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**EXECUTIVE INSIGHT BRIEF**

**October 8, 2020**



## TOP STORIES

### **Pentagon scrambles to retrace steps after White House COVID-19 outbreak**

[The Pentagon is retracing the steps of its top brass after a positive coronavirus case among senior officials](#) forced Defense Department heads into quarantine.

News of Coast Guard Vice Commandant Adm. Charles Ray testing positive, which came after he attended a Sept. 27 White House event, broke after Ray had met with several other senior leaders at the Pentagon last week.

The Defense Department has since raced to conduct contact tracing, highlighting the stark difference between the Pentagon and White House, where administration officials have been reluctant to reveal key timeline details after President Trump and top aides tested positive.

"Simply because it is such a threat to readiness and can disable a ship, a building, a base, they take this very seriously," Steve Morrison, a public health expert with the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said of the Pentagon's response.

"It didn't seem they were looking to be micromanaged by anyone, they sort of kicked in to gear," he added.

### **FBI Says Michigan Anti-Government Group Plotted to Kidnap Gov. Gretchen Whitmer**

Storming the State Capitol. Instigating a civil war. [Abducting a sitting governor ahead of the presidential election.](#)

Those were among the plots described by federal and state officials in Michigan on Thursday as they announced terrorism, conspiracy and weapons charges against 13 men.

At least six of them, officials said, had hatched a detailed plan to kidnap Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, a Democrat who has become a focal point of anti-government views and anger over coronavirus control measures.

The group that planned the kidnapping met repeatedly over the summer for firearms training and combat drills and practiced building explosives, the FBI said; members also gathered several times to discuss the mission, including in the basement of a shop that was accessible only through a “trap door” under a rug.

The men spied on Ms. Whitmer’s vacation home in August and September, even looking under a highway bridge for places they could place and detonate a bomb to distract the authorities, the FBI said. They indicated that they wanted to take Ms. Whitmer hostage before the election in November, and one man said they should take her to a “secure location” in Wisconsin for a “trial,” Richard J. Trask II, an FBI special agent, [said in the criminal complaint](#).

### **Hampton Roads State of the Region report offers sobering look at COVID-19 impacts**

Old Dominion University’s Dragas Center for Economic Analysis & Policy’s 2020 State of the [Region report for Hampton Roads offers a sobering look at how the pandemic has harmed the regional economy](#) and left tens of thousands of Hampton Roads residents jobless.

Employment in Hampton Roads fell dramatically, hotel occupancy continues to be outpaced by 2019 after bottoming out in April and import tonnage and market share at the Port of Virginia dropped this year. Full recovery from COVID-19 is likely to take years, according to ODU’s latest annual report about the regional economy, which was released Tuesday.

In April, individual employment fell by 11.6% in Hampton Roads. By June, 59,000 fewer residents were employed, as compared to just three months earlier. Regional COVID-19 job losses eclipsed those seen during the 2007-2009 Great Recession. In April, 77,000 Hampton Roads residents filed initial unemployment claims, which were seven times greater than the peak of the Great Recession, according to the report. And the impact is being felt disproportionately by minority communities, including African Americans and Hispanics.

### **Space Force gets its first vice chief of space operations**

WASHINGTON — [Gen. David “DT” Thompson is officially the U.S. Space Force’s](#) first vice chief of space operations, following a small swearing in ceremony at the Pentagon Oct. 2. The former vice commander of the now-defunct Air Force Space Command has effectively served as the Space Force’s No. 2 under Chief of Space Operations Gen. John “Jay” Raymond since the service was created in Dec. 2019. However, the move officially transfers him from the Air Force to the Space Force. He has also been promoted to a four-star general.

### **Kudlow says Trump backs separate bills for certain COVID-19 aid**

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. President Donald Trump's economic [adviser Larry Kudlow on Thursday said the White House would like to have more COVID-19 aid passed before the election](#) but that the nation's economy did not necessarily depend on an assistance package.

"Now the president believes that we should shift into ... stand-alone bills to get the key points through," Kudlow told Fox News in an interview.

