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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

**Army defends bringing cadets back to campus for graduation featuring
Trump**

Army leaders on Thursday defended their decision to bring nearly [1,000 West Point cadets back to campus](#) for a commencement ceremony featuring a speech from President Trump, saying the graduates would have had to come back to campus anyway despite the coronavirus pandemic.

"We have to bring the cadets back to West Point to begin the process of the physicals they need to take, all of the clearance procedures, to clear barracks, get their personal items," Army Secretary Ryan McCarthy told reporters during a Pentagon news briefing. "They have to come back to the academy to begin the process of becoming second lieutenants and to report to their first assignments."

Hundreds protest in Michigan seeking end to governor's emergency powers

DETROIT/LANSING, Mich. (Reuters) - [Hundreds of protesters, some armed, gathered at Michigan's state Capitol in Lansing](#) on Thursday objecting to Governor Gretchen Whitmer's request to extend emergency powers to combat COVID-19, an appeal Republican lawmakers ignored.

U.S. Army completes third test of Lockheed's Precision Strike Missile

WASHINGTON — [The Army held a third test for Lockheed Martin's precision strike missile](#), or PrSM, firing it out of a HIMARS launcher at White Sands Missile Range, in New Mexico, Thursday morning.

This latest 85-kilometer test was the shortest and most challenging yet, according to Brig. Gen. John Rafferty, the Army's Long Range Precision Fires cross-functional team director.

"The missile almost has to start tipping over as soon as it comes out of the launcher. It has to burn off a lot of energy in order to turn over," said Rafferty. "But we started off with 240 kilometers, went to 180 and now we're at 85."

Blue Angels, Thunderbirds to flyover DC region Saturday

[The Navy's Blue Angels and the Air Force's Thunderbirds](#) are heading to the D.C. area on Saturday to continue their flyovers as part of a demonstration aimed at honoring front-line health care workers fighting the coronavirus pandemic.

The joint flyovers are part of what the Trump administration is calling Operation America Strong.

The flight path will start at 11:30 a.m. flying over Baltimore for about 15 minutes, before flying over to Washington, D.C., and surrounding communities for about 20 minutes starting at 11:45 a.m.

The jets will then head to Atlanta for a flyover starting at 1:35 p.m. that will last about 25 minutes.

Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin tells Putin he has coronavirus

MOSCOW (Reuters) - [Russian Prime Minister](#) Mikhail Mishustin told President Vladimir Putin on Thursday that he had been diagnosed with the new coronavirus and was temporarily stepping down to recover.

Mishustin, 54, suggested that First Deputy Prime Minister Andrei Belousov serve as acting prime minister in his absence.

Putin, who was listening on a televised video conference, sighed when he heard the news, wished Mishustin a speedy recovery and said he agreed with the proposed replacement.

Mishustin, who has been one of the main coordinators of Russia's response to the new coronavirus, is the first high-ranking Russian official to publicly say they have the virus. He broke the news hours after the number of confirmed cases of the virus in Russia surged past the 100,000 mark.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

[1707](#)

Acts of Union comes into force, uniting England and Scotland to form the United Kingdom of Great Britain

[1753](#)

Publication of Species Plantarum by Carolus Linnaeus, and the formal start date of plant taxonomy adopted by the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature

[1841](#)

First emigrant wagon train leaves Independence, Missouri, for California

[1886](#)

U.S. general strike for 8-hour working day begins

[1931](#)

Empire State Building opens in New York City

[1945](#)

About 1,000 citizens of Demmin, Germany, commit suicide provoked by occupation of Soviet Red Army

LOOK AHEAD

House Homeland Security Committee Democrats [Donald Payne](#) of New Jersey and [Val Demings](#) of Florida host a virtual [forum](#) with former FEMA Administrator W. Craig Fugate.

10:00 AM EDT on 05/01/2020

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The Brookings Institution holds a discussion via webinar, beginning at 11 a.m., with Defense Secretary Mark Esper on "U.S. defense policy, how the armed forces will ensure readiness amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and the investments needed to fight the wars of the future."

11:00 AM EDT on 05/04/2020

events@brookings.edu

202-797-6105

Webinar information is available at

<https://www.brookings.edu/events/webinar-a-conversation-with-secretary-of-defense-mark-t-esper/>

Participants:

- Michael O'Hanlon, Senior fellow at the Brookings Institution

The SETA Foundation at Washington DC holds a webinar, beginning at 2 p.m., on "U.S. Role in International Security in the Age of Coronavirus."

2:00 PM EDT on 05/04/2020

info@setadc.org

202-223-9885

Webinar information is available at <https://tinyurl.com/y9cfudjr>

Participants:

- Luke Coffey, Director of the Heritage Foundation's Center for Foreign Policy Studies
- Kadir Ustun, Executive director of SETA
- Mary Beth Long, Founder of Global Alliance Advisers LLC

The Intelligence and National Security Alliance holds a discussion via webcast, beginning at 9 a.m., with Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Enterprise Capacity Kevin Meiners.

