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Gen. Zoltán Szenes (Ret.) – Lt. Gen. Zoltán Orosz: A Forward Operational Base – 20 years of the Office of the Hungarian Military Representative 4

As part of a conscious organizational development, the Office of the Hungarian Military Representative (HU MILREP Office) in Brussels was established on 15th January 1998 as a Section of the Permanent NATO Representation of Hungary. The MILREP Office, under the direct subordination to the Chief of Defence Staff, represents the military interests of our country in the NATO Military Committee, as well as liaises and cooperates with the NATO military authorities, the military representations of the Member States and partner countries. During the past two decades the Hungarian MILREP Office has changed with the Alliance, its tasks, organization and modus operandi changed, and its cooperative relationships enlarged. The article presents the development, mission, activities and adaptation of the Hungarian MILREP Office to the changing situation. Although the office moved into the new NATO Headquarters as part of the Hungarian NATO Mission in May 2018, its mission did not change: to do its best in representing the military interests of the country and the Hungarian Military, to contribute to the successful adaptation of NATO.

Keywords: NATO, Office of the Hungarian Military Representative, NATO Military Committee, NATO Military Authorities

Col. Imre Frankó: 20 years of the MLF – a perfect example of regional military cooperation 18

The study introduces the twenty-year-old MLF (Multinational Land Force) Brigade from its establishment through the emerging challenges until today. The unit has significant values and has been strengthened by a chain of successfully accomplished missions. Top level cooperation characterises the units of the participating nations who are able to integrate any other units from different nations fast and effectively into the activity of the MLF. The brigade plays a flagship role for the participating nations and it has become one of the most effective models of regional military cooperation. A meaningful progress was made in different areas such as the level of standards and documents, effectiveness of procedures or the organization itself. Yet, it includes the possibility of the expansion as well as the development of the organization. Moreover, excellent relations and military comradeship characterise the members of the MLF family. In this article the author introduces these processes using his personal experience as well.

Keywords: Multinational Land Force – MLF, regional military cooperation, Permanent Planning Staff – PPS, European Union Battle Group - EU BG, Defence Cooperation Initiative – DECI

Zsolt Csutak: New warfare of new ages – Cognitive security in era of informational and cyber warfare 33

In the new world of postmodern, globalised and computerized era of the 21st century, the relationship of communication patterns, human interactions, and information-share have drastically changed, consequently relations of warfare followed suit. The focal point of global economic and political assertiveness and clash of interests are also being shifted into cyber-space, where the electronic online media have turned into a cyber battlefield and information is turning into weapon. The new soft power tools of hybrid warfare are applied both by state and non-state actors, and to withhold and efficiently resist these new impact power factors proves to be rather difficult. These strategy and methodology, basically have been known for decades, however new cyber technological applications, hybrid warfare, and information operations make it appear new and challenging to react. The cognitive vulnerability of people and societies facing these new generation warfare applications and soft power tools also demand the implementation of new analytic strategic approaches, alternative counter-measures, and social psychological solutions.

Keywords: cyberspace, information and psychological operations, hybrid, information and electronic warfare, cognitive security, media influence, soft power, propaganda

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Keywords: migration, routes, regulation, immigrants

Klementina Kozma: A frozen conflict in the post-Soviet region. Transnistria: a forgotten world 64

In the post-soviet region, on the territory of newly independent states there are several conflict situations, most of which have not been solved yet. The literature mentions them as „frozen conflicts”. Among them there is a less known region in the Republic of Moldova, the Trans-Dnester Republic (Transnistria), which is clearly supported by Russia.

Keywords: frozen conflict, Trans-Dnester Republic, Transnistria

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Communication and IT systems (CIS) providing efficient support to C2 tasks have gone through great development in the past period of time. The rapid development of digitalisation and infocommunication systems, the risks connected to them require continuous development of electronic information security. The goal of this study is to present the complexity of tasks related to the information security capabilities of military organisations.

Keywords: information security, electronic information security, information management, information security requirements

Col. István Nyitrai: The effect of the transport network’s capability on the operations of the allied military forces in Hungary 90

The Ukrainian crisis at the eastern flank of NATO requires the quick deployment of the allied forces for implementing collective defence measures. During their deployment phase the reinforcing military organizations transit through our country and conduct operations on or from its territory. On the basis of the above-mentioned facts the aim of the present study is to investigate the national transport infrastructure from the aspect of the allied forces’ transiting through or deploying in Hungary. The analysis was based on the relating rules and regulations, the technical literature and personal experience gained in this area. In accordance with the analysis performed it was established that our national transport infrastructure system basically met the requirement of the transiting and deploying military organizations in site of its disadvantageous radial structure. For the freedom of movement, the gradual elimination of the capital-centric structure is recommended.

Keywords: allied military forces, rapid deployment, collective defence, transit, use of forces, radial structure, transport network

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Lt. Col. Tamás Terék: Ammunition storage in the Royal Hungarian Army between the two world wars, with regard to present standards 105

This article examines the methodologies and specific tasks of the storage of ammunition between the First and the Second World Wars, by analysing special directive F-103. It also deals with the specific aspects of the storage and management of ammunition during the interwar period, such as the handling of captured ammunition, and the various methods in use for inspection, transport and storage. A comparison is made between the ammunition technologies and requirements of the interwar period with those applied today, with the differences and similarities being discussed in details.

Keywords: ammunition, laboratory test, EOD expert, test, storage

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On June 9th 1918 SZENT ISTVÁN the one and only Hungarian built battleship left Pola for her very first action. The objective of Operation Korfu, led by Fleet Commander Rear Admiral Miklós Horthy, was to crush the Otranto barrage and destroy the Entente naval forces leaving Brindisi by battleships. However, at 3:30 a.m. on 10th June Italian motor torpedo boat MAS 15 torpedoed the SZENT ISTVÁN, which sunk at 6:12 a. m. Then the Operation Korfu was aborted.

Keywords: First World War, Austro-Hungarian Monarchy, navy, Operation Korfu, battleship SZENT ISTVÁN, Miklós Horthy

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Sándor Mihók: The history of the Pesti Invalidus House 128

The Pesti Invalidus House was a military institution with its own internal regulations, police, and military tribunal. It was a legally independent area and was not under the jurisdiction of the city of Pest. In the middle of the 18th century, in „the Pest Palace of the Old-aged”, 2,500 people lived in the nearly four-hectare area, and without exaggeration it could be stated that it was a city within the city. The head of the institution was generally a senior officer, and the daily lives of those who lived there were governed by military regimes. In fact, everything was available there, which was indispensable for the survival of soldiers and their families: a school for the children of the disadvantaged soldiers, textile factory for women and their own bakery, slaughterhouse, church, hospital, pharmacy and cemetery.

Keywords: disabled veteran, house of veterans, Archbishop György Széchenyi, testamentary foundation, the Pesti Invalidus House

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Armed forces need continuous preparation, capabilities, and technological background in order to be able to meet the requirements and guarantee national security at the highest possible level. The mission of the Hungarian Defence Forces is to maintain and develop such capabilities in accordance with the national defence plans. *Defence and military force development program Zrínyi 2026* is also aimed at this goal. The authors of the present article express their views on their thoughts on security, allied cooperation, national defence, the patriotic education of the next generations, also outlining similar practices in several other European countries.

Keywords: security, alliance, national armed forces, capacity development, patriotic education, foreign experience

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