

National Security Division Report
Week ending March 5, 2021

**Joint Full Committee Hearing Examining the January 6 Attack
on the U.S. Capitol, Part II**



U.S. Senators Gary Peters (D-MI) and Rob Portman (R-OH), Chairman and Ranking Member of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, and Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and Roy Blunt (R-MO), Chairman and Ranking Member of the Rules and Administration Committee, announced a joint oversight hearing on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at 10:00AM to examine the security failures that led to a breach of the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021.

The committees are seeking testimony from current and former officials responsible for securing the U.S. Capitol on the preparations and response efforts on January 6, 2021, when a criminal mob was able to breach the Capitol complex.

The following witnesses were invited:

Melissa Smislova - Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary, Office of Intelligence and Analysis U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Jill Sanborn- Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation U.S. Department of Justice

Robert G. Salesses - Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense and Global Security U.S. Department of Defense

Major General William J. Walker, USA - Commanding General District of Columbia National Guard

Melissa Smislova - “The violence and destruction of property at the U.S. Capitol Building on January 6th showed a blatant and appalling disregard for our institutions of government and the orderly administration of the democratic process. The FBI does not tolerate violent extremists who use the guise of First Amendment-protected activity to engage in violent criminal activity. The destruction of property and violent assaults on law enforcement officers betray the values of our democracy”

Jill Sanborn “Throughout 2020, the FBI authored approximately 12 intelligence products for our federal, State, local, Tribal, and territorial law enforcement partners disseminating trends we saw in threat reporting and criminal activity involving domestic violent extremism. Over the last year, we observed activity that led us to assess there was potential for increased violent extremist activity at lawful protests taking place in communities across the United States. As such, in June 2020, we, with our partners at the Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”), issued two separate Joint Intelligence Bulletins highlighting the potential for increased violent extremist activity at such demonstrations and noting that likely targets would include law enforcement and government personnel. More recently, in late August 2020, we published an analytical report informing our partners that domestic violent extremists with partisan political grievances likely posed an increased threat related to the 2020 election.”

Robert G. Salesses – “The Acting Secretary initially authorized additional training for the identified units to ensure those units were prepared to conduct civil disturbance operations, including by incorporating lessons learned from recent events, as appropriate, and to muster them more quickly pending the receipt of requests from civilian law enforcement agencies in the District of Columbia.”

MG William J. Walker, “At 1:49pm I received a frantic call from then Chief of U.S. Capitol Police, Steven Sund, where he informed me that the security perimeter at the Capitol had been breached by hostile rioters. Chief Sund, his voice cracking with emotion, indicated that there was a dire emergency on Capitol Hill and requested the immediate assistance of as many Guardsmen as I could muster.”

Law Enforcement Officer and Firefighter of the Year Award

The National Law Enforcement Officer and Fire Fighter of the Year Award recognizes nominees who go above and beyond the call of duty. This week staff worked with George Wehrli, Department of Florida, Chairman of the Law and Order & Homeland Security



Committee to outline the applications of each Law Enforcement Officer and Firefighter participant from around the country that submitted their eligibility packets to compete for this prestigious award. Each year at the Washington Conference the committee convenes to review and vote on the packets of the dedicated individuals who proudly serve this great nation. Once selected, ten regional winners will receive their awards in their respective departments, while the national winners for both National Law Enforcement Officer and National Firefighter of the year will receive their prestigious awards at the American Legion’s National Convention. Each year the National Security Commission, Committee, and Division looks forward to this honorable event and takes great pride in presenting these prestigious awards on behalf of The American Legion’s National Commander.



Greetings to all of you, we hope you and your family are well. We are honored to share with you the identification of Army Chaplain (Captain) Emil Kapaun, from Kansas, who was unaccounted for from the Korean War. The Army notified his nephew and niece today.

After serving in WWII, Ch. Kapaun returned to active duty and served in the Korean War with the 1st Cavalry Division. On November 2, 1950, his unit was near Unsan when they came under heavy fire from Chinese forces and received orders to withdraw. Approximately a quarter of the unit's Soldiers made their way back to friendly lines, but the others, including many wounded, became trapped. Ch. Kapaun volunteered to stay with the wounded, and was soon captured and taken to the Chinese-run POW Camp 5 on the Yalu River.

Even after he became gravely ill, Ch. Kapaun continued to serve as a spiritual leader for his fellow prisoners, encouraging them to faithfully resist indoctrination and regularly defying his captors to bolster the collective morale of the POWs. Due to prolonged malnutrition, he died on May 23, 1951, after which the other POWs buried him in one of the camp's cemeteries. As part of the 1953 Korean Armistice, Ch. Kapaun's remains were among the 1,868 who were returned to U.S. custody in Operation GLORY, but they were not able to be identified. President Obama presented his nephew the MOH at a White House ceremony on April 11, 2013.

Ch. Kapaun's remains had rested among the 867 remains buried as Unknowns at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii. They were disinterred in August 2019, as part of DPAA's seven-phase project, begun in 2018, to disinter all remaining Korean War Unknowns from the cemetery for the purpose of identification. His identification was made using anthropological, dental, and DNA analyses.

Also of note, in 1993, Pope John Paul II declared Ch. Kapaun a Servant of

God, the first stage toward possible canonization, which is the culmination of the Roman Catholic Church's recognition of a deceased person as a saint.

Should you have any questions, please send them to Todd Livick at todd.s.livick.civ@mail.mil.

