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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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**EXECUTIVE INSIGHT BRIEF**

**August 28, 2020**



## TOP STORIES

### **Trump attacks Biden hard in White House address accepting GOP nomination**

[President Trump attacked Joe Biden](#) as a purveyor of a liberal agenda that would lead America to ruin in his address accepting the 2020 Republican presidential nomination from the White House on Thursday, seeking to present a contrast with the Democratic nominee as he trails him in the polls.

Trump leaned into themes that his campaign has already sought to hammer home, casting Biden as a vessel for socialist policies and issuing a bleak projection about a decline of public safety under a would-be Biden administration.

The president's 70-minute speech was stocked with blistering attacks on Biden that simultaneously portrayed his opponent as a failed career politician and a "trojan horse" for a radical, left-wing agenda.

He sought to cast the election as a choice between the "American dream" and a "socialist agenda;" between economic prosperity and decline; and law and order or chaos. The president described himself as the defender of traditional American values and warned U.S. culture would be unrecognizable under Democratic control. "Joe Biden is not the savior of America's soul – he is the destroyer of America's jobs, and if given the chance, he will be the destroyer of American greatness," Trump said.

**Update: Seven U.S. troops were injured by that collision with the Russian military in Syria on Tuesday, the Defense Department announced Thursday.**

[The Russians "breached our deconfliction arrangement in Syria and injured U.S. service members](#) with their deliberately provocative and aggressive behavior," Chief Pentagon Spokesperson Jonathan Hoffman said in a [statement](#). "We have advised the Russians that their behavior was dangerous and unacceptable. We expect a return to routine and professional deconfliction in Syria and reserve the right to defend our forces vigorously whenever their safety is put at risk."

*Russia says it notified the U.S. before its patrol; but CENTCOM says that's not true*, CNN reported Thursday. Read over the Russian Defense Ministry's claim alongside a statement from U.S. Central Command spokesman Capt. William Urban, [here](#).

## Engel announces contempt proceedings against Pompeo

The top Democrat on the House Foreign Affairs Committee on Friday announced [contempt proceedings against Secretary of State Mike Pompeo](#), saying America's top diplomat has ignored the committee's request to investigate his conduct.

Rep. Eliot Engel (D-N.Y.), chair of the committee, said the panel will begin drafting a resolution following Pompeo's refusal to provide subpoenaed documents related to the committee's multiple investigations into whether the secretary has misused department resources.

"The Secretary's ongoing defiance of two duly authorized subpoenas on matters directly linked to American foreign policy toward Ukraine has left the Committee no further option but to begin drafting a resolution finding Secretary Pompeo in contempt of Congress," Engel said in a statement.

## Readout of Secretary Esper's Call With Papua New Guinea Minister for Defense Saki Soloma

On August 26, Secretary of Defense [Mark T. Esper](#) spoke with the Papua New Guinea (PNG) Minister for Defense, Saki Soloma; a historic first call between the defense counterparts. Secretary Esper and Minister Soloma spoke to the importance of upholding international rules and norms and their commitment to defending a free and open Indo-Pacific region. Both leaders reinforced the strength of the bilateral relationship and discussed pressing regional security issues. The principals concluded the conversation by reaffirming their commitment to future cooperation and collaboration in support of mutual interests including the conclusion of a U.S. - PNG Defense Cooperation Agreement.

## Taiwan unveils F-16 maintenance hub as China tensions build

TAICHUNG, Taiwan (Reuters) - Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen vowed on Friday to defend the island with a "solid" air force as she launched a U.S.-backed maintenance center for the island's fleet of [upgraded F-16 fighters amid rising tensions between Taipei and](#)

### Beijing.

Frequent Chinese and U.S. military exercises in the region are raising fears of conflict touched off by a crisis over Taiwan, which Beijing claims as its own territory. “It takes solid defense capability, not bowing and cringing, to defend the sovereignty of the Republic of China and maintain regional peace and stability,” Tsai told a ceremony unveiling the island’s first maintenance hub in the central city of Taichung for its most advanced F-16s.

## **Russian submarine surfaces near Alaska during war exercise**

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – [A Russian submarine surfaced near Alaska on Thursday](#) during a Russian war game exercise, U.S. military officials said.

