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Summaries of our top three Must-Read UKR LL Reports

New NATO Secretary General confirms support for Ukraine



Welcome to the third edition of our JALLC-UKR Initiative newsletter.

New Secretary General (SecGen) of NATO, Mark Rutte, has reaffirmed NATO's commitment to supporting Ukraine and will continue the policies of his predecessor, strongly condemning Russian aggression and reaffirming NATO support for Ukraine. In the [joint press conference](#) with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy following the first day of the meetings of NATO Defence Ministers, SecGen noted: "The war in Ukraine has shown that instability in Europe can have far reaching consequences across the world ... we must be clear-eyed in our assessment of the challenges we face." The JALLC looks forward to continuing its Ukraine related support under the new SecGen.



JALLC-UKR Lessons Learned Workshop

JATEC: new NATO-UKR Centre hosts JALLC representatives

In this edition, we will be sharing summaries of the top three must-read reports available in the JALLC-UKR Initiative Information Centre and reporting on the JALLC's recent workshop with the [Ukrainian NGO Boryviter](#), which serves as a lessons learned centre for the Ukrainian Armed Forces (UAF).

We will also take a look at the JALLC's summary report of two years of lessons identified from Russia's War against Ukraine, which was released in September. The report is based on submissions to the NATO Lessons Learned Portal since March 2022 and you can read more about it in this edition.

The NATO Operations Policy Committee visited the JALLC in September and were briefed on the JALLC-UKR Initiative and the JALLC (future) relationship with the Joint Analysis, Training and Education Centre (JATEC) as well as into the challenges of learning lessons in NATO. You can read about this, and more, in this edition of our newsletter.

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Top Three Must-Read Reports

We've done the hard work for you. If you don't have time to read all of the content in the JALLC-UKR Initiative Information Centre, we've provided summaries of our top three Must-Read Reports. You can read these in full, along with all the other content we've collected for you by accessing the Information Centre on the NATO Lessons Learned Portal [HERE](#).

Ukraine and the Problem of Restoring Maneuvre in Contemporary War



This report highlights the importance of lessons learned in relation to the war in Ukraine. The authors of the report emphasize that the nature of the war will change the way we look at armed conflicts in the future. The authors contend that it is the first conflict in which technological advancement could decide victory over the opponent. The trends that most characterize this war are: mass use of reconnaissance, strike Uncrewed Aerial Vehicles (UAV), the rapid evolution of Electronic Warfare, and the use of UAVs and cruise missiles to destroy advanced layered air defence systems.

Lessons and Legacies of the War in Ukraine: Conference Report



A very comprehensive report containing conclusions from an international conference organized in Washington D.C. on chosen aspects of Russia's war against Ukraine. The first session of the conference addressed the effect of the war on Russian society and political systems, trying to answer the question: how will Russia be different after the war—whether or not it remains under President Putin's rule. The second session was devoted to the lessons from the war which might be relevant for a potential conflict with China over Taiwan. The final session focused on Lessons Learned from the training process of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

Ukrainian Resistance to Russian Disinformation. Lessons for Future Conflict



Along with the physical war in Ukraine, a propaganda war is taking place in which Russia has disseminated false information targeted at Ukrainians, Russians, and the international community. Both Russia's propaganda war and the Ukrainian response strategies, provide a vast collection of potential lessons on how national, international, non-governmental, and public organizations can fight disinformation and propaganda during conflict. The report highlights a broad case study of Ukraine's information and counter disinformation war and defines key lessons that can help the international community in this area.

Other recent interesting publications

[Russia's War Against Ukraine: Context, Causes, and Consequences](#)

[How the War in Ukraine Could Go Nuclear—by Accident](#)

[Russia's war on Ukraine: Moscow's pressure points and US strategic opportunities](#)

Upcoming JALLC reports

The JALLC is currently working on multiple reports on lessons from the Russia's war against Ukraine. These reports are due to be released at the end of 2024 and beginning of 2025 and will cover tactical and strategic considerations on the war, relevant for NATO, and be based on both classified and open source information. These reports will be made available, subject to appropriate security clearances, on the classified version of the NATO Lessons Learned Portal. For more information, please contact the JALLC-UKR Initiative at ukrhub@jallc.nato.int.

