

Royal United Services Institute of Nova Scotia Dispatches

15 June 2018

Dispatches is a weekly collection of links and news of current interest, included those tweeted and posted by the Institute on social media. Everyone is encouraged to submit links and other content to the Institute's Chief Information Officer (CIO) at RUSINovaScotia@gmail.com to be included in Dispatches. Comments can be from members or non-members of RUSI(NS). If you do not want to receive Dispatches, or wish to receive it at some different frequency, please inform the CIO. Feedback is welcome anytime.

Events: (To list an event into *Dispatches*, email the CIO by noon Thursday.)

14 June, Friday - Halifax Military Heritage Preservation Society walking tour of Point Pleasant Park military installations and sites, previously scheduled for Thursday 14 June. The tour, including Point Pleasant Battery, Northwest Arm Battery, Cambridge Battery, Prince of Wales Tower and Fort Ogilvie, and led by Tom Tulloch, will begin from the lower (harbour) parking lot of Point Pleasant Park at 4 pm and is scheduled for 1.5 hours. After the tour members and guests are invited to socialize at Royal Artillery Park Officers Mess.

19 June, Tuesday - Canadian International Council Halifax Branch and HMCS Scotian presentation and discussion "Real and Imagined Security Threats in an Uncertain World." 5-7 pm. HMCS Scotian, 2111 Upper Water Street. RSVP at: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/mark-sedra-real-and-imagined-security-threats-in-an-uncertain-world-tickets-46500523317

20 June, Wednesday - RUSI(NS) Distinguished Speaker Col (ret'd) John Orr "Seven Flags over Shearwater: 100 years of an East Coast Air Station." 1130-1330 hours. Royal Artillery Park Officers' Mess.

22 Jun, Friday - Society of Atlantic Heroes Open House. Noon-4 pm. 1000 Windmill Road, Dartmouth. RSVP <u>SocietyOfAtlanticHeroes@gmail.com</u>. See poster at end of this Dispatches.

CANCELLED 19 July, Thursday - Captain(N) Hamilton, Deputy Commander Canadian Fleet Atlantic, originally to be our RUSI(NS) Distinguished Speaker, is no longer available. The good news is that Capt(N) Hamilton is being promoted and posted to NDHQ in a posting taking advantage of his experience and abilities. Another speaker is being sought – details will be promulgated once anything is confirmed.

Publications:

Slides and script of "The Training of the Jewish Legion at Fort Edward during the First World War" as presented by Sara Beanlands, RUSI(NS) Distinguished Speaker 30 May 2018: https://rusi-ns.ca/jewish-legion/

Tweeted by @RUSI_NS: Original article title in parentheses. [RUSI(NS) tweets may be viewed by clicking on the icon at https://RUSI-NS.ca. To have something tweeted or retweeted, email the CIO by noon Thursday.]

US has \$B2 surplus in steel trade w Canada

https://www.canada.ca/en/global-

<u>affairs/news/2018/03/statement-by-canada-on-steel-and-aluminum.html</u> If price of imported steel increases, will value of steel from broken CAN ships increase?

https://www.canada.ca/en/global-

<u>affairs/news/2018/03/statement-by-canada-on-steel-and-aluminum.html</u> Good for business Sydney&Liverpool #NovaScotia

http://www.capebretonpost.com/business/sydport-business-continues-to-dismantle-vessels-213778/

(Sydport business continues to dismantle vessels) (Statement by Canada on steel and aluminum)

Craig Baines @MapleSeaLeaf 8 Jun tweeted: Maritime air works seamlessly with our Royal Canadian Navy Ships. One of the RCAF's Cyclone helicopters and a CP140 fly in close proximity to HMCS CHARLOTTETOWN earlier this week. pic.twitter.com/i3w2e7CZOF

RUSI(NS) retweeted: Fixed wing air-helo-ship (& occasionally supporting friendly sub) make for potent anti-#submarine team. #RCNavy was once & is again becoming a premier ASW force. Necessary with what's happening in Atlantic/globally these days

3rdCanadianDivision @3CdnDiv Jun 4 tweeted: Members of the Alexis Nakoda Sioux First Nation view vehicle displays set up by 1 Military Police Regiment during a visit on May 30, 2018. Photo by: MCpl Brandon O'Connell pic.twitter.com/Xc4r6lmnul

RUSI(NS) retweeted: Bravo @CanadianForces for making effort/display for a First Nation. #KnowYourForces
Aboriginals have long been part of CAN military, too often under recognized #IndigenousHistoryMonth

