National Security Division Report
Week ending 27 November 2020

Dear Colleague – Come celebrate U. S. Global Leadership Coalition's 25 years of building a better, safer world together.

Everyone is welcome to a Tribute Celebration on World AIDS Day!

The American Legion is honored to support USGLC's 25th Anniversary Tribute for a one-hour virtual program and be proud of our contribution to America's role in building a better, safer world in a tribute celebration honoring **Dr. Tony Fauci**, **WFP's David Beasley**, and **UNICEF's Henrietta Fore** alongside cameos from **Elton John**, **Tea Leoni**, **Jose Andres**, **and 7 former Cabinet Secretaries.**

At a time when everything can feel pretty divided, this will definitely be a fun and meaningful moment for us to come together as a community as the holiday season kicks off – and celebrate the importance of global development and diplomacy.

To confirm your FREE ticket, **» Click here to RSVP**

Thank you kindly – see you on December 1st!

Defense Production Act: Opportunities Exist to Increase Transparency and Identify Future Actions to Mitigate Medical Supply Chain Issues:

The Defense Production Act allows federal agencies to require companies to prioritize government contracts for medical supplies to address COVID-19. Agencies initially used the authority to address early medical supply shortages for ventilators and N95 respirators, and eventually for other critical supplies like masks and testing supplies.

Health and Human Services is leading an effort to address U.S. medical supply chain issues related to the pandemic but hasn't clarified its plans. U.S. Government Accountability Office recommended that HHS identify how it will use the Act to increase U.S. production of critical medical supplies and reduce reliance on foreign sources.

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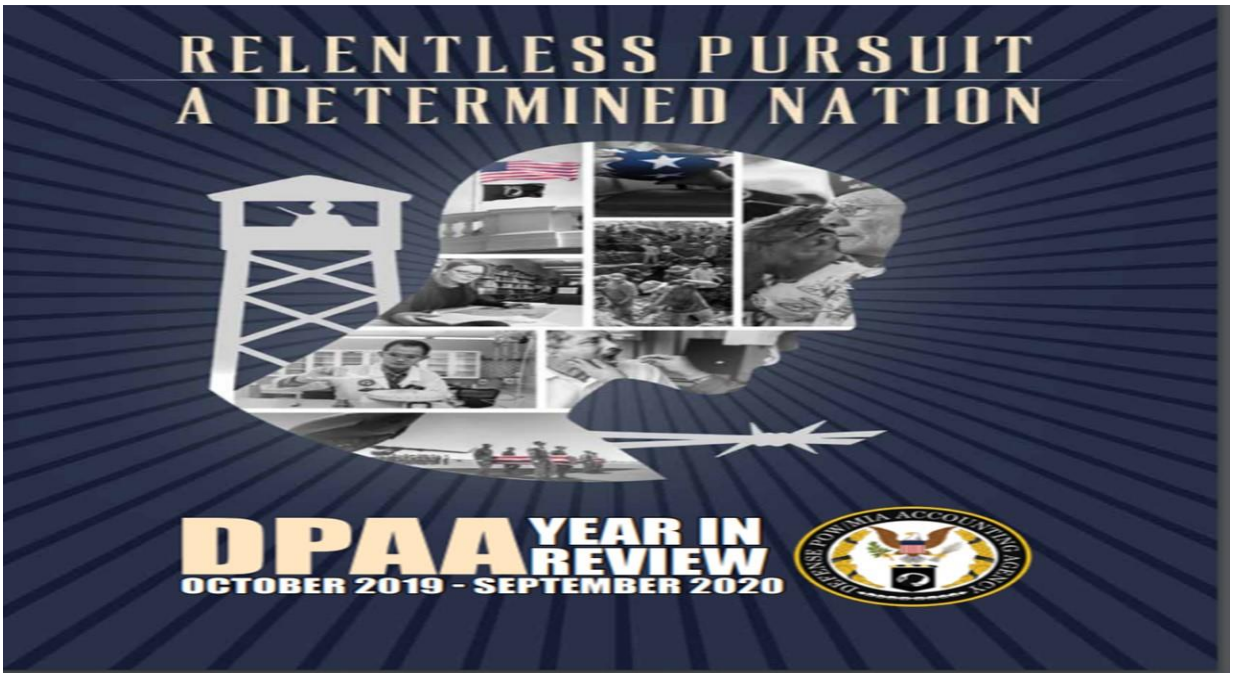
POW/MIA Update:

