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Ladies & Gentlemen, below please find this week's edition of *Executive Insight Brief* from The Roosevelt Group. Please take a moment to pause at 12:55 p.m. today in remembrance of those who lost their lives during the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941.

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TOP STORIES

Remembering the Legacy of 41

Washington DC's National Cathedral filled Wednesday with thousands of dignitaries, four former presidents, as well as the current one—as the DC funeral ceremonies for our 41st president came to a close. They all remembered George H.W. Bush as a modest but mighty president, a man whose characteristic humility was belied one final time with all the pageantry of a state funeral. In what was a marvelously executed series of events honoring the former president, thousands lined the streets of Washington to capture a glimpse of the motorcade and to pay their respects, as he made his final departure from the Capital Building and final journey down [Independence Avenue](#).

His eulogists each captured the successive roles Bush played in his lifetime: World War II naval aviator, statesman, friend and father. Finally, his son, 43, concluded his own [eulogy of his father](#). He struggled to hold back his emotions during his speech.

After three days of remembrance in Washington, a plane brought Bush's casket for his funeral's closing ceremonies in Houston and burial Thursday at his family plot on the presidential library grounds at Texas A&M University. His final resting place is alongside Barbara Bush, his wife of 73 years, and Robin Bush, the daughter they lost to leukemia at age 3. [Read more](#).

A Date Which Will Live In Infamy

Today marks the 77th anniversary of the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, an event forever etched into the minds of all Americans, as the manifestation that drew the United States into the Second World War and inexorably changed the course of history. In the attack; 2,403 sailors, soldiers and civilians were killed, and about 1,000 people were wounded

At approximately 7:55am, Japanese planes filled the sky over Pearl Harbor. Bombs, torpedoes and bullets rained onto the vessels moored below. At 8:10, a 1,800-pound bomb smashed through the deck of the battleship USS Arizona and landed in her forward ammunition magazine. The ship exploded and sank with more than 1,000 men trapped inside. Next, torpedoes pierced the hull of the battleship USS Oklahoma. With 400 sailors aboard, the Oklahoma capsized, rolled onto her side and slipped underwater. Less than two hours later, the surprise attack was over, and every battleship in Pearl Harbor had sustained significant damage. (All but USS Arizona and USS Utah were eventually salvaged and repaired.)

Though the attack had temporarily incapacitated the bulk of the Pacific fleet, the Japanese commanders had made a grievous tactical error, which would in turn come to haunt them—they had not accounted for the fact that the American aircraft carriers were out at sea and therefore not destroyed. [Read more about the attack here.](#)

The very next day, President Franklin D. Roosevelt delivered perhaps his most famous speech, as the United States officially declared war. [Click here to watch the speech.](#)

Sadly, for the first time ever, no survivors of the USS Arizona will be at the memorial commemoration this year. About 300 USS Arizona sailors survived Japan's surprise attack. Only five are alive today: Lou Conter, Don Stratton, Ken Potts, Lonnie Cook and Lauren Bruner. [Full story.](#)

The remains of a Navy Fireman 1st Class from Fort Worth who was killed during Pearl Harbor returned to Dallas-Fort Worth Wednesday evening. Albert Utley Kane's remains arrived at DFW Airport in a flag-draped coffin, received by a family who believed they'd lost him to history and would never get to bury him. He was trapped aboard the USS Oklahoma when it capsized during the attack. [Read more here.](#)

Russia

On Wednesday, the U.S. Navy sailed the guided missile destroyer, [USS McCampbell](#), into contested waters in the Sea of Japan. The vessel sailed in the vicinity of Peter the Great Bay, near the Russian city of Vladivostok—home to the Russian Pacific fleet, in what is called a “[Freedom of Navigation Operation](#)”. Though Russia has excessive claims on the water surrounding the area, international law states those claims do not exceed 12 miles from the Russian coastline. This is the first time the U.S. Navy has sailed a ship in this vicinity since 1987.

