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New: **2 December**, Wednesday – RCN presentation by Captain(N) Christopher Nucci, Director Naval Strategy, speaking about the Canadian Surface Combatant project ships, titled "The RIGHT ship for the

Royal Canadian Navy, the RIGHT ship for Canada." 2:30-3:30 pm EST, via Zoom. To register, email Kray.Robichaud@forces.gc.ca, include your full name and professional details (i.e., position/title and organization). Bio available on request. See poster at end of Dispatches,

9 December, Wednesday - RUSI(NS) Distinguished Speaker Derek Moss, Canadian Coast Guard, to present "Canadian Coast Guard Fleet Renewal." 1300-1500, via Zoom. To register, email RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com by end Sun, 6 Dec. Zoom instructions will be emailed by end Mon, 7 Nov.

20 January 2021, Wednesday – RUSI(NS) Distinguished Speaker TBA. 1300-1500, via Zoom. Call-to-meeting and invitations will be sent soon.

Recent Publications:

New: RUSI(NS) Presentations "Arctic Continental Defense: Canada and US Perspectives" by LCol Burke, JTFN, and Mr Davis, NORAD and NORTHCOM, 18 November 2020 https://rusi-ns.ca/arctic_continental_defence/

RUSI(NS) Presentations "Marine Industry Supply Chains of Canadian Shipyards in the Era of the National Shipbuilding Strategy" by Philippe Flébus, Lindsey Kettel and Steve Christiansen, 14 October 2020

https://rusi-ns.ca/marine-supply-chain/

The Military Institute of Windsor Communiqué, Volume XXXVIII Number 10 November 2020 is available on request to RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com.

The United Services Institute of Nanaimo and North Island (USINNI) Newsletter Vol 28 No 11 November 2020 is available on request to RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com.

University Training Divisions Association Gunroom Shots Volume 1, Issue 1, November 2020, is available on request to RUSIINovaScotia@gmail.com.

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National Defence @NationalDefence 17 Nov tweeted and RUSI(NS) retweeted: Statement by the Department of National Defence on the Parliamentary Budget Officer's Report on the Joint Support Ships

https://canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/news/2020/11/statement-by-the-department-of-national-defence-on-the-parliamentary-budget-officers-report-on-the-joint-support-ships.html



Canadian Armed Forces @CanadianForces 20 Nov tweeted and RUSI(NS) retweeted: The 8th and 9th interim jets are in Flag of Canada. Could one of these be Appa's? #OkSeeYou #ThisIsTheWay Once modified, they will join our current fleet. Previously delivered jets have already been flown nearly 200 hours by the @RCAF_ARC. #WellEquipped #AvGeek <a href="https://canada.ca/en/department-national-deforce/graphysics/preparational-deforce/graphysics/graphysics/preparational-deforce/graphysics

<u>defence/services/procurement/fighter-jets/supplementing-cf-18-fleet.html</u>

(Supplementing the CF-18 fleet)

Davie Shipbuilding @chantierdavie 23 Nov tweeted and RUSI(NS) retweeted: Davie delivers CCGS Jean Goodwill: the first fully converted icebreaker from Canada's Medium Icebreaker program

https://canada.ca/en/canadian-coast-

 $\frac{guard/news/2020/11/government-of-canada-strengthens-}{canadian-coast-guards-icebreaker-fleet-with-arrival-of-second-interim-icebreaker-from-davie-shipbuilding.html}$

(Government of Canada strengthens Canadian Coast Guard's icebreaker fleet with arrival of second interim icebreaker from Davie Shipbuilding)

ASPI @ASPI_org 24 Nov tweeted: 'The national health security resilience assessment will 'examine the capacity of the Australian research and development sector to manufacture and distribute priority products and solutions that can build sovereign resilience', writes ASPI's @johncoyne14 (Preparing for the next pandemic

https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/preparing-for-the-next-pandemic/)

RUSI(NS) retweeted: 'National health security resilience assessment." Something CAN should be doing as part of an integrated defence/security/safety review?

