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May 29, 2020

The Honorable Mark Warner
U.S. Senator
703 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Tim Kaine
U.S. Senator
231 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Bobby Scott
U.S. Congressman
1201 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rob Wittman
U.S. Congressman
2055 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Donald McEachin
U.S. Congressman
314 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Elaine Luria
U.S. Congresswoman
534 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Members of the Hampton Roads Congressional Delegation:

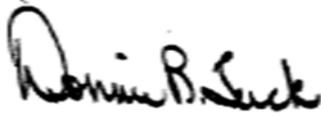
We write to thank you for the support you have provided to date in taking bold action to support small businesses, their employees, hospital systems and other worthy recipients of Federal loans and grants in response to the vicious coronavirus pandemic. As difficult as it has been for all elements of American life to respond to this global challenge, without the financial support championed by you and other members of the House and Senate, this crisis would have been immeasurably worse.

We also write today to ask for your assistance in ensuring that funding for state, city and county governments is provided in future legislation. State and municipal governments face the near-total disappearance of revenues generated from the sale of restaurant meals, hotel lodging, small businesses of all kinds, and tourism across the board. Add to that the sudden sharp increase in unemployment claims, and the financial impact on these governments is breath-taking. Without financial assistance from the Federal government, state and local governments will be forced to reduce services affecting a wide range of our citizens, including the 139,000 uniformed and civil service personnel serving on our 18 major military installations, NASA Langley, Jefferson Lab, National Park Service sites and other Federal facilities we so proudly host. This is a step that none of us wants to take, but the fiscal realities of this sudden and dramatic loss of revenue will leave us no choice without your help.

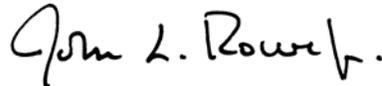
Thank you in advance for considering our request, and for all that you do every day in support of our region, our Commonwealth and the entire nation.



Sincerely,



Donnie Tuck
Mayor of Hampton, Chair



John L. Rowe, Jr.
Mayor of Portsmouth, Vice Chair



Kenneth C. Alexander
Mayor of Norfolk



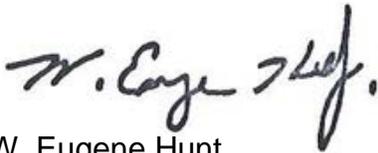
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Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 10:30 AM
To: Craig Quigley
Subject: Executive Insight Brief

Ladies & Gentlemen, below please find this week's edition of *Executive Insight Brief* from The Roosevelt Group.

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EXECUTIVE INSIGHT BRIEF

June 5, 2020

TOP STORIES

In surprise, unemployment rate falls, economy adds jobs

In a surprise, the U.S [added 2.5 million jobs in May and the unemployment rate dropped to 13.3 percent](#) as businesses begin to reopen after coronavirus-related closures, according to data released by the Labor Department on Friday.

The numbers shattered economist expectations that there would be another steep rise in joblessness.

The May jobs report showed one of the largest one-month spikes in hiring in U.S. history after the country lost 20.7 million jobs in April that sent the unemployment rate plummeting to 14.7 percent, according to the Labor Department.

Under fire from all sides, Esper's next move may dictate his future

WASHINGTON – [With U.S. Defense Secretary Mark Esper facing criticism from his boss,](#) Pentagon officials, former defense leaders and outside scholars, there is widespread speculation in Washington that his job security is on shaky ground.

There doesn't appear to be a decision yet regarding Esper's fate, but a tumultuous Wednesday, in which he reportedly infuriated President Donald Trump, has raised questions about how long the former Raytheon lobbyist and Army secretary can hold onto the Pentagon's top job.

Members of Congress moved to bolster Esper's position in the last 24 hours, with Trump allies Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., and Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Jim Inhofe, R-Okla., showing support for the secretary. On Thursday, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., tweeted out a message saying Trump is "very well served" by Esper.

Next week could prove a pivotal one for Esper's future, as the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, Rep. Adam Smith, D-Wash., has requested that both the secretary and Gen. Mark Milley, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, appear before his committee.

The Hill's Morning Report - DC preps for massive Saturday protest; Murkowski breaks with Trump

Protests about the death of George Floyd continued in Washington, D.C., and across the nation on Thursday and [are expected through Saturday, when thousands of demonstrators plan to descend](#) on the nation's capital ahead of Floyd's funeral next week.

