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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

Biden orders U.S. airstrikes against Iran-backed militia targets in eastern Syria

[U.S. forces struck multiple targets in eastern Syria](#) used by Iranian-backed militant groups at around 6 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Thursday, the Pentagon press secretary confirmed to reporters, in retaliation for [recent rocket attacks against bases in Iraq housing U.S. and coalition troops and civilians](#), including one that injured an American service member and killed a civilian contractor.

House Democrats ready to push through Biden's \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 plan

[The Democratic-controlled House of Representatives on Friday was aiming to push through President Joe Biden's \\$1.9 trillion coronavirus aid package](#), though they looked unlikely to be able to use the package to raise the minimum wage nationwide.

Lawmakers blame SolarWinds on 'collective failure' to prioritize cybersecurity

[The leaders of the House Homeland Security Committee on Friday will call for immediate changes to how Congress handles cybersecurity in the wake of a](#)

[massive hack of the federal government](#), blaming the breach on a "collective failure" to prioritize cybersecurity.

At pivotal moment in Afghanistan war, Biden weighs a dilemma about future of U.S. troop involvement

[America's longest war is approaching a crossroads](#). President Joe Biden's choices in Afghanistan boil down to this: [withdraw all troops by May](#), as promised by his predecessor, and risk a resurgence of extremist dangers, or stay and possibly prolong the war in hopes of compelling the Taliban to make peace with a weak and fractured government. The second option may be the most likely, but officials say no decision has been made.

Navy reports 2 ships in Middle East facing coronavirus outbreaks

[The Navy on Friday reported more than a dozen COVID-19 cases among service members aboard a warship in the Middle East, with several people possibly infected on another ship.](#)

The military branch announced the coronavirus outbreak aboard the amphibious transport dock USS San Diego [in a press release](#), adding that it had also identified "several persons under investigation" on the guided-missile cruiser USS Philippine Sea

TacAir Study Will Determine If F-35 Production Surge Needed

[The Air Force remains committed to the F-35, and it is the "cornerstone" of USAF's force planning, but the new tactical aviation study will decide if USAF should surge its production of the jet](#), Chief of Staff Gen. Charles Q. Brown Jr. said Feb. 25.

U.S. B-1 bombers arrive in Norway for the first time in history

[U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancers from Dyess Air Force Base in Texas](#) arrived in Norway on Monday as part of a training mission in Europe, marking the first time U.S. bombers have operated out of the Scandinavian country.

The U.S. Air Force said in a statement that since 2018, strategic bomber missions have involved "U.S. integration with NATO allies and regional partners."

Gen. Jeff Harrigan, commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe-Air Forces Africa, said training with the Norwegians "enables us to hone our deterrence and defense capabilities while also enhancing regional stability."



DEPARTURES / ARRIVALS

Inside the Oval Office

9 ARRIVALS

Rukku Singla has a new position as [Deputy Director for Policy](#) at Office of the Second Gentleman of the United States, Office of the Vice President [OVP], Executive Office of the President [EOP]

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1 DEPARTURE

[Donna A. Lalli](#) has left the position of [Senior Policy Advisor](#) at Science Division [SCI], Office of Science and Technology Policy [OSTP], Executive Office of the President [EOP]

Federal Personnel**9 ARRIVALS**

[Beth A. Huhn](#) has a new position as [State Director \(Acting\)](#) at Ohio Rural Development State Office, Rural Development [RD], United States Department of Agriculture [USDA]
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Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield has a new position as **U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations** at United States Mission to the United Nations [USUN], United States Department of State [DOS]
Note: Ambassador Thomas-Greenfield will arrive at the UN headquarters in New York on February 25, 2021.
Recently: Team Lead at Department of State Review Team, Biden-Harris Transition, Office of President-Elect Joseph R. Biden Jr. (2020 - 2021)
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1 DEPARTURE

Mickeala Carter has left the position of [Communications Director](#) at Committee on Agriculture



THIS DAY IN HISTORY

[1616](#) Roman Inquisition delivers injunction to [Galileo](#) demanding he abandon his belief in heliocentrism, which states the Earth and planets revolve around the Sun

[1797](#) Bank of England issues first £1 note

[1815](#) [Napoleon](#) Bonaparte and his supporters leave Elba to start a 100 day re-conquest of France

[1885](#) Berlin Conference gives Congo to Belgium and Nigeria to Great Britain

[1935](#) RADAR (Radio Detection and Ranging) first demonstrated by [Robert Watson-Watt](#)

[2005](#) [Hosni Mubarak](#), President of Egypt, orders the constitution changed to allow multi-candidate presidential elections, asking the Egyptian parliament to amend Article 76



LOOKING AHEAD

Washington Post Live holds a webinar, beginning at 2 p.m., on "foreign policy priorities for the Biden administration."