Mali #MLI a "war zone." @CanadianForces mission reads more like peace making than peace keeping http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/un-secretary-general-antonio-guterres-canada-mali-g7-troops-war-zone-1.4699903 CAN must be prepared for fatalities amongst our troops. Hopefully CANCAgov't has provided robust Rules Of Engagement

(UN secretary general says Canadian peacekeepers entering Mali 'war zone' but downplays risks)

5Div_ComdTeam @MightyMaroonTac 12 Jun tweeted:
Aircraft in the sky, pilot on the ground. The new Blackjack
Small Unmanned Aircraft System takes its maiden flight at
Gagetown. The equipment provides commanders with images
and video of what's happening on the ground
#MightyMaroonMachine pic.twitter.com/5hjM5Wl6RP
RUSI(NS) retweeted: Great to see integration of #drones
#UAV #UAS into @CanadianArmy capabilities. Useful for
defense, security & safety operations, whether in
conflict&peaceOperations overseas or assisting Canadians at
home in responding to natural disasters











RUSI(NS) retweeted: Land Force ISTAR (Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquistion and Reconnaissance) - Family of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

http://dgpaapp.forces.gc.ca/en/defence-capabilities-blueprint/project-details.asp?id=1735 #drones #UAS

Future procurement for @CanadianForces needs include long-endurance under-ice capable platforms: mix of #submarines & #drones http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/SOMNIA-1.4699208 #RCNavy must be routinely operating in #Arctic, not leaving our sovereignty in hands of allies & potential adversaries

(Canadian submarines not part of international Arctic under-ice exercise)

National Cyber Security Strategy

 $\frac{https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/rsrcs/pblctns/ntnl-cbr-scrt-strtg/index-en.aspx}{}$

"Canada's Vision for Security and Prosperity in the Digital Age" #cyberSecurity #cyberWar



Public Safety Sécurité publique Canada Canada

Canada

National Cyber Security Strategy



"DHS Moves to Protect US Against Threats from Canada" https://fas.org/blogs/secrecy/2018/06/dhs-canada/
Department of Homeland Security Northern Border Strategy #borderSecurity



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY NORTHERN BORDER STRATEGY

June 12, 2018

Cutting steel not a traditional significant date like keel laying for shipbuilding, has become public messaging event http://ottawacitizen.com/news/national/defence-watch/ceremony-to-be-held-friday-for-cutting-of-steel-on-the-first-joint-support-ship Still, good to see progress reported. #RCNavy needs replenishment oilers #AOR for balanced fleet #BlueWaterNavy @RCN MRC

(Ceremony to be held Friday for cutting of steel on the first Joint Support Ship)

Federal Fleet @federalfleet Jun 12 tweeted: Another first for MV ASTERIX: A U.S. Navy Seahawk (Sikorsky SH-60) lands and takes off from the flight deck during a personnel transfer off the coast of California, June 11, 2018. @RCN_MRC @MARPAC_FMARP @USNavy @Sikorsky pic.twitter.com/BC7Y94OuBh

RUSI(NS) retweeted: Signs that #MVAsterix is civil ship (contracted to #RCNavy) are green flight deck (RCN decks are now gray) & full name name painted on (RCN uses 2 letter designators) @RCN_MRC

CDA Institute @CDAInstitute 14 Jun tweeted and RUSI(NS) retweeted: The spring 2018 edition of ON TRACK magazine is now out, featuring articles on soft power, innovation, and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor!

https://cdainstitute.ca/cda-institute-on-track-spring-2018/







VAdm/Vam Ron Lloyd @Comd_RCN 10 June tweeted: #HMCSWindsor was in the Mediterranean earlier this month working with #NATO allies to enhance mutual awareness, interoperability & operational readiness. Cdn subs are stealthy, agile & lethal and can be deployed globally. #WeAreNATO #ReadytoFight

video: https://mobile.twitter.com/Comd_RCN/status/1005811904688861184

RUSI(NS) retweeted: Modern #submarines are potent combatants, deterrence in crisis regions, useful for nat'l "diplomatic signaling." Strategic assets. CAN National Shipbuilding Strategy #NSS must look ahead to next undersea vehicles after Victoria-class, some mix of manned&unmanned vehicles @RCN MRC

Posted on Facebook Royal United Services Institute NS with comments:

Labor MP Michael Danby argues Solomons cable further reason to block Beijing from 5G network

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-06-13/danby-says-solomons-cable-further-reason-to-block-huawei-from-5g/9867186



The article (Australian) "Labor MP Michael Danby argues Solomons cable further reason to block Beijing from 5G network" once again shows Australia's ongoing concern about letting the Chinese firm Huawei build or even participate in the building of a 5G network in Australia.

