VETERANS STRENGTHENING AMERICA
NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION'S WEEKLY REPORT

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Meetings

- NS Staff attended the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) event "Bolstering Data Center Growth, Resilience, and Security" to increase the division's understanding of the ever-changing cybersecurity landscape.

- NS Staff met to discuss 2024 post-national convention close-out tasks.

- NS Staff is compiling after-action remarks for inclusion in a national security after-action report for submission to higher headquarters.

- NS Staff attended the 2024 President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition Annual Meeting. With increased knowledge of American health and fitness, NS Staff can study the military recruiting and retention crisis with the nuance of public health trends.

- NS Staff conducted a follow-up discussion with the National League of POW/MIA Families on their participation at the national convention and potential future advocacy efforts.

Policy

- NS Staff drafted a consolidation plan to potentially update The American Legion's position on immigration reform.

- NS Staff began researching policy and data on the deportation of immigrant veterans to consolidate and clarify The American Legion's position.

- NS Staff created a summary of resolutions directly and indirectly related to China and Indo-Pacific Security to identify gaps in The American Legion's position.

- NS Staff began planning and scheduling future resolution screening committee meetings ahead of the 2024 fall NEC.

    - The American Legion hosted the Chief of Space Operations, General Saltzman, at the National Convention. As a follow-up, Space Force highlighted the event in their weekly update:

- **Space Force's top brass discusses why we serve:** Gen Chance Saltzman (CSO) emphasized the value of service in an address to the American Legion National Convention. "In recent years, we've all seen a decline in the propensity to serve," said Saltzman in his address to The American Legion National Convention. He said every service member has a unique motivation for joining the military and continuing their service. "We have to think about this continuum of service," the CSO reiterated. "To that end, we must continue to tell the story of why each and every one of us decided to serve." Saltzman initially joined the Air Force to fund his education, but he continued to serve due to a deep sense of purpose. He also updated the American Legion attendees on the Space Force's mission, which he said has become increasingly vital as China and Russia bolster their space capabilities.

- Ukraine's F-16 Fighting Falcons received upgrades to their electronic warfare (EW) capabilities from the US Air Force. These upgrades applied to the F-16s Ukraine is receiving from Denmark, Norway, and the Netherlands. "When you're talking about a near-peer conflict, you need all of your coalition partners to operate with the same playbook so you can achieve spectrum dominance," said the 68th EWS director. "One F-16 with a reprogrammed pod won't achieve air dominance alone, but it may give you a pocket of air superiority for a moment's time to achieve an objective with strategic importance and impact." Both Ukraine's and Russia's militaries heavily rely on unfettered access to the electromagnetic spectrum to achieve commander objectives, and both sides have continuously engaged in EW through techniques such as jamming and spoofing throughout the war to achieve spectrum superiority.

Programs

- NS Staff began preparing documents and logistics for the next BASE Program visit after the National Convention. Visits to SC and Texas are being made. Planning for both will be conducted with Department leadership and the applicable military installations.

The American Legion Military Surplus Equipment

- Items requested: Ammo – 3720 ; Rifles –39; Clips – 0; Static Display - 0
- Requests submitted by: Post – 9; Departments – 8

POW/MIA

Sep. 5, 2024
- Soldier accounted for from the Korean War (Wright, R.)
- Soldier accounted for from WWII (Skaar, R.)

Sep. 3, 2024
- Airman accounted for from WWII (Packard, H.)

DPAA has identified/repatriated 140 service members this year. *

Note: The repatriation dates listed in the POW/MIA section above are the **publicly announced dates from DPAA press releases. Sometimes, the actual date of identification may differ from the press release dates above due to the sensitive nature of notifying the next of kin before releasing information to the public. DPAA may withhold announcing identification for up to a year while the notification process is being made. Please click on this link for more detailed information.*

Be The One (BTO)

- The United States Air Force (USAF) Suicide Prevention Program focuses on Time-based Prevention (TBP); intervening in the moments between decision and action); engaging, equipping, and empowering families and social supports; enhancing the quality of life and caring for people to ensure lives worth living; using data sharing, evaluation, and research; and recognizing high-risk populations to tailor support. The implementation of the Brandon Act has given members and leaders a new avenue for pursuing mental health assistance. USAF continues its outreach efforts for the act to ensure everyone knows that help exists.

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    - The DAF has implemented prevention initiatives to build connected and protective environments, including but not limited to Airmen's Time, co-location of advocacy services as part of a pilot program to centralize five key support services, and prevention workforce priorities that are informed by comprehensive command climate assessments and focused on data-driven planning and evaluation, to focus resources on proactive prevention efforts.

Focus Topic:

Optimizing Ground Equipment Readiness: The Role of TACOM/JMC in Enhancing Army Materiel Command's Supply Chain Efficiency

TACOM plays a crucial role in maintaining the operational readiness of the U.S. Army's ground equipment, managing approximately 60% of the Army's total equipment. As a central subordinate command within the Army Materiel Command, TACOM is responsible for optimizing the Army's ground equipment supply chain, ensuring that soldiers have the tools and machinery they need to succeed in the field. By streamlining logistics processes, integrating advanced technologies, and utilizing data-driven insights, TACOM works to enhance supply chain efficiency and reduce equipment downtime. The command also faces challenges in maintaining equipment readiness, particularly in a rapidly evolving global landscape where quick response capabilities are critical. Collaboration with industry partners and focusing on innovation in military logistics further

underscores TACOM's role in maintaining a resilient and responsive supply chain that supports the Army's mission readiness.

In fiscal year 2024, JMC will focus on enhancing global ammunition logistics and life-cycle management to support U.S. military readiness and allied defense. As the logistics integrator for conventional ammunition, JMC provides comprehensive life-cycle functions, including logistics sustainment, readiness, and acquisition support for all U.S. military services, other government agencies, and allied nations as directed. With a global presence, JMC delivers technical support to frontline units, ensuring precision, sustainability, and readiness across the entire spectrum of conflict.

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