Indigenous-led coast guard auxiliary patrols great way to build local strength & sovereignty using local knowledge, expertise & commitment https://www.prpeak.com/canada-s-first-indigenous-led-coast-guard-auxiliary-patrols-b-c-s-rugged-coast-1.24243525 Part of overall defence, security & safety of maritime CAN #ExcellenceAtSea(Coast)

(Canada's first Indigenous-led coast guard auxiliary patrols B.C.'s rugged coast)

"As we (@CanadianForces) roll out our CAN capability, the focus of our ability to do surveillance testing is focusing on deployed operations first"

https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/canadian-forces-covid-pandemic-testing-1.5810382 #CAF ensuring

readiness&capability under #COVD-19 conditions to meet national objectives

(Canadian military looking to conduct its own coronavirus testing











https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/canadian-forces-covid-pandemic-testing-1.5810382)

Posted on Facebook Royal United Services Institute NS with comments:

Thousands of chaplains have served Canada's military in war and peace

https://torontosun.com/opinion/columnists/taylor-thousands-of-chaplains-have-served-canadas-military-in-war-and-peace



Though it is good to see this article about the Canadian Armed Forces Chaplain Branch, and I suspect that chaplains are happy to have their history celebrated, there is a significant error in the last paragraph in the article. "Onward Christian Soldiers" is no longer the branch march and hasn't been for many years. The branch march is "Ode to Joy." Inclusive.

NATO Experiments With Deceptive Tactics to Lure Russian Hackers

https://www.defenseone.com/technology/2020/11/nato-experiments-deceptive-tactics-lure-russian-hackers/170248/



Good to see cyber ops tactics being experimented with, gamed and used. Use of deception (and even honeypots) is old, but practicing in a newish domain makes sense, if only to train operators.

Texas National Guard to help El Paso morgues with virus dead

https://www.militarytimes.com/news/your-army/2020/11/22/texas-national-guard-to-help-el-paso-morgues-with-virus-dead/



In the military (including Canadian Armed Forces), mortuary affairs is a logistic responsibility.

The Great Drone Lesson: What India could learn from Azerbaijan's victory over Armenia | Deep Dive

https://www.indiatoday.in/news-analysis/story/drone-india-learn-azerbaijan-victory-armenia-deep-dive-1742900-2020-11-21



"Drone cameras are a key aspect of warfare. They can film the destruction of a target in clear, unwavering high definition videos, allow countries that use them to dominate the narratives."

We should worry about Chinese venture capital funding

https://www.aei.org/foreign-and-defense-policy/we-should-worry-about-chinese-venture-capital-funding/



"...parliaments and governments are beginning to take seriously the risk of vital technology and expertise being lost to their countries — and gained by a geopolitical rival — through takeovers. ... Innovation is ultimately what we must protect."

Economic warfare!

IP Dispute May Slow Canada's Plans to Procure New Frigates

https://thediplomat.com/2020/11/ip-dispute-may-slow-canadas-plans-to-procure-new-frigates/



Hmm, is the implication of this that Canada should have more in-country capability to build our warships (and other complex government ships)? Less dependence on allies ("Nations Do Not Have Permanent Friends or Enemies, Only Interests")?

Coast Guard Icebreaker Polar Star Bound for the Arctic in December

https://news.usni.org/2020/11/20/coast-guard-icebreaker-polar-star-bound-for-the-arctic-in-december



"This would be the first (US) Coast Guard operation in the Arctic Ocean since August 1994 when a now-deactivated heavy icebreaker with a Canadian Coast Guard heavy icebreaker reached the North Pole."

Good, there may be opportunities for collaboration between the Canadian and US Coast Guards resulting from the deployment of POLAR STAR to the Arctic. If nothing else, it should result in different staff discussions and planning.

And some good pictures.

POLAR STAR and POLAR SEA were active in the Arctic up to about 2006 when both went into reserve status then extended refit periods. POLAR SEA decommissioned in 2011 after main diesel generator failures in 2010 and then was used for parts for POLAR STAR. POLAR STAR was back in the Arctic in 2013 for trials prior to going back to serve for Operation Deep Freeze.

