

From: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA)
To: [REDACTED] @gmail.com
Cc: [REDACTED] Lt Col USAF 114 FW (USA)
Subject: RE: SAD Check Affidavit (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 10:47:53 AM

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[REDACTED],

Please let me know if you have accomplished this.

Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA)
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 1:49 PM
To: [REDACTED] @gmail.com; [REDACTED] @gmail.com>
Cc: [REDACTED] Lt Col USAF 114 FW (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>
Subject: SAD Check Affidavit (UNCLASSIFIED)

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[REDACTED],

Please have this affidavit notarized and signed. Please mail it back to:

South Dakota BHR

Attn: [REDACTED]

500 East Capitol Ave

Pierre, SD 57501

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Very Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

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Plans and Operations Specialist

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From: [REDACTED] [CPT USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)
To: [REDACTED] [Lt Col USAF 114 FW \(USA\)](#); [Vanderwolde, Edwin A Brig Gen USAF 114 MSG \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED]
[LTC USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED] [COL USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#); [Marette, Jeffrey P](#)
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[USARMY NG SDANG \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED] [CSM USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED] [COL](#)
[USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED] [COL USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)
Cc: [REDACTED] [WRK](#); [REDACTED] [@gmail.com](#)
Subject: TF 153 Update 27 AUG
Date: Friday, August 27, 2021 8:42:58 PM
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ALCON,

Intel during meeting this morning said the area across from A Co points on the Mike side may see more violence as younger leaders of the cartels have withdrawn from former treaties. This was the area of the gun fight about two weeks ago. There are also Saudi nationals that have been seen/identified in southern Mexico and are believed to be heading towards the border.

Leadership mentioned the state is looking to push more media and Public Affairs ops in the area. There is a possibility of media in-beds with units. This was very preliminary but sounds like it is a priority for State leadership.

Nothing significant to report on the line. The traffic continues to be slow. In the last 24 hours, we did not report any surrenders in our piece of the pie.

Respectfully,

CPT [REDACTED]

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From: ██████████ COL USARMY NG SDARNG (USA)
To: [Marlette, Jeffrey P MG USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](mailto:Jeffrey.P.Marlette@army.mil)
Cc: ██████████ Lt Col USAF 114 FW (USA); [Vanderwolde, Edwin A Brig Gen USAF 114 MSG \(USA\)](mailto:Edwin.A.Vanderwolde@af.mil)
Subject: Re: TF Update Comments by LTC ██████████
Date: Friday, August 27, 2021 10:29:39 AM

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From: "Marlette, Jeffrey P MG USARMY NG SDARNG (USA)" <jeffrey.p.marlette.mil@mail.mil>
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Date: Friday, August 27, 2021 at 07:37:55
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<edwin.a.vanderwolde.mil@mail.mil> <<mailto:edwin.a.vanderwolde.mil@mail.mil>>
Subject: Fwd: TF Update Comments by LTC ██████████

██████████,

You have visited with him a few times, so Please follow up with LTC ██████████ and get more details. I am briefing Gov. Noem next week. It is important I know where TX is at on this point.

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Vanderwolde, Edwin A Brig Gen USAF 114 MSG (USA)" <edwin.a.vanderwolde.mil@mail.mil>
Date: August 27, 2021 at 7:14:13 AM MDT
To: "Marlette, Jeffrey P MG USARMY NG SDARNG (USA)" <jeffrey.p.marlette.mil@mail.mil>
Subject: FW: TF Update Comments by LTC ██████████

FYI

Brig Gen Edwin A. VanDerWolde

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Date: Friday, August 27, 2021 at 2:17:44 AM
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Subject: TF Update Comments by LTC [REDACTED]

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Subject: Fwd: TF Update Comments by LTC [REDACTED]
Date: Friday, August 27, 2021 6:58:21 AM

See message below from [REDACTED].

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Cc: [REDACTED] WRK; [REDACTED] @gmail.com
Subject: TF 153 Update 26 AUG
Date: Friday, August 27, 2021 12:13:52 AM
Attachments: [Man hours.xlsx](#)

ALCON,

LTC [REDACTED] and CSM [REDACTED] departed the RGV this morning.

SGT [REDACTED] and SPC [REDACTED] attended a presentation at the Grulla, TX Border Patrol station. Present were the Patrol Agent in Charge [REDACTED] and LTC [REDACTED] of the TF Salerno. PAIC [REDACTED] presented our Soldiers with some BP gifts and presented a speech acknowledging their professionalism and swift action. LTC [REDACTED] presented our Soldiers with TF Salerno coins. It was a great presentation that demonstrated the partnership between the TXARNG, the SDARNG and our Law Enforcement partners.

PAIC [REDACTED] stated thanks to the National Guard the Border Patrol can concentrate on stopping drugs that come through the area. He said over \$1 billion dollars are generated due to the drug activity that crosses through the RGV every month by the cartels. He said recently they were able to catch 50 lbs of cocaine, a street value of \$10-\$20 million dollars.

LTC [REDACTED] explained the TF in the RGV had recently added 300 TXARNG Soldiers. They are looking to add another 600 by October and are scheduled to be at 2500 Soldiers strong by the end of December. He mentioned that the Texas legislators had approved on 08/25/2021 \$1.8 billion for the border security mission. He stated that would directly give hundreds of millions of dollars for the National Guard. I have provided a link to this story:

<https://www.statesman.com/story/news/politics/state/2021/08/25/texas-spending-billions-border-security/5573827001/>

Nothing significant to report on the line. The traffic continues to be slow.

Respectfully,

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Cc: [REDACTED] [Lt Col USAF 114 FW \(USA\)](#)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Pay update (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Friday, August 27, 2021 12:09:48 AM

i have received a paystub that includes the SAD pay. Im good to go.

Respectfully,

CPT [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA)
Sent: Thursday, August 26, 2021 08:04
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] Lt Col USAF 114 FW (USA); [REDACTED] N CPT USARMY NG SDARNG (USA)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Pay update (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Sir,

[REDACTED] didn't have the 2 days of pay:

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Please see attached email that includes my correspondence with State. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Respectfully,

MSgt █
█

From: █@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 4:42 PM
To: █ MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) <█.mil@mail.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Pay update

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LT █

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Update on Pay Issues (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 10:44:16 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

All active links contained in this email were disabled. Please verify the identity of the sender, and confirm the authenticity of all links contained within the message prior to copying and pasting the address to a Web browser.

Checks were mailed late Friday to the correct address for all below except [REDACTED], his payment was direct deposited on 8/16. The rest should be receiving their paper check this week.

[REDACTED] first check has not been returned to us. I will get the payment stopped and an affidavit sent to you for a replacement check.

Thank you, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Human Resource Supervisor

South Dakota Bureau of Human Resources

500 East Capitol Ave | Pierre, SD 57501

[REDACTED]@state.sd.us < Caution-[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us) > | [REDACTED]

Website: Caution-<https://bhr.sd.gov/> < Caution-<https://bhr.sd.gov/> >

From: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) <[REDACTED]mil@mail mil>
Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 6:01 PM
To: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>
Subject: [EXT] Update on Pay Issues (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Hi [REDACTED],

I know we have discussed some pay issues for people that I will about to mention. However, I'm wondering if you could give me an update on pay status for the following individuals, just so I have some briefing points to give to my leadership:

[REDACTED]: Did not receive pay check for pay period ending Aug 8th; We discussed his DD form and you mentioned his pay will be resubmitted

[REDACTED]: Did not receive pay check for Aug 8 pay period

[REDACTED]: Has not received a check at all (first or second check)

[REDACTED]: Did not receive pay check for Aug 8th pay period; we updated his ABA# and you mentioned it will be deposited on Sept 1

[REDACTED]: Did not receive pay check for Aug 8th pay period; He's not receiving stubs in mail and not getting direct deposit

[REDACTED]: Did not receive pay check for Aug 8th pay period

[REDACTED]: Did not receive check yet for Aug 8th pay period

Could you provide an update for each individual? I know it's being worked, however I need information to provide leadership.

Very Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

Director of Military Support NCO

Plans and Operations Specialist

South Dakota National Guard

Rapid City, SD

Office [REDACTED]

DSN [REDACTED]

Cell [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] mil@mail.mil < Caution-[mailto:\[REDACTED\].mil@mail.mil](mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil) >

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

From: [REDACTED] [_MSgt USAF NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] [Lt Col USAF 114 FW \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED] [CPT USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Pay update (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Thursday, August 26, 2021 7:04:31 AM
Attachments: [Non-DoD Source RE Update on Pay Issues \(UNCLASSIFIED\) \(118 KB\).msg](#)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

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Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 4:42 PM
To: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) [REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Pay update

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LT █.

