



Royal United Services Institute of Nova Scotia

Dispatches

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There will be no RUSI(NS) Remembrance Dinner 2021.

12 October, Tuesday - Georgetown University Wargaming Society presentation by Robert Engen, Assistant Professor, Canadian Forces College, titled "Going to the Ground: Virtual Games at the Canadian Forces College." 7-9 pm ADT. To register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/going-to-the-ground-virtual-games-at-the-canadian-forces-college-tickets-168279688077>

New: 12 October, Tuesday - Conference of Defence Associations Institute webinar "Modernizing Military Justice." 1300 EST. To register: <https://cdainstitute.ca/product/mnss/>. More information at: <https://cdainstitute.ca/mnss/>. See poster at end of *Dispatches*.

13 October, Wednesday - Royal United Services Institute of Vancouver Island webinar with Dr James Kempling, "Canadians in the Spanish Civil War." 1 pm to 2:30 pm PST (join 5 minutes early). Bu Zoom. To register: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_P2FeDmgkRAq2sCWp20_fxQ. See poster at end of *Dispatches*.

New: 15 October, Thursday - Conference of Defence Associations Institute webinar "Force Multiplication through Diversity." 1300 EST. To register: <https://cdainstitute.ca/product/mnss/>. More information at: <https://cdainstitute.ca/mnss/>. See poster at end of *Dispatches*.

20 October, Wednesday – RUSI(NS) Distinguished Speaker Dr Sarah Lockyer, on the “The Casualty Identification Program: Identifying the remains of Canadian soldiers from the First and Second World Wars and the Korean Conflict.” 1300-1500. Via Zoom. Attendance will be limited. To register, email RUSUI(NS) with RUSI(NS) Distinguished Speaker 20 October 2021 Registration as subject line. See: <https://rusi-ns.ca/event/distinguished-speaker-20-october-2021/>.

New: 21 October, Thursday - USNORTHCOM, USEUCOM, USINDOPACOM and the Center for Arctic Security and Resilience, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Arctic eTalk Distinguished Speaker Ambassador Michael Mann, European Union Ambassador for the Arctic, speaking on "The European Union and the Arctic: A Discussion of the EU's New Arctic Policy." 1200 EST. Via Zoom. To register: https://alaska.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_woIJuKhiSPKS_un4ilhNBw. See more at end of *Dispatches*.

23 October, Saturday - Edmonton United Services Institute, 700 (City of Edmonton) Wing RCAF Association and Royal Alberta United Services Institute Symposium "Unmanned Vehicles in War and Peace." 0830-1600 Edmonton time. See: <https://rausi.ca/info-events/upcoming-events/rausi-event/eusi-2021-security-and-defence-symposium>

Emended: 27 October, Wednesday – RUSI(NS) Distinguished Speaker RAdm Brian Santarpia, Commander Maitime Forces Atlantic. The topic of his presentation is “Royal Canadian Navy – Globally Deployed for Strategic Effect.” 1300-1500. Via Zoom. Attendance will be limited. To register, email RUSI(NS) with RUSI(NS) Distinguished Speaker 27 October 2021 Registration as the subject line. See: <https://rusi-ns.ca/event/distinguished-speaker-27-october-2021/>

Recent Publications:

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New: RUSI(NS) Presentation "Information Resilience: Countering Russian Propaganda and Disinformation" by John Spykerman, 7 October 2021
https://rusi-ns.ca/information_resilience/

RUSI(NS) Comments "The Rohingya – An Open Letter to Canadian Policymakers" by Jay Heisler, 5 August 2021,
<https://rusi-ns.ca/rohingya-refugee/>

RUSI(NS) Position Paper “The RCAF and Canada Need a Bomber Squadron – A Large Water Bomber Squadron”, 30 July 2021,
<https://rusi-ns.ca/water-bomber-squadron/>

RUSI(NS) Post “Policing and the Pandemic”, 26 July 2021,
<https://rusi-ns.ca/policing-and-the-pandemic/>

RUSI(NS) Presentation “Arctic Special Operations” by Brigadier-General SR Satterfield, 21 July 2021,
https://rusi-ns.ca/arctic_special_operations/

New: Canadian Marine Industries and Shipbuilding Association *On Watch*, 6 October edition
https://send.successbyemail.com/prvw_message2.aspx?chno=e04e142c-cbc1-4bdf-b101-38caed2183ee

New: Edmonton United Services Institute President’s *ENews*, October 2021.

Macdonald-Laurier Institute Policy Brief "The need for transatlantic solidarity in the face of today's security challenges" 31 August 2021

https://macdonaldlaurier.ca/files/pdf/20210811_NATO_solidarity_Thiele_Sannikov_Waschuk_COMMENTARY_FWeb.pdf

Military Institute of Windsor *Communiqué*, Volume XXXIX Number 9 October 2021.

Nautical Professional Education Society of Canada Newsletter *Seatimes*, August 2021.