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser (D) told reporters on Thursday that for the first time this week, no curfew was in place; protests became more peaceful each day, with no arrests on Wednesday.

Carrier Theodore Roosevelt is back operating in the Pacific after being sidelined by virus

WASHINGTON – Ten long weeks after a massive coronavirus outbreak sidelined one of the Navy's signature warships, the [aircraft carrier Theodore Roosevelt has returned to sea](#) and is conducting military operations in the Pacific region.

Lining the flight deck in their dress white uniforms, sailors wearing white face masks stood a virus-safe 10-feet apart in a final, formal thank you as the ship sailed out of port in Guam Thursday and headed into the Philippine Sea.

"We manned the rail, which we don't normally do. There was a lot of symbolism in that," Navy Capt. Carlos Sardiello told The Associated Press in an interview from the ship Thursday. "They're excited. They're fired up to be back at sea doing the mission."

COVID-19 crisis shakes Brazil, but Bolsonaro keeps impeachment at bay

BRASILIA (Reuters) - [One of the world's worst coronavirus outbreaks](#), a paralyzed economy sending investors fleeing for the exit, and accusations that he has undermined Brazil's young democracy have not loosened President Jair Bolsonaro's grip on power.

As of Thursday, Brazil had nearly 615,000 confirmed coronavirus cases, second only to the United States. With 34,021 COVID-19 fatalities, its death toll overtook Italy's.

Across the political spectrum this week, lawmakers in Brasilia have decried the far-right leader's defiance of public health experts on the outbreak and his campaign to end state quarantine measures, which he has criticized for hurting the economy.

U.S. Forces-Afghanistan conducts airstrikes against Taliban attacking ANDSF checkpoint, first since Eid ceasefire

[U.S. Forces-Afghanistan conducted two airstrikes June 4 against the Taliban to disrupt coordinated attacks on a ANDSF checkpoint](#), a spokesman said in a tweet.

They were the first airstrikes since the start of the Eid ceasefire, tweeted Army Col. Sonny Leggett, a USFOR-A spokesman.

“Overnight, USFOR-A conducted an airstrike against 25 armed TB fighters executing a coordinated attack on an #ANDSF checkpoint in Farah Prov,” Leggett tweeted. “This afternoon, USFOR-A conducted a strike on TB fighters attacking an ANDSF checkpoint in Kandahar Prov.”

In accordance with the U.S.-Taliban agreement “We reiterate: All sides must reduce violence to allow the peace process to take hold. These were the 1st US airstrikes against TB since the start of the Eid ceasefire,” Leggett tweeted.

British Army launches its first cyberwar regiment

LONDON - [Britain's first dedicated cyber regiment has been officially established as part of the Army's drive to modernize](#) its response to the growing digital threat posed by potential adversaries.

Creation of the unit, the 13th Signals Regiment, is part of an ongoing restructuring of the British Army, known as Army 2020 Refine, which includes the creation of a division conducting cyber, electronic warfare, intelligence, information operations and unconventional warfare.

The cyber regiment is built around a core of about 250 specialists and is tasked with combating threats to Army operations overseas and domestically. The new unit will also provide technical support for a hub being set up to test and implement next-generation information capabilities.

Singapore plans wearable virus-tracing device for all

SINGAPORE (Reuters) - [Singapore plans to give a wearable device that will identify people who had interacted with carriers of coronavirus](#) to each of its 5.7 million residents, in what could become one of the most comprehensive contact-tracing efforts globally.

Testing of the small devices, which can be worn on the end of a lanyard or carried in a handbag, follows limited take-up of an earlier smartphone-based system and has further fueled privacy concerns about contact tracing technology.

The tiny city-state, with one of the highest COVID-19 caseloads in Asia, is one of many countries trying to use technology to allow them to safely reopen their economies.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

[1873](#)

Sultan Bargash bin Said under British pressure closes the infamous slave market of Zanzibar in modern day Tanzania

[1947](#)

U.S. Secretary of State [George Marshall](#) outlines the "Marshall Plan" to rebuild Western Europe

[1963](#)

State of siege proclaimed in Iran, [Ayatollah Khomeini](#) arrested

[1967](#)

Six-day war begins between Israel and the neighboring Arab states of Egypt, Jordan and Syria

[1968](#)

