

From: Craig Quigley <cquigley@hrmffa.org>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:18 AM
To: Craig Quigley
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Executive Insight Brief

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

Craig R. Quigley
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy (Ret.)
Executive Director
Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance
757-644-6324 (Office)
757-419-1164 (Mobile)



THE
Roosevelt
GROUP

EXECUTIVE INSIGHT BRIEF

July 10, 2020

TOP STORIES

Top general: U.S. military needs to take 'hard look' at Confederate symbols

The top general in the United States said Thursday the U.S. [military must take a “hard look” at Confederate symbols on its installations.](#)

“The Confederacy – the American Civil War was fought, and it was an act of rebellion,” Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Mark Milley said. “It was an act of treason at the time against the Union, against the stars and stripes, against the U.S. Constitution, and those officers turned their back on their oath.”

“Now, some have a different view of that. Some think it’s heritage. Others think it’s hate,” he added.

Esper announces leak investigation at Pentagon

WASHINGTON – U.S. Defense Secretary Mark Esper [has ordered an investigation into leaks of both classified and unclassified material to media](#), he told members of the House Armed Services Committee during a Thursday hearing.

The secretary brought up what he called an aggressive effort to pursue leaks after a series of what he called “bad leaks” in the fall.

“I’ve launched an investigation that is underway to go after leaks, whether it’s of classified information or unclassified information that is sensitive and also, you know, unauthorized discussions with the media,” Esper said. “All those things, again, hurt our nation’s security. They undermine our troops, their safety. They affect our relations with other countries. They undermine our national policy.”

How Police Secretly Took Over a Global Phone Network for Organized Crime

[Police monitored a hundred million encrypted messages sent through Encrochat](#), a network used by career criminals to discuss drug deals, murders, and extortion plots.

Something wasn’t right. Starting earlier this year, police kept arresting associates of Mark, a UK-based alleged drug dealer. Mark took the security of his operation seriously, with the gang using code names to discuss business on custom, encrypted phones made by a company called Encrochat. For legal reasons, Motherboard is referring to Mark using a pseudonym.

Because the messages were encrypted on the devices themselves, police couldn’t tap the group’s phones or intercept messages as authorities normally would. On Encrochat, criminals spoke openly and negotiated their deals in granular detail, with price lists, names of customers, and explicit references to the large quantities of drugs they sold, according to documents obtained by Motherboard from sources in and around the

criminal world.

U.S. State Department OKs possible \$23 billion sale of F-35s to Japan

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The U.S. State Department said on Thursday it had approved [the possible sale of 105 Lockheed Martin \(LMT.N\) F-35 fighter jets to Japan at an estimated cost of \\$23 billion.](#)

The Japanese request included 63 F-35A and 42 F-35B aircraft, 110 Pratt and Whitney RTX.N F135 engines, and related equipment, it said, and implementation of the proposed sale, including technical support and training, would take 25 years.

“It is vital to U.S. national interest to assist Japan in developing and maintaining a strong and effective self-defense capability,” the State Department said, adding that the proposed sale would not change the military balance in the region.

F-35 jets are made at a Lockheed Martin factory in Fort Worth, Texas, but allies assemble jets for themselves at two final assembly and check out facilities in Japan and Italy.

Pentagon reform boss on eliminating entire office: ‘This is a guaranteed failure’

WASHINGTON – The Pentagon’s chief management officer has pushed back on [congressional plans to eliminate her office](#), warning that doing so now guarantees the failure of reform efforts at the department.

In an exclusive interview with Defense News, [Lisa Hershman](#), who was confirmed as the CMO in December 2019, stressed that any serious reform effort at the Defense Department requires a full-time official focused on it, one with high-level authority to make choices and force change.

“Here’s the thing: Congress has a choice to make,” Hershman said Tuesday. “It’s really about how serious Congress is about reform. And I mean real reform, where we’re moving not only big numbers, but making fundamental changes in how we do business.”

“It’s hard. It’s uncomfortable. It’s difficult for people,” she added. “So, they have a choice.”