2:00 PM EST on 02/26/2021

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202-334-5531

Molly Gannon; Webinar information is available

at https://www.washingtonpost.com/washington-post-live/2021/02/26/conversation-with-robert-m-gates/?itid=sf_washington-post-live

Participants:

- David Ignatius, Columnist at the Washington Post
- Former Defense Secretary Robert Gates

The Intelligence and National Security Alliance holds a virtual discussion, beginning at 2 p.m., on "Diversity in National Security: Critical to Securing Our Nation at Home and Abroad."

2:00 PM EST on 02/26/2021

info@insaonline.org

703-224-4672

Webinar information is available at <https://www.insaonline.org/event/diversity-in-national-security/>

Participants:

- House Homeland Security Chairman [Bennie Thompson](#), (D-Miss.), delivers keynote remarks
- Rita Sampson, chief of equal employment opportunity and diversity in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence
- Wyndee Parker, national security adviser to House Speaker [Nancy Pelosi](#)
- Lodriguez Murray, senior vice president of public policy and government affairs at the United Negro College Fund
- George MacArthur, vice president and portfolio manager at ManTech
- Charles Carithers, government affairs principal at Cornerstone

Defense Department Press Secretary John Kirby holds a media briefing.

12:00 AM EST on 02/26/2021

The Pentagon, Briefing Room 2D972

703-697-5131

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

Homeland Security Department; Federal Emergency Management Agency holds a meeting by teleconference of the Technical Mapping Advisory Council, March 1-2.

Agenda includes: Vote to submit the final report to the FEMA Administrator; Introduce 2021 TMAC tasking, and Vote to appoint a new chair for 2021

10:00 AM EST on 03/01/2021

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Brian Koper; RSVP required by 5 p.m. February 26 to FEMA-TMAC@fema.dhs.gov; Dial-in at 669-254-5252; Meeting ID, 16195624614; Webcast

at <https://fema.zoomgov.com/j/16195624614>; password, 875873

National Security Commission On Artificial Intelligence holds a meeting by teleconference of the Federal Advisory Committee.

Agenda includes: Opening remarks by the Designated Federal Officer, Ms. Angela Ponmakha; the Executive Director, Mr. Yil Bajraktari; the Commission Chair, Dr. Eric Schmidt; and the Commission Vice Chair, Hon. Robert Work; Commission members provide final remarks; and Consider and vote on the Commission's Final Report and associated materials for submission to Congress and the Administration

12:00 PM EST on 03/01/2021

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The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association holds its virtual TechNet Indo-Pacific 2021 forum, beginning at 3 p.m., March 1-3.

Highlight:

— 3:30 p.m.: Navy Adm. Philip Davidson, commander of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, delivers keynote remarks

3:00 PM EST on 03/01/2021
703-631-6179

Eastern time. Register at <https://events.afcea.org/tip20/public/enter.aspx>

The Jewish Institute for National Security of America holds a webinar, beginning at 3:30 p.m., on "Russia's Role in Israel's Syria Policy."

3:30 PM EST on 03/01/2021

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202-667-3900

James Cetrone; Webinar information is available

at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_g0e02N-cQS6ynbzCh05NUQ

Participants:

- Former Israeli Maj. Gen. Yaakov Amidror, Fellow at JINSA
- Blaise Misztal, Vice president for policy at JINSA

Washington Post Live holds a virtual discussion, beginning at 3:30 p.m., on the new documentary "NASRIN," about Iranian human rights lawyer Nasrin Sotoudeh who was arrested and sentenced to 38 years prison and 148 lashes in June 2018 for representing women protesting Iran's mandatory hijab law.

