



Defense Orientation Conference Association

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CONFERENCE READ AHEAD

Friday, May 21st, 2021

8:00AM to 11:00AM PDT via Microsoft TEAMS

The Arctic: Opportunities and Challenges

Arctic Importance & Challenges

[The Arctic Is Integral to U.S. National Security](#)

Thad W. Allen, Interviewed by Jonathon Masters (March 22nd, 2017)

Nominated Undersecretary of Defense elaborates on Iran, nuclear weapons, the National Defense Strategy, climate change, arms sales, and civilian control of the military.

[Climate Change Will Guide How the Air Force Builds Arctic Infrastructure](#)

Brian W. Everstine, Airforce Magazine (November 20th, 2020)

The rapidly changing Arctic environment has driven global interest in the region, especially with regards to emerging waterways and new access to natural resources.

[Air Force intercepting record number of Russian aircraft, Alaska-based lieutenant general says](#)

Peter Aitken (May 1st, 2021)

The U.S. Air Force has been under strain by an increasing number of Russian aircraft that it's having to intercept off the coast of North America.

[Yearlong delay hits operational test of Alaska-based missile defense radar](#)

Jen Judson, Defense News: The Americas (May 1st, 2021)

The Long-Range Discrimination Radar was supposed to have its flight test in the third quarter of fiscal 2021 after two ground tests, however the pandemic has caused a delay.

Advancements Within the Region

[US Marines Train for Arctic Warfare with Norwegian Troops and Submarines](#)

Paul Crespo, American Defense News (April 9th, 2021)

These unique Marine Arctic operations mirror similar integrated naval operations being developed for Pacific missions.

[US and Canadian Air Forces Train to Defend North American Arctic](#)

Paul Crespo, American Defense News (March 30th, 2021)

With Russia increasingly active militarily in the warming Arctic and near Alaska, and even China extending its military reach in the frigid northern waters as a self-described 'near Arctic power, U.S. and Canadian efforts to defend the North American Arctic take on critical importance.

Words from Guest Speaker

[Testimony of Major General Randy A. "Church" Kee](#)

Major General Randy A. Kee, Arctic Domain Awareness Center (December 8th, 2020)

A discussion about the U.S. Coast Guard Capabilities for Safeguarding National Interests and Promoting Economic Security in the Arctic.

In Depth Information

[Changes in the Arctic: Background and Issues](#)

Congressional Research Service (February 1st, 2021)

The diminishment of Arctic sea ice has led to increased human activities in the Arctic, and has heightened interest in, and concerns about, the region's future.