



CASI Quarterly update
#4 for 2023

Friends of CASI,

We hope you all had a chance to enjoy some time with family and friends, and remembered those who can't do so because they are deployed in service to our nation. It has been another busy quarter for the CASI team, but that just means we are having an impact and helping to make the Department, its personnel, our allies, and partners, all better informed and aware.

Personnel:

The first rule of government hiring is- don't talk about government hiring. Every time we think we are close, we hit a snag. So, I won't jinx it by saying anything more than, we have a couple positions open, and are hopeful we will get people onboard by Spring.

But I do want to take a moment to note that our Director of Research for the past several years, Mr. Rod Lee, departed CASI in December. He has moved across the river to work in OSD and will be continuing all the good work from his new space in the Pentagon. We wish him well, but not really a farewell, since we know we will see plenty of him going forward.

CASI's Fundamentals of the PLA Course:

We had an amazing turnout for our November session of the PLA Fundamentals course here at NDU in November. We had more than 70 people sign up, including several international partners. We are so pleased that the course is in high demand.

The next scheduled course in D.C. will be 6-8 March, 2024. If you are interested, please sign up using the link: <https://tinyurl.com/CASI-PLA-Fundamentals>

If you are interested in hosting a mobile training team version of the three day course, please let us know and we will find open space on the calendar to work with.

The course is free and open to all DoD and U.S. government employees, Allies, as well as civilian contractors working for the DoD. There is no requirement for a security clearance.

CASI Conference 2024:

Tuesday, May 14th, 2024, at National Defense University.

We will have panels on PLA Aerospace, PLA Advanced Information programs, Allies and Partners, and PRC Space issues.

Sign up for info and updates at: <https://tinyurl.com/CASI-Conference-2024>

DOD China Research Centers welcome CLSC (aka Classic)

There is plenty of work to be done to get the DOD, USG, and the USA, up to speed on things going on in China. So we are more than happy to welcome the DOD's newest China Research Center, the [China Landpower Studies Center](#) (CLSC, pronounced 'classic') at the Army War College, in Carlisle Barracks, PA. Josh Arostegui is the inaugural Chair, and COL Rich Butler is the inaugural Director.

CASI, the [China Maritime Studies Institute](#) (Newport, RI), NDU's [Center for the Study of Chinese Military Affairs](#) (CSCMA), Marine Corps University's Dan Rice, all held an inaugural China Research Centers Summit at Carlisle barracks in December to welcome CLSC. We were also happy to formally welcome CAPT(Ret) Chris Sharman, into his new role as CMSI's Director. Be sure to keep up with all of the great work going on from these centers. , this article was highlighted by Defense One as one of the Top Stories of 2023

Recent Publications

1. [Survey of PRC Drone Swarm Inventions](#)
2. [How China Wins the Social Media Battlefield](#), this article was highlighted by Defense One as one of the Top Stories of 2023
3. [Enhancing the Battleverse: China's Digital Twin Strategy](#)
4. [Is Military Space Based Jamming Normal](#)
5. [PLA Counterspace Command and Control](#)
6. [PLA Air Force Increases Flexibility of Combat Support Units](#)

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CASI's "In Their Own Words" – Translations of PRC materials

1. [ITOW: Basic Issues of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era](#)

CASI's Media series

1. [SMA- Chinese Advances Combining Minds and Technologies for Military Success](#)
2. [Space based jamming podcast](#)
3. [Downlink Podcast](#)- It's been Quite A Banner Year For China Militarily, Commercially, Scientifically In Space

Support to the Warfighter

1. Supported 333rd TRS
2. Met with team from PACTASE
3. Keynote speaker at AMC CC Leadership Rally
4. Briefed DAF Legislative Fellows on China and GPC
5. Briefed Defense Science Board
6. Supported Global Engagement '24 events
7. Conducted professional development session for 19 AF/CC and key leadership

Education

1. Presented multiple lectures at USAFA over two days
2. Hosted 3-day CASI PLA Fundamentals course at NDU
3. Keynote speaker at Air Component Senior Leader Course
4. Speaker at Senior Joint Information Officer Applications Course
5. Participated in inaugural China Research Centers Summit
6. Presented at Hypersonic Technology and Systems Conference
7. Briefed Tuskegee air force detachment
8. Briefed ISR 200 Professional Military Education course at Maxwell AFB
9. Taught session on China as a Strategic Competitor to the Operations Law course at Maxwell AFB
10. Conducted China briefing to graduating seniors in AFROTC Det 015 at Tuskegee University Alabama
11. Briefed Joint Task Force Staff Basic Course at Maxwell AFB
12. Briefed DISA (J-3/5/7)

Engagement and Outreach

In addition to providing support to Air Force staff, CASI has had another busy quarter supporting the USAF and the DoD, as well as our allies, partners, and friends. CASI:

1. Participated in the Freeman Institute Event- “The Future of Air and Space Power”
2. Attended NCUSCR CHINA Town Hall 2023 with Ambassador Nicholas Burns
3. Participated in the 9th Annual Olmsted Lecture with the Commandant of the Marine Corps
4. Participated in DoD wargame with allies
5. Briefed with OSD Red Team
6. Met with Commander, UK RAF RCO
7. Met with National Center for Disaster Preparedness
8. Attended CSIS China Power conference
9. Attended the Future of the Space Economy event
10. Attended UK Embassy Battle of Britain event
11. Participated in 2023 International Conference on PLA Modernization
12. Attended CAPS-RAND-NDU-USIP conference in Taipei
13. Participated in Taipei Security Dialogue
14. Speaker at Global Military Satellite Conference
15. Speaker at Air and Missile Defense Conference
16. Attended Satellite Communications On the Move conference
17. Met with UK DI SA-Asia
18. Participated in Institute for National Defense and Security Research conference
19. Met with UK Defense attaché to Beijing team
20. Met with 5-Eyes Air Force attaché partners
21. Attended Air and Space Power Association annual gala
22. Met with Singapore Defense Attache
23. Keynote Speaker at Montgomery Chamber of Commerce
24. Attended NDU CIC Cyber Beacon

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