Furthermore, the U.S. has begun making the necessary preparations to sail a warship into the Black Sea. The U.S. military has requested that the State Department notify Turkey of its possible plans [to sail a warship into the Black Sea](#)—a move that is a response to Russia's actions against Ukraine in the Kerch Strait, which connects the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov. [Click here for more.](#)

Similarly, Russia on Wednesday warned authorities in Cyprus not to allow the U.S. military to deploy on their territory, saying such a move would draw a Russian reaction and result in “dangerous and destabilizing consequences” for the Mediterranean island. The U.S. has reportedly been in talks with the island's government about finding possible locations to establish a base. [Full story.](#)

Russia's Army has received its first laser combat weapon. The [Peresvet high energy laser weapon](#) was declared operational on December 1, 2018. Key details about the laser, including its power and even purpose are still a mystery, with Moscow declaring it is "not time yet" for details. It is claimed the laser can [destroy targets in seconds](#), Putin has even stated they are one step ahead of their rivals regarding the technology. Yet, we are still waiting for any semblance of evidence to be provided.

U.S. Technology Update

While we are on the topic of lasers, the U.S. Air Force is on track to test its first airborne laser weapons by [2021](#). Lasers attached to fighter jets, drones or even cargo planes will attack targets on the ground and in the air at the speed of light, making the assaults nearly impossible for enemy forces to dodge. Lasers will replace internal guns on fighter jets one day, and depending on the limits of their power output, they could also replace short-range missiles. [Full story here.](#)

A report recently published suggests the U.S. needs to rethink its defense planning in a changing world of military strategy. With China, Russia and Iran investing heavily into mass amounts of missiles, our vulnerabilities can potentially be exploited. The Navy also cannot expect its ships to survive if they come under attack by sufficiently large numbers of cruise and ballistic missiles of the kind now fielded by China. While better protected from missiles than bases, the current breadth of U.S. technology and doctrine cannot compensate for this weakness.

The result is that the Pentagon must radically rethink its missile defenses, or risk serious losses in the opening hours of a future conflict. But according to a recent report, the solution could be electromagnetic weapons that can engage enormous numbers of incoming missiles at relatively short ranges, air-defense

lasers, and guided artillery rounds like the kind DARPA is developing. [Read the full story here.](#)

The U.S. military hopes that common marine microorganisms might be genetically engineered into living tripwires to signal the passage of enemy subs, underwater vessels, or even divers. It's one of many potential military applications for so-called engineered organisms, a field that promises living camouflage that reacts to its surroundings to better avoid detection, new drugs and medicines to help deployed forces survive in harsh conditions, and more. The Naval Research Laboratory, or NRL, is supporting the research. [Read how it works here.](#)

The U.S. Navy commissioned the newest ship in the fleet. The [USS Thomas Hudner](#) (DDG 116) was commissioned in Boston, Massachusetts. DDG 116 is named after Thomas Hudner, a Medal of Honor recipient, for his actions as a naval aviator in the battle for the Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War. [Arleigh Burke \(DDG 51 class\) class destroyers](#) are highly-capable, multi-mission ships that conduct a variety of operations, from peacetime presence to national security. These DDGs provide a wide range of warfighting capabilities in multi-threat air, surface and subsurface environments.

Army–Navy Game 2018

A [historic rivalry](#) will renew for the 119th time when Army and Navy square off on Saturday afternoon. The game will take place at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia and will be broadcast live on CBS at 3 pm ET. No. 22 Army is a seven-point favorite, thanks to an impressive 9-2 season, while Navy has suffered through a 3-9 season.

Each team has unveiled special uniforms for the occasion—[Navy's will be honoring their mascot, Bill the goat.](#) Army, for the 3rd year in a row, has

selected a division to honor—this year it is the Big Red One, or the First Expeditionary Division that was sent overseas to fight in World War I. [Check out Army's uniforms here.](#)

All time, Navy leads in the meetings 60-51-7, while Army comes into this game riding a 2 year win streak.

