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The logo for the Defense & Aerospace Export Council (DAEC). It features the text "DEFENSE & AEROSPACE EXPORT COUNCIL" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The word "AEROSPACE" is larger and has a stylized aircraft icon integrated into the letter "A". The entire logo is surrounded by several white snowflake graphics of varying sizes.

# DEFENSE & AEROSPACE EXPORT COUNCIL

Dear DAEC,

As 2020 draws to a close, the Chamber's Defense and Aerospace Export Council would like to wish each and every one of you a safe and relaxing holiday. With our final newsletter of the year, we look back on a number of virtual feats we have achieved with your generous support and invaluable participation. We look forward to setting up conversations with each of you in the new year to continue advancing your individual goals and policy changes.

**BI-WEEKLY OUSD A&S CALLS** DAEC continues to participate in bi-weekly conference calls with the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment (OUSD A&S) for updates on COVID-19 policy regulations and impacts to current and future business within the Defense Industrial Base (DIB). As many of you are aware, we are providing bi-weekly webinars to brief members on these updates and collect questions or concerns you would like us to relay on your behalf. Notes on these calls are published to our website, which you may access [here](#).

**Munich Security Conference 2021** DAEC has partnered with the Chamber's U.S.-Africa Business Center on the proposal of a side event at the 2021 Munich Security Conference. While dates and logistics are under development, it is our understanding next year's MSC's in-person attendance will be limited to heads of state, ministers, members of Congress plus 1; all others will dial-in virtually.

**NDAA** On December 10th, DAEC passed to members a document capturing key matters members have expressed interest in over the past year. The paper was taken from the House passed version currently on the Senate floor. The House stated an interest in passing their version of the NDAA 2022 by May 2021. We ask that you flag any legislative matters you would like us to campaign for as soon as possible given this recent announcement by the House. If you need a copy of this document resent, please let us know.

**Transition Paper** Early this Fall, DAEC circulated a transition paper prepared for the incoming administration regarding a number of issues raised by members over the past year, to include UAS, ITAR exceptions, institutionalizing focus on U.S. dominance in emergent technology, and a few other critical considerations. We received a great deal of input and comments, which were incorporated into the final document. On December 3rd, we advanced a copy of this paper with a key figure in this arena and will proceed with an official publication to the administration with their guidance and support.

**Section 3610 Extension Letter** On November 20th, DAEC worked closely with members and the Chamber's broader policy team to co-sign and publish a multi-association letter, which was passed on to Congress. This [letter](#) urged Congress to extend Sec. 3610 of the CARES Act and approve the necessary funding to do so.

**Nov 19 Webinar with Frank Kendall** On November 19th the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Defense and Aerospace Export Council hosted an off-the-record discussion with the Honorable Frank Kendall. Kendall shared with us his personal insights on the possible trajectory of US defense budgets, defense innovation, the role of the commercial sector and global tech sector with respect to defense innovation and future advanced military capability, and finally, thoughts on the importance of selling globally defense and aviation capability. As former Director for AT&L, DAEC president Keith Webster worked closely with Kendall on a number of initiatives and we look forward to a continued partnership.

**Oct 29 Webinar with Hon. Heidi Shyu** On October 29th DAEC hosted Ms. Shyu, former Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, for a discussion on defense budgets as well as Army innovation and new programs.

**Analysis of the FY2021 Defense Budget** On September 14th, DAEC published a summary of take-aways from a CSIS report on the FY2021 budget. If you missed it, a copy of the summary is available [here](#).

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