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From: [REDACTED] [MSgt USAF NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)
To: [REDACTED] [@gmail.com](#)
Cc: [REDACTED] [Lt Col USAF 114 FW \(USA\)](#)
Subject: SAD Check Affidavit (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 1:49:12 PM
Attachments: [DOC082521-08252021143301.pdf](#)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

[REDACTED],

Please have this affidavit notarized and signed. Please mail it back to:

South Dakota BHR

Attn: [REDACTED]

500 East Capitol Ave

Pierre, SD 57501

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Very Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

Director of Military Support NCO

Plans and Operations Specialist

South Dakota National Guard

Rapid City, SD

Office [REDACTED]

DSN [REDACTED]

Cell [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] mil@mail.mil <[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@mail.mil](mailto:[REDACTED]@mail.mil)>

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

From: [REDACTED] [Lt Col USAF 114 FW \(USA\)](#)
To: [Marlette, Jeffrey P MG USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#); [Vanderwolde, Edwin A Col USAF 114 MSG \(US\) \(edwin.a.vanderwolde.mil@mail.mil\)](#); [REDACTED] [COL USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: Award info for Soldiers in TX
Date: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 4:42:00 PM

Good afternoon gentlemen,

In my discussion with CPT [REDACTED] today, he mentioned the Border Patrol will be recognizing the two Soldiers (SPC [REDACTED] and SGT [REDACTED]) for their efforts in providing medical aid to the young child that passed away. They have an informal award and coins they will be presenting them with on Thursday at the CBP station in La Grulla. In addition to state awards that all Soldiers will be receiving, they have been submitted for a higher TAG award.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Lt Col, SDANG
Director of Military Support
Deputy J3/7
South Dakota National Guard
Office: [REDACTED]
DSN: [REDACTED]
Cell: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED].mil@mail.mil

From: [REDACTED] [Lt Col USAF 114 FW \(USA\)](#)
To: [REDACTED] [CPT USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: RE: TF COP 240600AUG21
Date: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 10:37:00 AM

Thanks, and received the video, that's a lot of gunfire!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] CPT USARMY NG SDARNG (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>
Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 10:33 AM
To: [REDACTED] Lt Col USAF 114 FW (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>
Subject: FW: TF COP 240600AUG21

FYI

Respectfully,

CPT [REDACTED]
TF 153 LNO
[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil
[REDACTED]@state.sd.us
Cell: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] CPT USARMY (USA)
Sent: Monday, August 23, 2021 19:28
To: NG TX TXARNG Mailbox JOC; [REDACTED] NFG (USA)
Cc: [REDACTED] COL USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] LTC USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] LTC USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] LTC USARMY NG NG J3-4-7 (USA); [REDACTED] MAJ USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] MAJ USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] CPT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] 1LT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] 1LT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] SGM USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] MSG USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] 1SG USARMY (USA); txmf@soc.texas.gov; [REDACTED]@dps.texas.gov; [REDACTED] CIV USARMY 902 MI GRP (USA); [REDACTED] 1LT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] CPT USARMY NG SDARNG (USA); [REDACTED] 1LT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] MAJ USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); NG TX TXARNG List OLS S2; [REDACTED] CPT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] 1LT USARMY (USA); [REDACTED] SFC USARMY NG TXARNG (USA)
Subject: TF COP 240600AUG21

ALCON,

Please see the attached COP for 240600AUG21.

v/r

[REDACTED]
CPT/OD

BN S4 OIC
HSC 449 ASB
San Antonio, TX 78219

From: [REDACTED] [Lt Col USAF 114 FW \(USA\)](#)
To: [REDACTED] [CPT USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED] [MSgt USAF NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: RE: Task Force Salerno COP 190600AUG2021.pptx
Date: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 8:58:00 AM

Yes, please send, thank you!

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] CPT USARMY NG SDARNG (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 8:02 AM
To: [REDACTED] Lt Col USAF 114 FW (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>; [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>
Subject: FW: Task Force Salerno COP 190600AUG2021.pptx

I get this every day from the TF here. Is this something you want me to forward to you everyday as well?
Respectfully,

CPT [REDACTED]
TF 153 LNO
[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil
[REDACTED]@state.sd.us
Cell: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] CPT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA)
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 22:50
To: [REDACTED] CPT USARMY (USA); NG TX TXARNG Mailbox JOC; [REDACTED] NFG (USA)
Cc: [REDACTED] COL USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] LTC USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] LTC USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] LTC USARMY NG NG J3-4-7 (USA); [REDACTED] MAJ USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] MAJ USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] CPT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] 1LT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] 1LT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] SGM USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] MSG USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] 1SG USARMY (USA); txmf@soc.texas.gov; [REDACTED]@dps.texas.gov; NG TX TXARNG List OLS S2; [REDACTED] CIV USARMY 902 MI GRP (USA); [REDACTED] 1LT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] CPT USARMY NG SDARNG (USA); [REDACTED] 1LT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] MAJ USARMY NG TXARNG (USA)
Subject: RE: Task Force Salerno COP 190600AUG2021.pptx

Good Evening,

Please see attached updated COP with the updated count of onboarding Soldiers. Thank you.
Very Respectfully,

[REDACTED]
CPT, AR

K-TRP 3/278 Commander

TF Salerno - Operation Lone Star S3

(C) [REDACTED]

(O) [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] CPT USARMY (USA)
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 7:30 PM
To: NG TX TXARNG Mailbox JOC; [REDACTED] NFG (USA)
Cc: [REDACTED] COL USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] LTC USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] LTC USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] LTC USARMY NG NG J3-4-7 (USA); [REDACTED] MAJ USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] MAJ USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] CPT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] 1LT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] 1LT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] SGM USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] MSG USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] ISG USARMY (USA); txmf@soc.texas.gov; [REDACTED]@dps.texas.gov; NG TX TXARNG List OLS S2; [REDACTED] CIV USARMY 902 MI GRP (USA); [REDACTED] 1LT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] CPT USARMY NG SDARNG (USA); [REDACTED] 1LT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] 1LT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA); [REDACTED] CPT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA)
Subject: Task Force Salerno COP 190600AUG2021.pptx

Good Evening,

Attached is TF Salerno OLS COP for 190600AUG21.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Very Respectfully,

[REDACTED]
CPT/OD

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] CPT USARMY (USA)
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 5:27 PM
To: NG TX TXARNG Mailbox JOC <ng.tx.txarng.mbx.joc@mail.mil>; [REDACTED] NFG (USA) <[REDACTED].nfg@mail.mil>
Cc: [REDACTED] COL USARMY NG TXARNG (USA) <[REDACTED]mil@mail.mil>; [REDACTED] LTC USARMY NG TXARNG (USA) <[REDACTED]mil@mail.mil>; [REDACTED] LTC USARMY NG TXARNG (USA) <[REDACTED]mil@mail.mil>; [REDACTED] LTC USARMY NG NG J3-4-7 (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>; [REDACTED] MAJ USARMY NG TXARNG (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>; [REDACTED] MAJ USARMY NG TXARNG (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>; [REDACTED] CPT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA) <[REDACTED]mil@mail.mil>; [REDACTED] 1LT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>; [REDACTED] 1LT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA) <[REDACTED]mil@mail.mil>; [REDACTED] SGM USARMY NG TXARNG (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>; [REDACTED] MSG USARMY NG TXARNG (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>; [REDACTED] ISG USARMY (USA) <[REDACTED]mil@mail.mil>; 'txmf@soc.texas.gov' <txmf@soc.texas.gov>; [REDACTED]@dps.texas.gov' <[REDACTED]@dps.texas.gov>; NG TX TXARNG List OLS S2 <ng.tx.txarng.list.ols-s2@mail.mil>; NG TX TXARNG List OLS S3 <ng.tx.txarng.list.ols-s3@mail.mil>; [REDACTED] CIV USARMY 902 MI GRP (USA) <[REDACTED].civ@mail.mil>; [REDACTED]@dps.texas.gov>; [REDACTED] 1LT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA) <[REDACTED]mil@mail.mil>; [REDACTED]@dps.texas.gov>; [REDACTED]mil@mail.mil' <[REDACTED]mil@mail.mil>; [REDACTED] 1LT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA) <[REDACTED]mil@mail.mil>; [REDACTED] 1LT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>

Subject: RE: Task Force Salerno COP 170600AUG2021.pptx

Good afternoon,

Attached is TF Salerno OLS COP for 180600AUG21.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Very Respectfully,