President Donald Trump will be in attendance, making him the 10th sitting president to attend the historic rivalry between the two service academies, a tradition started by Theodore Roosevelt in 1901. [More here.](#)

Quick Hits

A massive search and rescue operation is still underway for 5 Marines missing off the Japanese coast, which now includes [Air Force special operations assets and elite pararescuemen](#). The rescue effort follows a midair collision between a KC-130 carrying five Marines and an F/A-18 fighter jet with a crew of two.

President Trump and Xi Jinping have agreed to a [90-day halt](#) to new tariffs as the world's two leading economies engage in new negotiations aimed at reaching a broader deal.

Though this could potentially fall apart as a top executive and daughter of the founder of the Chinese tech giant, [Huawei](#), was arrested on Saturday in Canada at the request of the [United States](#). Huawei, China's largest telecom equipment maker, has been under investigation into whether it had broken American trade controls to countries including Cuba, Iran, Sudan and Syria.

President Donald Trump will name Heather Nauert, a former Fox News anchor and the current State Department spokeswoman, as his next United Nations ambassador, according to two administration officials. [Read more here.](#)

Look Ahead

Monday, December 10

8:00am: [Meeting: The National Defense Industrial Association](#)

Topic: Defense

703-247-2540

NDIA, 2101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 700, Arlington, Va.

10:30am: [Discussion: The United States Institute of Peace, and the Institute for Economics and Peace](#)

Topic: Foreign Affairs

[RSVP Required] Paul Johnson: pjohnson@usip.org | 202-429-7174

USIP, 2301 Constitution Avenue NW

11:00am: Meeting: State Department

Topic: State Department Historical Documents Declassification

202-955-0214

State Department, 2300 E St. NW, SA-4D Conference Room

1:30pm: Meeting: National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Topic: NASA Programs

[U.S. citizens and Permanent Residents must RSVP at least 3 days in advance.

Foreign nationals must RSVP at least 10 days in advance. Conference call-in,

888-989-0726; passcode 3899540#]

Marla King: marla.k.king@nasa.gov | 202-358-1148

NASA Headquarters, Program Review Center, 300 E St. SW, Room 9H40

2:00pm: Hearing: House Foreign Affairs Committee

Topic: Reviewing International Child Abduction

202-225-5021

2172 Rayburn House Office Building

3:30pm: Discussion: The Woodrow Wilson Center's Global Women's
Leadership Initiative

Topic: Foreign Affairs

Ryan McKenna: ryan.mckenna@wilsoncenter.org | 202-691-4217

*Rescheduled from December 5th

WWC, One Woodrow Wilson Plaza, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300
Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Sixth Floor

Tuesday, December 11

8:00am: Meeting: DoD Defense Undersecretary for Personnel and Readiness
Topic: Women in the Services

Col. Toya Davis: toya.j.davis.mil@mail.mil | 703-697-2122

Hilton Alexandria-Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Va.

8:00am: Meeting: Veterans Affairs Department

Topic: Minority Veterans Issues

[RSVP Requested] Juanita Mullen: Juanita.Mullen@va.gov | 202-461-6191

VA, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Conference Room 230

8:30am: [Forum: Government Executive and SailPoint](#)

Topic: Homeland Security

202-739-8501

JW Marriott, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

9:00am: Meeting: National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Topic: NASA Programs

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888-989-0726; passcode 3899540# (mute phone on connection)]

Marla King: marla.k.king@nasa.gov | 202-358-1148

NASA Headquarters, Program Review Center, 300 E St. SW, Room 9H40

10:00am: Hearing: Senate Judiciary Committee
Topic: Customs and Border Protection Oversight

202-224-5225

226 Dirksen Senate Office Building

11:00am: [Discussion: The Heritage Foundation](#)

Topic: Defense

[RSVP Requested] lectures.seminars@heritage.org | 202-675-1761

Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Avenue NE, Allison Auditorium