Submarines May Have Nowhere To Hide With U.S. Navy Set To Field Radical New Radar

https://www.forbes.com/sites/davidhambling/2020/11/16/new-us-navy-airborne-radar-may-spot-submerged-submarines/?sh=73dac55e55d4



There frequently have been announcements of technology that will make the oceans transparent and reduce the threat of submarines. History keeps reminding us: anti-submarine warfare has to be a team operation with lots of players (including our own submarines) and practice, and submarines remain potent adversaries.

Artificial Intelligence at NATO: dynamic adoption, responsible use

https://www.nato.int/docu/review/articles/2020/11/24/artificial_intelligence-at-nato-dynamic-adoption-responsible-use/index.html



There is increasing recognition of the challenges associated with data curation for AI in defence. It needs to be structured in a standard form and assembled for a specific task, but also stored and interoperable with other material so that it is available for later issues where it is deemed relevant. The cost, location and security of data storage facilities, often misleadingly referred to as the cloud, are further considerations.

Professor Trevor Taylor Professorial Research Fellow in Defence Management Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies

Department of Defence targets new €200m, multi-purpose naval ship

https://www.irishexaminer.com/news/arid-40086203.html



"Longer ships will be required in the Naval Service in the coming years because climate change has contributed to far rougher weather and far bigger waves in the Atlantic."

We've been reading for a while of the impact of climate change on marine infrastructure (piers, wharfs, etc.). It is interesting to note how climate change may be affecting ship design.

Multi-role ships are increasingly being seen as very useful ship types to be included in navy force structures. Fleet composition in a 'balanced navy' may (should) be changing.

The new Type 32 Frigate – What do we know?

https://ukdefencejournal.org.uk/the-new-type-32-frigate-what-do-we-know/



"...hopes of bringing the escort fleet up to 24 vessels from its current 19."

There's something to be said for numbers of ships, especially frigates, the modern globally-deployable workhorses of a fleet (echo of Admiral Nelson).

Canada needs to keep to its 15 ships (frigates) to come from the Canadian Surface Combatant project. We could probably do with more (at one time we were committing 24 escorts to NATO, and conditions are returning to what they were then when we made that commitment), say 16 to 18, but the government has made its decision and so far has been stating they will hold to it.

Australia's Hunter-class frigates are coming, but maybe not soon enough

https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/australias-hunter-class-frigates-are-coming-but-maybe-not-soon-enough/



"... all shipbuilding projects start construction with an incomplete design."

The Australian writer wrote 'all shipbuilding projects." He is correct. Expectations with the design stage (particularly duration) of building a ship, and with issues with first-of-class, have to be tempered. Warships are very complex. New technology (e.g., 3D design) helps but does not ensure no problems with a design.

Note that the Australian Hunter-class and Canadian Surface Combatant project ships (first-of class/class name not yet announced) are both based on the Royal Navy Type 26 frigate. But all three will vary greatly in weapons, sensors and other aspects.

"It's a salutary reminder that it doesn't matter how much you spend on ships if you don't have the people to operate them." Yes, putting together a ship's company (captain, officers and crew) and training them to work as a team, particularly when a ship is so different than what the people are used to before, is a significant challenge. Leadership and sailors with the right attitude can make a tremendous difference.

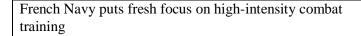
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https://mailchi.mp/rusi.org/weekly20november-170398?e=a539211a30

Ottawa launches independent review of Canada's beleaguered military-justice system

 $\frac{https://www.kitchenertoday.com/national-news/ottawa-launches-independent-review-of-canadas-beleaguered-military-justice-system-2882940$



https://www.defensenews.com/global/europe/2020/11/19/french-navy-puts-fresh-focus-on-high-intensity-combat-training/

Japan launches first ship of new frigate class

https://www.defensenews.com/naval/2020/11/19/japan-launches-first-ship-of-new-frigate-class/







