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## POVA LEAFLET DROP - JULY 2023

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings and welcome to your July Leaflet Drop.

Your Board of Directors held our monthly meeting on 26 July. Unfortunately only Herb Friedman and I were present for duty. Anyone who would like a copy of the minutes can email me at: [Dietz.POVA@gmail.com](mailto:Dietz.POVA@gmail.com) and I will send a copy. Our next meeting is 23 August at 1900 Eastern Time. Members are welcome to attend.

July has been a slow month, however, we are pleased to report that Patrick Foye is now a Life Member and that we welcomed serving member Joshua Shaffer.

Here are the Statistics for the June Leaflet Drop

- Sends: 579
- Opens: 317 (56%)
- Clicks: 12 (2%)
- Bounces: 9 (2%)
- Unsubscribes: None

Nothing significant to report on our discussions with PRA or setting up a virtual office call with the CG of SWC.

We would like to expand the content of the Leaflet Drop. Specifically, we would like to add articles of interest, especially from members and publicize appropriate military events. Please contact me if you have information that you would like to share with the PSYOP Community.

Please send the information to me at: [Dietz.POVA@gmail.com](mailto:Dietz.POVA@gmail.com).

Our next virtual POVA Board meeting is scheduled for 1900 Eastern time on 23 August via Google Meet. If you are interested in attending, please email me for an invite.

If you missed the June Leaflet Drop, you can find it at:

# Larry

Lawrence D. Dietz  
President

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## **PSYOP NEWS - JULY 2023**

26 July 23

Ponytails are OK until next spring, Army says in updated grooming message

Female soldiers may wear ponytails for at least another year, according to a recent message on grooming and appearance standards from the Army's personnel office. The service loosened its hairstyle regulations in an April 2021 memo that permitted women to wear ponytails in all uniforms, within limits, rather than the previously mandated hair buns.

The same memo allowed female soldiers to wear stud earrings and lipstick and nail polish in "non-extreme" colors, while donning the Army Combat Uniform. Troops may also wear highlights in their hair, provided the colors blend together and present a "professional and natural appearance."

<https://www.stripes.com/branches/army/2023-07-26/army-ponytails-hair-grooming-appearance-10858780.html>

21 July 23

SOCAFRICA holds Change of Command Ceremony

Stuttgart, Germany – U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Ronald A. Foy assumed command of U.S. Special Operations Command Africa from Rear Adm. Milton J. Sands III, in a ceremony at Kelley Barracks, Stuttgart, Germany, July 21, 2023. Foy becomes the 8th commander of SOCAFRICA since the command's inception in 2008.

"The ceremony is symbolic," U.S. Africa Command Commander Gen. Michael Langley said regarding the significance of the change of command ceremony. "It represents the continuity of operations and dedication of our mission. It allows us the moment in time to reflect...recognizing our past accomplishments, but how we're preparing for the challenges of our future, and the challenges that lie ahead."

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/449726/socafrika-holds-change-command-ceremony>

21 July 23

Just For Fun: How China Uses Tik Tok to Further Initiatives

In a Letter to the Acting Director of National Intelligence, the Senators stated:

"China's vague patchwork of intelligence, national security, and cybersecurity laws compel Chinese companies to support and cooperate with intelligence work controlled by the Chinese Communist Party... Questions have also been raised regarding the potential for censorship or manipulation of certain content. TikTok reportedly censors materials deemed politically sensitive to the Chinese Communist Party, including content related to the recent Hong Kong protests, as well as references to Tiananmen Square, Tibetan and Taiwanese independence, and the treatment of Uighurs." [4]

20 July 23

Wagner mercenaries train Belarus special forces near Polish border

MOSCOW, July 20 (Reuters) - Mercenaries from Russia's Wagner Group have started to train Belarusian special forces at a military range just a few miles from the border with NATO-member Poland, the Belarusian defence ministry said on Thursday.