2:30pm: Briefing: Senate Armed Services Committee

Topic: Chinese/Russian Naval Activities

202-224-3871

SVC-217 U.S. Capitol

4:30pm: Lecture: The Heritage Foundation

Topic: Defense

[RSVP Requested] lectures.seminars@heritage.org | 202-675-1761

[*Live Stream & RSVP*](#)

Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Avenue NE, Allison Auditorium

Wednesday, December 12

8:00: Meeting: Defense Department; Office of the Secretary; Defense
Undersecretary for Personnel and Readiness

Topic: Women in the Services

Col. Toya Davis: toya.j.davis.mil@mail.mil | 703-697-2122

Hilton Alexandria-Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Va.

8:00am: Meeting: Veterans Affairs Department

Topic: Minority Veterans Issues

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VA, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Conference Room 230

9:00am: [Conference: The Jamestown Foundation](#)

Topic: Foreign Affairs

foulkes@jamestown.org | 202-483-8888

National Press Club, 529 14th St. NW, 13th Floor, Grand Ballroom

9:00am: Discussion: The Atlantic Council

Topic: Foreign Affairs

[RSVP Required] Travis Horne: press@atlanticcouncil.org | 202-778-4993

Atlantic Council, 1030 15th St. NW, 12th Floor

9:30am: Hearing: Senate Armed Services Committee

Topic: China's Presence/Investment in Africa

202-224-3871

232-A Russell Senate Office Building

9:30am: Hearing: Senate Armed Services Committee

Topic: Navy/Marine Corps Readiness

202-224-3871

G-50 Dirksen Senate Office Building

10:00am: [Discussion: The Brookings Institution](#)

Topic: Foreign Affairs

events@brookings.edu | 202-797-6105

Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Falk Auditorium

10:00am: Hearing: House Foreign Affairs Committee

Topic: Promoting U.S. Interests in Africa

202-225-5021

2172 Rayburn House Office Building

11:00am: [Discussion: The Woodrow Wilson Center Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies](#)

Topic: Foreign Affairs

Ryan McKenna: ryan.mckenna@wilsoncenter.org | 202-691-4217
WWC, One Woodrow Wilson Plaza, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300
Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Fifth Floor, Auditorium

12:00pm: [Discussion: The Middle East Institute](#)

Topic: Foreign Affairs

202-785-1141
MEI, 1319 18th St. NW

12:00pm: [Lecture: The George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs](#)

Topic: Foreign Affairs

[RSVP Required] Jason Shevrin: gwmmedia@gwu.edu | 202-994-5631
GWU Elliott School, 1957 E St. NW, Room 505

1:00pm: Meeting: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board

Topic: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety

Glenn Sklar: 800-788-4016
625 Indiana Avenue NW, Suite 700

4:00pm: [Discussion: The Henry L. Stimson Center](#)

Topic: Foreign Affairs

Jim Baird: communications@stimson.org | 202-223-5956
Stimson Center, 1211 Connecticut Avenue NW, Eighth Floor

Thursday, December 13

8:00am: Meeting: Veterans Affairs Department

Topic: Minority Veterans Issues

[RSVP Requested] Juanita Mullen: Juanita.Mullen@va.gov | 202-461-6191
VA, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Conference Room 230

9:30am: Discussion: The National Defense Industrial Association

Topic: Defense

[RSVP required] Evamarie Socha: esocha@ndia.org | 703-247-2579
Army Navy Country Club, 1700 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, Va.

10:00am: [Meeting: Homeland Security Department; National Protection and Programs Directorate](#)

Topic: Catastrophic Power Outages

Eisenhower Executive Office Building

2:00pm: [Meeting: Health and Human Services Department; Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response](#)

[RSVP via email with "NBSB Registration" in the subject line] nbsb@hhs.gov

Topic: National Disaster Medical System/National Biodefense Strategy

5:00pm: [Book Discussion: The Center for Strategic and International Studies](#)

Topic: Defense

Andrew Schwartz: 202-775-3242
CSIS, 1616 Rhode Island Avenue NW

6:00pm: [Discussion: Defense One](#)

Topic: Defense

202-739-8501
Kimpton Hotel Monaco, 700 F St. NW

Tune into the Army-Navy game this Saturday, at 3:00pm! Have a great weekend!

