

Guide to Selected Chilean Defense Websites

The Chilean defense establishment consists of military and civilian institutions, many of which have their own websites featuring institutional services, news, and academic reports. Many academic contributions on defense issues are featured on these sites. Defense blogs and some related websites also carry unofficial information on Chilean military issues. A few sensitive defense institutions, including intelligence services and related industries, do not have their own websites. An appendix explains the Chilean defense structure.

Official Government Websites

The following table describes the website contents of the main Chilean defense institutions.

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<p>Ministerio de Defensa Nacional Ministry of National Defense</p>  <p>http://www.defensa.cl/</p>	<p>The National Defense Ministry website carries defense policy guidelines, organizational charts, and links to its different undersecretariats, institutions, and services.</p>	<p>This site is updated regularly and includes communiqués, articles, and documents, as well as the <i>National Defense Book</i> online, which describes the objectives and guidelines of the Chilean National Defense.</p>
<p>Estado Mayor de la Defensa Nacional National Defense Staff</p>  <p>http://www.emdn.cl/</p>	<p>The site carries links to the multiple directorates that depend on the National Defense Staff.</p>	<p>Updated regularly, this website carries the National Defense Objectives and Means and is a good source of information for Armed Forces activities, such as military missions.</p>

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<p>Ejercito de Chile Chilean Army</p>  <p>http://www.ejercito.cl/</p>	<p>The site explains the Army mission and objectives and carries all Army communiques besides links to all military institutes.</p>	<p>This website is updated regularly and carries a search utility. It also has a blog that requires a subscription.</p>
<p>Armada de Chile Chilean Navy</p>  <p>http://www.armada.cl</p>	<p>This website carries the Navy's mission, strategies, foreign policy, and national development objectives, as well as organizational charts, communiques, commanders' speeches, and links to exercises and missions.</p>	<p>This site is updated regularly and carries a site map. It features a search utility and a limited English-language version.</p>
<p>Fuerza Aerea de Chile -- FACH Chilean Air Force</p>  <p>http://www.fach.cl/</p>	<p>The website carries organizational charts, communiques, and commander's speeches, as well as reports on exercises and missions.</p>	<p>This website is updated regularly and contains a site map.</p>
<p>Carabineros de Chile Carabineros</p>  <p>http://www.carabinerosdechile.cl/</p>	<p>The Carabineros website carries institutional information and security notices for the public and gives access to several online services for finding missing people or stolen cars.</p>	<p>This website is updated regularly and carries police blotter and video news.</p>

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<p>Policia de Investigaciones de Chile -- PDI Chilean Investigative Police</p>  <p>http://www.investigaciones.cl/</p>	<p>The PDI website carries internal institutional news unrelated to crime reports or statistics. This site has a link to <i>Detective</i> magazine online, which contains subjects of interest for investigators, as well as institutional issues, and interviews with officials.</p>	<p>This website is updated regularly.</p>

Unofficial Military Websites

The following websites are maintained by private citizens and do not carry official information. They appear to be exclusively for discussion of equipment and weapons.

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<p>Pagina no Oficial del Ejercito de Chile Unofficial Chilean Army Page</p>  <p>http://es.geocities.com/CHILEARMA/S/PAGINAOFICIAL.html</p>	<p>This website is maintained by Francisco Cruz Mandiola, nicknamed "Isherman."</p>	<p>This website describes different Chilean Army weapons and equipment.</p> <p>This site is not updated regularly.</p>
<p>Armada de Chile Chilean Navy</p>  <p>http://es.geocities.com/armadadechile/</p>	<p>This website is an unofficial Chilean Navy site, maintained by Francisco Cruz Mandiola, nicknamed "Isherman."</p>	<p>This website is not updated regularly and describes Chilean Navy ships.</p>

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<p>Armada de Chile Chilean Navy</p>  <p>http://www.ejercito-armada-extraoficial.cl/navy/armada.htm</p>	<p>This website is an unofficial Chilean Navy site, maintained by Roberto Paredes.</p>	<p>This website is not updated regularly and describes Chilean Navy ships.</p>
<p>Chilearmas Chile Arms</p>  <p>http://chilearmas.mforos.com/</p>	<p>This forum, administered by Francisco Cruz Mandiola, nicknamed "Isherman," lists 529 subjects and more than 1,500 participants.</p>	<p>This forum is in Spanish and is updated and used regularly by participants from all over Latin America.</p>

Official Defense Publications, Academic Centers

The following is a list of official military publications, not all of which carry their contents online.