Her comments come a week after the House Armed Services Committee agreed with its Senate counterpart that the CMO’s office is not working as intended and should be eliminated. Both committees put such language in their versions of the National Defense Authorization Act, although with different details.

Lasers could replace sailors in peeling old paint off ships

Who among the Navy's best and brightest hasn't at some point earlier in their enlisted career been forced to scrape rusting, dilapidated paint from the various corners of the service's aging fleet of vessels? Hardly anyone, perhaps, until now. The Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, in partnership with industry, [has discovered that laser ablation may be the key to removing hazardous paint](#) and other coatings from ships' surfaces in a cheaper, faster way than conventional methods, more commonly known as sailor scut work. Chipping paint has, in essence, served as a torturous form of labor since the Navy made the switch from wood to metal ships. "The average ship requires enough chipping and painting annually to keep 16 sailors busy full time," reported the LA Times.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

[455](#)

Roman military commander Avitus is proclaimed emperor of the Western Roman Empire

[660](#)

Battle of Hwangsanbeol: At Nonsan, China a 50,000 strong Silla force led by general Kim Yu-shin annihilate the army of Baekje and kill their leader general Gyebaek

[711](#)

Berbers under Tarik-ibn Ziyad occupy North Spain

[1357](#)

Charles IV, Holy Roman Emperor, assists laying the foundation stone of Charles Bridge in Prague

[1371](#)

Pope Gregory XI names Arnold II of Horne as bishop of Utrecht

Battle at Sempach: Swiss beat Duke Leopold III of Austria

LOOK AHEAD

The House Appropriations Committee holds a markup of FY2021 appropriations for Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies; and Legislative Branch.

9:00 AM EDT on 07/10/2020

1100 Longworth House Office Building

[House Appropriations Committee](#)

202-225-2771

Army Maj. Gen. Lonnie Hibbard, commander of the Army Center for Initial Military Training in Fort Eustis, Va.; and Air Force Maj. Gen. Andrea Tullos, commander of the Second Air Force at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., hold a briefing, beginning at 1 p.m., (via phone) on training efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic.

1:00 PM EDT on 07/10/2020

The Pentagon, Briefing Room 2D972

703-697-5131

Livestream at <https://www.defense.gov/Watch/Live-Events/>

The National Security Institute hosts a discussion with Sen. [Angus King](#) (I-Maine), co-chair of the Cyberspace Solarium Commission, about the commission's new report released in March and the future of its recommendations. [Register online.](#)

1:00 PM EDT on 07/10/2020

Participants:

- Sen. Angus King (I-Maine)
- Mark Montgomery, executive director, Cyberspace Solarium Commission

The House Foreign Affairs Europe, Eurasia, Energy and the Environment Subcommittee holds a hearing on "With American Lives on the Line, Lessons for

Managing the Russia Threat."

2:00 PM EDT on 07/10/2020

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

202-225-5021

Witnesses:

- Leon Panetta, Chairman of the Panetta Institute for Public Policy and former Defense secretary, CID director and White House chief of staff

The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association holds a discussion via webinar, beginning at 3:30 p.m., on "how the Army Corps of Engineers Disaster Recovery Operations supports FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)."

3:30 PM EDT on 07/13/2020

703-631-6179

Webinar information is available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/acoe-support-of-fema-afcea-online-meeting-tickets-111164668516>

Participants:

- Army Col. Eric McFadden, Deputy commander of the Army Corps of Engineers South Pacific Division

The National Defense Industrial Association Procurement Division holds a virtual meeting, beginning at 9 a.m.

Highlights:

- 1 p.m.: Jim Smith, acquisition executive and director of special operations forces, acquisition, technology and logistics at the Special Operations Command, delivers keynote remarks
- 2 p.m.: Army Maj. Gen. Paul Chamberlain, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for financial management and comptroller, participates in a discussion on "Department of Defense Budget: The Black Swan Events of 2020"

9:00 AM EDT on 07/14/2020

esocha@ndia.org

703-247-2579

Evamarie Socha; Event is closed press. RSVP required. Information on the event is available at <https://www.ndia.org/events/2020/7/14/0pc4-july-procurement-division->

[meeting](#)

The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association holds its 2020 virtual Army Signal Conference, beginning at 10 a.m., with the theme "Data: The Ammunition of the Future Fight," July 14-16.