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TOP STORIES

We Come in Peace

NASA's InSight lander safely touched down on Mars on Monday. When signals reached Earth confirming a successful touchdown, anxious flight controllers, engineers and scientists gathered at [NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory](#) in

Pasadena, Calif., burst into cheers, hugs and applause.

The biggest mystery for the lander team right now is figuring out exactly where it is. A Mars orbiter set to image the center of the landing zone on Thursday will miss the lander, because it missed the center slightly. An instrument on InSight called the inertial measurement unit has pinned the location to within a [5-kilometer-wide circle](#). InSight's entry, descent and landing team will refine that estimate down to a kilometer or less.

This is now NASA's eighth landing on the red planet, and NASA is hopeful that InSight can carry out its mission to explore the interior of Mars, listen for "Marsquakes" and figure out how many meteorites batter the red planet. [Read more here](#).

The Blame Game

This past Sunday, Russian Coast Guard ships opened fire on and captured three Ukrainian vessels in the Kerch Strait, just off the coast of Russian-annexed Crimea. Both sides claim the other is responsible for the confrontation, citing violations of the laws of the sea. Six Ukrainian sailors were reported to have been injured in the clash. Ukrainian President Poroshenko is now demanding immediate release of the sailors and calling for martial law to be enacted in his nation.

Ukraine President [Petro Poroshenko](#) warned that his country's simmering conflict with Russia could quickly spiral into full-scale confrontation following a maritime clash between the two countries over the weekend.

The [narrow strait](#) is the only passage between the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov. It's spanned by a 19-kilometer (11.8-mile) bridge that Russia completed this year. While a 2003 treaty designates the Kerch Strait and Sea of Azov as

shared territorial waters, Russia has sought to assert greater control over the passage since the [annexation of Crimea](#).

There have been further signs that Russia is pressing ahead with its plans to fortify Crimea. On Thursday, a new battalion of advanced [S-400 surface-to-air missile systems was deployed in Crimea](#), the Tass news agency cited a spokesman for Russia's Black Sea fleet as saying.

Defense Secretary [James Mattis](#), on Wednesday detailed that the recent affair shows how Moscow cannot be trusted, stating "It was obviously a flagrant violation of international law. It was contempt, really, for the traditional ways of settling these types of concerns. It just shows that Russia cannot be counted on right now to keep its word," Mattis said. "It was, I think, a cavalier use of a force that injured Ukrainian sailors." Trump has since cancelled his meeting with Putin at the G20 Summit as a result of these events.

Pentagon Contracts

Pentagon spending on electronic-warfare research and development is projected to exceed \$5 billion in fiscal year 2019 and to remain above \$4 billion through FY23, as the military continues to assess what technologies it needs to control the electromagnetic spectrum.

EW is expected to play an increasingly larger role in future combat operations, particularly as the United States prepares for the possibility of war with China and/or Russia. Military officials contend U.S. forces must be able to accomplish their missions even as their electronics are jammed or misdirected.

The effort to efficiently create and field new technologies will partly rely on middle-tier acquisition authorities like those granted in Section 804 of the FY17 NDAA. Schaffner said the military may be able to avoid some costs of standing

up new programs because it can draw on ideas from the Cold War—the last time the United States prioritized near-peer threats. [Full story here.](#)

In other news, the Army has awarded [Oshkosh Defense](#) a \$1.7 billion contract to produce more than 6,000 Joint Light Tactical Vehicles and more than 22,000 associated vehicle kits—the largest single order to date for the program that partially consolidates purchases for vehicles Congress funded over three years.