3:30 PM EST on 03/01/2021

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Molly Gannon Conway; Register at <https://www.washingtonpost.com/washington-post-live/2021/03/01/nasrin-conversation-with-christiane-amanpour-jeff-kaufman-jason-rezaian/>

Participants:

- executive producer Jason Rezaian, Journalist at the Washington Post
- Christiane Amanpour, CNN international anchor
- Filmmaker Jeff Kaufman

The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association Bethesda holds its virtual 13th annual Health Information Technology Summit, beginning at 8:30 a.m., with the theme "March Forward."

Highlights:

— 8:30 a.m.: Perryn Ashmore, CIO of HHS; Dominic Cussatt, acting assistant VA secretary for information and technology and CIO; Andrea Norris, CIO and director of the NIH Center for IT; and Rajiv Uppal, CTO and director of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Office of IT, participate in a discussion

— 10:15 a.m.: Stacie Alboum, deputy director for the NIH Center for IT; Kevin Duvall, acting HHS chief data officer; Tom Harrell, NIH senior IT Policy Analyst; Benjamin Koshy, chief information security officer at the Indian Health Service; and Cory Milam, director of the FDA Office of Innovation, participate in a discussion on "Behind the Scenes Look: Innovations Driving Health IT Modernization at HHS"

8:30 AM EST on 03/02/2021

703-631-6179

Event continues every Tuesday in March. Register

at <https://yesandagency.swoogo.com/healthit2021?>

The Senate Armed Services Committee holds a hearing on "Global Security

Challenges and Strategy."

9:30 AM EST on 03/02/2021
G-50 Dirksen Senate Office Building
[Senate Armed Services Committee](#)
202-224-3871

Witnesses:

- Former National Security Advisor H.R. McMaster
- Richard N. Haass, President of the Council on Foreign Relations

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The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace holds a webinar, beginning at 10 a.m., on "Analyzing and Defeating Right-Wing Extremism."

10:00 AM EST on 03/02/2021
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Meshal DeSantis; Webinar information is available at <https://carnegieendowment.org/2021/03/02/carnegie-connects-analyzing-and-defeating-right-wing-extremism-event-7556>

Participants:

- Marc Ginsberg, President of the Coalition for a Safer Web
- Aaron David Miller, Senior fellow at CEIP
- Mary McCord, Executive director of Georgetown University's Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection
- Rachel Kleinfeld, Senior fellow in the CEIP Democracy, Conflict, and Governance Program

The House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee holds a hearing on "U.S. Military Service Academies Overview."

10:30 AM EST on 03/02/2021
[House Appropriations Committee Defense Subcommittee](#)
202-225-2771

Witnesses:

- Vice Adm. Sean Buck, Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy
- Lt. Gen. Richard M. Clark, Superintendent of the U.S. Air Force Academy

- Lt. Gen. Darryl A. Williams, Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy West Point

The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association holds its virtual TechNet Indo-Pacific 2021 forum, beginning at 1 p.m., March 1-3.

Highlights:

- 1 p.m.: Navy Rear. Adm. Michael Studeman, intelligence director at the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, delivers keynote remarks
- 2:10 p.m.: Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Dennis Crall, director for command, control, communications and computers/cyber and CIO of the Joint Staff, delivers keynote remarks
- 2:40 p.m.: Army Brig. Gen. Jacqueline "Denise" Brown, command, control, communications and computers/cyber director at the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command; Army Brig. Gen. Robert Parker, joint staff deputy for command, control, communications and computers/cyber at the Joint All-Domain Command and Control (JADC2); and Army Brig. Gen. Jeth Rey, director of command and control, communications and computer systems and CIO of the U.S. Central Command, participate in a session on "Intersection of JADC2 and MPE (mission partner environment)"

1:00 PM EST on 03/02/2021
703-631-6179

Eastern time. Register at <https://events.afcea.org/tip20/public/enter.aspx>

The Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee holds a hearing on "GAO's 2021 High Risk List: Addressing Waste, Fraud, and Abuse."