Canada seems oblivious to the threat as well as many of our telephone and internet companies offer Huawei products although they are now no longer acceptable in the US and Britain. Now it appears Australia means to do something similar to protect their electronic backbone.

Huawei is connected to the Communist Chinese Party (CCP) and to quote the article: "Bipartisan concerns over Huawei's suitability for critical infrastructure projects have been raised before, with the decision to block the company from having any role in the construction of the NBN." There are serious concerns about the level of penetration of the company by the CCP, but clearly there are concerns by three of the "five eyes" community. Canada seems to be asleep in this regard although there are hopeful signs of awakening with the rejection of the bid to buy Aecon by Chinese state owned enterprise Chinese Communications Construction Company International on national security grounds.

China has often used companies such as Huawei as "Trojan horses" to gain entry into other nations' economies and subsequently use them as parts of their three wars concept, which includes economic, information and legal warfare as means to interfere and change the country's policies as many African nations are finding out when Chinese have taken over key infrastructure or industries.

Our own cyber-security could be compromised by using ZTE or Huawei equipment, especially given how much time and effort Canada is supposed spend on cyber-defence in the near future. See the link on Canada's new Cyber Strategy at: http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/cyber-security-strategy-goodale-1.4703107

Do our allies closer to the problem know something we don't and is our own telecommunication compromised by increasing use of material from companies compromised by their connection to the CCP?

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France is deploying forces to the Indo-Pacific for more than just a drill

https://www.defensenews.com/training-sim/2018/06/07/france-is-deploying-forces-to-the-indo-pacific-for-more-than-just-a-drill/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ebb%2_008.06.18&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief



See Taiwan's military simulate a fight against a Chinese attack

https://www.defensenews.com/training-sim/2018/06/07/see-taiwans-military-simulate-fight-against-chinese-

attack/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ebb%
2008.06.18&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief

SOCOM's New Challenge in North Korea and Beyond

https://www.thecipherbrief.com/ussocoms-new-challenge-north-koreabeyond

Russian 'advocates': Italy's new government unnerves Western allies

https://www.defensenews.com/global/europe/2018/06/07/russian-advocates-italys-new-government-unnerves-western-allies/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ebb% 2008.06.18&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Military%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief

How are NATO members doing on reaching defense spending goals?

https://www.defensenews.com/global/europe/2018/06/07/how-are-nato-members-doing-on-reaching-defense-spending-goals/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ebb% 2008.06.18&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Military%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief

Canada shifting Iraq mission to train Iraqis to defend Mosul

http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/canada-iraq-training-mosul-1.4696346

Security threat, our butt: Here are just some of the ways Canadian technology keeps Americans safe

http://nationalpost.com/news/canada/security-threat-our-butt-here-are-just-some-of-the-ways-canadian-technology-keeps-americans-safe



David Davis on Brexit and Security

https://rusi.org/event/david-davis-brexit-and-security?utm_source=RUSI+Newsletter&utm_campaign=7661a19981-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_06_07_02_15&utm_medium=email&utm_te_rm=0_0c9bbb5ef0-7661a19981-47709521



The Personal Security of Individuals in British Public Life

https://rusi.org/publication/occasional-papers/personal-security-individuals-british-public-

<u>life?utm_source=RUSI+Newsletter&utm_campaign=7661a19981-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_06_07_02_15&utm_medium=email&utm_te_rm=0_0c9bbb5ef0-7661a19981-47709521</u>

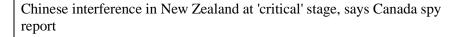
India's Strategic Links with the US: Differing Visions, Different Impact

https://rusi.org/commentary/indias-strategic-links-us-differing-visions-different-

impact?utm_source=RUSI+Newsletter&utm_campaign=7661a19981-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_06_07_02_15&utm_medium=email&utm_te_rm=0_0c9bbb5ef0-7661a19981-47709521

D-Day vet taking leap of faith, 74 years later

http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/SOMNIA-1.4693469



https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/jun/01/chinese-interference-innew-zealand-at-critical-stage-says-canada-spy-report

