



# DISPATCHES

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## Child Soldiers

Colin Darlington, Vice-President

As a defense association RUSI(NS) has several purposes, including advancing knowledge of defense and security affairs among the public, media and government. Since the first RUSI was founded in the UK in 1831, a successful approach to such advancement has been to focus on an issue. Since last fall, one issue on which RUSI(NS) has focused has been the use of children as child soldiers or in armed robbery at sea (piracy). This note chronicles the Institute's involvement.

It began last September when Security Affairs Committee (SAC) members Tim Dunne and I assisted the Maritime Warfare Centre (CFMWC) with Multilateral Wargame XII, a 'seven navies of the Americas' week-long strategic-operational discussion exercise. One of the scenarios in the game involved counter-piracy operations. CFMWC invited Dr Shelly Whitman of the Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative, located at Dalhousie University, as a keynote speaker. Attendees at MWC were so taken with the presentation that they invited *Initiative Staff* to stay for the game. Appreciating the interest, I invited Dr Whitman to be the RUSI(NS) November 2014 Distinguished Speaker.

It was so well received by Institute members who heard it that three members immediately followed up: one included child soldiers as a part of a 36 Canadian Brigade Group (CBG) exercise shortly after the doctor's talk, a second took the issue back to 5 Canadian Division as it fitted with the Canadian Army's interest in "soldier resiliency," and a third invited Dr Whitman to speak at the Company of Master Mariners of Canada January 2015 meeting.

Following the 36 CBG exercise, John McLearn of the SAC wrote a paper on the experience. That paper has been posted to the SAC web page on the RUSI(NS) web site. Keeping up the momentum, RUSI(NS) recommended the issue to the Naval Operations School (CFNOS). The Commandant of CFNOS generously

provided an entire afternoon during which staff and students of the Operations Room Officer and Boarding Party Office courses, military lawyers, and staff of 5 Canadian Division and Joint task Force Atlantic heard a presentation and participated in a discussion exercise. That event resulted in several attendees [coincidentally RUSI(NS) members] with experience with child soldiers engaging with the *Initiative* to help in the development of appropriate doctrine and procedures for the military.

The 'International Day Against Use of Child Soldiers' is 12 February. RUSI(NS) assisted with Initiative leading into the day with a social media campaign to highlight aspects of the issue. That assistance continued with social media postings leading to LGen Dallaire's talk on child soldiers to the general public in Halifax, early March. Also, RUSI(NS) links with Halifax Council were used to seek Council recognition of the issue during their meeting on the day of the general's talk.

Throughout, in discussion with staff of the Initiative, it has been made clear that there has to be an end state for RUSI(NS)'s support to any particular issue. In this case, it is taken to be when it is evident that the Canadian Armed Forces are committed to developing the doctrine and procedures for handling child soldiers on situations on land and at sea.

Talks, papers and messaging are some of the means RUSI(NS) can use to fulfil its purpose of advancing defense and security knowledge. But our success is effected by recognition of opportunities, careful selection of issues, and hard work by Institute members. We all can and should be engaged. You are all encouraged to identify issues for attention of the Institute (great way to bring forward your favorite hobby-horse) and to help out in the campaigns to get the word out.

## From the Corner Office

Spring is just around the corner, or so goes the rumour, and with it brings the third quarter of our 2014/2015 RUSI-NS season. I've mentioned in a recent message that while there's no doubt our organization – like many others – has 'right-sized' in terms of membership and activities, we remain active in a number of important areas. In addition to our regular Distinguished Speaker series, your executive maintains close contact with area service heads and community leaders. We've gained several new members over the past few months. We also continue to work closely with our veterans through our Veterans Affairs Committee and are very active in the education component of our mandate through the Security Affairs Committee.

On that note, I'll take the opportunity to make a couple of requests as well: first, as you know, we did not hold our AGM this February, and so will be calling a meeting this spring. We will provide all the notice we can, and when we do, I ask that our members make every effort to attend that important event. Second, your executive will be looking to membership to assist

with specific projects and activities over the months ahead. Our June function comes to mind as one of these, and we're still look-

ing for people to fill a couple of vacancies on the executive. We'll get more information out to people very soon, but please consider participating were there's a need – the strength of any organization depends largely on the involvement of its members.

Thank you to all for an excellent six months and let's make the final segment of our active season both productive and enjoyable.

Dan Tanner  
President



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## Review – RUSI(NS) Paper - “...a fight that is worth the effort”

Len Canfield

The February 2015 position paper on 'Child Soldiers' prepared by Major John McLearn for RUSI(NS)'s Security Affairs Committee professionally assesses the world-wide child soldier issue and ably illustrates the range of experience and expertise of Institute members. The paper is on the SAC page of RUSI(NS)'s web site.

Major McLearn of Halifax is a veteran of seven overseas tours during his 43 years of Regular and Reserve service. His concern is that the use of child soldiers is pervasive.

As he explains, “...unfortunately, in Africa, the Middle East, the Far East and more recently in the Ukraine the phenomenon of child soldiers (under 18) is all too real,” with the result that “...the presence of children in a zone of operations, whether they are used as combatants, combat support (cooks, porters, messengers, etc.)...places an additional burden on members of peacekeeping or peace enforcement forces.”