Wagner chief [Yevgeny Prigozhin was shown](#) in a video on Wednesday welcoming his fighters to Belarus, telling them they would take no further part in the Ukraine war for now but ordering them to [gather](#) their strength for Africa while they trained the Belarusian army.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/belarus-forces-holding-exercises-with-wagner-fighters-border-with-poland-2023-07-20/>

18 July 23

Strategic Ambiguity: Will Japan and Australia Assist the US in Defending Taiwan

Due to the “One China policy” of 1972 – referring to the policy of “strategic ambiguity” regarding Taiwan or the Republic of China (ROC) – the United States and most United Nations (UN) member states do not discuss the political status for fear of souring diplomatic ties with China. Taiwan was recognized as a country by the UN from 1949 to 1971. Today, the UN classifies Taiwan as a territory, due to prickly politics with China. Only 13 countries recognize Taiwan, and the U.S. is not one of them.

Today, with American dependency and Chinese claims to the island, the area remains extremely volatile. Taiwan produces over 60% of the world’s semiconductors and over 90% of the most advanced ones, with the industry making up 15% of the country’s GDP. [Washington](#)’s foreign policy has vacillated on its promise of defending Taiwan for over 50 years.

[https://news.clearancejobs.com/2023/07/18/strategic-ambiguity-will-japan-and-australia-assist-the-u-s-in-defending-taiwan/?\\_hsmi=266795753&\\_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9H-KiMDD27xXRrT\\_Va1vui4L\\_uVuTsK3-loNTIFHQDuXRRJ\\_C2DvS8EPPrMCZhJLzgZw\\_v21HJlwShO3\\_JlIdLa8DFXw](https://news.clearancejobs.com/2023/07/18/strategic-ambiguity-will-japan-and-australia-assist-the-u-s-in-defending-taiwan/?_hsmi=266795753&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9H-KiMDD27xXRrT_Va1vui4L_uVuTsK3-loNTIFHQDuXRRJ_C2DvS8EPPrMCZhJLzgZw_v21HJlwShO3_JlIdLa8DFXw)

17 July 23

How Russia’s Hybrid Warfare is Changing

This article argues that Russia's approach to hybrid warfare has undergone a shift, moving away from primarily relying on nonconventional measures and tactics towards a greater emphasis on conventional methods. The framework of the argument is constructed through an analysis of Russia's experiences in hybrid warfare across various conflicts such as the Afghan War, Chechnya, Georgia, Syria, and Ukraine. Methodologically, the analysis is based on the non-linear concept of hybrid warfare, commonly referred to as the “Gerasimov doctrine.” This concept acknowledges the utilization of both conventional military tactics and nonconventional tactics, emphasizing the use of nonconventional as primary measures. The evidence suggests that (i) the Georgia War of 2008 and the Ukraine War of 2014-2021 serve as the most prominent examples of Russia's approach to hybrid warfare; (ii) the comparison with the Ukraine War since February 2022 indicates that certain hybrid warfare measures may be transitioning towards a greater reliance on conventional means. This shift raises doubts about the effectiveness of implementing the hybrid warfare concept by Russia. It provides an opportunity to identify the determinants that may play a crucial role in this transformation. Consequently, the article highlights problems for further discussion to explore the evolving nature of Russia's approach to hybrid warfare and measures used for achieving national interests to preserve state security.

<https://smallwarsjournal.com/index.php/jrnl/art/how-russias-hybrid-warfare-changing>

13 July 23

City of Spies: DC is the World Capital of Espionage

Is Washington the world capital of espionage? Officially speaking, that's top-secret —after all, our resident spies, foreign and domestic, aren't about to raise their hands. Still, you can make a strong case that when it comes to the shadowy world of intelligence, our city stands alone.

<https://www.washingtonian.com/2023/07/13/city-of-spies-dc-is-the-world-capital-of-espionage/>

13 July 23

Biden Approves Mobilization Of Reserves to Support EUCOM

President Joe Biden today issued [an executive order](#) approving the mobilization of select reserve forces with up to 3,000 personnel, augmenting the armed forces in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve.