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<p>VIGIA</p>  <p>http://www.revistavigia.cl</p>	<p>This Navy magazine publishes internal news.</p>	<p>This website, which is updated regularly, carries some of the magazine's contents online, including the editorial.</p>
<p>Revista de Marina Navy Magazine</p>  <p>http://www.revistamarina.cl/</p>	<p>This online Navy magazine carries articles, briefings, and studies.</p>	<p>This website is updated regularly and has a search utility.</p>

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<p><i>Enfoque Estrategico</i> <i>Strategic Outlook</i></p>  <p>http://www.enfoque-estrategico.com/quienes.htm</p>	<p>This website is self-described as an online news bulletin for South American foreign affairs, security, and defense developments.</p>	<p>This website is updated regularly and is a good source of information on military news from Latin America.</p>
<p>Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales -- FLACSO</p> <p>Latin American School for Social Sciences</p>  <p>http://www.flacso.cl</p>	<p>FLACSO is a renowned think tank committed to democracy and governance.</p>	<p>The website is updated regularly, has a search utility, and contains defense-related articles written by experts and professionals.</p>
<p><i>Revista Fuerzas Armadas y Sociedad</i> <i>Armed Forces and Society Magazine</i></p>  <p>http://www.fasoc.cl/php/fasoc.php</p>	<p>This magazine is published by FLACSO and includes academic articles on the Chilean Armed Forces and those of other countries.</p>	<p>This site is updated regularly and has a search utility.</p>
<p>Centro de Estudios Estrategicos -- CEE Chile Strategic Studies Center</p>  <p>http://www.cee-chile.org/index2.htm</p>	<p>CEE Chile belongs to the ARCIS University. This is an interdisciplinary academic institution that carries out research and offers postgraduate activities on military security and strategic subjects.</p>	<p>This website is updated regularly, has a site map, and includes defense and military articles. It also carries online political-military studies.</p>

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<p><i>Seguridad y Defensa Nacional de Chile</i> <i>Chilean National Defense and Security</i></p>  <p>http://www.seguridadydefensa.cl/</p>	<p>This website features press articles and specialized commentaries.</p>	<p>This website is updated regularly, has a search utility, and publishes news on the Chilean Armed Forces as well as academic defense documents.</p>
<p><i>Blog de la Universidad Andres Bello</i> <i>Andres Bello University Blog</i></p>  <p>http://blog.unab.cl/defensa/</p>	<p>This blog carries a collection of recent Chilean media articles and commentaries on military subjects.</p>	<p>This blog is updated regularly.</p>
<p><i>Ejercito de Chile</i> <i>Chilean Army</i></p>  <p><i>Not online</i></p>	<p>This centennial Army publication is used to disseminate officers' professional thoughts and to debate with civilian society. This magazine keeps an exchange agreement with the US magazine <i>Military Review</i>.</p>	
<p><i>Armas y Servicios</i> <i>Arms and Services</i></p>  <p><i>Not online</i></p>	<p><i>Armas y Servicios</i> is a magazine that publishes articles on the following technical-tactical subjects: teaching, training, and knowledge to update the professional training of officers. It also publishes articles on the Army's modernization process.</p>	

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<p><i>Alborada</i> <i>Dawn</i></p>  <p><i>Not online</i></p>	<p><i>Alborada</i> reports on family matters and insurance services for Army members. It is also a direct and permanent channel of exchange for professionals.</p>	
<p><i>El Soldado</i> <i>The Soldier</i></p>  <p><i>Not online</i></p>	<p><i>El Soldado</i> is a magazine for the Army recruits across all of the military units in the country. It reports on activities and benefits for conscripts.</p>	
<p><i>Boletín Informativo</i> <i>News Bulletin</i></p>  <p><i>Not online</i></p>	<p>The <i>Boletín Informativo</i> is an internal bi-monthly magazine reporting on facts and news concerning the professional activities of the different Army units.</p>	

Most Important Military Academies

Chile's most important military academies, which carry out military research projects and advise the Armed Forces Staff as well as the defense minister, have websites containing articles written by experts and professionals.