It was unclear why it surfaced.

The North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command are closely monitoring the submarine, Northern Command spokesman Bill Lewis said.

“We have not received any requests for assistance from the Russian Navy or other mariners in the area,” Lewis said from Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado. “We always stand ready to assist those in distress.”

Lewis declined to provide further details about the submarine, including its proximity to Alaska. He only said it was operating in international waters near Alaska.

## **U.S. Army Cyber Command to get new uniformed deputy**

WASHINGTON – Brig. Gen. Paul Stanton will be [U.S. Army Cyber Command’s new deputy commanding general of operations](#), according to an Aug. 27 Department of Defense release.

Stanton, who is currently serving as the deputy director of operations, J-3 at U.S. Cyber Command, will return to Fort Gordon, Georgia, the new home of Army Cyber Command, where he previously served as the commander of the Army’s Cyber Protection Brigade. There are several changes ahead for Army Cyber Command as it looks to transition into a new era of information warfare.

## **Live updates: After Hurricane Laura, disruption to coronavirus battle sparks concerns**

Officials on Friday were assessing the damage wrought by [Hurricane Laura and its potential effects on the spread of the novel coronavirus](#). The pandemic had complicated evacuation and shelter plans before Laura slammed ashore in southwestern coastal Louisiana early Thursday as one of the most powerful storms to strike the Gulf Coast in decades.

But authorities cautioned that any potential impact on infection rates won’t be known for days to come. “We’re basically going to be blind for this week because we’ll have to discontinue much of our community-based testing,” Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards (D) said before the hurricane made landfall.

## Pentagon decries Beijing missile test in South China Sea

[The Pentagon on Thursday called out China over test launches of ballistic missiles in the South China Sea](#), a move that the United States views as “counterproductive” to quelling tensions in the region.

The Defense Department – in a confirmation of reports that Beijing’s military launched up to four ballistic missiles during military exercises around the Paracel Islands – said the action violates China’s 2002 commitment to “avoid activities that would complicate or escalate disputes and affect peace and stability.”

“Conducting military exercises over disputed territory in the South China Sea is counterproductive to easing tensions and maintaining stability,” the Defense Department said in a statement. “The [People’s Republic of China’s (PRC)] actions, including missile tests, further destabilize the situation in the South China Sea.”

## Plans, Speakers Set for NGAUS General Conference

[NGAUS is in final prep for the 142nd General Conference.](#)

The association started setting up a television studio today in the National Guard Memorial in Washington, D.C., the NGAUS headquarters in Washington, D.C., for the event that will be livestreamed Friday and Saturday.

An audio-visual company will produce and transmit a broadcast-quality telecast of the conference to an online event platform, which is now open to registered attendees. The platform will also include a virtual trade show that now features 85 companies and organizations.

A rehearsal of concept for conference at last month’s Capitol Summit won high marks for production quality from both participants and the online audience.



## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

[1189](#)

Third Crusade: Crusaders begin the Siege of Acre under Guy of Lusignan

[1609](#)

English explorer [Henry Hudson](#), discovers and explores Delaware Bay

[1830](#)

1st American built locomotive, "Tom Thumb," races a horse-drawn car from Stockton and Stokes stagecoach company from Baltimore to Ellicott Mills. Let history record that due to mechanical problems the horse won!

[1845](#)

*Scientific American* magazine publishes its first issue

[1963](#)

[Martin Luther King Jr.](#) delivers his "I have a dream" speech addressing the [March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom](#) civil rights march at Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D.C.



## LOOK AHEAD

### **The House Homeland Security Committee holds a hearing on "Protecting America's Democracy: Ensuring Every Vote Counts."**

12:00 PM EDT on 08/28/2020

[House Homeland Security Committee](#)

202-226-2616

Witnesses:

- Mark Dimondstein, President of the American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO
- Tammy Patrick, Senior advisor of elections at the Democracy Fund
- Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson
- Kentucky Secretary of State Michael Adams

National Guard Association of the United States holds its 142nd General Conference, beginning at 12 p.m., August 28-29.