### **Why The President Is The Weakest Link In U.S. Nuclear Strategy**

[President Trump's hospitalization after testing positive for Covid-19](#) is one of many instances in which the performance of the nation's chief executive has been impaired by medical issues.

Eisenhower had a massive heart attack in 1955. His successor, John F. Kennedy, was afflicted by Addison's disease and various other maladies that required heavy use of painkillers. Kennedy's successor, Lyndon Johnson, was hospitalized during the Hong Kong flu pandemic of 1968.

Other presidents have seen their performance compromised by psychological issues. Richard Nixon became clinically depressed during the Watergate controversy and took to drinking heavily. Ronald Reagan may have exhibited early symptoms of Alzheimer's disease during the closing years of his presidency.

Such frailties have long been a part of the human condition, but the advent of nuclear weapons raised alarming possibilities about where presidential disability might lead. The president has unilateral authority to launch nuclear weapons, and that power is one of the few places in the federal system where no checks and balances exist.

### **Pentagon wants SpaceX delivering cargo around the globe — and a live test could come next year**

WASHINGTON — [U.S. Transportation Command is taking the potential for cargo delivery via orbit](#) seriously enough that it hopes to test the concept with SpaceX as soon as next year, the command's head said Wednesday.

In what he called a "provocative thought," Gen. Stephen Lyons said: "I'm really excited about the team that's working with SpaceX on an opportunity, even perhaps in as early as '21, to conduct a joint proof of principle" for space-based delivery.

The dream, Lyons told the National Defense Transportation Association, is to be able to move 80 tons of cargo — the equivalent of a C-17 transport — via a space-based vehicle anywhere on the globe within one hour.

"Think about the speed associated with that, whether a small force element or other capability," he said. "I can tell you [SpaceX is] moving very, very rapidly in this area."

### **Exclusive: Boeing in talks with Alaska Airlines for potential 737 MAX order - sources**

SEATTLE/CHICAGO (Reuters) - [Boeing Co BA.N is in discussions to sell 737 MAX jets to Alaska Airlines](#) once the plane returns to service following a lengthy grounding, three people familiar with the matter said.

The talks are part of a series of negotiations between Boeing and several airlines over jet orders or compensation after the 737 MAX was banned worldwide following two fatal crashes.

Boeing and Alaska Airlines, which is part of Alaska Air Group Inc ALK.N, declined to comment.

Any deal would be subject to U.S. Federal Aviation Administration approval of proposed 737 MAX safety upgrades.

## **Inside the Oval Office 6 ARRIVALS**

**Jaclyn C. Knight** has a new position as [Senior Director of Operations](#) at Office of the United States Trade Representative [USTR], Executive Office of the President [EOP]

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### 3 DEPARTURES

**Jennifer B. Cytryn** has left the position of [Associate Director of the Office](#) at Office of the Senior Advisor for Policy, The White House Office [WHO], Executive Office of the President [EOP]

**Ashley Daniel Bell** has left the position of [Policy Advisor on Entrepreneurship and Innovation](#) at Office of American Innovation [OAI], The White House Office [WHO], Executive Office of the President [EOP]

**Mauricio J. Claver-Carone** has left the position of [Deputy Assistant to the President and Senior Director](#) at Western Hemisphere Affairs [WHA], National Security Council Staff, Executive Office of the President [EOP]

### Federal Personnel

#### 7 ARRIVALS

**Ambassador William W. "Bill" Popp** has a new position as [Ambassador](#) at Office of the U.S. Ambassador to Guatemala, U.S. Embassy in Guatemala, United States Department of State [DOS]

**Recently:** Deputy Chief of Mission at U.S. Embassy in Brazil, United States Department of State (2017 - 2020)  
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**Sandra E. Clark** has a new position as [Ambassador](#) at Office of the U.S. Ambassador to Burkina Faso, U.S. Embassy in Burkina Faso, United States Department of State [DOS]

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**COL Danial D. "Dan" Pick, USA (Ret)** has a new position as [Deputy Assistant Secretary](#) at Special Operations Policy and Programs, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy [OUSDP], United States Department of Defense [DOD]

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**Matthew J. "Matt" Flynn** has a new position as [Deputy Assistant Secretary](#) at Counternarcotics and Global Threats, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy [OUSDP], United States Department of Defense [DOD]