Palestinian [Sirhan Sirhan shoots Robert F. Kennedy](#) three times, who dies the next day at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, California

1981

AIDS epidemic officially begins when U.S. Centers for Disease Control reports on pneumonia affecting five homosexual men in Los Angeles

1981

World's first today in history program with editable data "TODAY," invented by Michael Butler runs for the first time on a mainframe computer

1984

Indira Gandhi orders an attack on Sikh's holiest site, the Golden Temple, in Amritsar

LOOK AHEAD

Navy Rear Adm. Robert Chadwick II, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, delivers remarks, beginning at 3 p.m. today, at a virtual 78th Anniversary of the Battle of Midway remembrance ceremony.

3:00 PM EDT on 06/05/2020

USS Arizona Memorial, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

703-697-5131

Livestream at <https://www.defense.gov/Watch/Live-Events/>

The Friends of the National World War II Memorial holds a virtual D-Day observance, beginning at 10 a.m., to "remember and honor the 160,000 Allied troops that landed on the beaches of Normandy on June 6, 1944."

Highlight:

– 10:15 a.m.: Wreath-laying ceremony

PARTICIPANTS: Alex Kershaw, author of "The First Wave" and board member of Friends

10:00 AM EDT on 06/06/2020

tertman@wwiimemorialfriends.org

202-543-0878

Thalia Ertman; Information on the webcast is available at
<https://www.facebook.com/WWIIMemorialFriends>

The Senate Armed Services Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee closed markup of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY2021.

2:30 PM EDT on 06/08/2020

232-A Russell Senate Office Building

[Senate Armed Services Committee Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee](#)

202-224-3871

The Jewish Institute for National Security of America holds a conference call briefing, beginning at 3 p.m., on "Space Force: Competition for Higher Ground."

3:00 PM EDT on 06/08/2020

info@jinsa.org

202-667-3900

James Cetrone; RSVP to Naomi Burstein at nburstein@jinsa.org for dial-in information.

Participants:

- Retired Air Force Gen. William Shelton, Former commander of Air Force Space Command
- Jeb Nadaner, Vice president and senior fellow at JINSA
- retired Air Force Gen. Kevin Chilton, Member of the JINSA Board of Advisors and former commander of the U.S. Strategic Command

The Senate Armed Services Strategic Forces Subcommittee closed markup of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY2021.

4:00 PM EDT on 06/08/2020

232-A Russell Senate Office Building

[Senate Armed Services Committee Strategic Forces Subcommittee](#)

202-224-3871

The Intelligence National Security Alliance holds a webinar, beginning at 9 a.m., on "warning intelligence and the intelligence community's failure to embrace it."

9:00 AM EDT on 06/09/2020

info@insaonline.org

703-224-4672

Webinar information is available at <https://www.insaonline.org/event/coffee-conversation-with-the-hon-charlie-allen/>

Participants:

- Joan Dempsey, Senior executive adviser at Booz Allen Hamilton and former deputy director of intelligence at the Defense Intelligence Agency
- Former Homeland Security Undersecretary for Intelligence and Analysis Charlie Allen, Principal at the Chertoff Group

The Senate Armed Services Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee closed markup of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY2021.

9:30 AM EDT on 06/09/2020

232-A Russell Senate Office Building

[Senate Armed Services Committee Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee](#)

202-224-3871

The Middle East Institute Cyber Program holds a conference via webinar, beginning at 9:30 a.m., on "The Cyber Domain in the Middle East: Implications for Business, Security and Society."

Highlights:

- 9:30 a.m.: John Fleming, senior director for strategic projects at Owl Cyber Defense, delivers keynote address
- 10 a.m.: Session on "Digital Transformation and the Future of Business in the Middle East"
- 11 a.m.: Session on "Privacy and Surveillance, Freedom and Censorship: The Social Contract in the Digital Age"
- 12:30 p.m.: Session on "Public Diplomacy and Influence Campaigns in the Internet Age"

9:30 AM EDT on 06/09/2020

programs@mei.edu

202-785-1141

ext. 202; Webinar information is available at <https://www.mei.edu/events/cyber-domain-middle-east-implications-business-security-and-society>

The Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee holds a hearing on "Evaluation the Federal Government's Procurement and Distribution Strategies in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic."