The JLTV will be produced in a number of variants, ranging from conventional troop transport, anti-tank platforms, light cargo, air defense and command and control. It is designed to provide the same level of protection against blast damage and conventional weaponry as the Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles that have seen extensive service in Iraq, Afghanistan and other theatres.

Many MRAP types are too heavy to handle rough terrain, while the JLTV is lighter and has mobility equal to or better than the HMMWVs it will replace in combat service. [Read more.](#)

Congressional Update

Nancy Pelosi is on her way to another turn as [speaker of the house](#). Wednesday, 203 Democrats voted to make her their party's nominee to be the top leader in the House and third in line for the presidency. Now, this does not mean Pelosi is totally in the clear. More than two dozen Democrats voted against her. [Read how she did it here.](#)

In a run-off election, [Republican Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith](#) defeated challenger Mike Espy, a Democrat, for the U.S. Senate in Mississippi. Hyde-Smith is the first woman elected to the Senate from Mississippi, and the Republican majority

in the Senate will grow to [53-47](#). Espy, her opponent, is a former congressman and former agriculture secretary.

Defying President Donald Trump, senators sent a strong signal Wednesday that they want to punish Saudi Arabia for its role in the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi. By a [bipartisan 63-37 vote](#), the Senate opted to move forward with legislation calling for an end to U.S. involvement in the Saudi-led war in Yemen.

Tension between senators and the Trump administration over U.S.-Saudi relations has simmered since the [killing of Saudi journalist](#) Jamal Khashoggi, a vocal critic of Riyadh.

Farm bill negotiators said Thursday they reached an "agreement in principle," offering hope of breaking a months-long impasse over commodity and food-stamp policy that would pave the way for Congress to send legislation to President Donald Trump before the end of the year. [Read more about it here.](#)

Motoring Out of Here?

General Motors announced on Monday that it would cut nearly 14,000 jobs in North America, including closing as many as five U.S. plants in states like Ohio and Maryland that currently assemble poorly selling models.

Steel tariffs levied by the administration have proven thus far to be a double-edged sword—while GM directly cited the tariffs in its announcement on Monday, the U.S. steel industry has seen modest gains.

President Trump made his disapproval known via Twitter, where he called for cutting GM government subsidies in response to this development—citing the fact that GM received a massive government bailout back in 2008.

In light of this announcement, two German automakers have hinted at plans to open plants in the U.S. The German car giant, [Volkswagen](#), already has a plant in Chattanooga, Tennessee but it wants a new one—possibly at the same site, possibly not—to build electric cars for the American market. Furthermore, BMW CEO Harald Krueger said on Tuesday that the company was mulling a second manufacturing plant in the U.S., though no formal announcement has been made. [Read full story.](#)

Quick hits

The U.S. Air Force staged its first so-called “elephant walk” involving the F-35 stealth fighter. The exercise, which the service uses to demonstrate its ability to sortie large numbers of planes, was a first for the F-35, which has been dogged by readiness problems. [Thirty five F-35s](#) participated in the exercise.

During the exercise, the U.S. Air Force put a lot of destructive power in the air very quickly, launching a total of 35 F-35A Lightning II Joint Strike Fighters in 11 minutes. [See photos of the exercise here.](#)

Speaking of the F-35, Japan has graduated its first locally trained class of five F-35 pilots and is on track to make its first unit operational, according to a senior official with [Japan's F-35 program](#). Global arms firms showed off on Wednesday their wares in Japan as it prepared a plan to buy billions of dollars of U.S. military equipment, including at least 40 Lockheed Martin F-35 stealth fighters worth about \$4 billion, four sources said. [Read more about it here.](#)

Mexico says it has deported nearly 100 Central American migrants a day after they tried to storm the U.S. border. On Monday U.S. officials confirmed that 42 people who managed to cross on Sunday had been arrested, accused of disturbing the peace and other charges. The group, among thousands of

migrants heading towards the U.S., was rounded up after trying to cross the border "violently" and "illegally" on Sunday, said the interior ministry.