Highlights:

- 1 p.m.: Army Gen. Daniel Hokanson, chief of the National Guard Bureau, delivers remarks
- 2 p.m.: Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Charles Brown Jr. delivers remarks
- 2:30 p.m.: Space Force Gen. John "Jay" Raymond, chief of space operations at the Space Force, delivers remarks
- 3:40 p.m.: Army Lt. Gen. Jon Jensen, director of the Army National Guard, delivers remarks
- 4:10 p.m.: Air Force Lt. Gen. Michael Loh, director of the Air National Guard, delivers remarks

12:00 PM EDT on 08/29/2020

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202-789-0031

Information on the webcast is available at <https://www.ngaus.org/events/142nd-general-conference>

**The Institute for Defense and Government Advancement holds its virtual 2020 Counter-UAS (Unmanned Aircraft Systems) Summit, beginning at 11:50 a.m., August 31-September 2.**

Highlight:

– 4:30 p.m.: Session on "Terrorist and sUAS: Theory and Threat"

11:50 AM EDT on 08/31/2020

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Katrina Savarino; Information on the webcast is available at <https://www.idga.org/events-counteruas-usa/>

**The Atlantic Council holds a webinar, beginning at 12 p.m., on "Desert One: How the Hostage Crisis and Failed Rescue Raid Still Cloud U.S.-Iran Relations."**

12:00 PM EDT on 08/31/2020

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Travis Horne; Webinar information is available

at <https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/event/desert-one-how-the-hostage-crisis-and-failed-rescue-raid-still-cloud-us-iran-relations/>

Participants:

- Director Barbara Kopple
- former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Iran John Limbert
- retired Marine Corps Col. Ed Sieffert
- Nasser Hadian, Professor at the University of Tehran
- former U.S. Ambassador to the European Union Stuart Eizenstat, Senior counsel at Covington & Burling LLP
- Barbara Slavin, Director of the Atlantic Council's Future of Iran Initiative

**The Air Force Association's Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies hold a "Aerospace Nation" forum, beginning at 2:30 p.m., with Maj. Gen. Mark Weatherington, commander of Eighth Air Force and the Joint Global Strike Operations Center.**

2:30 PM EDT on 08/31/2020

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**Defense One holds a webcast, beginning at 3 p.m., on "Advancing the Future of Aerospace Innovation."**

3:00 PM EDT on 08/31/2020

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202-266-7115

Laurie Diamond; Register at <https://www.defenseone.com/feature/advancing-the-future-of-aerospace-innovation/?oref=ge-events-upcoming>

Participants:

- Marcus Weisgerber, Defense One global business editor
- Richard Aboulafia, Vice president for analysis at the Teal Group Corporation

**Defense Department; office of the Secretary holds a meeting by teleconference of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS) to receive written information and briefings on topics related to the recruitment, retention, employment, integration, well-being and treatment of women in the Armed Forces of the United States, September 1-2.**

9:00 AM EDT on 09/01/2020

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**The Institute for Defense and Government Advancement holds its virtual 2020 Counter-UAS (Unmanned Aircraft Systems) Summit, beginning at 11:50 a.m., August 31-September 2.**

Highlights:

- Noon: Army Col. Richard "Rick" Wright, deputy director of the Joint Counter-small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Office and Fires Headquarters, delivers keynote remarks on "U.S. Army Counter-Drone Priorities: Standing up the Joint CsUAS Office"
- 1 p.m.: Session on "Conducting Oversight of the FBI's Manned and Unmanned Efforts"

11:50 AM EDT on 09/01/2020

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**The Air Force Association's Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies hold a "Nuclear Deterrence" forum, beginning at 10 a.m., with Deputy Assistant Defense Secretary**

**for Nuclear and Missile Defense Policy Rob Soofer.**

10:00 AM EDT on 09/02/2020

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Highlights:

– Noon: Session on "Comprehensive Defense against the Emerging Drone Threat"

– 1 p.m.: Air National Guard Maj. Casey Robbins, air defense officer for nuclear and homeland defense operations at the Joint Staff's Homeland Defense Division, delivers remarks on "Joint Staff's Near Term Plans for C-UAS Operations in Support of Homeland Defense"

