

# SAC NEWSLETTER



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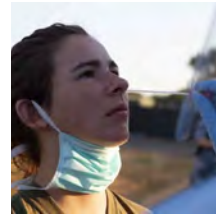
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## Shutdown averted; Congress approves stopgap budget plan



The U.S. Capitol is seen at dawn on Sept. 27. (J. Scott Applewhite/AP)

"Lawmakers avoided triggering a government shutdown on Friday with an emergency budget extension approved just a few hours before federal funding would have lapsed.

The budget extension runs through Dec. 3, giving Congress nine more weeks to pass a full budget plan for the military, VA and other departments.

It continues spending at fiscal 2021 funding levels for that stretch, meaning that some new programs and initiatives will not be able to start until after a full budget deal is reached.

Defense officials have complained about those kinds of delays in recent years, as continuing budget resolutions to start the new fiscal year have become the norm. For example, the military has planned \$120.6 million in new housing construction projects worldwide. But because those specific plans weren't included in the fiscal 2021 budget, officials can't start most of that work until the fiscal 2022 budget is finalized.

## Industry, lawmakers push to extend and expand COVID reimbursements



An American flag waves outside the United States Capitol building on Sept. 29, 2013 in Washington. (Win McNamee/Getty Images)

"Prized pandemic protections for defense contractors would be made permanent under the House's defense policy bill, up for floor consideration next week.

The safeguards, originally from Section 3610 of the CARES Act, allowed the Pentagon to reimburse contractors for paid leave if employees aren't working due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Congress has had to act several times to renew the reimbursement authority, currently set to lapse after Sept. 30.

The permanent protections are based on legislation from Reps. Rob Wittman, R-Va., and Anthony Brown, D-Md., called the Just in Case Act, which proposed expanded coverage for other emergencies, like hurricanes and floods. However, the bill passed out of committee with narrower, pandemic-specific language.

Industry groups are pressing for the broader emergency powers to be included in the final National Defense Authorization Act for 2022 and for a short-term extension in the meantime. Both the National Defense Industrial Association and Professional Services Council said extending and expanding the 3610 reimbursement authority is their top legislative priority.

Because the defense policy bill isn't expected to pass Congress before 3610 authority runs out Sept. 30, NDIA and PSC are urging Congress to include an extension in an expected continuing resolution. With the end of the fiscal year approaching without a budget deal for 2022, Congress will have to pass a stop-gap CR, which would keep federal agencies operating at current funding levels.

By broad margins, lawmakers have passed multiple short-term extensions of the reimbursement authority, but it's not entirely clear the level of support is for expanding it or making it permanent. Congress could simply opt instead to extend the authority on an annual basis, according to Mandy Smithberger, the director of the Center for Defense Information at the Project On Government Oversight."

"This is still a relatively new authority the department has been given," Smithberger said. "Anything where we're short-circuiting the usual processes, I just have a lot of reluctance to make emergency authorities permanent until we have a better understanding of how they're actually functioning ... I just worry that taxpayers are going to get ripped off."

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## House Passes Defense Authorization Bill With \$23.9B Topline Increase, 13 Battleforce Ships



NASA Photo

"The House on Thursday passed the annual defense policy bill with a \$23.9 billion increase to the defense top line and a significant boost to the Navy's shipbuilding account.

In a 316-113 vote Thursday evening, the lower chamber passed the Fiscal Year 2022 National Defense Authorization Act, authorizing a total of \$768 billion for defense spending. Despite Democrats' efforts to cut defense spending, including an attempt to reverse the \$23.9 billion increase the House Armed Services approved earlier this month, the House passed the bill that authorized the funding boost.

The bill authorizes a total of 13 battleforce ships: two Virginia-class attack boats, three Arleigh Burke-class destroyers, one Constellation-class frigate, one America-class amphibious assault ship, two Expeditionary Fast Transport vessels, two John Lewis-class fleet oilers, one Navajo-class towing, salvage and rescue ship, and one T-AGOS(X) ocean surveillance ship.

The bill also includes language that would allow the Navy to retire four of the seven Ticonderoga-class cruisers it asked to decommission in the FY 2022 budget request. The service can retire USS Port Royal (CG-73), USS Vella Gulf (CG-72), USS Hué City (CG-66) and USS Anzio (CG-68) in FY 2022, meaning it must keep USS San Jacinto (CG-56), USS Lake Champlain (CG-57) and USS Monterey (CG-61) in the fleet.

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## Mandatory COVID Testing for Unvaccinated DoD Civilian Workers to Start This Fall



U.S. Marines receive a COVID-19 test during quarantine on Royal Australian Air Force Base Darwin in Darwin, NT, Australia, June 12, 2020. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Natalie Greenwood)

"The Pentagon will begin regular mandatory COVID-19 testing of unvaccinated civilian workers this fall, its next step in fighting the disease after requiring troops to get the shots, Deputy Defense Secretary Kathleen Hicks said Wednesday.

Hicks said the department is adding stricter monitoring of its massive workforce of about 700,000 civilians, and also is considering how to deal with contractors, after President Joe Biden announced in July his intention to test all federal employees.

Civilian employees will be required to provide an "attestation of testing," meaning they must supply proof of vaccination, or undergo testing to monitor for the disease, which has killed 436 people in the Defense Department.

"Anyone who does not attest to being fully vaccinated will be required to wear a mask on the job no matter their geographic location, physically distance from all other employees and visitors, comply with a weekly or twice weekly screening testing requirement, and be subject to restrictions on official travel," the White House announcement said."