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**Recently:** Commander at 507th Air Refueling Wing, Air Force Reserve Command, United States Department of the Air Force (2014 - 2016)

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**David Fotouhi** has a new position as [General Counsel \(Acting\)](#) at Office of General Counsel [OGC], Office of the Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency [EPA]

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[Leonard "Len" Wolfson](#) has left the position of [Assistant Secretary](#) at Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations [CIR], United States Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD]

[John F. Bash](#) has changed status to [U.S. Attorney \(Outgoing\)](#) at Texas - Western District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys [EOUSA], United States Department of Justice [DOJ]

**Note:** On October 5, 2020, John Bash announced his departure from the DOJ, effective October 9, 2020.

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[Ambassador Terry E. Branstad](#) has left the position of [Ambassador](#) at Office of the U.S. Ambassador to China, U.S. Embassy in China, United States Department of State [DOS]

## Key Congressional Staffers

### 4 ARRIVALS

[Tim Itnyre](#) has a new position as [Chief of Staff](#) at Office of Representative Paul Cook

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## 5 DEPARTURES

[Benjamin "Ben" Soskin](#) has left the position of [Communications Director](#) at Office of Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard

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[Stephen "Steve" Moffitt](#) has left the position of [Chief of Staff](#) at Office of Representative Greg Murphy

[Alex Haurek](#) has left the position of [Communications Director](#) at Office of Representative Nydia M. Velázquez

## State & Local Decision Makers

### 2 ARRIVALS

[Michael Rogers](#) has a new position as [Special Advisor](#) at Office of the Governor, State of Oklahoma  
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### 1 DEPARTURE

[Donna V. \(Hurd\) Moreland](#) has left the position of [Council Member](#) at Office of the Common Council, City of Madison, Wisconsin



### THIS DAY IN HISTORY

[768 Charlemagne](#) and his brother Carloman I are crowned Kings of The Franks

[1000](#) Leif Ericson discovers "Vinland" (possibly L'Anse aux Meadows, Canada) reputedly becoming first European to reach North America

[1446](#) The Hangul alphabet is published in Korea

[1831](#) Ioannis Kapodistrias, first Head of State of modern Greece, assassinated in Nafplion

[1941](#) US President [Franklin D. Roosevelt](#) approves an atomic program that would become the [Manhattan Project](#)

[2006](#) North Korea conducts its first nuclear test, with an estimated yield of between 0.4-2 kilotons



## LOOK AHEAD

The Woodrow Wilson Center holds a virtual book discussion, beginning at 11 a.m., on "Managing Nuclear Risks."

11:00 AM EDT on 10/09/2020

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202-691-4217

Ryan McKenna; Information on the webcast is available

at <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/event/books-wilson-managing-nuclear-risks>

Participants:

- Author Robert Litwak, Senior vice president of WWC

Rep. [Sanford Bishop](#), (D-Ga.), co-chair of the Military Family Caucus; and Rep. [Cathy McMorris Rodgers](#), (R-Wash.), co-chair of the Military Family Caucus, host the virtual 2020 Congressional Military Family Summit, beginning at 12:30 p.m., with the theme "COVID-19: Military Family Readiness During the Pandemic and Best Practices Learned."

Highlights:

- 1 p.m.: Defense Secretary Mark Esper delivers keynote remarks (pre-recorded)
- Defense Undersecretary for Personnel and Readiness Matthew Donovan delivers remarks
- 2:30 p.m.: Rep. [Trent Kelly](#), (R-Miss.), participates in a discussion on "Exceptional Family Member Program"
- 3 p.m.: Rick Marsh, deputy director of strategic plans, policy and logistics at the U.S. Transportation Command, participates in a discussion on "Permanent Change of Station"
- 3:30 p.m.: Rep. [Chrissy Houlahan](#), (D-Pa.), participates in a discussion on "Childcare"

12:30 PM EDT on 10/09/2020

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Lauren Hughes, (Bishop); Eastern time. Information on the webcast is available

at <https://mcmorris.house.gov/militaryfamilysummit/>

**The Council on Foreign Relations holds a virtual book discussion, beginning at 1 p.m., on "The Perfect Weapon," about "the rise of cyber conflict as a primary way in which nations now compete with and sabotage one another."**