– 3:30 p.m.: Session on "Defeating Small Civilian Unmanned Aerial Systems to Maintain Air Superiority"

11:50 AM EDT on 09/02/2020

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**The U.S. Navy Memorial holds a webinar, beginning at 1 p.m., with the Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Adm. John Nowell Jr.**

1:00 PM EDT on 09/03/2020

202-380-0710

Webinar information is available at <https://www.navymemorial.org/new-events/sitrep-speaker-series-featuring-vice-admiral-john-b-nowell-jr-chief-of-naval-personnel>

**The Federal Aviation Administration [holds](#) a virtual session on "What's Ahead in Aeronautical Information & NOTAM Modernization," as part of its AI Optimization Summit.**

1:00 PM EDT on 09/03/2020

**Defense One holds a webcast, beginning at 2 p.m., on "Technology at the Speed of Sound: Hypersonics in Defense Strategies."**

2:00 PM EDT on 09/03/2020

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Information on the webcast is available at <https://www.workcast.com/register?>

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**September 4, 2020**



## TOP STORIES

### Seventh U.S. service member dies from COVID-19

A seventh U.S. service member has been [killed by the coronavirus](#), according to the latest Pentagon data.

The death was first noted in Wednesday's update of the chart the Pentagon keeps on its website of numbers of COVID-19 cases connected to the department.

On Thursday, the Army Reserve identified the service member as Sgt. 1st Class Clifford R. Gooding, 58, of Gulfport, Fla.

Gooding died Friday after first testing positive for the virus June 23, Army Reserve spokesman Lt. Col. Simon Flake said in a statement.

After he tested positive, Gooding was admitted to a hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla. As his condition worsened, Gooding was transferred to the Largo Medical Center in Largo, Fla., where he stayed until he died, Flake said.

### Special Report: Pentagon's latest salvo against China's growing might - Cold War bombers

HONG KONG (Reuters) - On July 21, two [U.S Air Force B-1B bombers took off from Guam](#) and headed west over the Pacific Ocean to the hotly contested South China Sea. The sleek jets made a low-level pass over the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan and its escorting fleet, which was exercising nearby in the Philippine Sea, according to images released by the U.S. military.

The operation was part of the Trump Administration's intensifying challenge to China's ruling Communist Party and its sweeping territorial claims over one of the world's most important strategic waterways. While senior Trump officials launch diplomatic and

rhetorical broadsides at Beijing, the U.S. Defense Department is turning to the firepower of its heavily armed, long-range bombers as it seeks to counter Beijing's bid to control the seas off the Chinese coast.

## National Transportation Safety Board faults U.S. Navy for Fitzgerald collision

WASHINGTON – Disorganization and a lack of situational awareness by the on-watch crew of the [U.S. Navy destroyer Fitzgerald](#) was the primary cause of the collision off Japan in June 2017 that claimed the lives of seven sailors, according [to a new report](#) by the National Transportation Safety Board.

The report, which largely mirrors the Navy's own report on the incident, found that the Fitzgerald was the vessel that was required to maneuver to avoid the collision, but failed to do so, the American investigative agency found.

“The National Transportation Safety Board determines that the probable cause of the collision between the U.S. Navy Destroyer Fitzgerald and container ship ACX Crystal was the Fitzgerald's bridge team's failure to take early and substantial action to avoid collision as the giveaway vessel,” the report read.

## U.S. Navy to get new cyber commander

WASHINGTON – [Vice Adm. Ross Myers will be the next commander of 10th Fleet/Fleet Cyber Command.](#)

Myers, who comes to Fleet Cyber Command from his role as deputy commander at U.S. Cyber Command, replaces Vice Adm. Timothy White, who is retiring, a Fleet Cyber Command spokesman said.

The news of Myers new role was made by Cyber Command in a tweet Sept. 3 when it announced its new deputy commander, Lt. Gen. Charles Moore. Moore previously served as the command's director of operations.

Myers is a career aviator and previously served as the director of plans and policy at Cyber Command.

Fleet Cyber Command was relatively quiet under White's command, who rarely spoke publicly and who made few public appearances aside from engagements with sailors. The naval command in July released its [strategic plan](#) for the next five years. It scopes out a wide-ranging vision, covering responsibilities for the future to include cyberspace operations and signals intelligence, and it states that the command now serves as the Navy's component to U.S. Space Command.