The child soldier issue has received considerable Canadian and international attention due to the work of Lieutenant-General (ret'd) Romeo Dallaire, including his book, “*They Fought Like Soldiers, They Die Like Children*,” and the Romeo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative hosted at Dalhousie University, Halifax. The aim of the Initiative, through creation of a new international convention, is to make child soldiering illegal...”a fight that is worth the effort.”

Over the years RUSI(NS) members have conducted research, liaised with service, academic and other organiza-

tions, and prepared briefs and position papers on a number of regional and national issues including aircraft and other major replacement projects; coastal, port security and containers; and strategic air and sea lift.

[Note from the editors: The Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative (<http://www.childsoldiers.org/>) is now also on Instagram at <https://instagram.com/rdcsi/>.]

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## Writing For RUSI(NS)

It is an objective of the editors of *Dispatches* to have a good balance between content new in the bulletin and links to content that can be found elsewhere on the Internet. We do not want to be “link heavy.” But to achieve that (and alluding to a movie line), we need input. You have heard the drum beat from us at every opportunity, that members are encouraged to write for RUSI(NS). Now we are going to increase the noise, and challenge members. If everyone in the Institute wrote even just once a year, whether paper, commentary, book review or whatever, we would have more than enough new material to make *Dispatches* a more interesting read. More importantly, we would be readily achieving the Institute's purpose of broadening understanding of Canadian defense and security affairs. There are many ways material can be used and re-used. Short articles can be posted on Facebook or in *Dispatches*. Longer articles can be promulgated as papers, if needed with the editorial assistance of the Security Affairs Committee. Articles of a history and heritage aspect can be posted to the RUSI(NS) website (<http://rusi.ca/history-heritage>). Okay, whilst there is no trophy (yet) for best article of the year, you will receive recognition,



both in the Institute and, what with the way we can reach out to the world through social media, internationally. So, please, write.

And if you only have an idea for something to be written, please contact the editors of *Dispatches*, Tim Dunne or Colin Darlington. Tim is also the chair of the SAC. Peter Dawson is assisting with history and heritage matters.

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## RUSI(NS) Papers

Four papers have been published by Institute members since the last edition of *Dispatches* and are available on RUSI(NS)'s SAC web page :

**Warships: Sovereign Immunity versus Sovereign Territory**, by LCdr Darin Reeves, published 15 January 2015. Many (editors included) have always thought of Canadian warships as a little piece of Canada abroad. LCdr Reeves, Canadian Armed Forces lawyer, gives us a lesson in the legal reality. This doesn't really change the end result but increasingly knowing the legal nuances are important for planning and operations. (<http://rusi.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/DReeves.pdf>)

**Predators of the Deep**, by Maj (retired) Tim Dunne, published 8 March 2015. The Royal Canadian Navy recently trumpeted the readiness of the Canadian Submarine Force (CANSUBFOR). Despite progress, the boats have and continue to get a lot of critical press. Tim's lengthy background can prepare readers to understand better and argue for this strategic asset. (<http://rusi.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Predators-of-the-Deep.pdf>)

**Naming Ships**, by Cdr (retired) Colin Darlington, published 8 March 2015. With the Arctic and Offshore Patrol Ship program progressing, Colin provides some thoughts on the naming of the Harry DeWolf-class, and insight into designations and numbering. ([http://rusi.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Naming\\_Ships\\_21.pdf](http://rusi.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Naming_Ships_21.pdf))

**Child Soldiers**, by Maj John McLearn, published 12 February 2015. John McLearn's paper on child soldiers is reviewed by Len Canfield in the next section of this bulletin. (<http://rusi.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Child-Soldiers1.pdf>)

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## Book Reviews

Book reviews by RUSI(NS) members are particularly welcome.

RUSI(NS) has teamed with the Canadian Naval Review (<http://www.navalreview.ca/>) which has a number of books for which staff there seek reviewers. If you are interested, please contact an editor for a list of the books available. Reviewers may retain the books they review.

**Bastions of Empire a masterfully told tale** (by Bryan

Elson; reviewed by John Boileau).

When Britain (and by extension Canada) declared war on Germany on Aug. 4, 1914, it automatically triggered the War Stage of the Defence Scheme, which included mobilization of the active militia. While many people are familiar with the various main-land and island forts and batteries that ring Halifax Harbour, few realize that a defensive perimeter was also established around Halifax to protect it and the harbour from a ground attack.

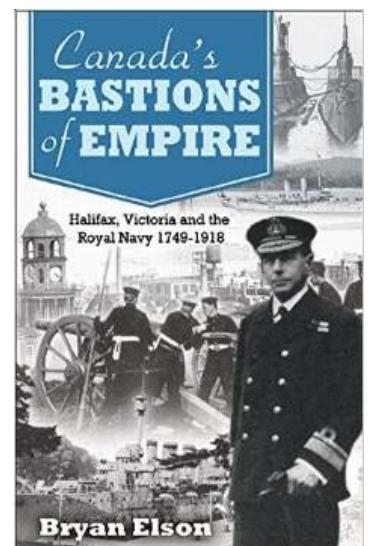
This perimeter consisted of a series of inner camps and outer fieldworks sited on or near major roads leading into Halifax. The responsibility for the Dartmouth side was assigned to the Halifax Rifles, while the Princess Louise Fusiliers were allocated the Halifax side.

