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

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TOP STORIES

Top Pentagon official Wheelbarger resigns as critics accuse Trump of seeking 'loyalists'

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Kathryn Wheelbarger, one of the Pentagon's most prominent and respected policy officials, is [resigning after three years in the job](#) at a time when critics have accused President Donald Trump of prioritizing perceived "loyalists" for top national security posts, sources told Reuters on Thursday.

Wheelbarger, who is highly regarded by national security experts in Trump's Republican Party and among Democrats, did not explain the reasoning for her departure in a copy of her resignation letter obtained by Reuters.

Pentagon names new chief data officer

[The Department of Defense has named Dave Spirk](#) as its new chief data officer, according to a June 19 news release.

Spirk most recently served as the the first CDO of Special Operations Command. At SOCOM, he played a key role in the development of the combatant command's ongoing Hyper Enabled Operator effort, which seeks to give operators increased access to data using machine learning and artificial intelligence.

DoD reports would be public under new amendment to must-pass defense bill

WASHINGTON – [All unclassified Pentagon reports ordered by Congress could be made public](#) under an amendment Rep. Jackie Speier will propose to the annual defense policy bill, *Defense News* has learned.

The amendment, which is supported by a broad bipartisan group of government accountability and transparency groups, was drafted by Reps. Katie Porter, D-Calif., and Francis Rooney, R-Fla. It would be offered for the 2021 National Defense Authorization Act, which the House Armed Services Committee is set to mark up July 1.

Speier, D-Calif., chairs the HASC Military Personnel Subcommittee.

Under current law, the Pentagon is required to publish on its website reports that do not contain classified or other sensitive information “to the extent practicable.” The amendment would remove that caveat.

U.S. fighter jets intercept Russian aircraft off Alaska coast for 2nd time in week

U.S. fighter jets for the second time this week intercepted two formations of [Russian military aircraft off the coast of Alaska](#), North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) said in a Wednesday statement.

F-22 Raptors, backed by KC-135 aerial refueling tankers and an E-3 early warning aircraft, intercepted two Russian bomber formations in the Alaskan Air Defense Identification Zone Tuesday night, according to NORAD.

The first formation consisted of two Russian Tu-95 bombers, two Su-35 fighter jets and an A-50 airborne early warning and control aircraft, while the second had two bombers and an A-50. Both came within 32 nautical miles of the Alaskan coast but did not enter U.S. airspace, NORAD said.

Trump nixing promotion of Army impeachment witness could politicize military, senators warn

The Senate Armed Services Committee’s top Democrat is warning President Donald Trump [not to politicize the military’s promotion process](#) amid new reports he may punish an Army officer for his involvement in the congressional impeachment investigation last year.

Multiple news agencies this week reported that Pentagon officials are worried that Trump may block the scheduled promotion of [Army Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman](#), who previously worked on the National Security Council and testified before a House panel last year about concerns regarding the president’s July 2019 phone call with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1306

The Earl of Pembroke's army defeats [Robert the Bruce](#)'s Scottish army at the Battle of Methven

1829

Sir [Robert Peel](#) introduces the Metropolitan Police Act 1829 into Parliament to establish a unified police force for London

1862

Slavery outlawed in U.S. territories

1865

Union General [Gordon Granger](#) declares slaves are free in Texas, now the date the end of slavery is celebrated across the U.S. as [Juneteenth](#)

1944

World War II: First day of the 2 day Battle of the Philippine Sea, U.S. naval forces defeat Japanese fleet

1991

Colombian drug lord [Pablo Escobar](#) surrenders to police

LOOK AHEAD

The House Armed Services Committee holds off-camera background briefings via webinar, beginning at 3 p.m., about topics covered by subcommittee markups on H.R.6395, the "National Defense Authorization Act for FY2021."

Schedule:

- 3 p.m.: Virtual briefing ahead of a Intelligence and Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee markup
- 4:15 p.m.: Virtual briefing ahead of a Strategic Forces Subcommittee markup

3:00 PM EDT on 06/19/2020

[House Armed Services Committee](#)

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Monica Matoush; Conference call available. RSVP to caleb.randall-bodman@mail.house.gov for webinar and dial-in information.