Royal Alberta United Services Institute Research Brief "Iranian–Israeli Drone Warfare, Diplomacy and the Alberta Connection" by LJ Howard, August 2021,

https://rausi.ca/images/edocman/research/Research_Brief_Vol_2_Iss_4_Iranian_Israeli_Drone_Warfare.pdf

New: Royal Alberta United Services Institute *Dispatches* October 2021

<https://rausi.ca/component/acym/archive/85-rausi-dispatches-october-2021>

Royal Alberta United Service Institute *News* October-December 2021

<https://www.rausi.ca/news/publications>

New: Royal Canadian Naval Association Admiral Hose Branch *Scuttlebutt*, October 2021 Edition.

Royal United Services Institute of Vancouver Island *Newsletter*, Volume 53, 4th Quarter - August/September 2021.

Royal United Services Institute Victoria (Australia) *Newsletter*, Volume 20, Issue 2, June/July 2021.




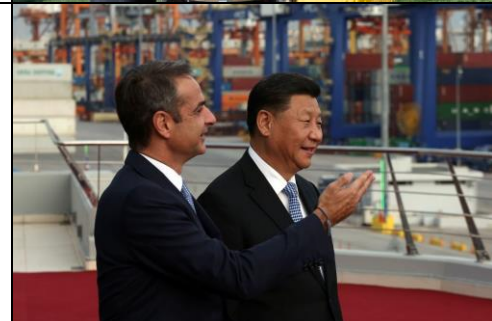
New: Royal United Services Institute Victoria (Australia) *Occasional*, Volume 8, Issue 5, 4 October 2021.

United Services Institute of Nanaimo and North Island *Newsletter*, Vol 29 No 09, September 2021.

University Naval Training Divisions Association of Canada *Gunroom Shots*, Volume 2, Issue 3, July 2021.

Tweeted by @RUSI_NS: 🇨🇦

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<p>Jeff Collins @jeffreyfcollins 4 Oct tweeted and RUSI(NS) retweeted: My piece in today's TorontoStar... "Canada's submarines play a critical role in our defense capability — and they're getting old" https://thestar.com/opinion/contributors/2021/10/04/canadas-submarines-play-a-critical-role-in-our-defense-capability-and-theyre-getting-old.html via @torontostar</p>	
<p>RUSI @RUSI_org 4 Oct tweeted: "The lack of detail prompts the concern that the government's motivation for showcasing its plan for #space is exactly that – a display exercise for a domain that has become a global hot topic", writes @JulianaSuess in the latest #RUSICommentary. (The First UK National Space Strategy https://rusi.org/explore-our-research/publications/commentary/first-uk-national-space-strategy) RUSI(NS) retweeted: "Space Strategy for Canada" https://www.asc-csa.gc.ca/eng/publications/space-strategy-for-canada/default.asp #SpaceWeek</p>	
<p>"Cape Breton Highlanders mark 150th anniversary with rare change of colours parade" Our patron @LtGovNS at work https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/cape-breton-highlanders-change-of-colours-1.6198387 More at: "Gallery of Canadian Forces guidons, colours and standards" at https://www.canada.ca/en/services/defence/caf/military-identity-system/guidons-colours-standards-gallery.html</p>	
<p>CDN Naval Review @CdnNavalReview 7 Oct tweeted and RUSI(NS) retweeted: Did you know - in 2020 Chinese state-owned firms (partly) owned or operated ports around the world? 22 in Europe, 20 in Middle East/North Africa, 18 in Americas, 18 in South/Southeast Asia, 9 in sub-Saharan Africa. "China's Growing Maritime Empire" (https://www.gatestoneinstitute.org/17830/china-growing-maritime-empire)</p>	

CDA Institute @CDAInstitute 7 Oct tweeted and RUSI(NS) retweeted: "Any focus on capabilities is premature. What Canada needs, much more than any piece of shiny new kit, is a sound appreciation of how it is going to navigate the current and future security environment, at home and abroad."
 (Canada Needs a Strategy Before it Starts Worrying About Missing the Boat
<https://cdainstitute.ca/christopher-ankersen-james-boutilier-aukus-ward-canada-needs-a-strategy-before-it-starts-worrying-about-missing-the-boat/>)



RUSI @RUSI_org Oct 5 tweeted: A perceived failure to respond to this crucial yet specialist area creates a range of operational and reputational risks which may strain public relations in future wars, writes @Conflict_arch in the latest #RUSICommentary.
 (Mortuary Affairs as a Strategic Priority
<https://rusi.org/explore-our-research/publications/commentary/mortuary-affairs-strategic-priority>)
 RUSI(NS) retweeted: Whether one fatality or many, whether occurring during domestic or overseas operations, whether recent or long past loss, mortuary affairs (a logistics functions) needs a country's & the country's military's appropriate attention



Sebastian Bae @SebastianBae 29 Sep tweeted: ICYMI: For @GUWargaming, @cdr2012neu discussed the basic concepts of the Prussian Kriegsspiel including the rules changes & the use of dice. It was fascinating historical overview of the birth of modern #wargaming. Link:
<https://youtu.be/iLNUx4pPM70>



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Kill Terrorists In Afghanistan From ‘Over The Horizon’? Good Luck.