[Redacted]
CPT/OD

BN S4 OIC
HSC 449 ASB
San Antonio, TX 78219

-----Original Message-----

From: [Redacted] CPT USARMY (USA)
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 4:13 PM
To: NG TX TXARNG Mailbox JOC <ng.tx.txarng.mbx.joc@mail.mil>; [Redacted] NFG (USA) <[Redacted].nfg@mail.mil>
Cc: [Redacted] COL USARMY NG TXARNG (USA) <[Redacted].mil@mail.mil>; [Redacted] LTC USARMY NG TXARNG (USA) <[Redacted].mil@mail.mil>; [Redacted] LTC USARMY NG TXARNG (USA) <[Redacted].mil@mail.mil>; [Redacted] LTC USARMY NG NG J3-4-7 (USA) <[Redacted].mil@mail.mil>; [Redacted] MAJ USARMY NG TXARNG (USA) <[Redacted].mil@mail.mil>; [Redacted] MAJ USARMY NG TXARNG (USA) <[Redacted].mil@mail.mil>; [Redacted] CPT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA) <[Redacted].mil@mail.mil>; [Redacted] 1LT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA) <[Redacted].mil@mail.mil>; [Redacted] 1LT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA) <[Redacted].mil@mail.mil>; [Redacted] SGM USARMY NG TXARNG (USA) <[Redacted].mil@mail.mil>; [Redacted] MSG USARMY NG TXARNG (USA) <[Redacted].mil@mail.mil>; [Redacted] ISG USARMY (USA) <[Redacted].mil@mail.mil>; txmf@soc.texas.gov; matthew.huerta@dps.texas.gov; NG TX TXARNG List OLS S2 <ng.tx.txarng.list.ols-s2@mail.mil>; NG TX TXARNG List OLS S3 <ng.tx.txarng.list.ols-s3@mail.mil>; [Redacted] CIV USARMY 902 MI GRP (USA) <[Redacted].civ@mail.mil>; [Redacted] @dps.texas.gov>; [Redacted] 1LT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA) <[Redacted].mil@mail.mil>; [Redacted] @dps.texas.gov>; [Redacted] @dps.texas.gov>; [Redacted] 1LT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA) <[Redacted].mil@mail.mil>; [Redacted] mil@mail.mil>; [Redacted] 1LT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA) <[Redacted].mil@mail.mil>
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Very Respectfully,

[Redacted]
CPT/OD

TF Salerno OLS
AS3 Ops

BN S4 OIC
HSC 449 ASB
San Antonio, TX 78219

From: [REDACTED] [MSgt USAF NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Andrew Delgado (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Monday, August 23, 2021 9:20:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

The address on his SAD packet is as follows:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>
Sent: Monday, August 23, 2021 9:11 AM
To: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) [REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] [REDACTED]

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I am getting mail returned for [REDACTED], could you please send me his mailing address. I have [REDACTED].

Thanks!

██████████ | Human Resource Supervisor

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605.773.6514

Website: Caution-<https://bhr.sd.gov/> < Caution-<https://bhr.sd.gov/> >

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Texas Border Support EMAC

8/9/2021 - 8/23/2021

National Guard Payroll

	NAME	POSITION	Rank	PAY SCALE
1	[REDACTED]	211TH SAPPER	E4	\$198.00
1	[REDACTED]	211TH SAPPER	E4	\$198.00
1	[REDACTED]	211TH SAPPER	E4	\$198.00
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Sent to State on:

Monday, August 23, 2021

15	\$2,970.00	Aug 9 - 23
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4	\$792.00	Aug 9 - 12
15	\$2,970.00	Aug 9 - 23
17	\$4,916.06	Aug 6, 8 - 23
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15	\$2,970.00	Aug 9 - 23
15	\$2,970.00	Aug 9 - 23
1	\$198.00	11-Aug
15	\$2,970.00	Aug 9 - 23
741	\$149,182.81	

From: [REDACTED] [MSgt USAF NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Aug 23 Payroll for TX EMAC Mission (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Monday, August 23, 2021 9:02:00 AM
Attachments: [TX EMAC Payroll Aug 23.xls](#)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Please note the change to [REDACTED] first name. I highlighted it. I initially entered his middle name.

Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA)
Sent: Monday, August 23, 2021 8:13 AM
To: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>
Cc: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>; [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>; [REDACTED] Lt Col
USAF 114 FW (USA) [REDACTED].mil@mail mil>; [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>
Subject: Aug 23 Payroll for TX EMAC Mission (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

[REDACTED],

Attached is the payroll spreadsheet for the Texas EMAC mission for border support. This payroll reflects through the pay period ending August 23rd. Please let me know if you or your team run into any issues with processing. If you have any questions about the spreadsheet, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you again for all the work you do to take care of our soldiers.

Very Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

Director of Military Support NCO

Plans and Operations Specialist

South Dakota National Guard

Rapid City, SD

Office [REDACTED]

DSN [REDACTED]

Cell [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] mil@mail.mil <[mailto:\[REDACTED\].mil@mail.mil](mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil)>

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From: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] [REDACTED] (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Monday, August 23, 2021 8:32:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

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I just sent [REDACTED] SAD packet via DoD Safe.

Passphrase: [REDACTED] SADpacket

Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>
Sent: Monday, August 23, 2021 8:25 AM
To: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) [REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] [REDACTED]

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Could you please double check [REDACTED] direct deposit for me or send me the DD form.

Thank you,

[REDACTED] | Human Resource Supervisor

South Dakota Bureau of Human Resources

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[REDACTED]@state.sd.us <[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us)> < Caution-[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us) > |

Website: Caution-<https://bhr.sd.gov/> < Caution-<https://bhr.sd.gov/> >

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED] [MSgt USAF NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] NG paperchecks (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Monday, August 23, 2021 8:05:35 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image007.png](#)
[image009.png](#)
[image011.png](#)

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Good morning – I have this added to payroll. Also, I was able to get those few checks back on Thursday, I updated the address for some and resent back out on Friday. They should all be going to the correct address that we have on payroll now.

They will all go direct deposit on 9/1, except for [REDACTED], since we just got his DD fixed.

Please send spreadsheets for 8/9-8/23 payments today.

Thank you for your help.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Human Resource Supervisor

South Dakota Bureau of Human Resources

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[REDACTED]@state.sd.us < Caution-[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us) > | [REDACTED]

Website: Caution-<https://bhr.sd.gov/> < Caution-<https://bhr.sd.gov/> >

From: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) < [REDACTED] mil@mail mil >

Sent: Monday, August 23, 2021 8:38 AM

To: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>

Cc: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>; [REDACTED] Lt Col USAF 114 FW (USA)

<[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>

Subject: RE: [EXT] [Non-DoD Source] NG paperchecks (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Hi [REDACTED],

[REDACTED] correct ABA: [REDACTED]

I advised the soldier that this is different than what is on his SAD packet.

Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us <Caution-mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us >>

Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 9:38 PM

To: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) [REDACTED].mil@mail.mil <

Caution-mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil >>

Cc: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us <Caution-mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us >>

Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] NG paperchecks (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Hi [REDACTED] – the bank ABA # is not correct on [REDACTED] direct deposit, I am not getting a back pulled up with the # that is listed. Could you please check on this one.

Thanks, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Human Resource Supervisor

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[REDACTED]@state.sd.us < Caution-mailto [REDACTED]@state.sd.us > < Caution-Caution-mailto [REDACTED]@state.sd.us >

Website: Caution-Caution-<https://bhr.sd.gov/> < Caution-Caution-<https://bhr.sd.gov/> >

From: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) < [REDACTED] mil@mail.mil >
Caution-mailto [REDACTED].mil@mail.mil > >
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 3:30 PM
To: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us < Caution-mailto [REDACTED]@state.sd.us > >
Cc: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us < Caution-mailto [REDACTED]@state.sd.us > >
Subject: RE: [EXT] [Non-DoD Source] NG paperchecks (UNCLASSIFIED)

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I just resent it. Should be the same passphrase.

Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us < Caution-Caution-mailto [REDACTED]@state.sd.us < Caution-mailto [REDACTED]@state.sd.us %3c Caution-Caution-mailto [REDACTED]@state.sd.us > > >
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 2:25 PM
To: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) [REDACTED] mil@mail.mil < Caution-Caution-mailto [REDACTED].mil@mail.mil < Caution-mailto [REDACTED].mil@mail.mil %3c Caution-Caution-mailto [REDACTED].mil@mail.mil > > >
Cc: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us < Caution-Caution-mailto [REDACTED]@state.sd.us < Caution-mailto [REDACTED]@state.sd.us %3c Caution-Caution-mailto [REDACTED]@state.sd.us > > >
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] NG paperchecks (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Fyi - I have not received the website with the packets yet.

[REDACTED] | Human Resource Supervisor

South Dakota Bureau of Human Resources

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[REDACTED]@state.sd.us < Caution-mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us > < Caution-Caution-mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us > < Caution-Caution-Caution-mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us > |605.773.6514

Website:Caution-Caution-Caution-<https://bhr.sd.gov/> < Caution-Caution-Caution-<https://bhr.sd.gov/> >

From: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) <[REDACTED]mil@mail.mil < Caution-Caution-mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil < Caution-mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil %3c Caution-Caution-mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil >>>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 3:06 PM
To: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us < Caution-Caution-mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us < Caution-mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us %3c Caution-Caution-mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us >>>
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Subject: RE: [EXT] [Non-DoD Source] NG paperchecks (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

SAD Packets sent for the individuals below:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

I am not sure on the DD accounts, if you want to email to me again, I will try to load again.