1:00 PM EDT on 10/09/2020

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Dalia Dagher; Open only to active members of the media. Meeting ID, 912 5811 7476; password, 308023. Register at [https://cfr.zoom.us/j/91258117476?utm\\_source=pressinvite&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Press%20Invite&utm\\_term=Thread\\_1-18e56e2b-93f3-ea11-82a0-005056872a94-637377536388993013#success](https://cfr.zoom.us/j/91258117476?utm_source=pressinvite&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Press%20Invite&utm_term=Thread_1-18e56e2b-93f3-ea11-82a0-005056872a94-637377536388993013#success)

[https://cfr.zoom.us/j/91258117476?utm\\_source=pressinvite&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Press%20Invite&utm\\_term=Thread\\_1-18e56e2b-93f3-ea11-82a0-005056872a94-637377536388993013#success](https://cfr.zoom.us/j/91258117476?utm_source=pressinvite&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Press%20Invite&utm_term=Thread_1-18e56e2b-93f3-ea11-82a0-005056872a94-637377536388993013#success)

Participants:

- Nicholas Thompson, Editor in chief of Wired magazine
- Author David Sanger, National security correspondent at the New York Times
- former Homeland Security Undersecretary for Cyber and Infrastructure Protection Suzanne Spaulding, Senior adviser for homeland security at the Center for Strategic and International Studies

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

Highlight:

– 11:05 a.m.: Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Michael Gilday delivers keynote remarks

11:00 AM EDT on 10/13/2020

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

**Homeland Security Department; Federal Emergency Management Agency holds a meeting by teleconference to implement Pandemic Response Voluntary Agreement Under Section 708 of the Defense Production Act.**

1:00 PM EDT on 10/13/2020

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Robert Glenn; RSVP required by noon October 12 for dial-in information.

**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 10/14/2020

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**The U.S. Representative Office of the National Council of Resistance of Iran holds a webinar, beginning at 11 a.m., on "An Effective Iran Policy: Sanctions or No**

**Sanctions?"**

11:00 AM EDT on 10/14/2020

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Webinar information is available at [https://ncrius-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_jtcQAux6Snm4EN7hOEBJLA](https://ncrius-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jtcQAux6Snm4EN7hOEBJLA)

Participants:

- Former Defense Undersecretary for Policy Eric Edelman
- Alireza Jafarzadeh, Deputy director of the Washington office of the National Council of Resistance of Iran
- former Undersecretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Robert Joseph
- James Jay Carafano, Vice president of the Heritage Foundation's Institute for National Security and Foreign Policy
- Jonathan Ruhe, Director of foreign policy at the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs

**The Atlantic Council holds its virtual 2020 Distinguished Leadership Awards, beginning at 6 p.m., for contributions to the strengthening of the transatlantic relationship.**

6:00 PM EDT on 10/14/2020

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at <https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/event/2020-distinguished-leadership-awards/>

**The Middle East Institute holds a virtual discussion, beginning at 10 a.m., on "Examining the EU-Iran-U.S. Triangle."**

10:00 AM EDT on 10/15/2020

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ext. 202; Webinar information is available at <https://www.mei.edu/events/examining-eu-iran-us-triangle>

Participants:

- Clement Therme, Post-doctoral research fellow at the Sciences Po Nuclear Knowledges Program
- Azadeh Zamirirad, Deputy head at German Institute for International and Security Affairs' Middle East and Africa Division
- Alex Vatanka, Director of the MEI Iran Program
- Sanam Vakil, Deputy director and senior research fellow at the Chatham House Middle East and North Africa Programme

**The Middle East Institute holds a virtual discussion, beginning at 1 p.m., with Heidi Grant, director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency, focusing on U.S. arms sales to the Middle East, as part of the "Defense Leadership" series.**

1:00 PM EDT on 10/15/2020

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ext. 202; Webinar information is available at <https://www.mei.edu/events/mei-defense-leadership-series-episode-8-dsca-director-ms-heidi-h-grant>

### Have a great weekend!

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