



**U.S. Chamber of Commerce**  
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIVISION



### **UPCOMING (TBD): ROUNDTABLE WITH DAPA & DEFENSE LOGISTICS OFFICERS AT THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

The U.S. Chamber's U.S.-Korea Business Council (USKBC) and Defense and Aerospace Export Council (DAEC) are pleased to co-host an off-the-record roundtable with the Embassy of the Republic of Korea's Defense Logistics Attaché Army Col. Kwangho Jang and Lieutenant Commander Sungsik Shin, who recently assumed a new post at the Embassy as the International Cooperation Officer for the Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA). This virtual meeting will be an opportunity for members of both Councils to get acquainted with the two officials and their portfolios, as well as to hear their views on ways to strengthen U.S.-ROK defense industrial cooperation. When a date has been confirmed, we will reach out to members with more information.

### **DAEC INPUT TO CAT POLICY**

DAEC continues to work with the interagency and key members of the National Security Council on modifications to Conventional Arms Transfer



(CAT) Policy. We worked closely with members to ensure policy makers have industry’s perspective and recommendations in mind when they make their revisions. The NSC socialized our recommendations with the Department of State in the Spring and will work jointly to draft their new policy.

## **BI-WEEKLY OUSD A&S CALLS**

DAEC continues to participate in biweekly 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). We will continue to out-brief members with minutes following the conclusion of each meeting. Notes on these calls are published to our website, which you make access [here](#).

## **GLOBAL INDUSTRIALS AND TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE FT. KEITH WEBSTER**

On Tuesday, June 9th, UBS Investment Bank hosted DAEC’s Keith Webster for a discussion on the impact of the new administration on defense exports as seen now through an ESG lens and how the administration may alter its view of allowed export countries and equipment. For those interested in viewing the fire chat, a video will be available for 30-days on our [website](#).

## **LETTER TO THE ADMINISTRATION REGARDING VACCINE DISTRIBUTION**

On Monday, May 10, the Chamber formally submitted DAEC’s Defense and Aerospace (D&A) recommendations regarding Vaccines for expats in the U.S. business community to Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin. DAEC worked closely with our members on this issue

and we are grateful for their thought leadership, contributions and ongoing support. A copy of the letter is available [here](#).

## **TURKEY’S DEFENSE AND AEROSPACE WORKING GROUP**

On Friday, April 9, Webster joined the U.S. – Turkey Business Council’s Defense and Aerospace Working Group for an intimate and comprehensive strategy session. Keith shared with the group insight on the broader landscape and current defense budget and procurement review under the current administration.

## **DEFENSE INDUSTRY FORUM (ISIC): THE QUAD**

On Wednesday, March 31, Webster was featured in a panel discussion on commercial opportunities in research and development, science and technology cooperation, supply chain resilience, strategic materials and logistics, manufacturing and management, industry and trade cooperation within the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, also known as the QUAD. The QUAD is an informal security construct between Australia, India, Japan, and the United States. The recent founding of the Quad Tech Network (QTN) by the Australian Government is designed to promote regional research and public dialogue on cyber and critical technology issues. Emerging technologies, space and defense equipment are pillars of collaboration. Emphasis now is to formalize a structure for the Quad and to invite observer nations from the Indo-Pacific region. The recorded session can be viewed [here](#).

### **Speakers**



**Brent Clark**

CEO Australian Industry & Defence Network (AIDN)  
Former COO of Naval Group Australia



**J D Patil**

President of Society of Indian Defence Manufactur  
Director and VP Larsen & Toubro Defence



**Tomohiko Taniguchi**

Professor Keio University  
Former Special Advisor to Prime Minister Abe



**Keith Webster**

President, Defense and Aerospace Export Council (D  
Vice President, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

## **PROMOTING US-INDIA 5G TECHNOLOGY, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

On Friday, March 26, Webster joined the U.S. – India Business Council (USIBC) for a conversation with India’s National Cyber Security Coordinator, Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Rajesh Pant and U.S. Department of Defense technical Director for 5G, Dr. Joseph Evans. This discussion



captured U.S.–India 5G technology, research and development, and goals set forth by working as partners. Both USIBC and the DAEC continue efforts to promote a technological partnership between U.S. and India. The recorded session can be viewed [here](#).