The Rifles dug trenches, placed barbed wire and constructed blockhouses and dugouts at positions on the high ground south of Lake Lamont, facing eastwards along what is now Highway 7, and on the shore road to Eastern Passage, about where the Nova Scotia Community College is today.

Additional wired and entrenched positions were prepared on McNabs and Lawlor islands. Meanwhile, the Fusiliers carried out similar defensive measures to the west. At the junction of Prospect and St. Margarets Bay roads, barbed-wire trenches protected a machine-gun post, while two log blockhouses backed with stone and earth were constructed to the east of Long Lake, in the area of the junction of Old Sambro and Herring Cove roads. A rapid-fire one-pounder gun occupied a wired, entrenched position at Herring Cove. Comparable preparations occurred at Esquimalt, near Victoria.

These fascinating facts are only incidental to the main narrative that Bryan Elson tells in *Canada's Bastions of Empire*. That story is the response of Halifax and Victoria, the country's two naval bases, to "threats, both actual and imaginary," as the First World War approached. To set their reaction in context, Elson first outlines the development of both locations as cities and fortified naval bases from their beginnings.

Of necessity, this entails the "one fundamental geopolitical constant" underlying the entire story: the potential threat to Canada from the United States should war break out between Britain and America. The threat was real. Since it had won its independence from Britain, the new country had expanded in many directions, gobbling up vast swaths of territory from France, Spain, Mexico and Russia. By the end of this expansionist era, the only part of the continent that



did not belong to the Americans was Canada.

But it was not without trying. During the American Revolution, the Americans unsuccessfully laid siege to Quebec and would have attacked Halifax had it not been so heavily defended. A few years later, the Americans mounted several invasions at various points along the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence border areas during the War of 1812, most of which failed and did not result in any new territory.

After the Civil War, the Americans possessed the largest, best trained and most experienced army in the world. Many expected them to follow through with their long-held dream of divinely mandated expansion they called *Mani-est Destiny* — North America as one nation — the United States. This perceived threat was one of the factors that led to Confederation.

Yet when war came, it wasn't with the Americans; it was with Germany. But, fortuitously, many of the preparations for the defence of Halifax and Esquimalt were already in place in accordance with long-standing plans.

Elson does a masterful job of weaving the reader through the naval and army defensive preparations during the 19th century on both coasts, as changes in armament due to larger guns, breech-loading weapons and rifled barrels advanced rapidly, requiring these ports to continuously upgrade their defences, all set against the geopolitical back-ground.

Readers who enjoy political, military or local history will find something to please them here. It is a worthy addition to Elson's two previous books, *Nelson's Yankee Captain: The Life of Boston Loyalist Sir Benjamin Hallowell* (2008) and *First to Die: The First Canadian Navy Casualties in the First World War* (2010).

(This review first appeared in the Halifax Chronicle Herald on 16 February 2015 and is reprinted with permission of the

author.)

**Killing Patton** (by Bill O'Reilly; reviewed by Gordon Eastwood)

Bill O'Reilly has written a fascinating book about U.S. General George S. Patton's stormy career. He was constantly in trouble with his superiors, Generals Eisenhower and

Marshall, over his indiscretions. Everything from slapping two shell-shocked soldiers to bad-mouthing the Soviet Union. He saw the Russians as a bigger threat than the Nazis and was frustrated by what he considered Ike's pandering to this Ally. O'Reilly writes that even the much-admired President Roosevelt helped Stalin take over much of Eastern Europe while ignoring Churchill and Great Britain. Patton, known as Old Blood and Guts, kept his commands because he was the best fighting general of the Second World War.

O'Reilly quotes a prayer that Patton recited during the Battle of the Bulge. It says a lot about Patton's style:

"Damn it, Sir, I can't fight a shadow. Without Your cooperation from a weather standpoint, I am deprived of accurate disposition of the German armies and how in the hell can I be intelligent in my attack? All of this probably sounds unreasonable to You, but I have lost all patience with Your chaplains who insist that this is a

typical Ardennes winter and that I must have faith. Faith and patience be damned! You have just got to make up Your mind whose side You are on. You must come to my assistance so that I may dispatch the entire German Army as a birthday present to your Prince of Peace. Sir, I have never been an unreasonable man; I am not going to ask You to do the impossible. I do not even insist upon a miracle, for all I request is four days of clear weather. Give me four days so that my planes can fly, so that my fighter bombers can bomb and strafe, so that my reconnaissance may pick out targets for my magnificent artillery. Give me four days of sunshine to dry this blasted mud, so that my tanks roll, so that am-



RCMP memorial RCMP HQ H Division Headquarters 21 February 2015 (credit Royce MacRae)

munition and rations may be taken to my hungry, ill-equipped infantry. I need these four days to send von Rundstedt and his godless army to their Valhalla. I am sick of this unnecessary butchering of American youth, and in exchange for four days of fighting weather, I will deliver you enough Krauts to keep Your bookkeepers months behind in their work. Amen."

It worked.

## Parking

As of 2 March 2015, new parking regulations are in place on the Base. People attending the Royal Artillery Park Officers' Mess need to "pay and display." The rate is \$2.50 an hour. The metre machine takes credit cards but not debit cards. Bring your quarters, loonies and toonies – the machine does not take small change and does not give change!

