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Contracts that contain the CMMC Interim Rule are being solicited now and the expectation is that these contracts will be awarded around May 1, 2021 with work commencing around June 1, 2021. This means that every contractor, prime or subcontractor, must be able to demonstrate that they have uploaded their assessment to NIST 800-171 to the Government's SPRS database. If the data is not in SPRS you will not be awarded a purchase order or contract to work on Navy ships. If you have not already begun to perform your assessment and are working towards uploading your data, you are strongly encouraged to get started now, you do not want to be left behind and find yourselves without work. - Contributed by Derry Pence. (President, PSDSRA)

Five things to know about Lloyd Austin, Biden's Pentagon pick



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"Retired Gen. Lloyd Austin, President-elect Joe Biden's choice to be Defense secretary, is seeking to put a history-making cap on a 40-year career that already saw him breaking several barriers along the way.

To get there, Austin will need to convince a skeptical Congress to grant him a waiver to the law requiring Defense secretaries to be out-of-uniform for at least seven years.

Lawmakers are also sure to have questions about his ties to defense contractors and somewhat rocky tenure heading the U.S. military command in charge of America's wars in the Middle East.

1) He and Biden Formed a close bond 2) He had a trailblazing career 3) His time at Centcom came with controversies 4) He has ties to defense contractors 5) He is media shy

Congress braces for painful veto clash with Trump on defense bill



Sen. Jim Inhofe speaks during a press conference. | Stefani Reynolds/Getty

"Congress is gearing up for the first veto override of Donald Trump's presidency. The question on Capitol Hill is when that will happen — and just how messy will it be.

Congressional leaders are scrambling to avoid an unusual scenario in which lawmakers are summoned back to Washington in the days between Christmas and New Year's for a dramatic, eleventh-hour vote to overturn Trump's promised veto of a massive national defense bill.

Democrats and Republican alike fear that Trump will drag out his opposition to the National Defense Authorization Act until the last possible moment, which, by law, would be Dec. 23, when lawmakers expect to be long gone from Washington. Trump received the bill last Friday and has ten days, minus Sundays, to sign or veto it or allow the measure to become law without his signature.

If Trump runs out the clock, it would give the House and Senate just a handful of days in late December to deliver the historic rebuke of his veto. If they fall short, lawmakers could quickly pass the bill in the next Congress, but it would be a humiliating failure after the law has been enacted each year for nearly six decades.

House leaders are discussing bringing members back the week of Dec. 28, but won't make final plans until Trump formally vetoes the measure, which he has threatened for weeks. The most likely scenario in the Senate, meanwhile, is to hold the vote on Jan. 3, just hours before the new Congress is sworn in."

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The aircraft carrier USS Nimitz (CVN 68) U.S. Navy/ Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Holly L. Herline

“ARLINGTON, Va. — The Navy’s 30-year shipbuilding plan, released Dec. 10, announced the names of 48 ships scheduled to be decommissioned or, in the case of Military Sealift Command Ships, placed out of service, during the fiscal years 2022 through 2026.

Of note, the planned retirements include the first Nimitz-class aircraft carrier, the first two Ohio-class guided-missile submarines, and the first Victorious-class ocean surveillance ship. The list also includes 11 Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruisers and 11 Los Angeles-class attack submarines.”

Navy will scrap fire-ravaged Bonhomme Richard



(MC2 Austin Halst/Navy)

“The U.S. Navy will not repair the amphibious assault ship Bonhomme Richard, which burned for more than four days this summer in San Diego.

In the end, resurrecting the devastated large-deck amphib would have been too costly, Rear Adm. Eric Ver Hage, commander of the Navy Regional Maintenance Center, told reporters Monday.

To rebuild and repair the 22-year-old amphib would have cost between \$2.5 billion and \$3.2 billion, and would have taken five to seven years, he said.”

CNO: Navy Will Have to Convince Biden Administration to Invest in Larger, Lethal Fleet



US Navy Photo

“After it took the better part of nine months to convince Mark Esper’s Pentagon that the naval force needed greater investment to be ready to deter or defeat China and Russia – even if that investment came at the expense of the Army or the Air Force – the Navy and Marine Corps will have to start anew with the incoming Biden administration, the chief of naval operations said today.

With a change in administration coming before that FY 2022 budget is released, “I think internally certainly we’ll have challenges again with the new administration in terms of explaining the rationale for making the investments in the naval force and heading down in the direction the commandant and I want to go in,” he said.”

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