2:30 PM EST on 03/02/2021
342 Dirksen Senate Office Building
[Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee](#)
202-224-2627

Witnesses:

- Comptroller General of the United States Eugene L. Dodaro

The National Press Club Newsmaker Program holds a virtual discussion, beginning at 9 a.m., with Air Force Gen. John "Jay" Raymond, chief of space operations for the Space Force.

9:00 AM EST on 03/03/2021
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Lindsay Underwood; Register at <https://www.press.org/events/headliners/npc-virtual-newsmaker-us-space-force-gen-john-w-jay-raymond>

The Woodrow Wilson Center's Asia Program holds a webinar, beginning at 9 a.m., on "Partners Amid Uncertainties: The Way Forward in Taiwan-India Relations."

9:00 AM EST on 03/03/2021
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202-691-4217
Ryan McKenna; Webinar information is available at <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/event/partners-amid-uncertainties-way-forward-taiwan-india-relations>

Participants:

- Sana Hashmi, Visiting fellow at the Taipei Institute of International Relations
- Michael Kugelman, Senior associate for South Asia at WWC
- Shihoko Goto, Senior associate for Northeast Asia in the WWC Asia Program
- I-wei Jennifer Chang, Research fellow at the Global Taiwan Institute

Commerce Department; National Institute of Standards and Technology holds a meeting by teleconference of the Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board, March 3-4.

Agenda includes: Discussions on federal government incident response and breach activities; Presentation by NIST staff on NIST activities in response to the Internet of Things Cybersecurity Act of 2020 (Pub. L. 116-207); Presentation by NIST staff on NIST updates to FIPS 201; Presentation on federal government supply chain cybersecurity activity; Presentation on Biometrics and Facial Recognition Technology used for identity and cybersecurity; Discussions on potential ISPAB recommendations to NIST; and Presentation on NIST Information Technology Laboratory Activities since last meeting

10:00 AM EST on 03/03/2021

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Jeff Brewer; Registration required by 5 p.m. March 1

at <https://csrc.nist.gov/Events/2021/ispab-march-2021-meeting>

Full committee joint hearing on "Legislative Presentation of the Disabled American Veterans and Multi VSOs (Veterans Service Organizations): SVA (Student Veterans of America), BVA (Blinded Veterans Association), MOAA (Military Officers Association of America), NASDVA (National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs), MVA (Minority Veterans of America), NCHV (National Coalition for Homeless Veterans)," Part 1.

10:00 AM EST on 03/03/2021

[House Veterans' Affairs Committee](#) | [Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee](#)

202-225-9756

Witnesses:

- Lindsay Church, Executive director/co-founder of Minority Veterans of America
- Stephen "Butch" Whitehead, National commander of Disabled American Veterans
- Cory Titus, Director of government relations for veterans' benefits for Military Officers Association of America
- Joy J. Ilem, National legislative director of Disabled American Veterans
- Jared Lyon, National president and CEO of Student Veterans of America
- Kathryn Monet, CEO of the National Coalition of Homeless Veterans
- Thomas A. Zampieri, National president of the Blinded Veterans Association; John Hilgert, director of the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs and president of the National Association States Directors of Veterans Affairs
- Jim Marszalek, National service director for Disabled American Veterans
- Edward R. "Randy" Reese Jr., Executive director of the National Service and Legislative Headquarters of Disabled American Veterans

Full committee joint hearing on "Examining the January 6 Attack on the U.S. Capitol, Part II."

10:00 AM EST on 03/03/2021

G-50 Dirksen Senate Office Building

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

202-224-2627

Witnesses:

- Melissa Smislova, Senior official performing the duties of the Homeland Security undersecretary of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis
- Robert Salesses, Senior official performing the duties of the assistant Defense secretary for homeland defense and global security
- Jill Sanborn, Assistant director for the FBI Counterterrorism Division

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee holds a hearing on pending nominations.

10:00 AM EST on 03/03/2021

106 Dirksen Senate Office Building

[Senate Foreign Relations Committee](#)

202-224-4651

The House Foreign Affairs Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security and Trade Subcommittee holds a hearing on "A Way Forward for Venezuela: The Humanitarian, Diplomatic, and National Security Challenges Facing the Biden Administration."