The mess manager recommends you also display your Mess Associate Member card or RUSI(NS) card on your dashboard when parking at Royal Artillery Park to show that you are attending the mess. It is not required.

## Social Media

If you do not have a Twitter or Facebook account, you can access RUSI(NS)'s tweets and postings by clicking on the Twitter or Facebook icons on the front page of RUSI(NS)'s website <http://rusi.ca>. This approach is recommended. I did consider setting up a list to email to those who were interested as each tweet was posted, but as there are three to five tweets a day, I realized that would be too much for some and that it was easy enough for those interested to

access the tweets from the RUSI(NS) web site.

Even if you are not on Twitter or Facebook, your ideas and content that can be tweeted or posted are welcome. Ideas and content do not have to be finished – editorial staff can tweak them.

Follow RUSI(NS) on Twitter at @RUSI\_NS.

Like RUSI(NS) on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Royal-United-Services-Institute-NS/618819224873298>.

Canadian Army has been increasingly engaging on social media, past the usual (Twitter, Facebook) to others such as Storify: <https://storify.com/5CdnDiv/the-prince-edward-island-regiment#publicize>



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## Veterans Affairs

The Ombudsman for the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces, Mr Gary Walbourne, released on 26 Jan 15 an analysis of the priority hiring of medically released Canadian Armed Forces members entitled "Canadian Armed Forces best positioned to determine Public Service priority hiring for releasing members." A news release is at: <http://ombudsman.forces.gc.ca/en/ombudsman-news-events-media-news/priority-hiring-news-release.page>

and the report is at: <http://ombudsman.forces.gc.ca/en/ombudsman-reports-stats-investigations-priority-hiring/priority-hiring-index.page>

The Veterans Affairs Canada mobile app "Veterans Matter" (<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/stay-connected/mobile-app/veterans-matter>) will help you:

- find an event or ceremony near you
- find the Veterans Affairs Canada office nearest you
- learn about the New Veterans Charter (NVC)
- access a screening tool to determine if you qualify for services and benefits under the NVC
- share your comments on the Veterans Affairs Canada Facebook wall
- watch a video from the Veterans Affairs Canada YouTube channel
- locate Canadian war cemeteries, monuments and battlefields around the world
- find contact information for Veterans Affairs Canada
- view eSalute! newsletter articles



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## RUSI(NS) PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

Date	Time	Location	Event
Wednesday 8 April	1800	RCMP H Div HQ	Distinguished Speaker – <u>Cst Mark Skinner</u> RCMP, on use of drones
Wednesday 13 May	1200 - 1330	RA Park	Distinguished Speaker - Dr Hazen, Director Atlantic Research Centre
Wednesday 10 June	1200 - 1330	RA Park	Distinguished Speaker – <u>Cdr Plaschka</u> on Operation CARIBBE
TBD June	TBD	TBD	BBQ
Wednesday 16 September	1200 - 1330	RA Park	Distinguished Speaker - Chief <u>JM Blais</u> , Halifax Regional Police, on Haiti
Wednesday 14 October	1200 - 1330	RA Park	Distinguished Speaker

Our Distinguished Speaker events, unless otherwise indicated, commence with gathering at noon for a 1230 hours start of presentation, at Royal Artillery Park Officers' Mess (<http://www.cg.cfpsa.ca/cg-pc/Halifax/EN/Messes/rapark/Pages/default.aspx>), 1575 Queen Street, Halifax. Remarks and Q&A last to 1330 hours. If and when the mess serves lunch, word will be passed. The mess routinely emails its lunch menu to associate members. If you are not receiving those emails, please inform the mess manager, Tina MacNeil, at [Tina.MacNeil@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Tina.MacNeil@forces.gc.ca) or 902-427-4453.

Note that the Distinguished Speaker event for September is the third Wednesday of the month rather than the usual second Wednesday as the latter falls in the week starting with Labour Day.

If you have a comment on the program, or would like to recommend a Distinguished Speaker or tour, please contact the Vice-President, Colin Darlington.

The Chatham House Rule (<http://www.chathamhouse.org/about-us/chathamhouserule>) applies to Distinguished Speaker events when declared: "When a meeting, or part thereof, is held under the Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed."

If you have an idea for any of the sections of Dispatches, please forward it to an editor.

If clicking on the link does not appear to work, try copying the link and pasting it into your browser. If that does not work, please feel free to contact an editor.

Keep a RUSI(NS) brochure at hand to give to potential new members. Brochures may be obtained from the Vice-President, Colin Darlington.

### History & Heritage

If you have ideas for RUSI(NS)'s history and heritage efforts, please contact Peter Dawson. RUSI(NS) has a History & Heritage page to its web site; submissions are welcome.

