

The Politics of Special Forces Podcast Show Notes

Episode 5 – CANSOFCOM: a Leader’s Perspective

Summary

We are back from our extended summer hiatus! In this episode, Kevin and I were blessed to be able to speak with the Deputy Commander of Canadian Special Operations Forces Command (CANSOFCOM), Brigadier General Steven Hunter. Over the course of our conversation, we do a deep dive into the question of Special Operations Forces integration. The conversation looked at how CANSOFCOM works within the Canadian context, with allies, and with partners. Several key take aways included the idea that SOF never works alone and that expanding SOF capabilities is something that needs to be done carefully and the caution that growth can come at the expense of agility.

About the Guest

Brigadier General Steven Hunter is currently serving as the Deputy Commander of the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command. He has spent most of his career working within the Special Operations Forces community with almost a decade in Canada’s special mission force, Joint Task Force 2. A former commander of the Canadian Special Operations Regiment (CSOR), BGen Hunter is a recent graduate of the Canadian Forces College National Security Programme and he holds a Master’s in Defence Studies from the Royal Military College of Canada.

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