As a Nation, the Department of Defense, and the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, we still hold this noble mission at the forefront of all that we can be thankful for this year. DPAA started FY 2020 with moving forward on conducting investigation and recovery missions all over the world. We were also partnering with more organizations than ever before in order to accomplish OUR mission. hen, the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) struck the world. By the middle of March, most of the U.S. and our partner countries had begun to restrict travel and entry. With the safety of our personnel at the top of our mind, we recalled all of our investigation and recovery teams to their home stations, future missions were postponed or canceled as were Family Member Updates, and we went to maximum telework. Our laboratories devised ways to continue their forensic analyses while maintaining COVID-19 safety protocols. Our historians and analysts kept researching cases to present them for investigation or recovery, and we continued to stay connected to our families seeking answers. By the end of FY 2020, we had overcome our curtailed operations and were able to account for 120 unaccounted-for DoD personnel. Please see the link below.



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Legislative Issue Tracker

Below is legislation the National Security Division is tracking in Congress. New bills are highlighted in yellow. Click on the bill numbers to see more information about the bills.

Bill #	**Short Title**
H.R.8494	To reaffirm the critical role of congressional consultation and to require appropriate deliberation to assess the effects of the sale or export of major defense equipment to countries in the Middle East on the qualitative military edge of Israel
S. Res. 510/H. Res. 910	A resolution commending the people of Taiwan on holding free and fair democratic presidential and legislative elections, and congratulating Madame Tsai Ing-wen on her re-election to the presidency of Taiwan
H. RES. 1012	Recognizing the 70th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War
H.R. 3508/ S.1634	South China Sea Sanctions
H.R.367	Pay Our Coast Guard Parity Act of 2019
S.2297	Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2019
H.R. 4710	The bipartisan Pharmaceutical Independence Long-Term Readiness Reform Act

H.R. 303	Retired Pay Restoration Act
H.R. 4890	The Veteran Deportation Prevention and Reform Act
H.R. 5151	Honoring the Oath Act
S.2794	Bring Our Heroes Home Act
H.R.6395	FY 2021 National Defense Authorization Act
S. 3393	A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for concurrent receipt of veterans' disability compensation and retired pay for disability retirees with fewer than 20 years of service and a combat-related disability, and for other purposes.
S. 1041	Veterans Visa and Protection Act of 2019
S. 3732	A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to further protect officers and employees of the United States, and for other purposes
S 1218/HR 2249	World War I Valor Medals Review Act
H.R.4807	Cold War Service Medal Act
H.Con,Res 10	Authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol to honor the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient of the Second World War upon death.
S. 3258	SHIPS Implementation Act
H.R.3233	National Defense Strategy Implementation Act

Click on the link below to open an Excel spreadsheet to see the full legislative tracker:https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KgPaIfx04RA13m20qLDh5br8dyxiupVX5Dc5ByZteRQ/edit?usp=sharing

Staff Activity:

- November 24, 2020 Staff attended a virtual office call with MG Hugh Van Roosen, Deputy Military Advisor, Office of Military Affairs, Department of Peace Operations, United Nations. Discussed were ways Veteran Service Organizations can contribute and influence peacekeeping resolutions and member-state agreements implemented by the

United Nations. Veterans know the face of war and can use their voice to speak with authority on the need for peace better than many others can. Veteran Service Organizations have been attributed with assisting Veterans, prior service and current servicemembers use their voice to reintegrate into society. That capability can fervently be enhanced by promoting peace through diplomacy focused specifically on mitigating international disputes. Alternative dispute resolutions reduce hostilities and ascribe to reduced U.S. Troop footprints abroad, as well as attribute to decreased deployment cycles and less combat stress.

- November 2020, The Department of Defense Office of Inspector General released its annual Top DoD Management Challenges report. This report is for Fiscal Year 2021. The document identifies the top management and performance challenges impacting the DoD for FY 2021 and beyond. Each Inspector General is required by law to prepare this annual statement summarizing what the IG considers the "most serious management and performance challenges facing the agency." This report provides Congress, the DoD's civilian and military leaders, and Community Partners an independent assessment of the management and performance challenges confronting the Department of Defense.

Each item is of interest to national security. Of particular interest are the following:

- Ensuring Health and Safety of Military Personnel, Retirees, and Their Families
- Strengthening and Securing the DoD Supply Chain and Defense Industrial Base
- Maintaining the Advantage While Balancing Great Power Competition and Countering Global Terrorism

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