Dalhousie University Centre for Foreign Policy Studies "BroadSides" discussion forum article "Deployments by Ships of the Royal Canadian Navy into Canadian Northern Waters, 1949-2014": <http://www.navalreview.ca/broadsides-discussion-forum/>

RCMP Celebrates 80th Anniversary of Long Service Medal: <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/features-vedette/2014/11-12-maintiens-le-droit-eng.htm?tw>

Photography of the First World War – The Canadian War Records Office: <http://thediscoverblog.com/2014/11/07/photography-of-the-first-world-war-part-i-the-canadian-war-records-office/>

Digitization of the Canadian Expeditionary Force Personnel Service Files: <http://thediscoverblog.com/2014/10/16/current-status-of-the-digitization-of-the-canadian-expeditionary-force-personnel-service-files/>

First World War Posters: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/lac-bac/sets/72157645758428524/>

The Military Museums is a not-for-profit dedicated to educating the public, particularly youth, about Canada's military. [@TMM\\_yc](http://themilitarymuseums.ca)

Canadian Naval Review article "Was the RCN ever the Third Largest Navy?" <http://www.navalreview.ca/wp-content/uploads/public/vol5num3/vol5num3art2.pdf>

Canadian Army Rank Insignia: [http://army.ca/wiki/index.php/Canadian\\_Army\\_Rank\\_Insignia](http://army.ca/wiki/index.php/Canadian_Army_Rank_Insignia)

The RCMP Heritage Centre, located on the grounds of RCMP Academy ('Depot' Division), shares the story of the RCMP using state of the art exhibits, multimedia technologies and engaging programming and tours: <http://www.rcmpheritagecentre.com/>

Canadian Armed Forces honourees:

RCN Honorary Navy Captains: <http://www.navy-marine.forces.gc.ca/en/about/in-depth-hcpts.page>

Honorary Appointments: <http://www.army-armee.forces.gc.ca/en/honouraries/honorary-appointment.page>

Present and visible - RCAF honorary colonels volunteer their services: <http://www.rcaf-arc.forces.gc.ca/en/article-template-standard.page?doc=present-and-visible-rcaf-honorary-colonels-volunteer-their-services/i0viiyv7>

Royal Canadian Navy Adopts New Visual Identifier <http://ow.ly/Gw9bp>

US Naval War College Naval Historical Collection: <https://www.usnwc.edu/archives>

Restoring the Canadian Army's historical identity: <http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/news/article.page?doc=restoring-the-canadian-army-s-historical-identity/hjiq6l65>

US Naval History and Heritage Command: <http://www.history.navy.mil/>

Media release - Taking Back Tradition: The Canadian Army is Working Hard to Restore Historical Ties to Divisions and Ranks: <http://www.army-armee.forces.gc.ca/en/news-publications/national-news-details-no-menu.page?doc=taking-back-tradition-the-canadian-army-is-working-hard-to-restore-historical-ties-to-divisions-and-ranks/i55aprcx>

Reunion Of Giants - The Official Lancaster UK Tour Trailer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Ol2rem6d3g&feature=youtu.be>

Coming Summer 2015 - Worldwide TV release followed by DVD/Blu-ray (all formats). It has been 50 years since two Avro Lancaster bombers flew side by side. The Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum's Avro Lancaster, VeRA, flew from Hamilton, Ontario to meet her British counterpart, Thumper – the only other surviving flight worthy Lancaster bomber in the world – the RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight's (BBMF) Lancaster in England. Suddenly SeeMore...Productions Inc's specialty is reality adventure television and the people who make it. REUNION OF GIANTS documents this historic mission as it unfolds, through the eyes of the flight crews, veterans, friends and family – all part of the bombers' history, including this new chapter as VeRA crosses the Atlantic. (Published on Jan 21, 2015)

New insignia for the Royal Canadian Air Force: <http://www.rcaf-arc.forces.gc.ca/en/article-template-standard.page?doc=new-insignia-for-the-royal-canadian-air-force/i0dsl28w>

RCAF receives new rank insignia: <http://www.rcaf-arc.forces.gc.ca/en/article-template-standard.page?doc=rcaf-receives-new-rank-insignia/i0dslgrl>

Informative website of RCN traditions (toasts of the day, jackspeak, posters, badges, etc.): <http://readyayeready.com/index.php>

The Canadian Battlefields Foundation is an educational foundation with the mandate to remember Canada's role in wars and military operations since the beginning of the 20th Century through its battlefield study tours, other educational activities and commemorative events: <http://www.cbf-fccb.ca/>

### **Journals, Reports, etc., of Interest**

US Naval War College Review Autumn 2014: <https://www.usnwc.edu/getattachment/09189e28-6041-420c-862b-d954213db1a3/Download-the-entire-issue-in-pdf-for-your-e-reader.aspx>

US Naval War College Review Winter 2015: <https://www.usnwc.edu/getattachment/83800b2d-51c7-4666-951a-da411509aa63/Download-the-entire-issue-in-pdf-for-your-e-reader.aspx>

The Long War Journal is dedicated to providing original and accurate reporting and analysis of the Long War, also known as the Global War on Terror: <http://www.longwarjournal.org/>

Combating Terrorism Center Sentinel | Volume 7, Issue 11 (Nov/Dec 2014): <https://www.ctc.usma.edu/posts/novemberdecember-2014>

Navy Recognition Online Naval Defence Magazine covers the maritime defense industry, navy technology and international naval exhibitions: <http://www.navyrecognition.com/>

The Journal of Military Operations: <https://www.tjomo.com/>

Crowsnest, the national news magazine of the RCN: <http://www.navy-marine.forces.gc.ca/en/news-crowsnest/crowsnest-v8i1.page>

The Canadian Army Journal, an official publication of the Canadian Army: <http://www.army-armee.forces.gc.ca/en/canadian-army-journal/army-journal-index.page>

The RCMP Gazette magazine: <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/gazette/index-eng.htm>