The JALLC publishes a report on Two Years of Lessons Relating to Russia's War Against Ukraine

In September, the JALLC published its report on Two Years of NATO Lessons Learned Portal Lessons Relating to Russia's War Against Ukraine. This report presents the findings from the analysis of relevant lessons submitted to the NATO Lesson Learned Portal between March 2022 and March 2024 and covers a wide range of topics including command and control, joint effects, and cooperation with various national and international organizations. The report also contains helpful summaries, charts, and diagrams as well as the list of NATO Lessons Learned Portal items used to produce the report. This comprehensive and practical report is available through the classified version of the NATO Lessons Learned Portal.

An important finding from this report is the dual nature of the lessons. On the one hand, many concern the new technologies employed, such as drones and the crowd-sourcing of intelligence, as well as the cycle of rapid innovation in countering their employment. On the other hand, many lessons still refer to conventional warfare, including the use of artillery, coordination of combined arms, the value of main battle tanks, the amount of conventional ammunition expended, or that railroads support an important means of transport. Additionally, the report looks at how forces on both sides have often reverted to traditional operational tactics, such as the use of trenches.

One conclusion that can be drawn from the report is that while it is critical that NATO continues to develop and incorporate new technologies into modern warfare, traditional / conventional methods and materiel remain relevant and are often used in conjunction with their modern counterparts. As such, modern warfare will require superiority across the spectrum of modern and conventional warfare.



The JALLC hosts workshop with Ukrainian counterpart on cooperative analysis



On 18 September, the JALLC hosted a workshop with representatives of the NGO Boryviter. The purpose of the workshop was to identify areas where the two centres could cooperate on analysis of lessons, leveraging the JALLC's extensive expertise in this area. A member of the Mission of Ukraine to NATO dialled into the workshop from Brussels.

Boryviter, established in April 2022, provides training to the UAF while incorporating lessons from the UAF's experience in the field, serving as both a learning and training centre, functioning as a Ukrainian centre for lessons learned. It also promotes new military culture, especially in leadership courses.

During the workshop, the Boryviter representatives shared their experiences from analytical and training activities undertaken not only for the Ukrainians, but also for German, Swedish, and Finnish military. Discussions explored possible future lessons learned analysis. The meeting ended with agreement on a shared desire for closer collaboration between Ukraine and NATO in terms of analysis capabilities, and on the need to establish mechanisms for information exchange.

JALLC Representatives participate in “Operational Analysis and Advanced Analytics” workshop in the context of the new NATO-Ukraine Joint Analysis, Training and Education Centre (JATEC).

The JATEC, which is being stood up in Bydgoszcz, Poland, is the first joint NATO-Ukraine entity and an institutional cornerstone of relations between Ukraine and the Alliance. One of the JATEC's functions will be to identify and support NATO's application of lessons learned from Russia's war against Ukraine and increase interoperability between Allied and Ukrainian forces.



From 10-12 September, JALLC representatives participated in a NATO Science and Technology Organization (STO) workshop on Operational Analysis and Advanced Analytics held at the future site of the JATEC. At the meeting, attended by 28 participants representing Ukraine, NATO, and certain member states, Allies expressed motivation, desire, and readiness to leverage Operational Analysis, Advanced Analytics, Data Science, and AI resources to improve the operational and strategic acquisition and processing of information. It was stressed that the JATEC would offer the interface, and the STO a mechanism, for creating a platform serving as a source of knowledge, experience, and expertise to address problems in a timely manner.

The JALLC Briefs NATO Operations Policy Committee on lessons from Russia's War against Ukraine



On 17 September 2024, the JALLC hosted NATO's Operations Policy Committee (OPC), providing an opportunity for Commander (COM) JALLC to inform them on progress and challenges in learning lessons from Russia's War against Ukraine, the JALLC-UKR Initiative, and on the JALLC support to the establishment of the JATEC.

The OPC plays a lead role in the development and implementation of operations-related policy. It aims to pro-

vide coherent and timely political-military advice to the North Atlantic Council, to which it reports directly. It also seeks to enhance collaboration between the political and military bodies inside NATO Headquarters. As such it plays an important role in the development of NATO policy towards Ukraine.

COM JALLC presented the JALLC-UKR Initiative concept and what has been achieved so far, as well as JALLC support to the ongoing work to set up the JATEC, as well as initial thoughts on what the future JALLC-JATEC relationship might look like. The OPC displayed a deep interest in the JALLC's various analysis and Lessons Learned summary reports that are being used to inform NATO doctrine and exercises and showed concern for NATO's ability to learn rapidly enough from the ongoing war and other real-world experience.



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