The National Security Division

WEEKLY REPORT

HURRICANE PLANNING AND RESPONSE

The Defense Department and other uniformed services provide hurricane protection for the homeland by monitoring, tracking and forecasting hurricanes. If and when a hurricane impacts a region, uniformed services personnel participate in search and rescue activities and, later, with recovery and hurricane mitigation efforts.

Hurricane response is an all-hands-on-deck effort.
Hurricane specialists at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which is one of the uniformed services, study satellite imagery and computer models to make hurricanes, tropical storms and tropical depressions forecast advisories that go to emergency managers, the news media and the public.
Key data come from NOAA satellites that orbit the Earth, continuously observing storms from start to finish. Polar-orbiting satellites fly over the storm about twice a day at a lower altitude, carrying microwave instruments that reveal storm structure.

The National Hurricane Program (NHP) provides data, resources and technical assistance for hurricane evacuation planning and response for state, local, tribal, territorial and federal government partners. Hurricane evacuation and response planning efforts span from steady-state deliberate planning to operational decision support and crisis planning when hurricanes threaten the United States.
In addition to planning efforts, the NHP provides preparedness training, operational tools and risk information to emergency managers to support their hurricane evacuation and response decisions. The National Hurricane Program is a partnership between FEMA

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Prepare My Family for a Disaster

Because your family may not be together when a disaster strikes it is important to create a plan in advance. It is also essential to have a disaster supplies kit that includes basic items from your home that you may need in case of emergency. Your plan should include:

- How you will get to a safe place
- How you will contact each other
- How you will get back together
- What you will do in different situations

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LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Foreign Relations Committee

US scales back embassy staff in Kabul amid Taliban violence

The State Department on Thursday announced that it was drawing down its embassy staff in Afghanistan to a core diplomatic group as the Taliban's offensive across the country threatens to topple the government in Kabul.

The Department of Defense will temporarily deploy additional personnel to Kabul's international airport to help facilitate the departure of embassy staff, State Department spokesman Ned Price told reporters. Price declined to call it an "evacuation."

"This is not a full evacuation... I think it's a very important distinction between planning and contingency planning," Price said. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin spoke Thursday with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani to coordinate planning.

"As we've said all along, the increased tempo of the Taliban military engagements and the resulting increase in violence and instability across Afghanistan is of grave concern," Price said.

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President Biden's Indo-Pacific strategy has strong bipartisan support

In the rush of events that have cascaded through Washington, D.C., over the last three months, one remarkable milestone deserves a second look. On Jan. 1, 2021 — just a few days before the insurrection at the Capitol, in the final hours of the 116th Congress of the United States — the U.S. Congress added one more plot twist to the record books of the Trump presidency when huge, bipartisan majorities in the U.S. House and Senate voted for the first time ever to override a Donald Trump veto. This striking act of independence by the legislative branch was summoned up for the annual National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which President Trump petulantly nixed.

Enactment of the NDAA by veto-override preserved a 60-year record by Congress to provide yearly direction and funding for the U.S. defense policy. Much of the 4,000-page bill is focused on military “quality of life” issues, like hazardous duty pay, health care benefits, housing, and child care for military families. The need to support an all-volunteer force with these bread-and-butter provisions is one of the fundamental reasons that the last Congress overcame its chronic, paralyzing polarization, and exercised the Article 1 power of the Constitution to override the president’s badly miscalculated veto.

There are many other components of this year’s bill beyond support for the troops, including bolstering U.S. cybersecurity and Navy shipbuilding, which many of us on the Armed Services Committee have a deep interest in and were anxious to advance. Another high priority was defense strategy, which is front and center to the foreign policy of the Biden administration — namely in the Indo-Pacific region. Over the last six years, as U.S. involvement in the Middle East has ebbed, and the blindingly obvious need to truly pivot to Asia has grown, the 2021 NDAA is a vehicle that provides for an intelligent reset of U.S. defense policy.

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Military Benefits & Quality of Life Committee

The Military Hunger Prevention Act (H.R. 2339 & S. 1488):
Bipartisan legislation that financially supports low-income active servicemembers and their families, to give basic needs allowance from the DoD that gives them the proper support to pay for necessities food and toiletries. This bill displays a sustained effort to break down barriers low-income military families face, such as being denied benefits that have hindered their ability to put food on the table. A basic needs allowance will be paid to active duty service members

- Resolution No. 85: Support for Military Quality of Life Standards

Guard, Reserve spouses report satisfaction with military life — but that was before 2020

- Across the National Guard and Reserve components, the majority of military spouse's report being satisfied with military life and support their service member staying in the military according to recently released results of a Defense Department survey.

