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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 – JANUARY 31, 2020

TOP NEWS

Impeachment trial: Vote on witnesses expected today

Washington — Senators will hear closing arguments [in President's impeachment trial Friday](#), the 10th day of the impeachment trial, and after that, the Senate will vote on

whether to call witnesses. Questions remain about how long the trial could continue after that vote, even if senators vote not to hear testimony.

House passes war powers legislation pulling authority back to Congress

The House on Thursday passed [two measures aimed at clawing back President](#) Donald Trump's war powers, a direct result of recent aggression between Iran and the United States that culminated earlier this month in missile attacks on Iraqi military bases housing U.S. troops.

The votes, which passed with four Republican defections on one measure and 11 on the other, mark a victory for anti-war lawmakers who have long sought to rein in the executive's ability to use military force without congressional authorization. The White House opposed the measures, and their support within the GOP was closely watched as a litmus test of sorts for loyalty among Republican members to the president in an election year.

U.S. troop injuries after Iran missile strike rises to 64

[Fourteen additional U.S. service members](#) have been diagnosed with traumatic brain injuries from an Iranian attack on an Iraqi air base earlier this month, the Pentagon announced Thursday.

A Department of Defense official said that 64 U.S. service members in total have been diagnosed with mild traumatic brain injury, or a TBI. The updated figures are a 14-person increase from what the department reported Wednesday.

'Do not travel to China', says U.S. as virus deaths reach 213

SHANGHAI/BEIJING (Reuters) - The United States, Japan and others tightened travel curbs to virus-hit China on Friday while businesses struggled with supply problems from an epidemic that [has infected nearly 10,000 people and been declared a global emergency.](#)

Scramjet-Powered Cruise Missile Emerges As New U.S. Priority

The Pentagon's race to field [a hypersonic weapon so far has favored boost-glide weapons](#), but priorities are shifting as appreciation grows for the relative maturity and flexibility of high-speed cruise missiles.

Fielding an operational scramjet-powered cruise missile has emerged as a new priority for the U.S. Defense Department's proliferating portfolio of maneuvering hypersonic weapons.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1865

Congress passes the 13th Amendment, abolishing slavery in America (passes 121-24)

1865

General Robert E. Lee named Commander-in-Chief of Confederate Armies during U.S. Civil War

1943

Field Marshal Friedrich Paulus surrenders to Soviet troops at Stalingrad

1950

U.S. President Harry Truman publicly announces support for the development of a hydrogen bomb

1985

South African President P. W. Botha offers to free Nelson Mandela if he denounces violence

LOOK AHEAD

The Institute for Defense and Government Advancement holds its 13th annual Military Radar Summit, with the theme "Speed, Complexity and Concealment: Accelerating Military Radar Development," January 29-31.

Highlight:

— 10:30 a.m.: James Faist, director of defense research and engineering for advanced capabilities in the Office of the Defense Undersecretary for Research and Engineering, delivers remarks on "Efforts to Maintain U.S. Dominance in the Electromagnetic Spectrum"

8:50 AM EST on 01/31/2020

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

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800-882-8684

RSVP at <https://www.idga.org/events-militaryradarsummit/>

The Atlantic Council holds a discussion on "Maduro's ties to terrorism: Exposing the regime's criminal network," focusing on "the role of irregular armed groups in Venezuela and how to strengthen international cooperation and its effectiveness in the fight against terrorism."

9:00 AM EST on 01/31/2020

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

press@atlanticcouncil.org

202-778-4993

Travis Horne; RSVP required.

Participants:

Carlos Paparoni, National assembly representative for the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

Diego Area, Associate director of the Atlantic Council Latin America Center
Venezuelan Intirim Government Ambassador to the UK and Ireland
Vanessa Neumann

Defense Forum Foundation holds a Congressional Defense and Foreign Policy Forum on "'Never again' Has Become Again and Again: Rise of Antisemitism and What Must Be Done."

12:00 PM EST on 02/03/2020

2043 Rayburn House Office Building

rsvp@defenseforumfoundation.org

703-534-4313

RSVP required by January 31.

Participants:

Rabbi Abraham Cooper, President and CEO of the Center for Security Policy

The Institute for Critical Infrastructure Technology holds its 2020 winter briefing on

"The Next Decade of Security and Modernization."

Highlights:

— 8:40 a.m.: Bill Evanina, director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center, delivers keynote remarks on "The Counterintelligence Paradigm Shift - Engaging Society in National Security"

— 9:10 a.m.: Discussion on "Iran: Capabilities, Targets and Modus Operandi"

8:30 AM EST on 02/04/2020

W Hotel, 515 15th St. NW

info@icitech.org

RSVP at <https://www.icitbriefing.org/>

The House Homeland Security Transportation and Maritime Security Subcommittee holds a hearing on "The Northern Northern Border: Homeland Security Priorities in the Arctic, Part II."

10:00 AM EST on 02/05/2020

310 Cannon House Office Building

House Homeland Security Committee Transportation and Maritime Security Subcommittee
202-226-2616

The House Energy and Commerce Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Vaping in America: E-Cigarette Manufacturers' Impact on Public Health."

10:30 AM EST on 02/05/2020

2123 Rayburn House Office Building

House Energy and Commerce Committee Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee
202-225-2927

Witnesses:

Japan Tobacco International, U.S. (Logic)

JUUL Labs, Inc.

Reynolds American Inc.

NJOY, LLC

Executives from Fontem U.S.

**Nuclear Regulatory Commission holds the 670th Meeting of the Advisory Committee
on Reactor Safeguards, February 5-8.**

Schedule:

- 1 p.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)
- 1:05 p.m.: Biennial Review of NRC Safety Research Program/Quality Review of
Selected Research Projects (Open)
- 4:15 p.m.: NuScale Design Certification Application Safety Evaluation (Open/Closed)

1:00 PM EST on 02/05/2020

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Room T2D10, Rockville, Md.

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**The House Armed Services Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee holds a
hearing on "Update on Navy and Marine Corps Readiness in the Pacific in the
Aftermath of Recent Mishaps."**

2:30 PM EST on 02/05/2020

2118 Rayburn House Office Building

House Armed Services Committee Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee

202-225-4151

Witnesses:

Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Steven R. Rudder, Deputy commandant for aviation
Navy Vice Adm. Richard A. Brown, Commander of Naval Surface Forces, U.S. Pacific
Fleet

**The Air Force Association's Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies hold a "Space
Power to the Warfighter" seminar on "Space Policy."**

8:30 AM EST on 02/06/2020

Capitol Hill Club, 300 First St. SE

703-247-5839

Peter Huessy, <http://www.afa.org/hbs>; RSVP to Peter Huessy at Phuessy@afa.org at least 48 hours before the start of the event.

Participants:

Deputy Assistant Defense Secretary for Space Policy Stephen Kitay

**The House Homeland Security Committee holds a hearing on "About Face:
Examining the Department of Homeland Security's Use of Facial Recognition and
Other Biometric Technologies, Part II."**

10:00 AM EST on 02/06/2020

310 Cannon House Office Building
House Homeland Security Committee
202-226-2616

Have a great weekend!

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