## Extending the New START nuclear pact will help stabilize U.S.- Russia relations

There aren't many bright spots in U.S.-Russia relations these days. But just as arms control negotiations had a [stabilizing impact on the geopolitical rivalry between Washington and Moscow](#) during the Cold War period, strategic stability talks today could

help arrest the years-long degradation in this critical, bilateral relationship. Last month, U.S. and Russian national security officials met in Vienna for follow-up discussions on nuclear doctrine, transparency and verification. Moscow describes previous talks in July as “professional,” a word you don’t usually hear expressed by the Kremlin.

### **American Airlines Says Oct. 1 Job Losses Will Total 40,000 – Including 19,000 That Congress Could Save**

American Airlines has become the first major airline to fully quantify the impact of the coronavirus crisis on its workforce, saying that [40,000 people could be gone this fall](#).

That means a 28% reduction from the March 1 employment level of 140,000.

Of the 40,000 departures, 19,000 will come in the form of involuntary furloughs or separations on Oct. 1, the day after the expiration of funding under the CARES Act that was approved by Congress in March.

### **Future Navy Innovation Rests On Refitting 20-Year-Old “Gen Z” Ships**

As the nation recovers from a COVID-19 induced economic depression, the U.S. Navy will face severe resource constraints for a decade or more. In such a challenging environment, the value in [“Generation Z” platforms](#)—20 year-old ships that have been bought and paid for—risks being ignored. Rather than refit the “Gen Z” fleet, the U.S. Navy, under pressure from the Department of Defense, is eyeing another, rather more risky route to save money by trying to sell a skeptical U.S. Congress on the value of unmanned craft and keeping the conventional shipbuilding industrial base alive.



## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

[476](#)

Romulus Augustulus, last Western Roman Emperor, abdicates after forces led by Odoacer invade Rome. Traditional [End of the Western Roman Empire](#)

[1609](#)

Navigator [Henry Hudson](#) first European to discover island of Manhattan [or Sep 11]

[1781](#)

Los Angeles is founded by 44 Spanish speaking mestizos in the Bahia de las Fumas (Bay of Smokes)

[1862](#)

[General Lee](#) invades the North with 50,000 Confederate troops during Maryland Campaign (U.S. Civil war)

## Inside the Oval Office

### 3 ARRIVALS

[Henry R. Haggard](#) has a new position as [Director for European Affairs](#) at Europe and Russia, National Security Council Staff, Executive Office of the President [EOP]

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[Olivia Troye](#) has left the position of [Special Advisor for Homeland Security, Counterterrorism, and Africa](#) at National Security [NS], Office of the Vice President [OVP], Executive Office of the President [EOP]

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[Catherine Bellah Keller](#) has left the position of [Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Staff Secretary](#) at Office of the Staff Secretary, The White House Office [WHO], Executive Office of the President [EOP]

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[Joshua Sean "Josh" Hodges](#) has left the position of [Director for Western Hemisphere Affairs](#) at Western Hemisphere Affairs [WHA], National Security Council Staff, Executive Office of the President [EOP]

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[Kellyanne Elizabeth \(Fitzpatrick\) Conway](#) has left the position of [Assistant to the President and Senior Counselor](#) at Office of the Chief of Staff, The White House Office [WHO], Executive Office of the President [EOP]

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[Grant M. Schneider](#) has left the position of [Federal Chief Information Security Officer](#) at Office

of E-Government and Information Technology [eGov], Office of Management and Budget [OMB], Executive Office of the President [EOP]

## Federal Personnel

### 8 ARRIVALS

[Kellen Sean Dwyer](#) has a new position as [Deputy Assistant Attorney General](#) at Deputy Assistant Attorney General, United States Department of Justice [DOJ]  
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[John Mark Kolb](#) has a new position as [Deputy Director of Congressional Affairs](#) at Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations [OCIR], United States Environmental Protection Agency [EPA]  
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## 2 DEPARTURES

[Emily J. Miller](#) has left the position of [Assistant Commissioner](#) at Office of Media Affairs, Food and Drug Administration [FDA], United States Department of Health and Human Services [HHS]

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[Martha E. Newton](#) has left the position of [Deputy Undersecretary for International Affairs](#) at Bureau of International Labor Affairs [ILAB], United States Department of Labor [DOL]

## Key Congressional Staffers

## 5 ARRIVALS

[Brendon Gallo](#) has a new position as [Scheduler \(Incoming\)](#) at Office of Representative Debbie Lesko

Note: Effective September 7, 2020.