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## Gilday: New task force will help US Navy speed up unmanned system integration



(Chief Mass Communication Specialist Shannon Renfro/U.S. Navy)

"Despite significant progress on unmanned systems and manned-unmanned integration in the past year, the U.S. Navy needs to move faster and is establishing a new task force to help, according to the chief of naval operations.

Adm. Mike Gilday has already dubbed Project Overmatch — the Navy's effort to develop a network to tie together unmanned and manned systems — his No. 2 priority for the fleet, just behind building the Columbia-class ballistic missile submarine.

Speaking at the Defense News Conference on Wednesday, he said he's in the early stages of standing up a new task force that will complement Project Overmatch and focus on the unmanned systems themselves."

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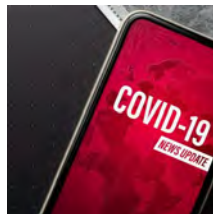
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# NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

WRITTEN BY: DERRY PENCE



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By now most of you have seen and read the DRAFT San Diego Naval Base Notice 5530. Based on the DRAFT Notice the parking policy outlined in the Notice will take effect on October 11, 2021. We have approached the Naval Base about delaying implementation and the delay has been granted by the Naval Base. We will be working with the Naval Base to clarify the policy over the next several months.

I want to remind everyone that the Fleet Maintenance and Modernization Symposium (FMMS) will be held from October 17th through the 19th. In addition to a series of outstanding speakers and panels there will be an Exhibit Hall. In conjunction with the FMMS, CNRMC will be conducting an INDP. This year the INDP will be spread over three different days. On Sunday, Oct 17th, there will be an invitation only small business forum, the time to be determined. On Tuesday, Oct 19th, there will be a meeting with the Complex MACMO contract holders. On Wednesday, Oct 20th, there will be a small business roundtable and Navy update at the Hilton Bayfront from 0800 to 1200. You are encouraged to plan on attending the sessions that are focused on you.

The Ship Repair Association continues to work to get resolution on issues that impact our ability to effectively and efficiently accomplish work. The need to deliver on time ships in CNO availabilities was once again reiterated by both COMNAVSEA and CNRMC. In San Diego, there are two CNO availabilities where the RMC project team and the contractor are going to review all non-valued activities and look to eliminate them. We are working within the QA Committee to work on identifying and eliminating non-value added work. As we move forward we will be asking for volunteers to assist with the various efforts, especially the drydock working group and CFR reduction effort.

We are looking to stand up a Workforce Development Committee. If you are interested in leading this Committee please contact me. We are working with the East County Adult Education Center and other Adult Education Centers around San Diego County. We are also looking to start up the Security Committee and we are looking for someone to step up and become the leader of this group. With CMMC quickly becoming a part of how we do business this Committee can be a great resource for the Association.

Here is the latest information on our continuing local and national issues:

The Barrio Logan Community Plan Update is going to be presented to the Community Planning Group at the October meeting. A final vote of the Plan Update is expected at the meeting which means that the Plan can move forward to go before the Planning Commission and the Land Use and Housing Committee before going before the City Council.

The AB 617 CERP has been approved by the APCD Executive Council. The next step is to present the CERP to the CARB in the October timeframe. The CERP is available for review on the APCD website, you are encouraged to look at it for potential impacts to your business. We are also monitoring a new regulation being developed by the APCD that will impact diesel vehicles in the future.

A bill (HR 987) to fully fund the public shipyard improvement initiatives along with funding for the shipbuilding and ship repair private sector industries is still working in Congress. The total value of this bill is \$25 billion with \$2 billion earmarked for the ship repair industry. We will be following this bill and will be encouraging support from our local Congressional delegation.

Thank you.

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## Middle East Will Be Next Test Bed for Drone Ships, Aircraft as Navy Expands Unmanned Effort



USVs Ranger and Nomad unmanned vessels underway in the Pacific Ocean near the Channel Islands on July 3, 2021. US Navy Photo

"Full of merchant traffic and security threats, the densely packed waterways of the Red Sea, Arabian Sea and the Persian Gulf will be a testing ground for the Navy's push to make unmanned systems a practical part of the fleet, service leaders said on Wednesday.

U.S. 5th Fleet's Task Force 59 will stand up on Thursday and be the second testing outfit for the Navy's unmanned ships following Surface Development Squadron One (SURFDEVRON) establishment in 2019. The goal of the task force, led by Capt. Michael Brasseur, is to expand the operational use of unmanned platforms in the region and experiment with their concept of operations.

While officials are still working out the specifics of the Pentagon-based Unmanned Task Force, the 5th Fleet effort will follow the SURFDEVRON experimentation effort in California. The immediate threats to naval and merchant ships, as tensions between the U.S. and Iran and its proxies in the region remain high. In late July, two merchant mariners aboard a ship linked to an Israeli businessman were killed by a "kamikaze" military drone linked to Iran, according to U.S. Central Command.

While the unmanned surface ships have had some successes, they are still far from being an everyday part of the fleet, Gilday said."

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### 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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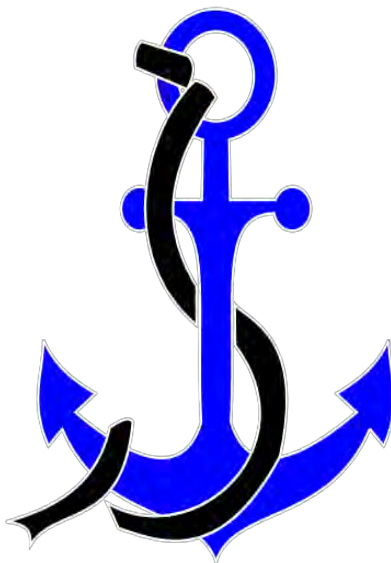
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