10:00 AM EST on 03/03/2021

[House Foreign Affairs Committee Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration and International Economic Policy Subcommittee](#)

202-225-5021

Witnesses:

- Cynthia J. Arnson, Director of the Wilson Center Latin America Program
- Brian Fonseca, Director of the Florida International University Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy
- Feliciano Reyna, Founder and executive president of Accion Solidaria
- Ryan C. Berg, Research fellow for Latin America studies at the American Enterprise Institute

Veterans Affairs Department holds a meeting by teleconference of the National Research Advisory Council.

Agenda includes: Discussion of diversity, equity, and inclusion activities undertaken by the Office of Research and Development; Alternative strategies for funding research in response to the Scott Hannon Act; Report from the subcommittee on sensitive species; and Report from the subcommittee on management of extramural funding

11:00 AM EST on 03/03/2021

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Koo-Whang Chung; Dial-in at 404-397-1596; meeting number, 199 427 0701; Livestream at [https://veteransaffairs.webex.com/veteransaffairs/j.php?](https://veteransaffairs.webex.com/veteransaffairs/j.php?MTID=m6d6c6d2ab3141a185f0cb686798a3585)

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Veterans Affairs Department holds a meeting by teleconference of the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board

Schedule:

- 1 p.m.: Protection of human and animal subjects of Rehabilitation Research and Development proposals (Open)
- 1:10 p.m.: Discussion, examination and reference to the research applications and scientific review (Closed)

1:00 PM EST on 03/03/2021

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Tiffany Asqueri; RSVP required at least five days prior to the event. Dial-in at 404-397-1596; access code, 199 306 7346; WebEx

at <https://veteransaffairs.webex.com/veteransaffairs/j.php?>

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The Government Executive Media Group holds a webinar, beginning at 1 p.m., on "The Defense Agenda," focusing on the Biden administration's priorities, as part of the New Agenda series, March 1-4.

Highlight:

- 1:50 p.m.: Panel discussion on "The Future of Defense"

1:00 PM EST on 03/03/2021

events@govexec.com

202-266-7332

Webinar information is available at <https://newagendagemg.com/agenda/>

Small Business Administration holds a meeting by teleconference of the Interagency Task Force on Veterans Small Business Development to discuss efforts that support veteran-owned small businesses, updates on past and current events, and the IATF's objectives for FY2021.

1:00 PM EST on 03/03/2021

202-205-6773

Timothy Green; RSVP required to veteransbusiness@sba.gov with subject line "RSVP for 3/3/2021 IATF Public Meeting." Livestream at <http://bit.ly/IATFMar2021>; Dial-in at 202-765-1264; Conference ID, 422 331 000#

The Center for Strategic and International Studies holds a webinar, beginning at 1 p.m., on "Taking the Quantum Leap," focusing on "the skills and education we need to build a diverse quantum workforce."

1:00 PM EST on 03/03/2021

202-775-3242

Andrew Schwartz; Webinar information is available at <https://www.csis.org/events/taking-quantum-leap>

Participants:

- Talitha Washington, Director of the Atlanta University Center Consortium's Data Science Initiative
- Tara Fortier, Project leader of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Time and Frequency Division

- Zaira Nazario, Technical lead for quantum theory, algorithms, and applications at IBM Quantum

The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association holds its virtual TechNet Indo-Pacific 2021 forum, beginning at 1 p.m., March 1-3.

Highlights:

- 1 p.m.: Army Brig. Gen. Joel "JB" Vowell, deputy strategic planning and policy director at the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, delivers keynote remarks on "Indo-Pacific Warfighting Concept"
- 1:40 p.m.: Army Brig. Gen. Joel "JB" Vowell, deputy strategic planning and policy director at the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command; and Royal Australian Navy Commodore Luke Charles-Jones, deputy for strategy, plans and policy at the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, participate in a session on "Information Sharing in a Contested Environment"
- 2 p.m.: Navy Capt. Kurt Mole, commander of National Security Agency Hawaii, delivers keynote remarks
- 2:30 p.m.: Army Brig. Gen. Jacqueline "Denise" Brown, command, control, communications and computers/cyber director at the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command; and Jenna Seidel, National Security Agency/Central Security Service representative to the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, participate in a Women in Cyber Leadership discussion on "Senior Leaders Address Cybersecurity Workforce Issues"

1:00 PM EST on 03/03/2021

703-631-6179

Eastern time. Register at <https://events.afcea.org/tip20/public/enter.aspx>

The National Defense Industrial Association holds a webinar, beginning at 3 p.m., on "Current Environment for Tactical Wheeled Vehicles."