Thanks!

██████████ | Human Resource Supervisor

South Dakota Bureau of Human Resources

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██████████@state.sd.us < Caution-mailto:██████████@state.sd.us > < Caution-
Caution-mailto:██████████@state.sd.us > < Caution-Caution-Caution-mailto:██████████@state.sd.us > <
Caution-Caution-Caution-Caution-mailto:██████████@state.sd.us > ██████████

Website:Caution-Caution-Caution-Caution-<https://bhr.sd.gov/> < Caution-Caution-Caution-
Caution-<https://bhr.sd.gov/> >

From: ██████████ MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) <john.d.samuel4_mil@mail.mil < Caution-Caution-
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Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 11:43 AM

To: ██████████@state.sd.us < Caution-Caution-Caution-mailto:██████████@state.sd.us >
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Subject: RE: [EXT] [Non-DoD Source] NG paperchecks (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Hi ██████████,

%3c Caution-Caution-Caution-Caution-[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us) >>>>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] NG paperchecks

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Good morning [REDACTED] – I have several paperchecks from the 2nd Border Patrol payments. Let me know if you want me to mail these out to their home address that is on file or send to you?

[REDACTED] – will go DD next payment

Need new Direct deposit form for the below:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Thanks!

[REDACTED] | Human Resource Supervisor

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From: [REDACTED] [Lt Col USAF 114 FW \(USA\)](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] [COL USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED] [MSgt USAF NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Leadership Visit to TX
Date: Friday, August 20, 2021 11:10:31 AM

Thanks [REDACTED]

From: "[REDACTED]@state.sd.us" <[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us)> >
Date: Friday, August 20, 2021 at 8:43:23 AM
To: "[REDACTED] Lt Col USAF 114 FW (USA)" <[\[REDACTED\].mil@mail.mil](mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil)> <[mailto:\[REDACTED\].mil@mail.mil](mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil)> >, "[REDACTED]@state.sd.us" <[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us)> >
Cc: "[REDACTED] COL USARMY NG SDARNG (USA)" <[\[REDACTED\].mil@mail.mil](mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil)> <[mailto:\[REDACTED\].mil@mail.mil](mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil)> >, "[REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA)" <[\[REDACTED\].mil@mail.mil](mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil)> <[mailto:\[REDACTED\].mil@mail.mil](mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil)> >, "[REDACTED]@state.sd.us" <[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us)> >
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Leadership Visit to TX

This is not part of the EMAC request, so we are unable to pay that expense. I think this would need to be handled the same way in which the TAG went down there. I'm unsure how his travel was paid.

From: [REDACTED] Lt Col USAF 114 FW (USA) <[\[REDACTED\].mil@mail.mil](mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil)>
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2021 9:39 AM
To: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us; [REDACTED]@state.sd.us
Cc: [REDACTED] COL USARMY NG SDARNG (USA) <[\[REDACTED\].mil@mail.mil](mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil)>; [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) <[\[REDACTED\].mil@mail.mil](mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil)>
Subject: [EXT] Leadership Visit to TX

Good morning [REDACTED] and [REDACTED],

MG Marlette asked the question if 2 Soldiers in leadership of the battalion TF 153 falls under could visit the Soldiers at the border. Would the state be able to put them on SAD for this visit? It would be round trip airfare, 2 nights lodging in TX, wages and per diem. I would estimate about \$4500 combined for both. Looking a timeline of next week. Let me know, thank you,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] COL USARMY NG SDARNG (USA)
To: [REDACTED] LTC USARMY NG SDARNG (USA)
Cc: [REDACTED] Lt Col USAF 114 FW (USA); [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA); [REDACTED] CPT USARMY NG SDARNG (USA)
Subject: Fwd: Flights
Date: Friday, August 20, 2021 10:22:00 AM

So, state OEM is not covering. I just talked with the TAG and BG Michaels, go ahead and work with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on this email to get you flight paid for using the TAG's state funds. Also, work with CPT [REDACTED] for lodging (maybe at where they are staying) and transportation while there. Probably need to complete voucher for any travel expenses, lodging and per diem when you get back. I know you're traveling right away when you return so, my recommendation is to file your voucher ASAP when you get back from Vegas.

Let me know whether you have any questions or concerns or troubles along the way.

COL [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED] LTC USARMY NG SDARNG (USA)" [REDACTED] mil@mail.mil>
Date: August 20, 2021 at 9:41:09 AM MDT
To: "[REDACTED] COL USARMY NG SDARNG (USA)" [REDACTED].mil@mail mil>
Subject: FW: Flights

Thanks

LTC [REDACTED]
Commander; 153rd Engineer Battalion
Deputy G-1; South Dakota Army National Guard
[REDACTED] office
[REDACTED] cell
[REDACTED] DSN
[REDACTED].mil@mail mil

-----Original Message-----

From: Marlette, Jeffrey P MG USARMY NG SDARNG (USA) <jeffrey.p.marlette.mil@mail.mil>
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2021 9:37 AM
To: [REDACTED]@travellers.com>; [REDACTED]@travellers.com
Cc: [REDACTED] LTC USARMY NG SDARNG (USA) [REDACTED].mil@mail mil>; [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>; [REDACTED] CIV NG SDANG (USA) <[REDACTED].civ@mail.mil>
Subject: RE: Flights

Good Morning,

We are looking at the following trip:

Travelers: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Departure: Rapid City, SD (RAP)

Destination: McAllen, TX (MFE)

Depart: August 24th - Early flight (Here is a possible option: AA5765 departs RC @ 6:00 to DFW, Connects to AA1589, departing at 10:50 AM, arrives at MFE at 12:27)

Return: August 26th - Mid-Day (Option: AA5830 departs MFE at 11:55 to DFW, Connects to AA3013, departing at 2:39, arrives at RAP at 4:07)

I have included [REDACTED] on this email. He can get you specific traveler information.

Thank you for your help. Please let me know if you have any questions/problems.

Jeff

Jeffrey P. Marlette
Major General, SDNG
The Adjutant General

Office: (605) 737-6700
Cell: (605) 484-7777

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>

Sent: Friday, August 20, 2021 9:01 AM

To: [REDACTED]@travelleaders.com>

Cc: Marlette, Jeffrey P MG USARMY NG SDARNG (USA) <jeffrey.p.marlette mil@mail.mil>

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Flights

Hi [REDACTED],

General Marlette has some folks that we need to book flights to Texas Please bill to our department. Thank you.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED] [.MSgt USAF NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)
Cc: [REDACTED] [CPT USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED] [@yahoo.com](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Pay Tracker update
Date: Thursday, August 19, 2021 9:14:11 PM
Attachments: [pay_tracker8.19.2021.xlsx](#)

MSGT,

Here is what we are tracking for pay as on 2200 19AUG2021.

LT [REDACTED]

Rank	Name	First pay check (8July-23July)	Second Check (23 July-8Aug)
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	X
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	8/19/2021 not received
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	X
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	X
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	X
SGT	[REDACTED]	X	X
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	X
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	X
SSG	[REDACTED]	X	X
CPT	[REDACTED]	X	X
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	X
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	X
SGT	[REDACTED]	X	X
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	X
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	X
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	X
1LT	[REDACTED]	X	X
SFC	[REDACTED]	X	X
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	X
SGT	[REDACTED]	X	X
SGT	[REDACTED]	X	X
PFC	[REDACTED]	X	X
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	8/19/2021 not received
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	X
SPC	[REDACTED]		8/19/2021 not received
SGT	[REDACTED]	X	X
SSG	[REDACTED]	X	X
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	X
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	X
SGT	[REDACTED]	X	X
SGT	[REDACTED]	X	X
SGT	[REDACTED]	X	X
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SPC	[REDACTED]	X	X
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	8/19/2021 not received
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	X
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SGT	[REDACTED]	X	X
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SGT	[REDACTED]	X	X
SGT	[REDACTED]	X	X
SGT	[REDACTED]	X	X
SGT	[REDACTED]	X	X
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	8/19/2021 not received
SGT	[REDACTED]	X	8/19/2021 not received
PFC	[REDACTED]	X	X

SPC	[REDACTED]	X	X
PFC	[REDACTED]	X	X
CPT	[REDACTED]	Not present for 1st Pay period	8/18/2021 not received
SSG	[REDACTED]	Not present for 1st Pay period	Not present 2nd pay period
PFC	[REDACTED]	Not present for 1st Pay period	Not present 2nd pay period
PFC	[REDACTED]	Not present for 1st Pay period	Not present 2nd pay period
SPC	[REDACTED]	Not present for 1st Pay period	Not present 2nd pay period
PFC	[REDACTED]	Not present for 1st Pay period	Not present 2nd pay period
SGT	[REDACTED]	Not present for 1st Pay period	Not present 2nd pay period
SSG	[REDACTED]	Not present for 1st Pay period	Not present 2nd pay period

Soldiers Gained

Soldiers Off orders

per diem (8July-23July)	per diem (23July-8Aug)	
X	8/18/2021 not received	
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From: [REDACTED] [MSgt USAF NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] NG paperchecks (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Thursday, August 19, 2021 2:06:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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SAD Packets sent for the individuals below:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Passphrase: TexasSADpackets

Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 12:29 PM
To: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>
Cc: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] NG paperchecks (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Thanks!

