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**FROM**

The Executive Director of the Joint Air Power Competence Centre

**TO**

Commodore Ivo Värk  
Estonian Defence Forces  
Commander of the Estonian Navy

**SUBJECT**

The JAPCC Journal Edition 41 and Tactical Data Links Publication

Dear Commodore Värk,

It is my great pleasure to share with you the 41<sup>st</sup> edition of *The Journal of the JAPCC: Transforming Joint Air and Space Power*. This edition reflects our continued commitment to providing thoughtful, forward-looking analysis across the Air and Space domains.

Our twice-yearly flagship publication wants to offer a platform to explore the most relevant topics shaping Joint Air and Space Power today. This edition introduces our 2026 Annual Theme: *Air Power at the Edge: Securing NATO's New Frontiers*, exploring the 'edge' of air power capabilities, functions, and the domain itself. Through focused analysis and a 360-degree approach, it seeks to encourage fresh thinking, stimulate meaningful debate, and strengthen the community of professionals dedicated to advancing Air and Space Power within NATO.

Enclosed with this edition, you will also find a flyer advertising the upcoming Tactical Data Link (TDL) campaign, 'Connecting the Alliance at Every Level'. This flyer provides an accessible overview of how Tactical Data Links enable Multi-Domain Operations, and will be followed by a series of articles, the first of which is included in our recently released Journal 41, and a white paper later this year.

The JAPCC Journal would not be possible without the contributions of our staff, partners, and the wider Air and Space Power community. We are grateful for the expertise and insight shared with us, and we warmly invite you to join the conversation, whether by engaging with the articles or contributing your own perspectives.

Thank you for taking the time to read this edition of the Journal. We look forward to your continued engagement and to working together in shaping the future of Joint Air and Space Power.

Sincerely,

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