Highlight:

- 1:15 p.m.: Tim Goddette, program executive officer in the Army's Office of Combat Support and Combat Service Support; and Robert Fletcher, project manager in the Army's Joint Program Office Joint Light Tactical Vehicle; and Michael Sprang, deputy project manager in Army Transportation Systems, participate in a discussion on "Challenges, Opportunities and Trends for 2021"

3:00 PM EST on 03/03/2021

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Tiffany Milnor; Webinar information is available

at <https://www.ndia.org/events/2021/3/4/tactical-wheeled-vehicles-webinar>

The Atlantic Council holds a webinar, beginning at 3 p.m., on "The Long Fuse: Misinformation and the 2020 Election."

Highlight:

- Former Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Director Chris Krebs, founding partner of Krebs Stamos Group LLC, delivers remarks
- PARTICIPANTS: Alex Stamos, director of the Stanford Internet Observatory; Isabella Garcia-Camargo, project manager at the Election Integrity Partnership; Camille Francois, chief innovation author at Graphika; Kate Starbird, associate professor at the University of Washington's Department of Human Centered Design and Engineering; Renee DiResta research manager at the Stanford Internet Observatory; Emerson Brooking, resident senior fellow at the Atlantic Council's Digital Forensic Research Lab; and Graham Brookie, director of the Atlantic Council's DFR Lab

3:00 PM EST on 03/03/2021

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Travis Horne; Webinar information is available at <https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/event/the-long-fuse-eip-report/>

Small Business Administration holds a meeting by teleconference of the Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs.

Agenda includes: Discuss efforts that support veteran-owned small businesses; Updates on past and current events; and ACVBA's objectives for FY2021

9:00 AM EST on 03/04/2021

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Christopher Street; RSVP required to veteransbusiness@sba.gov with subject line "RSVP for 3/4/2021 ACVBA Public Meeting." Livestream at <http://bit.ly/ACVBAMar2021>; Dial In, 202-765-1264; Conference ID, 422 462 191#

The Henry L. Stimson Center holds a webinar, beginning at 9 a.m., on "Operation Tomodachi: Views from bilateral Coordination Action Team Sendai," focusing on joint U.S.-Japan operations following the 2011 earthquake.

9:00 AM EST on 03/04/2021

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Audel Shokohzadeh; Webinar information is available at <https://www.stimson.org/event/operation-tomodachi-views-from-bilateral-coordination-action-team-bcat-sendai/>

Participants:

- Jiro Hiroe, Former commander of the Japanese Defense Forces' 6th Brigade of the Northern Army
- Former Master Sgt. Craig Timberlake, Chief of staff of the Third Marine Division

Commerce Department; National Institute of Standards and Technology holds a meeting by teleconference of the Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board, March 3-4.

Agenda includes: Discussions on federal government incident response and breach activities; Presentation by NIST staff on NIST activities in response to the Internet of Things Cybersecurity Act of 2020 (Pub. L. 116-207); Presentation by NIST staff on NIST updates to FIPS 201; Presentation on federal government supply chain cybersecurity activity; Presentation on Biometrics and Facial Recognition Technology used for identity and cybersecurity; Discussions on potential ISPAB recommendations to NIST; and Presentation on NIST Information Technology Laboratory Activities since last meeting

10:00 AM EST on 03/04/2021

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Jeff Brewer; Registration required by 5 p.m. March 1

at <https://csrc.nist.gov/Events/2021/ispab-march-2021-meeting>

Full committee hearing on "Legislative Presentation of the American Legion and

Multi VSOs (Veterans Service Organizations): VVA (Vietnam Veterans of America), PVA (Paralyzed Veterans of America), JWV (Jewish War Veterans of the USA), MOPH (Military Order of the Purple Heart), WWP (Wounded Warrior Project) and IAVA (Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America)," Part 2.