U.S. Army Military Review: <http://usacac.army.mil/CAC2/MilitaryReview/>

HMCS SACKVILLE "Action Stations!" Volume 13 Issue 4 December 2014: <http://canadasnavalmemorial.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/Action-Stations-Dec-17-2014.pdf>

Conference of Defence Association journal On Track Winter 2014-2015: <http://cdainstitute.ca/images/ontrack19n2.pdf>

RUSI(UK) report "Out of Reach? The Role of Community Policing in Preventing Terrorism in Canada": <https://www.rusi.org/publications/occasionalpapers/ref:O54D9D47F07BED/>

Center for International Maritime Security report "Private Military Contractors - A CIMSEC Compendium <http://cimsec.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/pmcw.pdf>

Maritime Security Review: <http://www.marsecreview.com/>

Baden-Powell's "Aids to Scouting for N.-C.Os. & Men": <http://tactical.dfns.net/2015/02/02/aids-to-scouting-for-n-c-o-s-men-the-book-that-inspired-a-movement/>

"Jackspeak of the Royal Canadian Navy": <http://readyayeready.com/news/2015/01/28/jackspeak-of-the-royal-canadian-navy/>



## Links of Interest

Canadian Armed Forces operations are listed at: <http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/operations.page>. Updates can be found at: <http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/operations/update.page>. Operations of interest include Operation IMPACT, the CAF support to the Middle East Stabilization Force (MESF) multinational coalition against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) in the Republic of Iraq, and Operation SIRONA, the military component of the Canadian whole-of-government contribution to fighting the Ebola outbreak in West Africa.

Commodore Brian Santarpia RCN has assumed command of the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) Counter-Terrorism Task Force (CTF 150). More info on CMF at: <http://combinedmaritimeforces.com/>

NATO Centres of Excellence (21 of them, wide range of interesting fields): [http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics\\_68372.htm](http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/topics_68372.htm)

MILNEWS.ca Blog's:

“What’s Canada Buying?” 3 Dec 14: <http://milnewsca.wordpress.com/2014/12/03/wcb-032330est-dec-14/>

“What’s Canada Buying?” 15 Jan 15: <https://milnewsca.wordpress.com/2015/01/15/wcb-151300est-jan-15/>

“What’s Canada Buying?” 23 Jan 15: <https://milnewsca.wordpress.com/2015/01/23/wcb-231200est-jan-2015/>

“What’s Canada Buying?” 1 Feb 15: <https://milnewsca.wordpress.com/2015/02/01/wcb-010800est-feb-2015/>

Arctic Science publishes original peer-reviewed research from all areas of natural science and applied science & engineering related to northern Polar Regions, and is open-access: <http://www.nrcresearchpress.com/journal/as>

Excellent summary of Royal Canadian Air Force’s Expeditionary Concept, including air task forces and air expeditionary wings, in the article “Royal Canadian Air Force: Anytime, anywhere”: <http://www.rcaf-arc.forces.gc.ca/en/article-template-standard.page?doc=royal-canadian-air-force-anytime-anywhere/i1pgnhq7>

Canadian Forces College papers can be found by searching (by keyword, programme, or year) at: <http://www.cfc.forces.gc.ca/303/171/171-eng.html>

Nations’ “power index” (PwrIndx) calculated using 50 factors: <http://www.globalfirepower.com/countries-listing.asp>

Center for Strategic and International Studies 2015 Global Forecast: <http://csis.org/publication/2015-global-forecast>

Canadian Forces Imagery Gallery Best Photos 2014: <http://www.combatcamera.forces.gc.ca/site/gallery-eng.asp?value=Editorpick14>

Forces Images (<http://www.forcesimages.ca/default.aspx?aid=122>) is a temporary storage for CAF/DND photos and video intended for media use. Imagery is deleted from the folders every two weeks, so desired imagery must be downloaded in a timely manner. Imagery from operations and exercises can also be downloaded from [www.combatcamera.forces.gc.ca](http://www.combatcamera.forces.gc.ca)

Op CARIBBE is Canada’s contribution to Op MARTILLO, a multinational, joint and combined campaign against illicit trafficking by transnational criminal organizations in the Americas and Caribbean. A summary of the RCN’s efforts in 2014 is at: <http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/news/article.page?doc=a-successful-year-for-op-caribbe/i3iqnp2g>

Admiral’s View. Monthly, the Commander of Maritime Forces Atlantic shares his thoughts on current trends, obstacles, and achievements of relevance to the Royal Canadian Navy, with a focus on the Atlantic Coast: <http://www.navy-marine.forces.gc.ca/en/about/structure-marlant-admiral.page>

December - Let the Bells Ring (the Halifax Explosion)

January - The Romance of the Sea

February - A Giant Step Forward for Canada (Arctic and Offshore Patrol Ships)

1 Canadian Air Division/Canadian NORAD Region Headquarters Combined Aerospace Operations Centre: <http://www.rcaf-arc.forces.gc.ca/en/news-template-standard.page?doc=combined-aerospace-operations-centre-nerve-centre-of-the-rcaf/i3iqojkc>

Rear Admiral John Newton to be on Franklin expedition expert panel: <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/rear-admiral-john-newton-to-be-on-franklin-expedition-expert-panel-1.2876883?cmp=rss>