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Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 11:43 AM

To: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us <[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us)> >

Cc: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us <[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us)> >

Subject: RE: [EXT] [Non-DoD Source] NG paperchecks (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] NG paperchecks

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[REDACTED] – will go DD next payment

Need new Direct deposit form for the below:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thanks!

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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] NG paperchecks (UNCLASSIFIED)
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I'll call you with his information.

Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

(605) 390-9499

From: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 1:41 PM
To: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) [REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>
Cc: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>
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No, it is a paper check.

I am not sure what is wrong with his DD, but, it was stopped 7/22/21. If you would like to verify the info again with me, I can try to send it through again.

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Can his second check be Direct Deposited?

Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us < Caution-[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us) >
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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

Thanks!

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From: [REDACTED] [MSgt USAF NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)
To: [REDACTED] [SFC USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED] [SSG USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)
Cc: [REDACTED] [MAJ USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED] [CPT USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: FW: NG Travel Vouchers (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Thursday, August 19, 2021 9:09:00 AM
Attachments: [DOC081821-08182021210715.pdf](#)

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Hello,

SPC [REDACTED] will only be able to claim per diem for her travel to Sioux Falls. She would need to fill out a new travel voucher reflecting her travel to Sioux Falls in a government vehicle, to include the start time from when she left and the return time.

State will not honor her travel from HOR to the armory since she is local (I tried). I did contact the SM to inform her of the change. She will contact one of you to fill out a new Travel Voucher. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 8:17 AM
To: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) [REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>
Cc: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] NG Travel Vouchers

Morning, I received and processed the travel vouchers for the individuals below. I am checking with the auditor's office regarding [REDACTED] travel voucher (attached). I don't think [REDACTED] can claim mileage or meals as Huron is their home town.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Management Analyst

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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: NG Travel Vouchers (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Thursday, August 19, 2021 8:32:00 AM

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Would it help if it was annotated that she used a government vehicle to travel to Sioux Falls to pick up our soldiers? Then they can claim the lunch at least. Please let me know.

Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 8:30 AM
To: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>
Cc: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: NG Travel Vouchers

The auditor's office confirmed, [REDACTED] cannot claim this mileage or meal.

From: [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

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DEFENSE MORNING CLIPS

As of 0430 Hours, August 19

OVERVIEW

In an interview with *ABC News*, President Biden expressed his commitment to getting every American out of Afghanistan, but conceded that the mission could extend beyond the August 31 deadline as there are 10,000-15,000 Americans that remain and upwards of 50,000-60,000 Afghan citizens eligible to leave. Separately, during a press briefing, Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin said, “We’re going to evacuate everybody that we can physically evacuate,” and when asked about the quick fall of the Afghan government, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Mark Milley said, “There was nothing that I or anyone else saw that indicated a collapse of this army and this government in 11 days,” the *Washington Post* wrote. Also of note, Secretary Austin and Canadian Defense Minister Harjit Sajjan announced a joint plan to modernize the North American Aerospace Defense Command by investing in new capabilities to defend against ballistic missile threats and added, “The stronger and safer we are at home, the more we are capable of engaging and acting together in the wider world,” *C4ISRNET.com* reported.

TOP STORIES

1. U.S. troops will stay until all Americans are out of Afghanistan, even if past Aug. 31 deadline

ABCNews.com (Exclusive), Aug. 18 (1751) | Molly Nagle

In an exclusive interview with ABC News’ George Stephanopoulos, President Joe Biden said the U.S. is committed to getting every American out of Afghanistan -- even if it means potentially extending the mission beyond his Aug. 31 deadline for a total withdrawal.

2. Pentagon defends planning, pledges to save every American

Washington Post, Aug. 19 (0115), Pg. A1 | Dan Lamothe and Greg Jaffe

In their first public remarks since the Afghan government’s collapse, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and Gen. Mark A. Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, declared the airport “secure” and said evacuation flights were ongoing, but they repeatedly declined to address what will be done for Americans who cannot reach the airport safely.

3. U.S. and Canada want to collaborate on NORAD modernization

C4ISRNET.com, Aug. 18 (1553) | Nathan Strout

“To meet our security and defense objectives, both countries must be secure within our shared North American continent. The stronger and safer we are at home, the more we are capable of engaging and acting together in the wider world, in support of a strong, rules-based international order,” the Minister of National Defence of Canada Harjit Sajjan and U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin in a joint statement.

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT

4. New SECNAV lays out his priorities for the Navy and Marine Corps

Military Times Online, Aug. 18 (1505) | Geoff Ziezulewicz

The 78th secretary of the Navy, Carlos Del Toro, who as sworn in Aug. 9, released a message to the fleet laying out the “four Cs” that the former officer sees as vital challenges to the department: China, culture, climate and COVID. In the Aug. 10 message, Del Toro echoed other military leaders in warning of China’s ascendance and its goal of challenging U.S. military superiority. “We will not let this happen,” he wrote. “We will deter China’s aggression, protect our national security and preserve the peace.”

5. Marines, sailors team up to sink decommissioned frigate during Large Scale Exercise 21

Navy Times Online, Aug. 18 (1747) | Diana Stancy Correll

The decommissioned guided-missile frigate Ingraham was sunk Sunday by joint forces as part of Large Scale Exercise 2021. The multi-domain exercise, which involved long-range maritime strikes, was conducted in the Hawaiian Islands Operating Area, according to the Navy.

COVID-19

6. DoD Records Deadliest Week of the Coronavirus Pandemic; Five Service Members Lost

Military.com, Aug. 18 (1733) | Patricia Kime

The Defense Department recorded five additional deaths of service members from COVID-19 in the past week, the deadliest for the U.S. military of the pandemic. According to Pentagon data published Wednesday, 34 service members have now died of coronavirus infections, up from 29 a week ago. During the same time frame, the DoD recorded 4,156 new infections among U.S. troops, bringing the total for the pandemic to 222,138.

EXECUTIVE/LEGISLATIVE

7. Pentagon Holds to August Deadline for Afghanistan Evacuations

Bloomberg News, Aug. 18 (1136) | Daniel Flatley and Travis Tritten

The Pentagon is holding fast to a deadline to get U.S. citizens and Afghan allies out of Afghanistan by Aug. 31 even as lawmakers of both parties are pressuring President Joe Biden to extend the effort. “The mandate by the president is to complete this mission by the 31st of August,” Pentagon press secretary John Kirby said. “That’s the target we’re shooting for. I won’t speculate about any possible different decisions going forward.” Kirby said any extension of that timetable “would have to be a decision made by the commander in chief.”

8. Critics see politics in slow start getting Afghan allies out

Washington Post, Aug. 19 (0115), Pg. A1 | Anne Gearan, Tyler Pager, Jacqueline Alemany and Missy Ryan

The Biden administration moved slowly for months to address the plight of vulnerable Afghans who had worked for the United States even as a deadline for U.S. military withdrawal loomed, refugee advocates said - a lull some blamed on White House concern that the influx would invite partisan political backlash amid a rush of migrants at the southern border.

9. U.S. ‘Can’t Take That Chance’ on Trusting Taliban’s Promise of Women’s Rights - Pelosi says

Newsweek Online, Aug. 18 (1702) | Alex J. Rouhandeh

During the press conference, Pelosi stressed that monitoring potential threats against women stands as a priority, adding that she saw some of the support for America’s continued presence in the region being derived in part out of concern for the country’s women and girls. “Women and girls in Afghanistan have been a high priority for us,” she said. “We have to make this the subject of the greatest transparency.”

10. McConnell criticizes Biden for pulling U.S. troops from Afghanistan: ‘He should have done the right thing for the country’

CBSNews.com, Aug. 18 (1903) | Caitlin Yilek

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell sharply criticized President Biden’s decision to withdraw U.S. troops from Afghanistan on Wednesday but offered no solutions for how to resolve the chaos that has ensued as the country fell to the Taliban.