Best to you,

Kelly McKeague, Director, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, Fulfilling Our Nation's Promise



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This week, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency released the following announcements. Click on the links to read more:

March 1, 2021: [Soldier Accounted For From Korean War \(Milano, D.\)](#)

March 1, 2021: [Soldier Accounted For From Korean War \(Boughman, R.\)](#)

March 3, 2021: [Soldier Accounted For From World War II \(Gutierrez, J.\)](#)

March 4, 2021: [Soldier Accounted For From Korean War \(Hart, J.\)](#)

Legislative Issues

- Availability of Healthcare benefits for residents at the Armed Forces Retirement Home in proposed language of the FY22NDAA – The American Legions support funding that provides long-term solvency and viability of the Armed Forces Retirement Home (Resolution No. 107, 2016)
- Quality of Life for Service members and their Families – We owe our military men and women a debt of gratitude we can never repay for all that they — and their families — sacrifice to serve our country. The American Legion supports a fully funded quality of life (Resolution No. 85, 2016)
- Ensure the Coast Guard is paid – The American Legion supports a fully funded United States Coast Guard (Resolution No. 23, 2016)
- Expedited Citizenship through Honorable Military Service – The American Legion supports measures to ensure the process of naturalization through military service is completed prior to discharge (Resolution No. 15, 2018)
- Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure – The American Legion supports refined processes and policies that will enhance interagency cybersecurity...and promulgation of best practices and standards, and to ensure the protection of critical infrastructure from cyber and other electronic attack. (Resolution No. 20, 2017)
- Addressing the Forever Wars – The American Legion advocate for elevating diplomacy to build a better safer world (Resolution No. 22, 2020)

Staff Activity:

Washington Conference



The American Legion's Washington Conference, held annually in our nation's capital, gives our organization's leadership a chance to meet with elected officials to discuss legislative initiatives and priorities important to Legion members and their families. It also provides a forum that allows Legionnaires to hear from senators, representatives, and officials from the White House and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) as they address our members at the conference.

The National Security Commission To The National Executive Committee

The National Security Commission virtually convened on March 1st during the 61st Annual Washington Conference virtually Chaired by Steven A. Brennan Department of Maryland.

9:00 AM	OPENING SESSION	Steven Brennan (MD) Chairman
	OPENING PRAYER	Jim Lacoursiere (CT)
	PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Steven Brennan (MD) Chairman
	POW/MIA CEREMONY	Ken Trumbull (IL)
	ROLL CALL	Nick Riffel (DC) NS Policy Advisor
	FACILITATE MORNING SPEAKERS	Steven Brennan (MD) Chairman
9:15 AM	MG William J. Walker, 23rd Commanding General of the District of Columbia National Guard on the posture of the National Guard	
10:00 AM	BG Aaron Dean, The Adjutant General Washington D.C. National Guard on the State Partnership Program	
10:30 AM	Mr. Kelly K. McKeague, Director, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, Washington, D.C. and Mrs. Fern Sumpter Winbush, Principal Deputy Director on the posture of the DPAA	
11:30 AM	LUNCH	
1:00 PM	COMMISSION BUSINESS	Steven A. Brennan (MD) Chairman
4:00 PM	SECURING THE U.S. INDUSTRIAL BASE: ECOMOMIC SECURITY IS A MATTER OF 21st CENTURY NATIONAL SECURITY	



THE AMERICAN LEGION
WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

INTED INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY,
ECONOMICS AND DIPLOMACY

**Securing the U.S. Industrial Base:
Economic Security is a Matter of 21st Century National Security**

Who: The American Legion and INTED (Institute of Technology, Economics and Diplomacy) will host an international affairs panel discussion as part of The American Legion's 61st Annual Washington Conference.



**John Berry,
Moderator**
President,
The American &
Australia Association;
former U.S. Ambassador
to Australia



**Brad Markell,
Panel Speaker**
Executive Director,
AFL-CIO Industrial
Union Council, AFL-CIO
Working for America
Institute



**Thomas Pickering,
Panel Speaker**
Vice Chairman, Hills,
and Company; former
U.S. Ambassador and
Representative to the
United Nations



**Joshua Walker,
Ph.D.,
Panel Speaker**
President and CEO,
Japan Society



**Richard Passarelli,
Panel Speaker**
Utility Workers Union
of America (UWUA),
National Director of
Veterans Affairs

When: Monday, March 1st, 2021 4 – 5:30 p.m. EST

Where: ZOOM Webinar https://legion.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-IzVWODPRJ6xh-jUSwOpyA

Can the U.S. Industrial Base survive in today's challenged economy?

Vulnerabilities within the U.S. industrial base are further exposed by a weakened economy due to the COVID-19 pandemic, directly impacting national security. The nation relies heavily on the U.S. industrial base and its worldwide industrial complex that enables research and development to design, produce, deliver and especially maintain products and services.

The decline of critical domestic suppliers and loss of vital skills in the domestic workforce are key factors that challenge and weaken our economy.

The panel will examine the impact on economic security as it relates to a vulnerable U.S. industrial base and explore what actions can strengthen national security in the 21st century.

Copy the link below to share this recording with viewers:

<https://legion.zoom.us/rec/share/vlH-nl7FfwZZ-bPe6KKF3EZDF8JJ3uVNLLDxJI0u3NoYMgg8fZZbboib3p4mXGBT.0Ltl8bke3DwLN1Uw>

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