Joint Special Operations University Library <http://jsou.libguides.com/welcome>

U.S. Army War College “Periodical Articles for Current Awareness,” a monthly promulgation to which worth subscribing: <http://usawc.libguides.com/currentawareness>

National Defence Public Affairs Office Atlantic Region Updates:

October 2014 <http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/news-defence-connexion/article.page?doc=atlantic-region-update-october-2014/i1pglq38>

November 2014 <http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/news-defence-connexion/article.page?doc=atlantic-region-update/i2kagb4u>

December 2014 <http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/news-defence-connexion/article.page?doc=atlantic-region-update-december-2014/i3iqokrz>

February 2015 <http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/news-defence-connexion/article.page?doc=atlantic-region-update/i6jaw8zy>

Other updates can be accessed at <http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/news-defence-connexion/index.page>

The Sir Richard Williams Foundation is an independent research organisation whose purpose is to promote the development and effective implementation of national security and defence policies as they impact on Australia’s ability to generate air power appropriate to its unique geopolitical environment and values: <http://www.williamsfoundation.org.au/>

The International Institute for Strategic Studies: <http://www.iiss.org/en/>

Company of Master Mariners of Canada “The Evolving Arctic, Challenges and Opportunities” 29 Apr 14 Presentations: <http://www.mastermariners.ca/maritimes/conferences.php>. The aim of this seminar was to investigate the progress of development in the Canadian Arctic and the needs to support an expanded shipping season for cruise ships, resource extraction and the potential traffic using the North West Passage as a shorter shipping route. The seminar considered the resources in place for search and rescue, oil pollution response, icebreaking, ice navigator services, re-fuelling, ship repair and places of refuge. Discussions considered requirements for investments in infrastructure and regulatory regimes to protect seafarers, the fishery and the sensitive environment, resources and communities.

Atlantic Council of Canada publications: <http://natocouncil.ca/publications/>

New look for Canadian Defence & Foreign Affairs Institute (@CDAInstitute) website: <http://www.cdfai.org/>

Dalhousie University Centre for Foreign Policy Studies Current Events (interesting lectures): <http://www.dal.ca/dept/cfps/news-events/reports.html>

Combat Camera p (@CFCombatCamera) Operation IMPACT album on Flickr: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/cfcombatcamera/16146650550/in/set-72157647222335472>

Advancing with Purpose: the Army Strategy (3rd edition, 2014): [http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection\\_2014/mdn-dnd/D2-335-2014-eng.pdf](http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2014/mdn-dnd/D2-335-2014-eng.pdf)

University of Copenhagen Centre for Military Studies English publications: <http://cms.polsci.ku.dk/english/publications/>

Video “Sisters of the Space Age - the Paying Off” about HMCS IROQUOIS: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQN0wZKa5Bw>

An Overview of Canadian Military Space in 2014 (a good read): <http://spaceref.ca/military-space/an-overview-of-canadian-milspace-in-2014—part.html>

Defence and Security Science & Technology Strategy: <http://www.drddc.gc.ca/en/publications/defence-st-strategy.page>

Descriptive article about CFLC “Employers Supporting Reservists”: <http://www.forces.gc.ca/en/business-reservist-support/index.page>

European Union “Regional Maritime Capacity Building Mission in the Horn of Africa and the Western Indian Ocean” (EUCAP Nestor) is a civilian mission which assists host countries in developing a self-sustainable capacity for continued enhancement of the maritime security, including counter-piracy and maritime governance: [http://www.eucap-nestor.eu/en/mission/general\\_overview/what\\_is\\_eucap\\_nestor\\_online](http://www.eucap-nestor.eu/en/mission/general_overview/what_is_eucap_nestor_online)

The Canadian government “Economics of Policing and Community Safety Shared Forward Agenda” recognized the need for a central repository to improve access to policing research in Canada. The Canadian Policing Research Catalogue consolidates and makes available research material on policing conducted by academics, police services, governments and other researchers. The catalogue is at: <http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/cntrng-crm/plcng/cnmcs-plcng/rsrch-prtl/srch-eng.aspx>.

## **Blogs of Interest**

7 Underrated Military Blogs That Can’t Get No Respect: <http://carryingthegun.com/2014/10/08/7-underrated-military-blogs-that-cant-get-no-respect/>

The “Think Defence” blogger always been a good read, with frequent logistics and engineering posts. As an example, his series on “Military Boxes, Pallets and Containers” (nine parts), starting at: Part 1: <http://www.thinkdefence.co.uk/2014/11/boxes-pallets-containers/> and as of this date to: Part 8 (there will be a 9): <http://www.thinkdefence.co.uk/2014/12/military-pallets-boxes-containers-part-8-issues-improvements/>

## **Books**

Out of the Mountains: The Coming Age of the Urban Guerrilla, by David Kilcullen. Conflict in mega-cities was recently highlighted at a wargame at the Canadian Forces Maritime Warfare Centre, and is increasingly getting attention by armies. <http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/17847504-out-of-the-mountains>

Books reviewed in the Autumn 2014 edition of US Naval War College Review:

Seapower: A Guide for the Twenty-First Century

Wargames: From Gladiators to Gigabytes

The Art of Negotiation: How to Improvise Agreement in a Chaotic World

Submarine Cables: The Handbook of Law and Policy

Six Essential Elements of Leadership: Marine Corps Wisdom of a Medal of Honor Recipient

