deadline for fighter jet proposals

https://ottawacitizen.com/news/national/defencewatch/canada-extends-deadline-for-fighter-jet-proposals



It's Time to Talk About Taiwan

https://www.defenseone.com/ideas/2020/02/its-time-talk-about-taiwan/163291/?oref=defenseone_today_nl

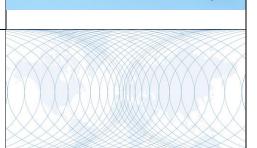
Germany's to-do list: A spring of (in)decisions is brewing in Berlin

https://www.defensenews.com/smr/munich-security-conference/2020/02/24/germanys-to-do-list-a-spring-of-indecisions-is-brewing-in-

berlin/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_camp_aign=EBB%2002.25.20&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief

The Canadian Geopolitical Dynamic

https://geopoliticalfutures.com/the-canadian-geopolitical-dynamic/



Canadian government delays purchase of new fighter jets another three months to ensure high-quality bids

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Tracking the Integrated Review

https://mailchi.mp/rusi.org/tracking-the-integrated-review?e=a539211a30

Diplomats warned federal government about getting too tight with China, committee hears

https://www.cbc.ca/news/SOMNIA-1.5476075



NATO Has 'Growing Realization' About Risks of Using Huawei Gear, Top General Says

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Britain confirms new nuclear warhead project after US officials spill the beans

https://www.defensenews.com/global/europe/2020/02/25/britain-confirms-new-nuclear-warhead-project-after-us-officials-spill-the-

beans/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_camp aign=EBB%2002.26.20&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief

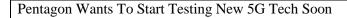
Financing Capital Assets: The Missing Link in Defence Procurement

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Gen. Vance is going nowhere, at least for now – top military leader to stay on

https://ottawacitizen.com/news/national/defence-watch/genvance-is-going-no-where-at-least-for-now-top-military-leaderto-stay-on



https://www.defenseone.com/technology/2020/02/pentagonwants-start-testing-new-5g-techsoon/163359/?oref=defenseone_today_nl

British prime minister sets deadline for defense, foreign policy review

https://www.defensenews.com/global/europe/2020/02/26/british-prime-minister-sets-deadline-for-defense-foreign-policy-review/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EBB%2002.27.20&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief

Disposal of RCAF Buffalo aircraft still undecided – questions remain about how many will be sent to museums

https://ottawacitizen.com/news/national/defencewatch/disposal-of-rcaf-buffalo-aircraft-still-undecidedquestions-remain-about-how-many-will-be-sent-to-museums

Understanding Russian Subversion

https://www.rand.org/pubs/perspectives/PE331.html?utm_source=WhatCountsEmail&utm_medium=RAND%20Policy%20Currents+AEM:%20%20Email%20Address%20NOT%20LIKE%20DOTMIL&utm_campaign=AEM:631600804



Israel Buys Stealth & Lotsa Weapons: 2nd Squadron Of F-35s & F-15s

https://breakingdefense.com/2020/02/israel-buys-stealth-lotsaweapons-2nd-squadron-of-f-35s-f-15s/



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

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Fixing the Talent Gap in Armed Forces Worldwide

https://www.bcg.com/publications/2020/fixing-talent-gap-armed-forces-worldwide.aspx

#Arctic

Why Canada's North Warning System Needs an Overhaul

https://www.macdonaldlaurier.ca/canadas-north-warning-system-needs-overhaul-new-mli-commentary/

#air power

A Unified Framework of Air Power Studies

https://balloonstodrones.com/2020/02/23/a-unified-framework-of-air-power-studies/

#border security

Border Patrol Seeks Automated Sensors to Cover Watery Blindspots

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#future fighter

Canada Needs New Aircraft, Could The F-35 Fit The Bill?

https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/canada-needs-new-aircraft-could-f-35-fit-bill-125556

#logistics

The Water in the Well – How Much Readiness is Enough?

https://logisticsinwar.com/2020/02/22/the-water-in-the-well-how-much-readiness-is-enough-2/

#medicine

'Paint' that Purports to Regrow Wounded Troops' Bones Moving Toward FDA Testing https://www.military.com/daily-news/2020/02/20/paint-purports-regrow-wounded-troops-bones-moving-toward-fda-testing.html

#migration

World Migration Report 2020

https://publications.iom.int/books/world-migration-report-2020

"World Migration Report 2020, produced to contribute to increased understanding of migration throughout the world, presents key data and information on migration as well as thematic chapters on highly topical migration issues, and is structured to focus on: key information on migration and migrants (including migration-related statistics); and balanced, evidence-based analysis of complex and emerging migration issues."

#naval operations

An Increasingly Volatile International Environment Opens New Fronts for European Navies https://rusi.org/commentary/increasingly-volatile-international-environment-opens-new-fronts-european-navies

#Royal Canadian Navy

Submarine Matters: Canada's short ranged (4,000nm!) Victoria class submarines http://gentleseas.blogspot.com/2020/02/canadas-short-ranged-4000nm-victoria.html

#United States

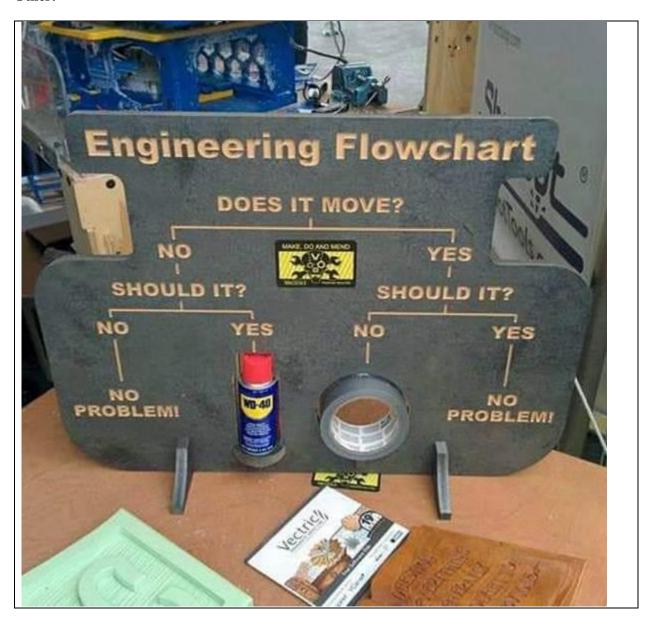
State of Defense 2020: Special Report https://www.defenseone.com/ideas/2020/02/state-defense-2020-special-report/163227/?oref=defense_one_breaking_nl

#wargaming

Exercise SEA DRAGON with Von Lambert and Tyler Quinn

http://cimsec.org/sea-control-160-exercise-sea-dragon-with-von-lambert-and-tyler-quinn/43097 The links in this article are interesting, especially the "Wargaming Lessons from Exercise SEA DRAGON" (https://warontherocks.com/2020/01/wargaming-lessons-from-exercise-sea-dragon/).

Other:





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