The House Armed Services Intelligence and Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee holds a markup of [H.R. 6395 \(116\)](#), the "National Defense Authorization Act for FY2021."

11:00 AM EDT on 06/22/2020

2118 Rayburn House Office Building

[House Armed Services Committee Intelligence, Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee](#)

202-225-4151

The House Armed Services Committee holds off-camera background briefings via webinar, beginning at 11:30 a.m., about topics covered by subcommittee markups on H.R.6395, the "National Defense Authorization Act for FY2021."

Schedule:

- 11:30 a.m.: Virtual briefing ahead of a Tactical Air and Land Forces Subcommittee markup
- 1:15 p.m.: Virtual briefing ahead of a Military Personnel Subcommittee markup
- 2:30 p.m.: Virtual briefing ahead of a Military Personnel Subcommittee markup
- 3:45 p.m.: Virtual briefing ahead of a Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee markup

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The National Defense Industrial Association Science and Engineering Technology Division holds a webinar, beginning at 12:30 p.m., to "provide a virtual forum for government, industry and academic collaboration related to science and engineering technology advancements in the defense arena."

12:30 PM EDT on 06/22/2020

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Evamarie Socha; RSVP required. Webinar information is available at <https://www.ndia.org/events/2020/6/22/set-division-webinar>

Participants:

- Timothy Dare, Deputy director for development test, evaluation and prototyping in the Office of the Defense Undersecretary for Research and Engineering
- James Faist, Director of defense research and engineering for advanced capabilities at the Defense Department

The Air Force Association's Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies holds an "Aerospace Nation" webcast with Gen. James Holmes, commander of Air Combat Command.

12:00 AM EDT on 06/22/2020

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Kamilla Gunzinger; Start time is TBA. The event is by invitation only. Information on the webcast is available at <https://www.mitchellaerospacepower.org/>

The Intelligence and National Security Alliance hosts a "[Coffee and Conversation](#)" [discussion](#) with CIA Chief Information Officer Juliane Gallina.

9:00 AM EDT on 06/23/2020

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The Center for Strategic and International Studies and the United States Naval Institute hold a webcast, beginning at 10 a.m., on "Maritime Security: The Role of Unmanned and Small Combatants in Distributed Maritime Operations."

10:00 AM EDT on 06/23/2020

202-775-3242

Andrew Schwartz; Information on the webcast is available at <https://www.csis.org/events/online-event-maritime-security-dialogue-role-unmanned-and-small-combatants-distributed>

Participants:

- Rear Adm. Casey Moton, Head of the Navy's Program Executive Office for Unmanned and Small Combatants
- retired Vice Adm. Peter Daly, CEO of USNI

- Kathleen Hicks, Director of the CSIS International Security Program

The Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee holds a hearing on "CBP (Customs and Border Protection) Oversight: Examining the Evolving Challenges Facing the Agency."

10:00 AM EDT on 06/23/2020

562 Dirksen Senate Office Building

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

202-224-4751

The Middle East Institute holds a webinar, beginning at 10 a.m., with Brig. Gen. Duke Pirak, deputy director of strategy, plans and policy at U.S. Central Command, as part of the MEI Defense Leadership series.

10:00 AM EDT on 06/23/2020

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ext. 202; Webinar information is available at <https://www.mei.edu/events/mei-defense-leadership-series-episode-3-centcom-brigadier-general-duke-pirak>

Participants:

- Bilal Saab, Director of the MEI Defense and Security Program

The House Armed Services Tactical Air and Land Forces Subcommittee holds a markup of [H.R. 6395 \(116\)](#), the "National Defense Authorization Act for FY2021."

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[House Armed Services Committee Tactical Air and Land Forces Subcommittee](#)

202-225-4151

National Aeronautics and Space Administration holds a meeting by teleconference of the Astrophysics Advisory Committee,

Agenda includes: Astrophysics Division Update; Updates on Specific Astrophysics Missions; Reports from the Program Analysis Groups; and Reports from Specific Research & Analysis Programs

12:00 PM EDT on 06/23/2020

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KarShelia Henderson; Dial-in at 877-922-4779; passcode, 5276208; WebEx at <https://nasaenterprise.webex.com>; meeting number, 905 738 400; password, Apac0620#

The House Armed Services Military Personnel Subcommittee holds a markup of [H.R. 6395 \(116\)](#), the "National Defense Authorization Act for FY2021."