- But less than a third of the spouses whose Guard or Reserve member had been deployed in the previous two years reported being satisfied with the military support they received during that deployment, an issue that has held steady since 2014.

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Unconventional Forces & Intelligence Committee

H.R. 2326 - Veterans' Cyber Risk Awareness Act:
This bill requires the Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to conduct a communications and outreach campaign to educate veterans about cyber risks. These risks can include disinformation, identity theft, scams, and fraud spread via the internet or social media.

STAFF ACTIVITY

Military Benefits & Quality of Life Committee

Staff participated in a round table with the Military Family Advisory Network.
The following topics were included:

> Emerging Trends Following the 2019 Housing Markets Study
> Caliber Military Spouse Advisory Council
> PCS Pain Points & How We Address Them

Some of the points of the Housing Market Coalitions across American Cities included research that examined the interactions between housing market characteristics, demographics, economics, and housing supply features.

Staff attended the MSO/VSO roundtable with the US ARMY HQDA Office Of The Chief Of Public Affairs hosted by BG Charles Lombardo, Deputy Commanding General For the Combined Arms Center Training and Col. Paul Callahan, director for the Training Management Division.

Army rolls out new training doctrine FM 7-0 with pivotal changes

U.S. Army Training Management Directorate June 14, 2021

The U.S. Army delivered its new training doctrine publication, Field Manual (FM) 7-0, Training, on the Army's 246th birthday, June 14, 2021. The timing is significant because 242 years ago, Baron von Steuben published the first official training manual of the United States Army in 1779, after the Continental Army's crucible training at Valley Forge.

Von Steuben's manual and the readiness it produced yielded a force capable of defeating some of the finest infantry in the world. Nearly two and half centuries later, the Army's newest field manual has the same objective — produce trained and ready forces that can compete and win in any operational environment.

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DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY
FULFILLING OUR NATION'S PROMISE

Machinist's Mate 1st Class Harold F. Carney U.S. Navy USS Oklahoma 12/7/1941 Pearl Harbor 8/12/2021

Pfc. Charles R. Taylor U.S. Marine Corps USS Oklahoma 12/7/1941 Pearl Harbor 8/11/2021

Sgt. Larry S. Wassil U.S. Army Company K, 3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, 8th Infantry Division 12/28/1944 Bergstein, Germany 8/10/2021

Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Herman Schmidt U.S. Navy USS Oklahoma 12/7/1941 Pearl Harbor 8/10/2021

2nd Lt. Henry D. Mitchell U.S. Army Air Forces 48th Fighter Squadron, 14th Fighter Group, 15th Air Force 7/8/1944 Austria 8/6/2021

Wreath Laying at Tomb of the Unknown

Family members of POW/MIA service members & Defense POW / MIA Accounting Agency Director Kelly McKeague viewed the Changing of the Guard and participated in a Public Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Aug. 5, 2021. (U.S. Army photo by Elizabeth Fraser / Arlington National Cemetery)

PROGRAMS

Military Surplus Equipment

- The American Legion has aligned with the U.S Army *TACOM* (Tank - automotive and Armaments Command) Army Donations Program. In doing so were are able to provide our members with ceremonial rifles and static displays to be used in parades, funerals, functions, and decommissioned military equipment displayed at the post.
- In the month of July, the National Security Division supplied...

Rifle - 10

Ammo - 1,240

Static Display - 1

Clips - 10

Departments - 2

Posts - 2

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MORE STORIES!

How the Infrastructure Bill Passed (the Senate)

When his $1 trillion infrastructure bill cleared the Senate with 19 Republican votes this week, President Biden achieved something the past two Democratic presidents never could: getting sizable bipartisan support for his top legislative priority. The bill now heads to the House.
Why did Biden succeed where Bill Clinton and Barack Obama did not? Today, I'll explain the four biggest reasons, and what comes next, with help from my colleagues in Washington.

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DOD Deploys Forces to Protect Kabul Embassy Drawdown

U.S. forces will deploy to Afghanistan and other sites in U.S. Central Command to ensure safety of American embassy personnel and to facilitate the departure of Afghans under the special immigrant visa program, Pentagon Press Secretary John F. Kirby said today.

President Joe Biden ordered the reduction of the staff in the U.S. embassy in Kabul. DOD personnel will deploy to ensure their safety.
"We believe that this is the prudent thing to do given the rapidly deteriorating security situation in and around Kabul," Kirby said. The Taliban has advanced around the nation.

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