South Korea to deploy unmanned K9 howitzer by 2040

https://www.defensenews.com/unmanned/2020/11/19/south-korea-to-deploy-unmanned-k9-howitzer-in-2040/



PBO reports on cost of JSS project vs buying Asterix and Obelix

https://vanguardcanada.com/2020/11/18/pbo-reports-on-cost-of-jss-project-vs-buying-asterix-and-obelix/

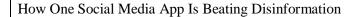


U.S. Navy admiral makes unannounced visit to Taiwan, sources say

https://www.reuters.com/article/us-taiwan-usa/u-s-navy-admiral-makes-unannounced-visit-to-taiwan-sources-say-idUSKBN2820BH

China's major Indo-Pacific trade deal a 'wake-up call' for US and Europe

https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/policy/defense-national-security/chinas-major-indo-pacific-trade-deal-a-wake-up-call-for-us-and-europe



https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/11/23/line-taiwan-disinformation-social-media-public-private-united-states/



Canadian UAVs

 $\frac{http://www.canadiandefencereview.com/featured\ content?blo}{g/216}$



Interview with Rear Admiral BRIAN SANTARPIA

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Four factors to consider in keeping NATO relevant

https://www.defensenews.com/opinion/commentary/2020/11/2 4/four-factors-to-consider-in-keeping-nato-relevant/

CSIS alleges Iran used Toronto company to wire millions to Canada despite sanctions

https://globalnews.ca/news/7468366/csis-iran-toronto-company-millions-canada-sanctions/

The Quad's Malabar Exercises Point the Way to an Asian NATO

https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/11/25/india-japan-australia-u-s-quad-alliance-nato/



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

#air power

Air Forces the Next Generation

Book review: https://wavellroom.com/2020/11/20/an-interview-with-the-editor-of-air-forces-the-next-generation-dr-amit-gupta/

#amphibious warfare

On Contested Shores - The Evolving Role of Amphibious Operations in the History of Warfare https://www.usmcu.edu/Portals/218/OnContestedShores_web.pdf

#COVID-19

Rule of Law during Pandemics

http://pksoi.armywarcollege.edu/2020/11/12/rule-of-law-during-pandemics/

#cyber ops

Canadian agency warns of 'strategic' cyberthreats posed by Russia, China

https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-canadians-at-risk-from-hacking-misinformation-by-russia-china-and/

Report "National Cyber Threat Assessment 2020" at https://cyber.gc.ca/en/guidance/national-cyber-threat-assessment-2020

Space Cybersecurity in the Age of Defending Forward

https://www.lawfareblog.com/space-cybersecurity-age-defending-forward

#defence planning

Put societal resilience at the center of defense planning

https://www.aei.org/op-eds/put-societal-resilience-at-the-center-of-defense-planning/

#information management

How the IIoT is about to destroy the Noon Report as we know it

 $Say\ it\ isn't\ so!: \underline{https://www.hellenicshippingnews.com/how-the-iiot-is-about-to-destroy-the-noon-report-index.com/how-the-iiot-is-about-to-destroy-the-noon-report-index.com/how-the-iiot-is-about-to-destroy-the-noon-report-index.com/how-the-iiot-is-about-to-destroy-the-noon-report-index.com/how-the-iiot-is-about-to-destroy-the-noon-report-index.com/how-the-iiot-is-about-to-destroy-the-noon-report-index.com/how-the-iiot-is-about-to-destroy-the-noon-report-index.com/how-the-iiot-index.com/how-the$

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Acronym alert: IIoT = Industrial Internet of Things

#information operations

Russia's Footprint in the Nordic-Baltic Information Environment 2019/2020

https://www.stratcomcoe.org/russias-footprint-nordic-baltic-information-environment-20192020

Canada is in the region. The report barely mentions us - twice.