9:00 AM EDT on 05/05/2020

pr@insaonline.org

703-224-4672

Information on the webcast is available at

<https://www.insaonline.org/event/coffee-conversation-with-kevin-meiners/>

Participants:

- Letitia Long, Chairman of INSA

Full committee hearing on the nomination of John L. Ratcliffe to be the director of National Intelligence.

9:30 AM EDT on 05/05/2020

106 Dirksen Senate Office Building

202-224-1700

<http://intelligence.senate.gov>

Witnesses:

- The nominee

The Center for Strategic and International Studies holds a webcast, beginning at 10 a.m., on "Pursuing Effective and Conflict-Aware Stabilization."

10:00 AM EDT on 05/05/2020

202-775-3242

Andrew Schwartz; Information on the webcast is available at <https://www.csis.org/events/pursuing-effective-and-conflict-aware-stabilization-0>

Participants:

- Michele Piercey, Technical director for stability and transition at Chemonics International
- Eythan Sontag, Senior adviser in the State Department's Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations
- Elizabeth Hume, Vice president of the Alliance for Peacebuilding

The Atlantic Council holds a discussion via webinar, beginning at 10:30 a.m., on "Security Through Global Partnerships."

10:30 AM EDT on 05/05/2020

press@atlanticcouncil.org

202-778-4993

Travis Horne; Webinar information is available at
<https://atlanticcouncil.org/event/security-through-global-partnership>

Participants:

- Army Lt. Gen. Charles Hooper, Director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency
- Steven Grundman, Senior fellow in the Atlantic Council's Center for Strategy and Security

New America holds a discussion via webcast, beginning at 4 p.m., on "The Splendid and the Vile When It Comes to Leadership," focusing on lessons about inspiring leadership in times of crisis and a leader's mobilization of technology from Winston Churchill's handling of Britain's "finest hour."

4:00 PM EDT on 05/05/2020

elkin@newamerica.org

202-847-4769

Maria Elkin; Information on the webcast is available at
<https://www.newamerica.org/future-tense/events/online-splendid-and-vile-when-it-comes-leadership/>

Participants:

- Andres Martinez, Editorial director of New America's Future Tense program
- Erik Larson, Author of "The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family and Defiance During the Blitz"

The Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee

holds a meeting on "Roundtable - COVID-19: How New Information Should Drive Policy."

2:00 PM EDT on 05/06/2020

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

202-224-4751

The Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee holds a hearing on "The State of the Aviation Industry: Examining the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic."

2:30 PM EDT on 05/06/2020

106 Dirksen Senate Office Building

[Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee](#)

202-224-1251

Witnesses:

- Eric Fanning, President and CEO of the Aerospace Industries Association
- Nicholas Calio, President and CEO of Airlines for America
- Todd Hauptli, President and CEO of the American Association of Airport Executives

The Senate Armed Services Committee holds a hearing on "Department of Defense Spectrum Policy and the Impact of the Federal Communications Commission's Ligado Decision on National Security."

3:00 PM EDT on 05/06/2020

G-50 Dirksen Senate Office Building

[Senate Armed Services Committee](#)

202-224-3871

Witnesses:

- Defense Undersecretary for Research and Engineering Michael D. Griffin
- retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad W. Allen
- Air Force Gen. John W. Raymond, Chief of space operations and commander of the U.S. Space Command
- Defense CIO Dana S. Deasy

The Intelligence and National Security Alliance holds a webcast, beginning at 4:30 p.m., with former Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence Sue Gordon.

4:30 PM EDT on 05/06/2020

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Information on the webcast is available at

<https://www.insaonline.org/event/wednesday-wisdom-with-the-hon-sue-gordon>

The Homeland Security Department holds a meeting by teleconference of the Advisory Council.

Schedule:

— 9:15 a.m.: (Closed)

— 1:40 p.m.: Receive progress reports from the Economic Security, Biometrics, Information and Communication Technology Risk Reduction, and

Youth Engagement subcommittees; and Senior leadership will announce new Council membership

9:15 AM EDT on 05/07/2020

HSAC@hq.dhs.gov

202-447-3135

Mike Miron; RSVP required by 5 p.m. May 5 for dial-in information.

The Senate Armed Services Committee holds a hearing on the nominations of Kenneth H. Braithwaite to be secretary of the Navy; James H. Anderson to be deputy Defense undersecretary for policy; and Air Force Gen. Charles Q. Brown Jr. to be chief of staff of the Air Force.

9:30 AM EDT on 05/07/2020

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[Senate Armed Services Committee](#)

202-224-3871

Witnesses:

- The nominees

Have a great weekend!

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