Search for equipment for new military recruits focused on Ottawa area

http://ottawacitizen.com/news/national/defence-watch/search-for-equipment-for-new-military-recruits-focused-on-ottawa-area



UN secretary general says Canadian peacekeepers entering Mali 'war zone' but downplays risks http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/SOMNIA-1.4699903 What Europe Can Teach America About Russian Disinformation https://www.defenseone.com/ideas/2018/06/what-europe-can-teachamerica-about-russian-disinformation/148870/?oref=defenseone today nl Does Hezbollah's electoral victory spell the end to Lebanon's US military https://www.defensenews.com/global/mideast-africa/2018/06/08/doeshezbollahs-electoral-victory-spell-the-end-to-lebanons-us-militaryaid/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ebb11.0 6.18&utm term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief Canadian submarines not part of international Arctic under-ice exercise http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/SOMNIA-1.4699208 Canadian military discipline finally catching up with 21st century http://thechronicleherald.ca/opinion/1576517-dunne-canadian-militarydiscipline-finally-catching-up-with-21st-century NATO moves to bolster capabilities to counter 'more assertive Russia' http://www.rcinet.ca/en/2018/06/07/nato-four-thirties-capabilities-russia/ Russia Is Quietly Playing Three Roles in the Korean Drama https://www.defenseone.com/ideas/2018/06/russia-quietly-playing-threeroles-us-north-korea-drama/148895/?oref=defenseone today nl Missile defense is essential in an uncertain world https://www.defensenews.com/opinion/commentary/2018/06/11/missiledefense-is-essential-in-an-uncertainworld/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=EBB %206.12.18&utm term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief In Latvia, Canadian and Italian forces stand on guard with NATO against Russian expansion https://www.theglobeandmail.com/world/article-in-latvia-nato-forcesstand-on-guard-against-russian-expansion/

It's raining generals - two public affairs Brigadier Generals each costing up to \$173,000 a year

http://ottawacitizen.com/news/national/defence-watch/its-raining-generals-two-public-affairs-brigadier-generals-each-costing-up-to-173000-a-year

Commerce Decisions Awarded Contract to Support DND's Future Fighter Capability Project

http://www.canadiandefencereview.com/news?news/2513#.Wx 27AGnuc Y.gmail

F-35B stealth jets could operate on Japan's flattop destroyers, study says

https://www.stripes.com/news/f-35b-stealth-jets-could-operate-on-japan-s-flattop-destroyers-study-says-

1.532466?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ebb%206/13/18&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief

NATO-member Norway wants to double US troops near Russia

http://www.dw.com/en/nato-member-norway-wants-to-double-us-troops-near-russia/a-

44191886?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ebb%206/13/18&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief

US upsets China with new de facto embassy in Taiwan

http://www.dw.com/en/us-upsets-china-with-new-de-facto-embassy-intaiwan/a-

44169797?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ebb%206/13/18&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief

At U.N., Russia and U.S. Wage Quiet War Over Appointments to Advance Broader Agendas

 $\frac{https://foreignpolicy.com/2018/06/12/at-u-n-russia-and-u-s-wage-quiet-war-over-appointments-to-advance-broader-}{}$

agendas/?utm_source=PostUp&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Flashpoints%20LiveIntent%206/11/18&utm_keyword=Flashpoints%20OC

Special forces from Qatar to use Canadian aircraft

http://ottawacitizen.com/news/national/defence-watch/special-forces-from-qatar-to-use-canadian-aircraft





Ceremony to be held Friday for cutting of steel on the first Joint Support Ship

http://ottawacitizen.com/news/national/defence-watch/ceremony-to-beheld-friday-for-cutting-of-steel-on-the-first-joint-support-ship

Taiwan charges pro-China party spokesman and others with breaching national security

https://www.reuters.com/article/us-taiwan-china-charge/taiwan-chargespro-china-party-spokesman-and-others-with-breaching-national-securityidUSKBN1JA14X?utm source=Sailthru&utm medium=email&utm cam paign=ebb%2014.06.18&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief





Lacson questions landing of China plane in PH: 'We might wake up a colony'

https://www.rappler.com/nation/204659-lacson-china-military-planelanding-philippines-

colony?utm source=Sailthru&utm medium=email&utm campaign=ebb% 2014.06.18&utm term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief

Trade dispute could leave U.S. firms out of the running to sell military equipment to Canada

http://nationalpost.com/news/politics/trade-dispute-could-leave-u-s-firmsout-of-the-running-to-sell-military-equipment-to-canada





Pratt & Whitney is pitching a new version of the F-35 engine

https://www.defensenews.com/industry/2018/06/13/pratt-whitney-ispitching-a-new-version-of-the-f-35-

engine/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ebb %2014.06.18&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Military%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief

Pentagon and Lockheed Martin Deliver 300th F-35 Aircraft

https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/pentagon-and-lockheedmartin-deliver-300th-f-35-aircraft-300664453.html





The cost of terrorism in Europe

https://www.rand.org/randeurope/research/projects/the-cost-of-terrorismin-

europe.html?utm_source=WhatCountsEmail&utm_medium=RAND%20P olicy%20Currents+AEM:%20%20Email%20Address%20NOT%20LIKE %20DOTMIL&utm campaign=AEM:631600804



Why Russia Should Not Rejoin the G7

https://www.rand.org/blog/2018/06/why-russia-should-not-rejoin-the-g-7.html?utm_source=WhatCountsEmail&utm_medium=RAND%20Policy%20Currents+AEM:%20%20Email%20Address%20NOT%20LIKE%20DOTMIL&utm_campaign=AEM:631600804

Where did Canadian materiels go?

https://ipolitics.ca/2018/06/13/where-did-canadian-materiels-go/



Other Sources:

#additive manufacturing

US Navy eyes metallic 3D printing with \$2.6m deal for CTC https://navaltoday.com/2018/04/04/us-navy-eyes-metallic-3d-printing-with-2-6m-deal-for-ctc/
For those who recall our visit to FMF's laser additive manufacturing shop.

#China

South China Sea and Beyond: Why China's Huge Dredging Fleet Matters

http://nationalinterest.org/blog/the-buzz/south-china-sea-beyond-why-chinas-huge-dredging-fleet-13562

Dredging Under the Radar: China Expands South Sea Foothold

http://nationalinterest.org/feature/dredging-under-the-radar-china-expands-south-sea-foothold-13701

Chinese interference in New Zealand at 'critical' stage, says Canada spy report

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/jun/01/chinese-interference-in-new-zealand-at-critical-stage-says-canada-spy-report

The G7 can find common cause in the South China Sea

https://www.macdonaldlaurier.ca/g7-can-find-common-cause-south-china-sea/

#civil-military relations

Congress Should Oversee America's Wars, Not Just Authorize Them https://www.lawfareblog.com/congress-should-oversee-americas-wars-not-just-authorize-them Leads one to think about Canadian parliamentary authority over operations.

#cvberwar

CyberWar Map

https://nsarchive.gwu.edu/news/cybervault/2018-06-06/cyberwar-map

#defence spending

Global Military Spending Remains High at \$1.7 Trillion

https://isnblog.ethz.ch/defense/global-military-spending-remains-high-at-1-7-trillion

A ten-year global defence-spending review: from economic crisis to security crises

 $\underline{https://www.iiss.org/en/militarybalanceblog/blogsections/2018-f256/may-bef4/ten-year-global-defence-spending-review-7d10}$

#drones

The Rise of Armed Unmanned Aircraft – Part One

https://balloonstodrones.com/2018/06/13/the-rise-of-armed-unmanned-aircraft-part-one/

The Wounds of the Drone Warrior

https://www.nytimes.com/2018/06/13/magazine/veterans-ptsd-drone-warrior-wounds.html

#exercises #NATO

Key NATO and Allied exercises in 2018

https://www.nato.int/nato_static_fl2014/assets/pdf/pdf_2018_04/20180425_1804-factsheet_exercises_en.pdf

#intelligence

Cyber Intelligence: In Pursuit of a Better Understanding for an Emerging Practice www.css.ethz.ch/en/services/digital-library/articles/article.html/5a591945-0b07-420b-877d-7e774e8b502d

#leadership

Serve to Manage

https://wavellroom.com/2018/06/08/serve-to-manage/

#logistics

Technology and what lies beneath – the full cost of modernisation

 $\frac{\text{https://logisticsinwar.com/}2018/05/13/\text{technology-and-what-lies-beneath-the-full-cost-of-modernisation-}}{2/}$

'The furthest, the weakest' – how logistics and distance influence national power https://logisticsinwar.com/2018/05/16/the-furthest-the-weakest-how-logistics-and-distance-influence-national-power/