Highlights:

- 10:10 a.m.: Army CIO Lt. Gen. Bruce Crawford delivers remarks
- 2:15 p.m.: Undersecretary of the Army James McPherson delivers keynote remarks
- 3 p.m.: Army Lt. Gen. Stephen Fogarty, commanding general of the Army Cyber Command; and Ronald Pontius, deputy to the commanding general at the Army Cyber Command, deliver keynote remarks on "Data: Information Warfare"

10:00 AM EDT on 07/14/2020

703-631-6179

Information on the webcast is available

at <https://www.afcea.org/event/armysignalconference>

The House Homeland Security Oversight, Management and Accountability Subcommittee holds a hearing on "Reviewing Federal and State Pandemic Supply Preparedness and Response."

12:00 PM EDT on 07/14/2020

[House Homeland Security Committee Oversight, Management and Accountability Subcommittee](#)

202-226-2616

Witnesses:

- Craig Fugate, Former administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and senior advisor for Blue Dot Strategies
- Chris Currie, Director of the Government Accountability Office's Homeland Security and Justice Team
- Mark Ghilarducci, Director of the California Office of Emergency Services

The U.S. Navy Memorial hosts a livestreamed [discussion](#) with Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition James "Hondo" Geurts.

3:00 PM EDT on 07/14/2020

[RSVP](#)

The Air Force Association's Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies hold a "Nuclear Deterrence" webcast with Uzi Rubin, founder and former director of the Israel Missile Defense Organization.

12:00 AM EDT on 07/14/2020

kgunzinger@safa.org

571-263-5781

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

The Heritage Foundation holds a webinar, beginning at 10:30 a.m., on "How To Make the Pentagon Work Better and Cost Less."

10:30 AM EDT on 07/15/2020

lectures.seminars@heritage.org

202-675-1761

Webinar information is available at <https://www.heritage.org/defense/event/webinar-how-make-the-pentagon-work-better-and-cost-less>

Participants:

- Former Defense Undersecretary for Personnel and Readiness Peter Levine, Senior research fellow at the Institute for Defense Analyses and author of "Defense Management Reform"
- Thomas Spoehr, Heritage Center for National Defense director

The House Oversight and Reform Committee holds a hearing on [H.R. 7331 \(116\)](#), the "National Cyber Director Act."

12:00 PM EDT on 07/15/2020

[House Oversight and Reform Committee](#)

202-225-5051

The Center for a New American Security holds its 2020 National Security Conference via webcast, beginning at 1 p.m., the third of a four-part series in the America Competes Summer Series.

Schedule:

– Session on "Closing the Deal: National Security and Investment Scrutiny," focusing on foreign investments in U.S. artificial intelligence

– Session on "Is Seeing Still Believing: Synthetic Media and Illiberal Uses of Technology," focusing on the difference between real and synthetic media

1:00 PM EDT on 07/15/2020

cstevens@cnas.org

202-695-8166

Cole Stevens, or comms@cnas.org; Webinar information is available

at <https://www.cnas.org/events/cnas-2020-national-security-conference>

The Air Force Association's Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies hold a "Aerospace Nation" webcast with Lt. Gen. Timothy Haugh, commander of Sixteenth Air Force, commander of Air Forces Cyber and commander of Joint Force Headquarters-Cyber.

12:00 AM EDT on 07/15/2020

kgunzinger@safa.org

571-263-5781

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

Have a great weekend!

****The *Executive Insight Brief* is a compilation of articles of interest prepared by The Roosevelt Group research team. This information is provided for situational awareness.**

Items are chosen to highlight trends and issues in the news and do not necessarily reflect the views or positions of The Roosevelt Group.

WARNING: This email originated outside York County's email servers. Please verify the sender's identity, and use caution when clicking any links or opening any attachments.