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[Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee](#) | [House Veterans' Affairs Committee](#)
202-225-9756

The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace holds a webinar, beginning at 10 a.m., on "Unraveling the Conflict in Syria."

10:00 AM EST on 03/04/2021

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Meshal DeSantis; Webinar information is available

at <https://carnegieendowment.org/2021/03/04/unraveling-conflict-in-syria-event-7553>

Participants:

- Joby Warrick, Reporter at the Washington Post and author of "Red Line: The Unraveling of Syria and America's Race to Destroy the Most Dangerous Arsenal in the World"
- Maha Yahya, Director of the Carnegie Middle East Center

The Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee holds a hearing on the nominations of Shalanda D. Young to be deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget; and Jason S. Miller to be deputy director for management in the Office of Management and Budget.

10:15 AM EST on 03/04/2021

342 Dirksen Senate Office Building

[Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee](#)
202-224-2627

Witnesses:

- The nominees

The Woodrow Wilson Center's Middle East Program holds a webinar, beginning at 11 a.m., on "From Egypt to Iran: The History of Nuclear Politics in the Middle East."

11:00 AM EST on 03/04/2021

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Ryan McKenna; Webinar information is available

at <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/event/egypt-iran-history-nuclear-politics-middle-east>

Participants:

- Eliza Gheorghe, Assistant professor at Bilkent University
- Or Rabinowitz, Lecturer at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- Mahsa Rouhi, Research fellow at the National Defense University's Center for Strategic Research
- Hassan Elbahtimy, Senior lecturer at King's College London's War Studies Department

- Christian Ostermann, Director of the WWC Nuclear Proliferation International History Project

Back from the Brink and the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons holds a virtual forum, beginning at 11 a.m., on "Ending Nuclear Weapons Before They End Us: Opportunities Under the Biden Administration to Take Action."

11:00 AM EST on 03/04/2021

info@preventnuclearwar.org

Webinar information is available at <https://preventnuclearwar.org/end-nuclear-weapons-before-they-end-us/>

Participants:

- Beatrice Fihn, Executive director of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons
- Michael Klare, Professor at Hampshire College
- Former Acting Undersecretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Thomas Countryman, Chairman of the board of the Arms Control Association
- Zia Mian, Co-director of Princeton University's Program on Science and Global Security
- Danny Hall, Director of public affairs at Soka Gakkai International
- Denise Duffield, Associate director of Physicians for Social Responsibility at Los Angeles

Homeland Security Department holds a meeting by teleconference of the President's National Infrastructure Advisory Council.

Agenda includes: Roll Call of Members; Opening Remarks; Supply Chain Panel Discussion; Workforce and Talent Management Study Update; NIAC Member Roundtable Discussion; Public Comment; and Closing Remarks

1:00 PM EST on 03/04/2021

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Rachel Liang; RSVP required by 5 p.m. March 1 to NIAC@cisa.dhs.gov for dial-in information.

The Atlantic Council holds a webinar, beginning at 1 p.m., on "You Want Us to do What, Now? Chief Information Security Officer Views on Public-Private Partnerships."

1:00 PM EST on 03/04/2021

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Travis Horne; Webinar information is available

at <https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/event/you-want-us-to-do-what-now/>

Participants:

- Nick Andersen, Lumen Technologies CISO
- Helen Patton, Advisory CISO for Duo Security at Cisco
- Megan Samford, Vice president and chief product security officer at Schneider Electric

- Wendy Nather, Head of advisory CISOs for Duo Security at Cisco

The Brookings Institution holds a webinar, beginning at 2 p.m., on "Strategic Nuclear Modernization in the United States."

2:00 PM EST on 03/04/2021

events@brookings.edu

202-797-6105

Webinar information is available at <https://www.brookings.edu/events/strategic-nuclear-modernization-in-the-united-states/>

Participants:

- Madelyn Creedon, Nonresident senior fellow at Brookings
- Frank Rose, Co-director of the Brookings Center for Security, Strategy, and Technology
- Tom Collina, Director of policy at the Ploughshares Fund
- Franklin Miller, Principal at the Scowcroft Group
- Amy Woolf, Specialist in nuclear weapons policy at the Congressional Research Service

Have a great weekend!

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