Tyranny of the Easy Button: Finding Balance Between Contract & Organic Logistics https://logisticsinwar.com/2018/06/13/tyranny-of-the-easy-button-finding-balance-between-contract-organic-logistics-2/

Surviving your time as a military logistician

https://logisticsinwar.com/2018/06/11/surviving-your-time-as-a-military-logistician-2/

#maritime domain awareness

How to spot the secretive activities of rogue fishing boats

http://www.bbc.com/future/story/20180607-how-to-spot-the-secretive-activities-of-rogue-fishing-boats

#maritime security

What do the New National Security and Defense Strategies Mean for Maritime Security?

http://cimsec.org/what-do-the-new-national-security-and-defense-strategies-mean-for-maritime-security/36746

Russia-China Naval Cooperation in an Era of Great Power Competition

http://cimsec.org/russia-china-naval-cooperation-in-an-era-of-great-power-competition/36773

Countering Hybrid Threats in the Maritime Environment

http://cimsec.org/countering-hybrid-threats-in-the-maritime-environment/36553

#military design

Changing change while it changes: The rise of disruptive military thinking

 $\underline{https://othjournal.com/2018/06/06/changing-change-while-it-changes-the-rise-of-disruptive-military-thinking-part-1-of-3/}$

#mission command

The Language of Mission Command and the Necessity of an Historical Approach https://thestrategybridge.org/the-bridge/2016/6/4/the-language-of-mission-command-and-the-necessity-of-an-historical-approach

#NATO

Three Allies establish Special Forces Command

https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/news_155347.htm

Composite Special Operations Component Command

#navies

The US Navy's fleet is getting old. It might get a lot older.

 $\underline{https://www.defensenews.com/naval/2018/06/07/the-us-navys-ships-are-getting-old-they-might-be-getting-a-lot-older/}$

"...foremost among the concerns...is what it would take to keep the combat systems functioning and relevant into the future."

Canadians can give and take lessons on keeping ships until they are old.

#nav war

Hackers Can Hijack, Sink Ships: Researchers

https://www.securityweek.com/hackers-can-hijack-sink-ships-researchers

ECDIS is in RCN use.

#Russia

The Russian Challenge

https://www.rand.org/pubs/perspectives/PE250.html

#wargaming #artificial intelligence

Wargaming with Athena: How to Make Militaries Smarter, Faster, and More Efficient with Artificial Intelligence

https://warontherocks.com/2018/06/wargaming-with-athena-how-to-make-militaries-smarter-faster-and-more-efficient-with-artificial-intelligence/

Other:

Cable Lengths

Irving Shipbuilding @IrvingShipbuild 10:23 AM - 11 Jun 2018 tweeted: Maintenance of the Royal Canadian Navy's Halifax-class frigate HMCS Fredericton continues as our shipbuilders at the #Halifax Shipyard reinstall anchor chain. The ship's anchor chain has a total length of 997 feet, which is 11 shots of anchor chain.

https://twitter.com/IrvingShipbuild/status/1006225406234513408

The RCN uses shackles (90 feet) rather than shots. It is understood the CCG uses shots. Gotta keep a guard up for 'language leakage.'



CDA Institute Aerogram: WoTR "Development Programs Can Help Reduce Political Violence"

Available at https://warontherocks.com/2018/06/development-programs-can-help-reduce-political-violence is War on the Rocks post "Development Programs Can Help Reduce Political Violence" (14 June 2018). This discussion is interesting in light of current debates on the utility of counter-insurgency approaches. An excerpt is below. VR Howard

Lessons for Countering Violent Extremism

As with any empirical research, we must not draw overly broad generalizations from these preliminary studies but rather use them as the basis for adapting programs and testing new approaches. Nonetheless, over the past few years, after conducting nearly a dozen studies on political violence across seven countries, we are arriving at some common understandings: We are learning that, for development programs to reduce support for and participation in violence, they must be multi-dimensional, addressing both individuals' skill deficits and desire for upward mobility in addition to short- and long-term economic needs. In Somalia, we found consistently that when young people were both enrolled in formal schools and participating in civic activities, they were less inclined to support violence. In addition, we have found that successful strategies for countering violent extremism need to challenge the source of deep-rooted grievances, which often involve unjust or weak governance and real or perceived inequality. Our research finds that when individuals, particularly youth, find avenues to participate civically in their communities — for instance, through community service or advocacy campaigns — they can constructively channel grievances."