AFGHANISTAN-PAKISTAN

11. Pentagon: Kabul evacuations not solely reliant on ‘goodwill’ from Taliban

Politico Online, Aug. 18 (1622) | Quint Forgey

The Pentagon’s top spokesperson denied on Wednesday that the United States was solely dependent on the “goodwill” of the Taliban as the U.S. military forged ahead with its urgent mission to evacuate Americans and Afghan allies from the international airport in Kabul. Still, Defense Department press secretary John Kirby was largely unable to assuage concerns about reports of Taliban fighters preventing access to the airport and myriad threats posed to potential evacuees — despite an agreement the Biden administration said it brokered with the militant group to allow civilians safe passage to U.S. flights.

12. Idled Planes, Flawed Uniforms: How U.S. Blew Cash in Afghanistan

Bloomberg News, Aug. 19 (0200) | Tony Capaccio

The rapid collapse of Afghanistan’s government to the Taliban fueled fears of a humanitarian disaster, sparked a political crisis for President Joe Biden and caused scenes of desperation at Kabul’s airport. It’s also raised questions about what happened to more than \$1 trillion the U.S. spent trying to bring peace and stability to a country wracked by decades of war.

13. Taliban Violently Suppress Protests

Wall Street Journal, Aug. 19 (0200), Pg. A1 / Yaroslav Trofimov, William Mauldin and Gordon Lubold

The Taliban used gunfire to disperse nascent protests against their rule in Afghanistan, killing two people and injuring several more, and continued to block access to Kabul's international airport after the U.S. said the group had agreed to allow evacuations. The use of violence against protesters in the eastern Afghan cities of Jalalabad, Khost and Asadabad on Wednesday clashed with the promise of inclusive governance and general amnesty the Taliban have attempted to project since seizing the Afghan capital on Sunday.

14. Coaxing and Threats Secured Victory

New York Times, Aug. 19 (0300), Pg. A1 / David Zucchino

The Taliban's strategy of coercion and persuasion was repeated across the country, unfolding for months as a focal point of the insurgents' new offensive this year. The militants cut multiple surrender deals that handed them bases and ultimately entire provincial command centers, culminating in a stunning military blitz this summer that put the militants back in power two decades after they were defeated by the United States and its allies. The negotiated surrenders were just one element of a broader Taliban strategy that captured heavily defended provincial capitals with lightning speed, and saw the insurgents walk into the capital, Kabul, on Sunday with barely a shot fired. It was a campaign defined by both collapse and conquest, executed by patient opportunists.

15. The Afghanistan Crisis: Taliban's Illicit Profit Evades Block on Cash

Wall Street Journal (Exclusive), Aug. 19 (0200), Pg. A8 / Ian Talley, Kate Davidson and Benoit Faucon

The Biden administration is set to cut off the Taliban's access to billions of dollars in critical overseas finance, but some officials warn the terror group's income from drug sales and other illicit activities threatens to undermine Washington's pressure campaign. The U.S. has largely secured the backing it needs to block the Taliban's access to billions in reserves held at the International Monetary Fund and assistance pledged through the World Bank and other donor groups, according to people familiar with the matter.

16. The Afghanistan Crisis: Military Fled Afghanistan With Dozens of Aircraft

Wall Street Journal, Aug. 19 (0200), Pg. A8 / Alan Cullison and Gordon Lubold

A large portion of the Afghan air force has ended up in neighboring Uzbekistan, after hundreds of Afghan service members used U.S.-supplied planes and helicopters to flee the Taliban, U.S. officials said. At least 46 of the aircraft crossed over Afghanistan's border into Uzbekistan since last weekend, when the Taliban seized Kabul and the government collapsed, U.S. officials said. The planes and helicopters carried a total of 585 members of Afghan forces with them, the officials said.

17. U.S. military aircraft flying over Kabul 'routine' and 'will continue' until end of evac, CENTCOM says

Military Times Online, Aug. 18 (0854) / James Webb and Rachel Cohen

U.S. Air Force and Navy warplanes are backing up the American military's effort to keep the Kabul airport secure and open, as the Pentagon ramps up a hasty plan to ferry at-risk Afghan citizens and foreigners away from the resurgent Taliban regime.

18. Deposed Afghan President Ghani Turns Up in Emirates

Wall Street Journal Online, Aug. 18 (1521) | Rory Jones and Dion Nissenbaum

Deposed Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani, who fled the country as the Taliban surrounded the capital Kabul, has taken refuge in the United Arab Emirates, the Gulf state said Wednesday.

19. Taliban meet with Karzai and Abdullah, Ghani says he backs talks

Agence France-Presse, Aug. 18 (1644) | Not Attributed

The Taliban, who have pledged a "positively different" sort of rule in Afghanistan from their brutal regime two decades ago, met with former president Hamid Karzai and senior official Abdullah Abdullah Wednesday as they seek to form a government. The talks came as president Ashraf Ghani -- who fled Afghanistan as the insurgents closed in on Kabul at the weekend, sealing their return to power -- said from the United Arab Emirates that he supported those negotiations and was in talks to return home.

INDO-PACIFIC

20. North Korea issued navigational warning for East Sea in indication of missile launch preparations

Yonhap News Agency (South Korea), Aug. 18 (2206) | Oh Seok-min

North Korea had declared a no-sail zone for ships off the east coast earlier this week, sources said Thursday, indicating that it had plans to launch missiles amid an ongoing combined exercise between South Korea and the United States. The navigational warning was issued for Sunday through Monday for northeastern regions in the East Sea, according to the military sources. Such an advisory is usually issued ahead of missile launches or other weapons tests to warn vessels to stay clear of certain areas expected to be affected.

CHINA

21. China Sees U.S. Hubris, but Afghanistan Offers No Easy Choices

New York Times, Aug. 19 (0300), Pg. A4 | Chris Buckley and Steven Lee Myers

For China's leaders, the chaotic scenes unfolding in Afghanistan have served as stinging vindication of their hostility to American might. "The last dusk of empire," China's official news agency said. The Chinese foreign ministry called it a lesson in "reckless military adventures." Any smugness in Beijing could be premature. China is now left scrambling to judge how the American defeat could reshape the contest between the world's two great powers. While the Taliban's rout has weakened American prestige and its influence on China's western frontier, it could also create new geopolitical dangers and security risks.

EUROPE

22. U.S. Diplomats Hit by Havana Syndrome

Wall Street Journal, Aug. 19 (0200), Pg. A18 / Bojan Pancevski

At least two U.S. officials stationed in Germany sought medical treatment after developing symptoms of the mysterious health complaint known as Havana Syndrome, U.S. diplomats said. U.S. diplomats said similar incidents had been registered among American officials stationed in other European nations. Some victims were intelligence officers or diplomats working on Russia-related issues such as gas exports, cybersecurity and political interference, U.S. diplomats and people familiar with an investigation into the illness said.

23. Leaders of coalition nations grapple with awful outcome

Washington Post, Aug. 19 (0115), Pg. A18 / William Booth, Rick Noack and Amanda Coletta

It was not the U.S. Congress that returned from its August holiday to gnash its teeth over intelligence failures and military collapse in Afghanistan. Instead, it was the British Parliament, which was recalled for a remarkable one-day session on Wednesday, to hear lawmakers give heartfelt speeches honoring fallen soldiers and engage in hours of finger-pointing over what went so wrong. The British were not alone in such painful debate, as other allies sounded off about the stunning events in Kabul. In countries that sent troops to Afghanistan - from Europe, Canada and Australia - politicians and veterans of the war tried to tally what was gained and what was lost.

RUSSIA

24. Russia is Top Military Threat to U.S. Homeland, Air Force General Says

U.S. Naval Institute News, Aug. 18 (1314) / John Grady

Russia, with its array of hard-to-detect cruise missiles and advanced submarines, poses the primary military threat to the American homeland today, the commander of U.S. Northern Command said Tuesday. “They’ve developed capabilities that didn’t exist 20 years ago ...very low radar cross-section cruise missiles [and] submarines on par with our submarines,” Air Force Gen. Glen VanHerck said.

25. New satellite images show Russia may be preparing to test nuclear powered ‘Skyfall’ missile

CNN.com, Aug. 18 (2022) / Zachary Cohen

New satellite images obtained by CNN show Russia may be preparing another test of its nuclear-powered cruise missile, known as “Skyfall”-- a controversial weapon that is designed to defeat US defense systems. The photos, which were captured on August 16 by the commercial satellite imaging company Capella Space, offer “strong indications Russia was preparing to test a nuclear-powered cruise missile” at a known launch site located near the Arctic Circle, experts at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies Center for Nonproliferation Studies who analyzed the photos told CNN.

