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Check Out Our New PSDSRA Member Features

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Secretary of Defense Mark Esper interviewed by NBC's TODAY Show in the Pentagon Briefing Room "WASHINGTON: Defense Secretary Mark Esper offered details today of his eagerly anticipated plan to reshape the Navy, offering a vision that includes backing away from supercarriers, adding submarines, and calling for a massive shift to smaller, faster, and unmanned ships.

The secretary called for a fleet of more than 500 ships by 2045 — promising 355 of those by 2035 — a building boom that would require Congress to pump more money into the service's shipbuilding account, while potentially scuttling current hulls to make way.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Gilday is expected to offer more detail on the plan next week during a scheduled talk with Defense One, filling in some of the blanks left by Esper."

A 'Big Fight Coming' over Defense Budget if Dems Sweep Election, Lawmaker Says



(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

"The chairman of the House Armed Services Committee says he opposes proposals by progressive Democrats to cut the Pentagon budget by as much as 20% if that party takes the House, Senate and White House on Election Day.

Smith said the Democrats need a strategy that upholds national security to justify any reductions in defense spending.

The Senate and House passed their respective versions of the fiscal 2021 National Defense Authorization Act in July and are set to work on a compromise. But they have yet to begin deliberations.

Smith said House and Senate Armed Services Committee staff members have discussed the bills, but lawmakers have yet to launch more serious negotiations on the differences between the two. The House version contains a number of personnel and social provisions not mentioned in the Senate bill, and the two chambers disagree on other issues, such as how many F-35 Joint Strike Fighters and submarines to buy and the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Germany.

A major sticking point in both bills are provisions to change the names of nine Army and one National Guard base named for officers who served in the Confederacy. The House version would require the service to change the names within a year after the bill became a law; the Senate version calls for establishing a commission to study the issue before they are changed."

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""The Navy is moving into the next phase of a wholesale revision of its ship maintenance infrastructure. Last week, the service announced it had started to digitally map the layout of its centuries-old Norfolk Naval Shipyard as it seeks to bring new technology and a more efficient workflow to the public yards.

The Navy expects the Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Plan (SIOP) to cost \$21 billion over the next 20 years across its four public shipyards. Though service officials have pointed to incremental work like modeling the yards as examples of success, some members of Congress have suggested the Navy's approach could face challenges.

Rep. Rob Wittman (R-Va.), the ranking member of the House Armed Services seapower and projection forces subcommittee, believes the Navy's 20-year timeline for the SIOP program is too lengthy to effectively improve the yards and that the plan fails to factor in the modernization needed for future platforms, like unmanned systems, that will enter the fleet."

Job Killer Legislation - Update and Tracking



Legislation to watch:

Proposition 13

AB 3030 (Karla; D-San Jose) Resource conservation: land and ocean conservation goals.
Status: 8/20/20- In committee: Held under submission.
Location: 8/20/20- In committee:

Calchamber.com

Status: Will be on November ballot.

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(U.S. Navy/Seaman Apprentice Amanda L. Ray) "A Joe Biden administration is likely to rewrite the National Defense Strategy, scuttle the plan for a 500-ship Navy and spend less on the military, the top House Democrat on defense issues said Thursday.

The progressive wing of the Democratic party is expected to argue for major cuts in defense budgets to pay for expanded domestic programs, but Smith said he's opposed to drastic reductions.

"We can maintain a strong defense and protect our safety and security for less," Biden said in the MOAA survey. "The real question is not how much we invest --- it's how we invest.""

Election Information



This link is provided as a resource to the membership to stay up to date on election information. This link includes information on Presidential, Congressional, State Legislature, and Local Government elections. As well as State ballot Measures, Election Dates, and FAQs.

About the SAC:

The Strategic Affairs Committee's charter is to monitor current events and news relevant to the Ship Repair Industry and provide the Association's board of directors with items of interest that may affect the industry and / or the membership. The information includes but is not limited to current events, geopolitical information, budget news, political information and upcoming legislation.



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The SAC meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

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