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NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION'S WEEKLY REPORT

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STAFF ACTIVITY

- Staff supported the Fall National Executive Committee meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- NS staff participated in a webinar hosted by the Hudson Institute titled "*Dragon in the North: Assessing the Growing Chinese Threat to the Arctic Region.*"
- NS staff hosted a meeting with the Defense Health Agency to discuss Tricare Pharmacy closures and the impact on the military and veteran community.
- NS staff attended a webinar hosted by the Center for a New American Security titled "Climate Change and National Security."
- Staff attended a virtual press briefing held by Secretary of Defense, Lloyd Austin III., during which he discussed efforts involving the National Defense Strategy and his priorities of addressing issues involving China and Russia.
- NS Director met with staff from the Auxiliary to discuss POW/MIA efforts and related resources.
- NS staff reviewed legislation which addresses issues involving a Basic Needs Allowance (BNA) that qualified military families would be able to apply for.
- NS Staff is preparing to support National Vice Commander Walhus' participation in the 40th Anniversary of the Veterans Day celebration at the Vietnam Veterans Wall memorial.
- Happy Birthday 247th to the finest Naval Force in the world: the United States Navy!
- For those Legionnaires who would like to sign up for the daily (weekdays only)e-mail version of Department of Defense's ***Early Bird Brief Newsletter,*** please register at the following link: *Defense News Early Bird Sign Up*

POW/MIA

While no remains of servicemembers were identified this week, DPAA has identified/repatriated 133 servicemembers so far this year.

PROGRAMS (The American Legion Military Surplus Equipment)

- Processed request: Ammo – 7,400; Rifle – 24; Clips – 25; Static Display – 1
- Participants: Post – 9; Department – 8