26. Russia sees potential cooperation, but prepares for worst

Washington Post, Aug. 19 (0115), Pg. A19 / Robyn Dixon

In the wake of the Taliban's lightning takeover of Afghanistan, Russian officials moved quickly into a two-pronged approach: cautiously reaching out to the Taliban even as Russia expanded military exercises with Tajikistan along the Afghan border.

AFRICA

27. In Mali, fears of sharing Afghanistan's fate

Agence France-Presse, Aug. 18 (1032) / Not Attributed

Afghanistan's fall to the Taliban after a US pullout has raised the spectre of a similar drama in the West African state of Mali, where France has pledged a military drawdown next year. "Should we brace for the same scenario as in Kabul?" was the headline Wednesday in the Malian daily *Le Soir de Bamako*.

AMERICAS

28. More U.S. forces deployed to Haiti as earthquake death toll tops 2,000

CBSNews.com, Aug. 18 (2240) / Vladimir Duthiers

Haiti faced another grim day on Wednesday as search and rescue teams found more bodies in the rubble, bringing the death toll to more than 2,000 people. Rescue and recovery efforts have been slowed by Tropical Storm Grace, and have been hampered by the fact that the earthquake destroyed roads leading to some of the hardest-hit areas. More U.S. forces have now been deployed to the country — the Navy warship USS Arlington, which carries more than 600 military personnel, will arrive Friday.

29. Haiti's earthquake victims are still overwhelming hospitals

Associated Press, Aug. 18 (1313) / Mark Stevenson and Evens Sanon

More injured victims from Haiti's deadly weekend earthquake trickled Wednesday into hospitals already overwhelmed with thousands of patients, while bodies are still being found in collapsed buildings five days after the disaster. The U.S. military's Southern Command said it was moving eight helicopters from Honduras to Haiti. Three U.S. Coast Guard helicopters have assisted in life-saving transports and moved 17,350 pounds of cargo. A U.S. Navy amphibious warship, the USS Arlington, was expected to head for Haiti on Wednesday with a surgical team and landing craft.

ARMY

30. U.S. Army orders environmental review of Louisiana plastics project

Reuters, Aug. 18 (1626) / Valerie Volcovici

The U.S. Army on Wednesday ordered a full environmental review of a proposed Formosa Group petrochemical plant in St. James Parish, Louisiana, opposed by local groups concerned about the health impact on an area

overburdened with pollution. The review of the “Sunshine Project” in St. James parish in Louisiana, which could take years, will be conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, according to a memo posted on the Twitter feed of an Army Civil Works official.

MARINE CORPS

31. Marines fire Naval Strike Missiles from Kauai

Honolulu Star-Advertiser Online, Aug. 18 (0606) | William Cole

In one of the most realistic Marine Corps field experiments to date of a new unmanned truck missile launcher, two Naval Strike Missiles on Sunday flew over 100 nautical miles (115 statute miles) to strike the decommissioned Navy frigate ex-USS Ingraham 60 nautical miles from Kauai. For the exercise, the missiles did not have warheads. “Two shots, two hits,” said Maj. Nick Mannweiler, a spokesman for Marine Corps Forces Pacific.

NAVY

32. Changes from Boot Camp to Shipyards Are Coming in the Wake of the Bonhomme Richard Fire

Military.com, Aug. 18 (1154) | Konstantin Toropin

The Navy is making major changes to its after-hours security and shipyard procedures in the wake of the Bonhomme Richard fire, sailors told Military.com. The fire aboard the Bonhomme Richard, which was undergoing shipyard maintenance, broke out on July 12, 2020, a Sunday morning when the amphibious assault ship was manned only by the duty section. It began in the ship’s “lower V” cargo hold and lasted for four days, burning at more than 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit. The incident is considered the Navy’s worst U.S. warship fire outside of combat in recent history.

NOTABLE COMMENTARY

33. Fall of Kabul demands tough congressional hearings

USA Today Online, Aug. 18 (0800) | Editorial

America’s greatest foreign policy debacle in more than a generation will demand congressional hearings to understand what went wrong with the disastrous U.S. exit from Afghanistan. Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Mark Warner hit the right tone this week when he pledged “tough but necessary questions about why we weren’t better prepared for a worst-case scenario involving such a swift and total collapse of the Afghan government and security forces.”

34. The U.S. Is Hostage to the Taliban

Wall Street Journal, Aug. 19 (0200), Pg. A16 | Editorial

The Taliban haven't formally taken any Americans captive in Afghanistan, at least not yet, but it's clear that the jihadists already have the Biden Administration as a political hostage. That was obvious from Wednesday's briefing at the Pentagon, where the Secretary of Defense and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff admitted they lack the military resources and political mandate to ensure that every American is evacuated amid the Taliban control of Kabul. There was no lack of determination to do so on the part of Secretary Lloyd Austin and Gen. Mark Milley, both of whom fought in Afghanistan. One or the other said more than once that they view their mission as getting out "all American citizens" who want to leave the country now in Taliban hands.

35. Biden must extend his Afghanistan withdrawal deadline — whether the Taliban agrees or not

Washington Post Online, Aug. 18 (1655) | Josh Rogin

As thousands of Americans and tens of thousands of Afghans desperately try to flee Afghanistan, the U.S. military mission to evacuate them is only just beginning. President Biden doesn't want to abandon his promise to withdraw all U.S. troops by Aug. 31, but nobody believes the mission to save as many of these people as possible will be complete by then. Biden must bite the bullet and extend the mission — and he should make that decision as soon as possible.

TOP STORIES

1. U.S. troops will stay until all Americans are out of Afghanistan, even if past Aug. 31 deadline

Biden said the military mission may extend beyond the Aug. 31 deadline

ABCNews.com (Exclusive), Aug. 18 (1751) | Molly Nagle

In an exclusive interview with ABC News' George Stephanopoulos, President Joe Biden said the U.S. is committed to getting every American out of Afghanistan -- even if it means potentially extending the mission beyond his Aug. 31 deadline for a total withdrawal.

"We've got like 10 to 15,000 Americans in the country right now. Right? And are you committed to making sure that the troops stay until every American who wants to be out is out?" Stephanopoulos asked Biden.

"Yes," Biden replied.

The president cautioned that his focus is on completing the mission by Aug. 31, but when pressed by Stephanopoulos, conceded the mission could take longer.

"So Americans should understand that troops might have to be there beyond Aug. 31st?" Stephanopoulos asked.

"No," Biden replied. "Americans should understand that we're gonna try to get it done before Aug. 31st."

“But if we don’t,” Stephanopoulos said, “the troops will stay --”

“If -- if we don’t,” Biden interrupted, “We’ll determine at the time who’s left.”

“And?” Stephanopoulos asked.

“And if you’re American force -- if there’s American citizens left, we’re gonna stay to get them all out,” Biden said.

Biden told ABC News that in addition to the 10,000 to 15,000 Americans who need to be evacuated, there are between 50,000 and 65,000 Afghans and their families the U.S. also wants to get out.

“The commitment holds to get everyone out that, in fact, we can get out and everyone who should come out. And that’s the objective. That’s what we’re doing now. That’s the path we’re on. And I think we’ll get there,” Biden said.

But to do that before the end of the month, Biden said it will require that the ongoing evacuation mission go faster.

“It depends on where we are and whether we can get -- ramp these numbers up to five to five - 7,000 a day coming out. If that’s the case, they’ll all be out,” the president said.

“The commitment holds to get everyone out that, in fact, we can get out and everyone who should come out. And that’s the objective. That’s what we’re doing now. That’s the path we’re on. And I think we’ll get there,” Biden said.

The administration has come under fire for the chaos unfolding on the ground in Afghanistan as control of the country quickly fell to the Taliban while the deadline for the final U.S. withdrawal approached.

The Taliban’s rapid recapture of the country, the administration acknowledged, happened more quickly than they had expected, and led to chaos at the Kabul airport. As the Taliban continues to block access for desperate Afghan allies who aided the United States during the 20 years war, they now fear retribution for their efforts.

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2. Pentagon defends planning, pledges to save every American

Washington Post, Aug. 19 (0115), Pg. A1 | Dan Lamothe and Greg Jaffe

The Pentagon’s top leaders on Wednesday sought to defend the military’s planning ahead of a Taliban assault that led to the fall of Afghanistan’s U.S.-backed government, saying they are focused for now on securing the Kabul airport and evacuating all American citizens and as many Afghan allies “as possible.”

In their first public remarks since the Afghan government's collapse, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and Gen. Mark A. Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, declared the airport "secure" and said evacuation flights were ongoing, but they repeatedly declined to address what will be done for Americans who cannot reach the airport safely. They were even more evasive on the question of how they planned to aid Afghan allies whom the United States had pledged to evacuate but who were being stopped at Taliban checkpoints.