<https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/3458135/biden-approves-mobilization-of-reserves-to-support-eucom/>

12 July 23

At confirmation hearing, Army's George talks recruitment, special ops cuts and Ukraine

But while numbers are down, Army leaders, including George, have been examining where the service could make cuts to better use the soldiers they have, including a possible **10 to 20 percent reduction** to its special operation force (SOF).

[https://breakingdefense.com/2023/07/at-confirmation-hearing-armys-george-talks-recruitment-special-ops-cuts-and-ukraine/?utm\\_campaign=Breaking%20Defense%20Land&utm\\_medium=email&\\_hsmi=266944244&\\_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9WloqMmoJq0mqFB99qxt\\_2LTJ3VvGBBjPh1UiJE1kHntEC\\_fdkl-mGqzIRT\\_OGJWtLDJIDB7qAA8SgdcyjtCoCue6BsA&utm\\_content=266944244&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://breakingdefense.com/2023/07/at-confirmation-hearing-armys-george-talks-recruitment-special-ops-cuts-and-ukraine/?utm_campaign=Breaking%20Defense%20Land&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=266944244&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9WloqMmoJq0mqFB99qxt_2LTJ3VvGBBjPh1UiJE1kHntEC_fdkl-mGqzIRT_OGJWtLDJIDB7qAA8SgdcyjtCoCue6BsA&utm_content=266944244&utm_source=hs_email)

12 July 23

EXCLUSIVE: Chinese Intel-Linked 'Service Centers' In US Cities Used Cultural Events To Push Communist Party Propaganda

Overseas "service centers" set up in seven U.S. cities by a Chinese Communist Party (CCP) intelligence arm have hosted cultural events featuring pro-CCP propaganda and performers tied to China's government and military, according to Chinese government records and state-run media reports reviewed by the Daily Caller News Foundation.

<https://dailycaller.com/2023/07/12/ccp-chinese-intelligence-culture-propaganda/>

10 July 23

Majority of Americans say TikTok is a threat to national security

About six-in-ten Americans (59%) see TikTok as a major or minor threat to national security in the United States, according to a new Pew Research Center survey of

U.S. adults that comes as [the platform faces scrutiny from lawmakers](#) over its ties to China and the security of users' data.

<https://www.pewresearch.org/short-reads/2023/07/10/majority-of-americans-say-tiktok-is-a-threat-to-national-security/>

7 July 23

Chinese ties to Cuba, growing presence in Latin America raise concerns

There is a push by leaders in Washington and Beijing to get U.S.-China relations back on track. U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken met with President Xi Jinping in China in June 2023 to reopen the lines of communication between the countries. And Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen is spending four days in China, which began July 6, 2023, to try to stabilize U.S.-China economic ties.

[https://www.defensenews.com/opinion/commentary/2023/07/07/chinas-ties-to-cuba-growing-presence-in-latin-america-raise-concerns/?utm\\_source=sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=c4-overmatch](https://www.defensenews.com/opinion/commentary/2023/07/07/chinas-ties-to-cuba-growing-presence-in-latin-america-raise-concerns/?utm_source=sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=c4-overmatch)

5 July 23

DoD looks to block Chinese and Russian influence on US Academia

The pentagon just released a black list of mostly Chinese and Russian research institutes that it says have engaged in “problematic activity,” including trying to infiltrate sensitive Defense Department research at U.S. colleges and universities. The Pentagon partners with hundreds of U.S. universities and research institutions, a relationship malign actors have been able to reportedly hijack to steal U.S. defense technology. When those U.S. institutions also get funding from the black-listed entities, the foreign partners have in the past used the research relationship to try to access and even steal sensitive defense research.

[https://www.militarytimes.com/news/your-military/2023/07/05/dod-looks-to-block-chinese-and-russian-influence-on-us-academia/?utm\\_source=sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=c4-overmatch](https://www.militarytimes.com/news/your-military/2023/07/05/dod-looks-to-block-chinese-and-russian-influence-on-us-academia/?utm_source=sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=c4-overmatch)

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