Currently: [Assistant to the Chief of Staff \(Outgoing\)](#) at Office of Senator Tim Scott  
Longworth House Office Building, 1113, Washington, District of Columbia 20515-0308  
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<https://www.linkedin.com/in/brendon-gallo-01/>

[Arya Ansari](#) has a new position as [Communications Director](#) at Office of Representative Brad Sherman

Recently: Press Secretary at Office of Representative Brad Sherman, United States House of Representatives (2019 - 2020)

Rayburn House Office Building, 2181, Washington, District of Columbia 20515-0530  
(202) 225-5911

[arya.ansari@mail.house.gov](mailto:arya.ansari@mail.house.gov)

[Emma Connell](#) has a new position as [Executive Assistant](#) at Office of Senator Chuck Grassley  
Recently: Press Intern at Office of Senator Chuck Grassley, United States Senate (2020 - 2020)  
Hart Senate Office Building, SH-135, Washington, District of Columbia 20510-1501  
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[Michael Ahn](#) has a new position as [Press Secretary](#) at Office of Representative Mark Pocan  
Recently: Communications Assistant at Office of Representative Lloyd Doggett, United States House of Representatives (2018 - 2020)

Longworth House Office Building, 1421, Washington, District of Columbia 20515-4902  
(202) 225-2906

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[Erin M. Waters](#) has a new position as [Communications Director](#) at Office of Representative Linda T. Sánchez

Recently: National Communications Coordinator at Team Bloomberg (2019 - 2020)

Rayburn House Office Building, 2329, Washington, District of Columbia 20515-0538  
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## 5 DEPARTURES

[Marguerite Biagi](#) has left the position of [Deputy Director of Scheduling](#) at Office of Senator Kamala Harris

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[Steven Koncar](#) has left the position of [Deputy Chief of Staff/Legislative Director](#) at Office of Representative Tom McClintock

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[George Iverson](#) has changed status to [Scheduler \(Outgoing\)](#) at Office of Representative Debbie Lesko

Note: Until September 7, 2020.

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[Ralph Jones](#) has left the position of [Communications Director](#) at Office of Representative A. Donald McEachin

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[Jacob "Jake" Abbott](#) has left the position of [Press Secretary](#) at Office of Representative Linda T. Sánchez



## LOOK AHEAD

**The Organization of Iranian-American Communities holds a photo exhibition to "highlight the ongoing systemic violations of human rights in Iran."**

1:00 PM EDT on 09/04/2020

Union Square, Third St. between Madison Drive NW and Jefferson Drive SW  
202-559-9232

Majid Sadeghpour; RSVP to [media@oiac.org](mailto:media@oiac.org)

Participants:

- former Rep. Patrick Kennedy, (D-R.I.)
- [Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi](#)

- former Assistant Secretary of State for Political Military Affairs Lincoln Bloomfield, Former State Department special envoy
- Glenn Allen Torshizi, D.C.-area senior telecom engineer whose three brothers were executed by the Iranian regime
- Bruce McColm, Former executive director of Freedom House
- [Rep. Angie Craig](#)
- [Rep. Steve Cohen](#)
- Kenneth Blackwell, Former U.S. envoy to the UN Human Rights Commission
- [Rep. John Katko](#)
- [Rep. Debbie Lesko](#)

**Defense One holds a webcast, beginning at 11 a.m., on "State of the Army," as part of the "State of Defense" series.**

11:00 AM EDT on 09/08/2020

[events@govexec.com](mailto:events@govexec.com)

202-266-7332

Information on the webcast is available at <https://www.defenseone.com/feature/state-of-defense-2020-1/?oref=ge-events-upcoming#army>

Participants:

- Army Chief of Staff Gen. James McConville

**The RAND Corporation's Space Enterprise Initiative holds a webinar, beginning at 3 p.m., on "the global space launch enterprise."**

3:00 PM EDT on 09/08/2020

[media@rand.org](mailto:media@rand.org)

703-414-4795

Webinar information is available at <https://www.rand.org/events/2020/09/08.html>

Participants:

- Bonnie Triezenberg, Senior engineer at RAND
- Brig. Gen. D. Jason Cothern, Vice commander of the Space and Missile Systems Center
- Gary McLeod, Senior policy researcher at RAND
- Yool Kim, Senior engineer at RAND

**The Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems hosts the annual Unmanned Systems - Defense. Protection. Security conference as a fully interactive virtual event.**

12:00 AM EDT on 09/08/2020

Webinar

**The Air Force Association's Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies hold a "Aerospace Nation" forum with Brig. Gen. Adrian Spain, director of plans, programs and analyses for U.S. Air Force Europe and Air Force Africa.**

12:00 AM EDT on 09/08/2020

[kgunzinger@afa.org](mailto:kgunzinger@afa.org)

571-263-5781

Kamilla Gunzinger; Start time is TBA. The event is by invitation only. Webcast information at <https://www.mitchellaerospacepower.org>

**The Defense Strategies Institute holds its "Military Tactical Communications Summit" via webcast, beginning at 8:45 a.m., September 9-10.**

Highlight:

– 1:30 p.m.: Air Force Brig. Gen. Chad Raduege, director of cyberspace and information dominance at Air Combat Command, delivers remarks on "Driving Rapid and Secure Communications to Enable Joint All-Domain Command and Control"

8:45 AM EDT on 09/09/2020

[nliberatorandall@dsigroup.org](mailto:nliberatorandall@dsigroup.org)

Nicholas Liberato-Randall; Information on the webcast is available at <http://tacticalcommunications.dsigroup.org/>

**Defense Department; office of the Secretary holds a meeting by teleconference and webcast of the Reserve Forces Policy Board to obtain, review and evaluate information related to strategies, policies and practices designed to improve and enhance the capabilities, efficiency and effectiveness of the Reserve Components.**

8:55 AM EDT on 09/09/2020

[Alexander.J.Sabol.Civ@Mail.Mil](mailto:Alexander.J.Sabol.Civ@Mail.Mil)

703-681-0577

Alexander Sabol; RSVP to Col. Robert D'Alto at [robert.r.dalto.mil@mail.mil](mailto:robert.r.dalto.mil@mail.mil) by September 4 for dial-in or webcast information.

**The House Science, Space and Technology Research and Technology Subcommittee holds a hearing on "The Impact of the COVID-19 Crisis on University Research."**

11:00 AM EDT on 09/09/2020

[House Science, Space and Technology Committee Research and Technology Subcommittee](#)

202-225-6375

Witnesses:

- Theresa Mayer, Executive vice president for research and partnerships at Purdue University
- Joseph Walsh, Interim vice president for economic development and innovation in the University of Illinois System
- David Stone, Vice president for research at Oakland University
- Ryan Muzzio, Physics Ph.D. student at Carnegie Mellon University

**The Atlantic Council holds a webinar, beginning at 4 p.m., on "Countering New Threats to the Homeland: The Future of the Department of Homeland Security."**

4:00 PM EDT on 09/09/2020

[press@atlanticcouncil.org](mailto:press@atlanticcouncil.org)

202-778-4993

Travis Horne; Webinar information is available at <https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/event/future-of-dhs-report-launch/>  
Participants:

- former Deputy Assistant DHS Secretary for Counterterrorism Policy Thomas Warrick, Nonresident senior fellow at Forward Defense
- Former Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, Co-founder and executive chairman of the Chertoff Group
- former Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, Professor of public policy at the University of California at Berkeley
- former Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson, Partner at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP
- former Assistant DHS Secretary for Infrastructure Protection Caitlin Durkovich, Non-resident senior fellow at Forward Defense

**The Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee holds a hearing on the nominations of John Gibbs to be director of the Office of Personnel Management; and John M. Barger to be a member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board; Christopher B. Burnham to be a member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board; and Frank Dunlevy to be a member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.**