<https://www.19fortyfive.com/2021/09/kill-terrorists-in-afghanistan-from-over-the-horizon-good-luck/>



"Geographic reality and kaleidoscopic geopolitical realignments now conspire against any American air war against terror."

Geography and "allies." Major factors in strategic planning.

(James Holmes is always worth reading.)

The Big Unanswered Question of the Afghanistan War

<https://www.lawfareblog.com/big-unanswered-question-afghanistan-war>

"... the Afghanistan withdrawal illustrates a critical U.S. weakness: a lack of staying power."

All great powers need to develop and ensure resilience, in themselves, their allies and where they deploy.



The Navy's Last Conventionally Powered Aircraft Carriers Have Been Sold For Literal Pennies

<https://www.thedrive.com/the-war-zone/42643/the-navys-last-conventionally-powered-aircraft-carriers-have-been-sold-for-literal-pennies>



Canada paid a lot to have its two Protecteur-class replenishment oilers and three Iroquois-class destroyers broken up. Would be good if such expenses could be avoided with some arrangement such as the US made for disposing of its two aircraft carriers.

Of course, Canada is no longer using pennies...

Other Sources:

#drones

Report on Navy Large Unmanned Surface and Undersea Vehicles

<https://news.usni.org/2021/10/01/report-on-navy-large-unmanned-surface-and-undersea-vehicles-5>

#economic warfare #China

China's Economic Coercion Is More Bark Than Bite

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2021/10/05/china-economic-coercion-taiwan/>

#policing

European Parliament calls for a ban on facial recognition

<https://www.politico.eu/article/european-parliament-ban-facial-recognition-brussels/>

#warfare

The Defender's Dilemma: Identifying and Deterring Gray-Zone Aggression

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ee ebook:<https://www.aei.org/the-defenders-dilemma/>

#wargaming

Distributed Wargaming Working Group Final Report Available

<https://paxsims.wordpress.com/2021/08/22/distributed-wargaming-final-report-available/>

Other:

Arctic eTalk

On behalf of USNORTHCOM and the Command's "[The Watch](#)" Magazine, United States European Command (USEUCOM), United States Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM), and the Center for Arctic Security and Resilience ([CASR](#)) - University of Alaska Fairbanks, we would like to invite you to our October 2021 Arctic eTalks distinguished speaker presentation on "The European Union and the Arctic: A Discussion of the EU's New Arctic Policy" by Ambassador Michael Mann, European Union Ambassador for the Arctic on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 0800 AK/ 1000 MT/ 1200 EST/ 1800 CET.

The Arctic eTalks is a monthly forum for open discussion (non-attribution, Chatham House Rule) in key issues affecting the Circumpolar Arctic for academics, defense and security professional, and military leaders from Canada, Finland, Kingdom of Denmark (Greenland and Faroe Islands), Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, and the United States, as well as the United Kingdom and Germany.

This event is presented along with our valued Arctic eTalks partners at the European Union.

Ambassador Mann is scheduled to provide a 30-minute presentation with slides which will be followed by a 60-minute Q&A session (non-attribution) that will be moderated by Ms. Kathleen Larkin, Arctic Desk Officer, U.S. Department of State and Mr. Daniel Neuffer, Senior Arctic Strategist, USEUCOM..

Note: Past Arctic eTalks presentations are posted on our [Arctic eTalks website](#). However, the Q&A discussions are not posted and open only to registered Arctic eTalks participants during the live event.

Please register at the following

link: https://alaska.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_woIJuKhiSPKS_un4ilhNBw

Event website: https://www.uaf.edu/casr/activities/etalks_oct_2021.php

We look forward to your participation. Thank you for your support!

Respectfully,

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Featuring:
Ambassador Michael Mann
 European Union Ambassador
 for the Arctic

Registration required:
 Link provided in the email invitation

Thursday, October 21st, 2021
 0800 AK/1000 MT/1200 EST/1800 CET

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OCTOBER 12TH, 2021 | 13:00-14:30 EST

SPEAKERS



**LGen Christine Whitecross
(Ret'd) Former Chief of
Military Personnel, CAF**

MODERATOR



**MGen Blaise Cathcart, QC
(Ret'd) Former Judge
Advocate General, CAF**

SPEAKER



**Guillaume Charlebois,
Davies, Associate Counsel, Justice
Fish Independent Review**

SPEAKER



**Dr. Leah West
Assistant Professor,
Carleton University**

SPEAKER

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



SPEAKERS



LGen Christine Whitecross (Ret'd)
Former Chief of Military Personnel, CAF

MODERATOR



Amir Belkheldi
Partner, Risk Advisory, Deloitte Canada

SPEAKER



Rose Gottemoeller
Former Deputy Secretary General, NATO

SPEAKER



Dr. Stéfanie von Hlatky
Canada Research Chair on Gender, Security and the Armed Forces & Associate Professor, Queen's University

SPEAKER

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