[Video footage](#) shows a swarm of people running towards the border fence near the city of Tijuana. U.S. border officers used tear gas to repel them in response to migrants hurling rocks and glass bottles at them. U.S. President Donald Trump has reiterated a threat he made last week to close the border completely.

The federal government could see its third partial shutdown this year if Congress does not fund parts of the government by Dec. 7. President Donald Trump seeks [\\$5 billion for his proposed border wall](#), a sum Democrats appear unwilling to approve. As much of the government is already funded, the effects of a shutdown on its functions would be limited.

Look Ahead

Saturday, December 1

9:00am: [CodePink and the Institute for Policy Studies summit on Iran](#)

Topic: Foreign Affairs

First Congregational United Church of Christ, 945 G St. NW

Monday, December 3

9:00am: Meeting: Defense Department; Navy Department

Topic: U.S. Naval Academy Oversight

RSVP @Cmdr. Lawrence Heyworth IV: heyworth@usna.edu | 410-293-1500

United States Naval Academy, 121 Blake Road, Annapolis, Md.

Tuesday, December 4

8:00am: Center for Strategic and International Studies conference on nuclear weapons

Topic: Foreign Affairs

RSVP @ Andrew Schwartz, <http://www.csis.org>; (Media must RSVP to aschwartz@csis.org) | 202-775-3242
CSIS, 1616 Rhode Island Avenue NW

8:30am: Meeting: Veterans Affairs Department

Topic: Veterans Cooperative Studies Scientific Evaluation

RSVP @ Grant Huang: grant.huang@va.gov | 202-443-5700

American Association of Airport Executives, 601 Madison St., Alexandria, Va.

8:30am: Symposium: The Woodrow Wilson Center's Polar Institute

Topic: Defense

RSVP @ Ryan McKenna: ryan.mckenna@wilsoncenter.org | 202-691-4217

WWC, One Woodrow Wilson Plaza, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300
Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Sixth Floor

10:00am: [Discussion: The George Washington University Program on
Extremism](#)

Topic: Homeland Security

RSVP @ Jason Shevrin: <http://elliott.gwu.edu> | 202-994-5631

Wednesday, December 5

10:00am: House Veterans' Affairs Committee hearing on VA appeals reform

Topic: VA Appeals Reform

202-225-3527

334 Cannon House Office Building

1:00pm: Meeting: Veterans Affairs Department

Topic: VA's Academic Affiliate Partnerships

Larissa Emory: Larissa.Emory@va.gov | 915-269-0465

Call in: 800-767-1750; access code 59021#

2:30pm: Hearing: Senate Armed Services Committee

Topic: Navy/Marine Corps Readiness

202-224-3871

G-50 Dirksen Senate Office Building

3:00pm: Discussion: The Woodrow Wilson Center's Global Women's
Leadership Initiative

Topic: Foreign Affairs

Ryan McKenna: ryan.mckenna@wilsoncenter.org | 202-691-4217

WWC, One Woodrow Wilson Plaza, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300
Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Sixth Floor

Thursday, December 6

8:30am: [Conference: CATO Institute conference on costs and validity of the
Jones Act](#)

Livestream: <https://www.cato.org/live>

1000 Massachusetts Ave. NW

9:00am: Meeting: Homeland Security Department; Transportation Security
Administration

Topic: Aviation Security

TSA Headquarters, 601 12th St. South, Arlington, Va.

9:30am: [Discussion: Center for Strategic and International Studies](#)

1616 Rhode Island Ave. NW

10:00am: House Veterans' Affairs Committee hearing on the VA MISSION Act

Topic: VA MISSION Act Implementation

202-225-3527

334 Cannon House Office Building

1:00pm: [Summit: Business Roundtable](#)

The Anthem, 901 Wharf St. SW

Friday, December 7

8:00am: Discussion: Mitchell Institute on space operations

Capitol Hill Club, 300 First Street SE

Have a great weekend!