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<p>Academia Nacional de Estudios Politicos y Estrategicos -- ANEPE</p> <p>Nacional Academy of Political and Strategic Studies</p>  <p>http://www.anepe.cl</p>	<p>ANEPE is an academy that carries out research, offers training, and advises the Armed Forces staff. It designs guidelines for the defense community and the private sector and grants graduate and postgraduate degrees in the fields of intelligence, security, and defense.</p>	<p>The website carries regular academic links and opinion documents on strategic defense.</p> <p>This site includes a site map and has not been updated since January 2009.</p>
<p>Centro de Estudios e Investigaciones -- CESIM</p> <p>Military Studies and Research Center</p>  <p>http://www.cesim.cl/</p>	<p>CESIM conducts investigation and postgraduate activities in military sciences, engineering, and technology for civilian and military engineers. Research fields include national defense and military strategy, Armed Forces and society, military engineering, and technological sciences.</p>	<p>The website carries brief reports on CESIM seminars as well as the Chilean military and defense magazine online <i>Escenarios Actuales</i>. This site also carries the institution's library catalog online.</p> <p>This site has a site map, a limited English-language version, and is updated regularly.</p>
<p>Academia de Guerra del Ejercito de Chile -- ACAGUE</p> <p>Chilean Army War Academy</p>  <p>http://www.acague.cl</p>	<p>The ACAGUE trains staff, officers, and professors in military science and engineering.</p> <p>This website includes a link to the Tactical Operational Training Center (CEOTAC), which uses different kinds of simulating systems.</p>	<p>The website is updated regularly and includes academic documents and requires a subscription.</p>

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<p>Academia Politecnica Militar -- Acapomil Military Polytechnic Academy</p>  <p>http://www.acapomil.cl/</p>	<p>Acapomil trains Army engineers, carries out research, and grants undergraduate, graduate, and PhD degrees.</p>	<p>The Acapomil website updates regularly and carries regular academic information for students.</p>

Military Geographic Services

The following websites include official Chilean map services many of which are free online offering all kinds of useful economic, territorial, demographic, and many other kinds of data.

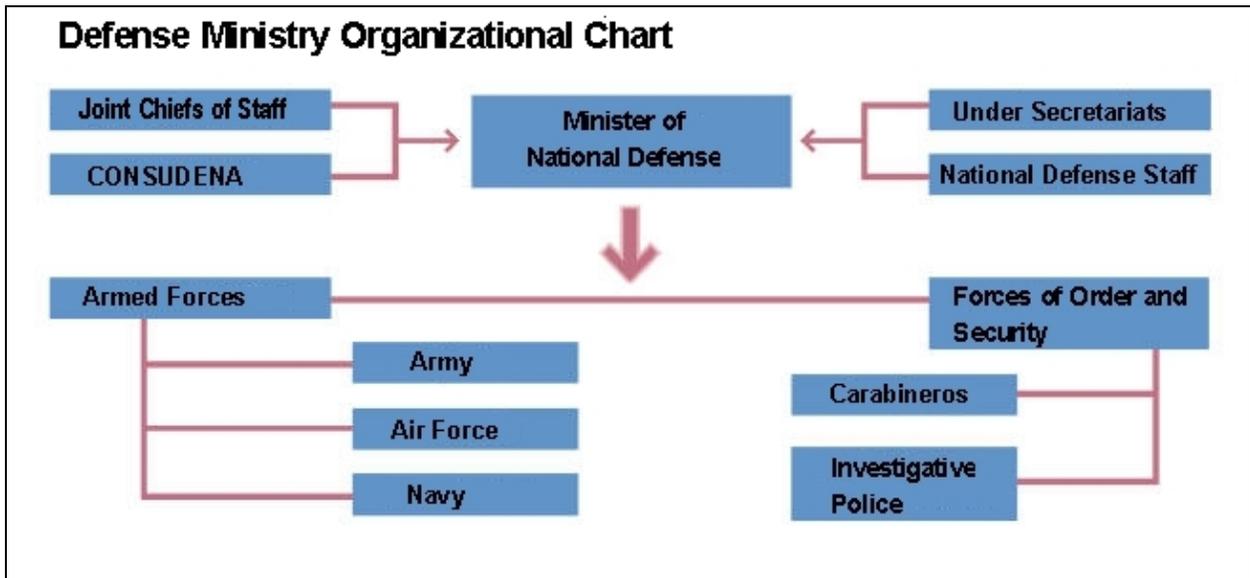
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<p>Sistema Nacional de Coordinacion de Informacion Territorial -- SNIT National Territorial Information Coordination System</p>  <p>http://www.snit.cl</p>	<p>The SNIT is a government agency that centralizes and coordinates all the geospatial data (statistics, images, charts, etc.) provided by 15 different government institutions.</p>	<p>The SNIT website is updated regularly and includes online maps and a metadata catalog with Chilean territorial information, such as maps and statistics.</p>