Treasury’s War: The Unleashing of a New Era of Financial Warfare,

The Triumph of Improvisation: Gorbachev’s Adaptability, Reagan’s Engagement, and the End of the Cold War

In the Hour of Victory: The Royal Navy at War in the Age of Nelson

Books reviewed in the Winter 2015 edition of US Naval War College Review:

The Great and Holy War: How World War I Became a Religious Crusade

Bridging Troubled Waters: China, Japan, and Maritime Order in the East China Sea

Restless Empire: China and the World since 1750

The Military Lens: Doctrinal Difference and Deterrence Failure in Sino-American Relations

Bleeding Talent: How the U.S. Military Mismanages Great Leaders and Why It’s Time for a Revolution

How English Became the Global Language

U.S. Department of Defense Reading Lists

Joint Chiefs of Staff Reading List: <http://jsou.libguides.com/c.php?g=83707&p=538621>

U.S. Army Reading List: [http://www.history.army.mil/html/books/105/105-1-1/CMH\\_Pub\\_105-5-1\\_2014.pdf](http://www.history.army.mil/html/books/105/105-1-1/CMH_Pub_105-5-1_2014.pdf)

U.S. Marine Corps Reading List: <http://www.marines.mil/News/Messages/MessagesDisplay/tabid/13286/Article/136236/revision-of-the-commandants-professional-reading-list.aspx>



U.S. Navy Reading List: <http://jsou.libguides.com/c.php?g=83707&p=538619>  
U.S. Air Force Reading List 2014: <http://jsou.libguides.com/c.php?g=83707&p=538617>  
U.S. Coast Guard Reading List: <http://www.uscg.mil/leadership/resources/readinglist.asp>  
U.S. Special Operations Command Reading List 2014: <http://jsou.libguides.com/readinglists/readinglists>  
U.S. Special Operations Command Reading List 2015: <http://jsou.libguides.com/readinglists#s-lg-box-644575>  
U.S. Africa Command Reading List <https://africom.wordpress.com/2012/03/07/full-africom-reading-list/>  
U.S. Strategic Command Reading List: [http://www.stratcom.mil/reading\\_list/](http://www.stratcom.mil/reading_list/)  
Joint Staff College Reading List: <http://jsou.libguides.com/c.php?g=83707&p=1222158>  
Psychological Operations Reading List: <http://jsou.libguides.com/c.php?g=83707&p=538566>  
Cyber Professional Reading List: <http://jsou.libguides.com/c.php?g=83707&p=538565>  
Defense Acquisition Professional Reading List: <http://www.dau.mil/research/pages/readinglist.aspx>

#### Other Book Lists of Interest

Defence Academy of the United Kingdom Reading List: <http://www.da.mod.uk/recommended-reading>  
Australian Army Reading List: <http://www.army.gov.au/Our-future/DARA/Our-publications/~media/Files/Our%20future/DARA%20Publications/SP/SP323-Chief-of-Army-Reading-List.ashx>  
Small Wars Journal Reading List: <http://smallwarsjournal.com/content/reading-list>  
CIA Intelligence Literature: Suggested Reading List <https://www.cia.gov/library/intelligence-literature/index.html>  
Congressman Ike Skelton National Security Book List: [http://usacac.army.mil/cac2/cgsc/carl/docrepository/Skelton\\_NSBL.pdf](http://usacac.army.mil/cac2/cgsc/carl/docrepository/Skelton_NSBL.pdf)

*Canada's Bastions of Empire: Halifax, Victoria and the Royal Navy 1749-1918* by Bryan Elson::

<http://www.formac.ca/bastions/index.php?page=detail&cid=1444>

Review at: [http://www.vancouversun.com/life/Tales+tragedy+heroism/10682258/story.html#\\_federated=1](http://www.vancouversun.com/life/Tales+tragedy+heroism/10682258/story.html#_federated=1) (you may have to copy and paste this URL into your browser)

Review of *The Canadair Argus*: <http://seawavesreviews.blogspot.ca/2015/01/the-canadair-argus.html>

NATO Multimedia Library accessions January 2015 (interesting for what is listed): [http://www.natolibguides.info/ld.php?content\\_id=3213571](http://www.natolibguides.info/ld.php?content_id=3213571)

NATO Multimedia Library thematic bibliographies: [http://www.natolibguides.info/library/find/library\\_pubs#THEMBIB](http://www.natolibguides.info/library/find/library_pubs#THEMBIB)

Baden-Powell's "Aids to Scouting for N.-C.Os. & Men": <http://tactical.dfns.net/2015/02/02/aids-to-scouting-for-n-c-o-s-men-the-book-that-inspired-a-movement/>

"Jackspeak of the Royal Canadian Navy": <http://readyayeready.com/news/2015/01/28/jackspeak-of-the-royal-canadian-navy/>

## Art

War Artists at Sea featuring Eric Ravilious: [http://images.rmg.co.uk/?service=set&action=show\\_content\\_page&language=en&set=144&ref=news](http://images.rmg.co.uk/?service=set&action=show_content_page&language=en&set=144&ref=news)

10 Snowy Scenes by First World War Artists: <http://www.iwm.org.uk/history/10-snowy-scenes-by-first-world-war-artists>

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