#logistics

Reviewing Feeding Victory

https://thestrategybridge.org/the-bridge/2020/11/25/reviewing-feeding-victory

#policing

The New Age of Police Reform – Parts 1 and 2

https://www.domesticpreparedness.com/journals/october-2020/

The New Age of Police Reform – Parts 3 and 4

https://www.domesticpreparedness.com/journals/november-2020/

#Reserves #logistics

Mission Improbable: The Transformation of the British Army Reserve'

https://wavellroom.com/2020/11/18/wavellreviews-mission-improbable-the-transformation-of-the-british-army-reserve-by-patrick-bury/

#space

Presentation: 'The ultimate high ground'

https://thesimonscenter.org/ultimate-high-ground-brown-bag/

#strategy

The Nature of Strategy: Pericles and the Peloponnesian War https://thestrategybridge.org/the-bridge/2017/10/29/the-nature-of-strategy-pericles-and-the-

peloponnesian-war

Sthenelaidas and Performance as Strategy

https://thestrategybridge.org/the-bridge/2020/11/24/sthenelaidas-and-performance-as-strategy

#warfare

Warfare, Dinner Jackets, Hammers and Nails https://wavellroom.com/2020/05/07/warfare-dinner-jackets-hammers-and-nails/

Other:

Halifax International Security Forum

The Halifax International Security Forum Concludes with Firm Foreign Policy Direction for the World's Democracies

The Halifax International Security Forum (HFX) concluded its proceedings 22 November but the conversations started at HFX2020 - on topics like China, American engagement and the future of the international order - will continue for months to come.

"The global pandemic forced most of our discussions online this year, but HFX showed once again why it is the premier gathering of security and defense experts in the world. We welcomed 300 participants from over 80 democratic countries with thousands more joining in through social media," said HFX President Peter Van Praagh. "While our conversations may have been virtual, the results were concrete and they established a solid blueprint for countries to follow in 2021."

Among the many highlights of HFX2020:

- Release of the HFX China Handbook Modern-day China has emerged as the most powerful authoritarian state in the history of the world. The HFX Handbook for Democracies contributes to building a common understanding of the serious challenge that China poses. The handbook features the HFX China Principles that defend the values that underpin democratic societies. Over the course of HFX2020, the handbook (available in English, French and Chinese) was downloaded over 2.000 times.
- Optimism Around United States Re-Engagement in Foreign Affairs Senior U.S. politicians and military leaders sounded an optimistic note that the new Biden Administration would make foreign affairs a priority. Participants referred to recent announcements that the United States would rejoin the World Health Organization and sign back on to the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. They were also encouraged by the larger role that middle powers like Canada, Australia and Latvia can play in international affairs.
- Reforming International Institutions to Address New Challenges In the face of growing threats from China and Russia, as well as challenges that are no longer just military in nature, HFX2020 participants acknowledged that the current world order needs to adapt. International institutions and security organizations must take a more holistic approach that includes health, infrastructure, trade, technology, and culture.

HFX2020 participants also heard from President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan of Turkey; Estonian President Kersti Kaljulaid; U.S. Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo; Canada's Minister of National Defence

Harjit Sajjan; Secretary of the U.S. Navy Kenneth Braithwaite; Hulusi Akar, Minister of Defense, Turkey; Peter Hultqvist, Minister of Defence, Sweden; Luxembourg's Defense Minister Juri Luik; and NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg.

Halifax International Security Forum awarded its prestigious Builder Award to Gen. Jonathan Vance, Canada's Chief of Defence Staff and introduced delegates to the military officers who are part of HFX's marquee Peace With Women Fellowship.

"I am particularly proud of the work that HFX has done on our China Handbook. We have launched a campaign that will mobilize political and financial support for the principles in the document, so I am confident that the work will continue," concluded Van Praagh. "Delegates will see the results of this international effort in 2021 when we gather together, in-person, in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

News for those who miss the old Stad gym at CFB Halifax: Design phase for temporary **Stadacona fitness facility** underway https://tridentnewspaper.com/temporary-fitness-facility/



Rumours are that in the interest of efficiencies, the Canadian Army's armoured branch is going to amalgamate with local police...