1:00 PM EDT on 06/23/2020

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[House Armed Services Committee Military Personnel Subcommittee](#)

202-225-4151

Defense Department; Office of the Secretary holds a meeting by teleconference of the Defense Innovation Board.

Agenda includes: Deliberation on a recommendation concerning testing, evaluation, verification, and validation of autonomous systems; Workforce Behavior and Culture subcommittee discusses work on defining innovation terms and concepts for the Department, as well as their perspective on the recent Department-wide response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and briefing on DOD's latest implementation activities related to DIB recommendations

2:00 PM EDT on 06/23/2020

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Colleen Laughlin; Registration required by June 18 for dial-in information at <http://innovation.defense.gov/meetings>

The House Armed Services Readiness Subcommittee holds a markup of [H.R. 6395 \(116\)](#), the "National Defense Authorization Act for FY2021."

3:00 PM EDT on 06/23/2020

2118 Rayburn House Office Building

[House Armed Services Committee Readiness Subcommittee](#)

202-225-4151

The House Armed Services Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee holds a markup of [H.R. 6395 \(116\)](#), the "National Defense Authorization Act for FY2021."

4:30 PM EDT on 06/23/2020

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[House Armed Services Committee Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee](#)

202-225-4151

The House Homeland Security Intelligence and Counterterrorism Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Examining the Threat from ISIS and Al Qaeda."

11:00 AM EDT on 06/24/2020

[House Homeland Security Committee Intelligence and Counterterrorism Subcommittee](#)

202-226-2616

Witnesses:

- Former CIA Acting and Deputy Director Michael Morell
- former Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs Tina Kaidanow, Former State Department coordinator for counterterrorism

CrowdStrike [hosts](#) its Fal.Con for Public Sector Virtual Cybersecurity Conference.

11:00 AM EDT on 06/24/2020

[RSVP](#)

Defense Department; Office of the Secretary holds a meeting by teleconference of the Uniform Formulary Beneficiary Advisory Panel.

Agenda includes: Welcome and Opening Remarks; Newly Approved Drugs Review; Pertinent Utilization Management Issues; and Panel Discussions and Vote

1:00 PM EDT on 06/24/2020

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The Intelligence National Security Alliance holds a webinar, beginning at 4:30 p.m., with Suzanne White, deputy director of the Defense Intelligence Agency.

4:30 PM EDT on 06/24/2020

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Webinar information is available at <https://www.insaonline.org/event/wednesday-wisdom-with-suzanne-white/>

Commerce Department; National Institute of Standards and Technology holds a meeting by webinar of the Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board, June 24-25.

Agenda includes: Discussion of the United States Methods of Product Testing and

Standards Conformance; Presentation from the United States Government Testing Programs; Discussion of International Testing requirements and conformance regimes; Discussion of Executive Order 13905, Strengthening National Resilience Through Use of Positioning, Navigation, and Timing Services; and Discussion on telework cybersecurity and privacy, and potential lessons learned

The International Institute for Strategic Studies holds a webinar, beginning at 11 a.m., on "One Decade, Two Continents," focusing on the maritime-security challenges of Europe and Africa.

11:00 AM EDT on 06/25/2020

202-659-1490

Webinar information is available at <https://www.iiss.org/events/2020/06/discussion-commander-us-naval-forces-europe-africa>

Participants:

- Navy Adm. James Foggo, Commander of U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa

The Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments holds a webinar, beginning at 11 a.m., on a new report, "Forging the Tools of 21st Century Great Power Competition."

11:00 AM EDT on 06/25/2020

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Natalya Anfilofyeva; Webinar information is available at <https://csbaonline.org/about/events/report-release-webinarforging-the-tools-of-21st-century-great-power-competition>

Participants:

- Author Thomas Mahnken, President of CSBA
- Eric Edelman, Counselor at CSBA

Defense Department; office of the Secretary holds a meeting by teleconference of the Board of Actuaries to review DoD actuarial methods and assumptions to be used in the valuations of the Education Benefits Fund, the Military Retirement Fund, and the Voluntary Separation Incentive Fund.

10:00 AM EDT on 06/26/2020

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Have a great weekend!

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