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<p>Instituto Geografico Militar -- IGM</p> <p>Military Geographical Institute</p>  <p>http://www.igm.cl/</p>	<p>The IGM is the official Chilean authority for drafting Chilean maps, charts, and geographic data, including geodesic, topographic, and photogrammetric services.</p>	<p>The IGM is the point of contact for purchasing official Chilean geographical maps.</p> <p>This site is updated regularly.</p>
<p>Geoportal</p>  <p>http://www.geoportal.cl</p>	<p><i>Geoportal</i> carries maps from the following government agencies: National System of Territorial Information (SNIT), Military Geographic Insitute (IGM), and Chilean Sea and River Water Resources Services (SHOA).</p>	<p><i>Geoportal</i> provides a variety of maps of Chile that can be viewed online through a software application.</p> <p>This site has a site map and an English-language version. Its contents and maps are regularly updated.</p>
<p>Servicio Aerofotogrametrico de la Fuerza Aerea de Chile -- SAF</p> <p>Chilean Air Force Air Photogrammetric Service</p>  <p>http://www.saf.cl</p>	<p>The SAF is the point of contact for the purchase of official Chilean Air Force photogrammetric services.</p>	<p>This site is updated regularly.</p>

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<p>Servicio Hidrografico y Oceanografico de la Armada de Chile -- SHOA</p> <p>Chilean Navy Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service</p>  <p>http://www.shoa.cl</p>	<p>SHOA provides technical information and assistance for navigation in Chilean rivers, lakes, and oceans. It also provides assistance with the following: hydrographic surveys, nautical cartography, nautical charts, oceanography, planning and coordination of national oceanographic activities related to physical-chemical research, tides, currents and tidal waves, nautical geography, navigation, astronomy, signal time, and aerial photogrammetry applied to nautical charts.</p>	<p>The site is updated regularly and provides thorough nautical and oceanographic data, charts, and services, many of which are free online.</p> <p>It includes a link to the Chilean National Oceanographic Data Center (CENDOC) which contains hydrographic and oceanographic databases.</p>
<p>Sistema Integrado de Informacion Territorial -- SIIT</p> <p>Integrated Territorial Data System</p>  <p>Biblioteca del Congreso Nacional de Chile - BCN Información territorial</p> <p>http://www.bcn.cl/siit/</p>	<p>SIIT, which belongs to the Chilean Library of Congress, provides official demographic, social, economic, and election data and statistics.</p>	<p>This website is updated regularly and allows for the online "creation and combination of more than 1,000 permutations related to statistics, maps, and other data."</p>

Appendix

The Chilean defense system is organized under the Ministry of Defense, which has authority over the Armed Forces and forces of order. It includes advisory entities such as the National Defense Staff (EMDN), the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCJ), and the Superior Council of National Defense (Consudena).



www.defensa.cl

- Consudena is made up of the minister of foreign affairs and the minister of finance, as well as the commanders of the Armed Forces. To view a complete description of the Chilean Defense Ministry, double-click on the following icon: 
- The Carabineros and Intelligence Police are subject to the Interior Ministry, which also coordinates all military intelligence services through the National Intelligence Agency (ANI).
- In addition, each Armed Forces branch has its own administrative secretariat, which manages military social security, salary, and similar issues, with its own website (not included in this paper).