3:30 PM EDT on 09/09/2020

342 Dirksen Senate Office Building

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

202-224-4751

Witnesses:

- The nominees

**The United States Institute of Peace holds a webinar, beginning at 5 p.m., on "A New Direction for U.S. Policy on North Korea."**

5:00 PM EDT on 09/09/2020

[pjohnson@usip.org](mailto:pjohnson@usip.org)

202-429-7174

Paul Johnson; Webinar information is available at <https://www.usip.org/events/new-direction-us-policy-north-korea>

Participants:

- Christine Ahn, Founder and executive director of Women Cross DMZ
- Ankit Panda, Senior fellow in the CEIP Nuclear Policy Program
- Frank Aum, Senior expert on North Korea at USIP
- Van Jackson, Senior lecturer in international relations at Victoria University of Wellington
- Suzanne DiMaggio, Senior fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (CEIP)
- Markus Garlauskas, Nonresident senior fellow at the Atlantic Council

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8:45 AM EDT on 09/10/2020

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Nicholas Liberato-Randall; Information on the webcast is available at <http://tacticalcommunications.dsigroup.org/>

**U.s.-China Economic and Security Review Commission holds a meeting to review and edit drafts of the 2020 Annual Report to Congress.**

9:00 AM EDT on 09/10/2020

444 North Capitol St. NW, Room 233

[jcunningham@uscc.gov](mailto:jcunningham@uscc.gov)

202-624-1496

Jameson Cunningham

**The Middle East Institute holds a discussion via webcast, beginning at 10 a.m., on "The Future of Saudi Arabia and Its Crown Prince."**

10:00 AM EDT on 09/10/2020

[events@mei.edu](mailto:events@mei.edu)

202-785-1141

ext. 202; Information on the webcast is available

at <https://www.mei.edu/events/future-saudi-arabia-and-its-crown-prince-book-talk-ben-hubbard-and-susanne-koehl>

Participants:

- Ben Hubbard, Beirut bureau chief for the New York Times and author of "MBS: The Rise to Power of Mohammed bin Salman"

- Susanne Koelbl, Reporter for Der Spiegel and author of "Behind the Kingdom's Veil: Inside the New Saudi Arabia Under Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman"

**The National Defense Industrial Association holds a virtual Women in Defense Leadership Symposium, beginning at 10:45 a.m.**

Highlights:

– 11 a.m.: Janice Glover-Jones, chief diversity, equality and inclusion officer at the Defense Intelligence Agency; and Valerie Hunter, vice president for human resources and administration at BAE Systems, deliver keynote remarks

– 4 p.m.: Marine Corps Commandant Gen. David Berger delivers keynote remarks

10:45 AM EDT on 09/10/2020

[ameehan@ndia.org](mailto:ameehan@ndia.org)

703-247-2540

Alissa Meehan; Webinar information is available

at <https://www.womenindefense.net/events/2020/9/10/women-in-defense-virtual-leadership-symposium>

**The House Foreign Affairs Europe, Eurasia, Energy and the Environment Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Protecting Democracy During COVID-19 in Europe and Eurasia and the Democratic Awakening in Belarus."**

11:00 AM EDT on 09/10/2020

[House Foreign Affairs Committee Europe, Eurasia, Energy and the Environment](#)

202-225-5021

Witnesses:

- Joanna Rohozniska, Resident program director for Europe in the International Republican Institute's Beacon Project
- Therese Pearce Laanela, Head of electoral processes for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance
- Jamie Fly, Senior fellow and senior advisor to the president of the German Marshall Fund of the United States
- Douglas Rutzen, President and CEO of the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law

**The Center for Strategic and International Studies holds a book discussion via webcast, beginning at 4 p.m., on "How Ike Led: The Principles Behind Eisenhower's Biggest Decisions."**

4:00 PM EDT on 09/10/2020

202-775-3242

Andrew Schwartz; Information on the webcast is available

at <https://www.csis.org/events/online-event-how-ike-led-conversation-susan-eisenhower>

Participants:

- Author Susan Eisenhower, Granddaughter of Dwight Eisenhower and president of the Eisenhower Group

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