10:00 AM EDT on 06/09/2020

562 Dirksen Senate Office Building

[Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee](#)

202-224-4751

Defense Department; Office of the Secretary holds a meeting by teleconference of the Military Family Readiness Council.

Agenda includes: Call to Order; Welcome and Opening Remarks; Administrative Issues; Written Public Submissions; Community Collaboratives and Partnerships Presentations; Building Healthy Military Communities Pilot; DoD Collaboration and Partnerships with State Governments; Military OneSource-Connecting Our Military Community; Questions and Answers Session and Council Member Discussion; Closing Remarks

10:00 AM EDT on 06/09/2020

osd.pentagon.ousd-p-r.mbx.family-readiness-council@mail.mil

571-372-5345

William Story; Dial-in at 800-309-1256; participant code, 838869

The Institute for International Cyber Stability hosts a [webinar](#) on "Deciding on the Rules of the Road for Cyberspace: The Who, What, Where, When, How," featuring Estonian President Kersti Kaljulaid.

10:00 AM EDT on 06/09/2020

[RSVP](#)

The Senate Armed Services Airland Subcommittee closed markup of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY2021.

11:00 AM EDT on 06/09/2020

232-A Russell Senate Office Building

[Senate Armed Services Committee Airland Subcommittee](#)

202-224-3871

FireEye hosts a virtual three-day summit where cyber professionals will share best practices, research, and strategies to empower organizations to evolve their cyber security solutions and better defend against attackers. Different sessions will start at different times depending on the event category. [More information is online.](#)

12:00 PM EDT on 06/09/2020

Homeland Security Department; Federal Emergency Management Agency holds a meeting by teleconference of the Board of Visitors for the National Fire Academy, to discuss the options and challenges facing National Fire Academy restarting classes at the National Emergency Training Center campus.

1:30 PM EDT on 06/09/2020

Kirby.Kiefer@fema.dhs.gov

301-447-1117

Kirby Kiefer; RSVP required for dial-in information by close of business June 1.

The Senate Armed Services Personnel Subcommittee holds a markup of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY2021.

2:00 PM EDT on 06/09/2020

G-50 Dirksen Senate Office Building

[Senate Armed Services Committee Personnel Subcommittee](#)

202-224-3871

The Senate Armed Services Seapower Subcommittee closed markup of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY2021.

3:30 PM EDT on 06/09/2020

232-A Russell Senate Office Building

[Senate Armed Services Committee Seapower Subcommittee](#)

202-224-3871

The Senate Armed Services Committee closed markup of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY2021.

9:30 AM EDT on 06/10/2020

106 Dirksen Senate Office Building

[Senate Armed Services Committee](#)

202-224-3871

The Heritage Foundation holds a webinar, beginning at 10:30 a.m., on "Army Aviation: Future Vertical Lift."

10:30 AM EDT on 06/10/2020

lectures.seminars@heritage.org

202-675-1761

Webinar information is available at <https://www.heritage.org/defense/event/webinar-army-aviation-future-vertical-lift>

Participants:

- Army Program Executive officer for Aviation Patrick Mason
- Brig. Gen. Walter Rugen, Director of the Army Futures Command's Future Vertical Lift Cross Functional Team
- Thomas Spoehr, Director of the Heritage Center for National Defense

The House Armed Services Committee holds a hearing on "Department of Defense COVID-19 Response to Defense Industrial Base Challenges."

2:00 PM EDT on 06/10/2020

1100 Longworth House Office Building

[House Armed Services Committee](#)

202-225-4151

Witnesses:

- Defense Undersecretary for Acquisition and Sustainment Ellen Lord

The Nuclear Threat Initiative holds a webinar, beginning at 2 p.m., on "The Military Case for Extending the New START Agreement."

2:00 PM EDT on 06/10/2020

202-296-4810

Webinar information is available at

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_n_wXzCWUSb6Jdx7vTtflyQ

Participants:

- Former Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz, Co-chair and CEO of NTI
- retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Frank Klotz, Former director of the National Nuclear Security Administration

The GPS Innovation Alliance hosts a [webinar](#) on "GPS III: Unleashing the Next Generation of GPS."

2:00 PM EDT on 06/10/2020

[RSVP](#)

The Air Traffic Control Association holds a fireside chat, via [webinar](#), with FAA Administrator Steve Dickson.

12:00 PM EDT on 06/11/2020

[RSVP](#)

Have a great weekend!

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