Administration officials informed Congress earlier this week that upward of 15,000 U.S. citizens were in Afghanistan when Kabul fell. Milley and Austin acknowledged that significant threats remain for those outside the facility and indicated that the United States now is relying on the Taliban to ensure safe passage. Although the airport is controlled by thousands of U.S. troops sent back into the war zone as chaos unfolded in recent days, the militants have established their security perimeter several miles outside the facility.

"We're going to evacuate everybody that we can physically evacuate," Austin told reporters at the Pentagon. In an interview with ABC News that aired after the military leaders' joint briefing, President Biden said, if necessary, U.S. troops will remain in Afghanistan beyond his prescribed Aug. 31 deadline to ferry out all Americans who want to leave.

"If there are American citizens left, we're going to stay until we get them all out," Biden said.

The Biden administration and the Pentagon have been struggling to keep up with the rapidly deteriorating situation in Afghanistan for days now. Milley defended the military's planning on Wednesday, saying that while there were intelligence reports that stated the Kabul government could fall quickly, "that was widely estimated and ranged."

"There was nothing that I or anyone else saw that indicated a collapse of this army and this government in 11 days," Milley said, a time frame that encompasses the fall of numerous provincial capitals leading up to Kabul's capture.

The defense officials spoke amid rising criticism that the military withdrawal directed by Biden was not handled responsibly, as administration officials said it would be. Congressional Democrats said on Wednesday that they will investigate the "flawed" withdrawal in a series of hearings.

Former U.S. civilian and military officials with experience at senior levels in Afghanistan expressed befuddlement at how unready the Biden administration appeared to the possibility that it might have to rapidly evacuate both U.S. citizens and their allies after the top U.S. commander there, Gen. Austin "Scott" Miller, rotated out in July.

"Why didn't they think they were going to be evacuating this many people?" said one former senior Obama administration official with experience in Afghanistan. The official, like others, spoke on the condition of anonymity so as not to be seen as criticizing the military's leadership. "They clearly weren't planning to evacuate [special immigrant visa] recipients, dual citizens and human rights advocates."

Instead of focusing on intelligence failures, military analysts pointed to planning and execution failures that hobbled the military's ability to respond quickly as events on the ground unraveled. Chief among the failings, they said, was the lack of a robust headquarters that could manage a quickly deteriorating security situation.

"From a military standpoint, we withdrew our only capable headquarters when Scott Miller left. You can't run a complex operation without a capable tactical and operational headquarters," said retired Lt. Gen. David Barno, a former commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan.

Barno questioned the decision to have a large-scale regional theater command, such as U.S. Central Command, play the leading role in overseeing a fast-moving and fluid operation on the ground after Miller departed. "I think the speed and complexity of the operation just took them by surprise," he said.

Another decision that is almost certain to draw scrutiny from lawmakers is the Pentagon's decision to close Bagram air base more than six weeks ago, when the mission to evacuate America's closest allies had barely begun. The sprawling airfield, with two runways, is about 35 miles north of Kabul and would have offered an alternative to the single-runway airport there.

"No one in their right mind would have closed Bagram Air Base while leaving behind thousands of civilians. But that's what Joe Biden did," Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) wrote on Twitter.

Cotton's criticism was echoed by most military experts with experience in the region. Barno, who commanded all U.S. forces in Afghanistan during the early years of the war, said that in his experience, "Kabul international airport is virtually indefensible."

Laurel Miller, who worked as a special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, said the U.S. approach to the final days of the war also seemed to defy planning from several years earlier that concluded that any large-scale evacuation without Bagram or Kandahar air bases was going to be nearly impossible.

"We expected it would be problematic to rely on the airport in an evacuation scenario because having to evacuate would mean the situation had deteriorated gravely already and many Afghans and other countries' citizens would be desperate to get out," Miller said.

Another former senior U.S. military commander, speaking on the condition of anonymity because of the issue's sensitivity, said that keeping Bagram open would have been a "safer bet."

"It would have given us many tactical options right to the end, not the least being its defensibility," the retired general said. "As the humanitarian situation deteriorated and then collapsed, operating out of Bagram could also have provided a better platform for supporting humanitarian processing at Kabul, or even at Bagram itself."

Asked about the decision to close Bagram, Milley said that the “task given to us” after the military withdrawal was to protect the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, and that keeping Bagram and a military base at the Kabul airport would have required a “significant number of military forces that would have exceeded what we had.”

Miller and Gen. Kenneth “Frank” McKenzie, who heads U.S. Central Command, recommended closing Bagram and keeping open a military presence at the airport, Milley said. The risk of leaving from the airport or Bagram was “about the same,” allowing the military to get down to about 600 to 700 troops, he added.

Asked whether the military is considering retaking Bagram in light of its advantages, Milley demurred. “Great question, but I’m not going to discuss branches and sequels off of our current operation,” he said.

Some former officials, such as Eliot Cohen, who worked on Afghanistan policy during the latter years of the George W. Bush administration, decried the failure to protect America’s closest Afghan allies as a moral failing.

“This says something about our governing class - how shallow and irresponsible they can be,” said Cohen, dean of the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, which has trained hundreds of U.S. foreign policy officials. “They can be embarrassed. They should be profoundly ashamed.”

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3. U.S. and Canada want to collaborate on NORAD modernization

C4ISRNET.com, Aug. 18 (1553) | Nathan Strout

WASHINGTON -- Military leaders in Canada and the United States plan to work together to modernize the North American Aerospace Defense Command, jointly investing in new sensing and command and control capabilities to protect the continent from new ballistic missile threats.

“To meet our security and defense objectives, both countries must be secure within our shared North American continent. The stronger and safer we are at home, the more we are capable of engaging and acting together in the wider world, in support of a strong, rules-based international order,” the Minister of National Defence of Canada Harjit Sajjan and U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin in a joint statement.

NORAD is an air defense-focused organization the U.S. runs in tandem with Canada. The commander is typically a four-star U.S. general, while the deputy director is typically a three-star Canadian general. NORAD is led by Gen. Glen VanHerck, who also serves as the head of U.S. Northern Command, which is charged with homeland defense. The general said he sees the two organizations’ respective missions as inseparable.

The statement commits both countries to “modernize, improve, and better integrate the capabilities required for NORAD to maintain persistent awareness and understanding of potential threats to North America in the aerospace and maritime domains, to deter acts of aggression against North America, to respond to aerospace

threats quickly and decisively when required, and to provide maritime warning consistent with the NORAD Agreement.”

That includes replacing NORAD’s main sensors with new advanced ones located in all domains — from under the sea to on orbit — that can detect threats as small as a cruise missile or even a small drone. The countries also need to conduct joint research and establish new command and control systems that enable a common operating picture.

At an Aug. 17 Center for Strategic and International Studies event, VanHerck outlined some modernization initiatives that would enable teams to see threats sooner and react faster.

“Homeland defense doesn’t start in the homeland. It starts abroad. I don’t want to be shooting down cruise missiles over the national capital region. I think that’s a little bit late in the process. So I’d like to be engaging or deterring, well, what I call left of launch,” said VanHerck.

That means moving even earlier than the instant detection of a launch provided by overhead persistent infrared sensors on orbit. Using signals intelligence, geospatial intelligence and other data sources, VanHerck wants to establish a pattern of behavior on the ground around potential threats. That way, when NORAD or other observers see a deviation in behavior, they can begin preparing responses. That sort of capability could give commanders hours, or even days notice of a threat — well before an actual launch.

VanHerck also wants to see modernization that aligns with the Department of Defense’s overarching concept of Joint All-Domain Command and Control, which envisions a series of technology upgrades that enables data from any sensor to be processed and fed to appropriate weapon systems in real time. That process would be largely autonomic, fast and effective.

But today, NORAD relies on what VanHerck describes as analog steps. Once a radar detects a potential threats, sensor controllers rely on literal telephones to pass warning data on to operators at a command center, which then calls the appropriate regional authority (CONAR, ANAR or CANAR), which in turn relay the information to NORAD headquarters. That process takes minutes, said VanHerck, and that’s not good enough.

What the general wants is a single pane of glass where all of the sensor data is seamlessly integrated in real time, with forces able to interact with it from anywhere on the globe and collaborate.

To get there, the military must adopt to software and machine learning programs to process the vast amounts of raw data collected by its sensors at a scale that humans simply cannot do.

“Today, the data and the formation for the indications and the warning that we’re talking about is oftentimes not shared, it’s not shared across multiple agencies, it’s not shared across multiple combatant commanders, and it’s not analyzed sometimes for hours, if not days,” said VanHerck.

Essentially, the data exists today, but it is not being properly utilized.

In July, NORAD and NORTHCOM hosted Global Information Dominance Experiment 3, a demonstration conducted with the other combatant commands, the Joint Artificial Intelligence Center and Project Maven to see how JADC2-type technologies could impact operations. Participants simulated global events taking place over 120 days, aggregating sensor warnings and processing that data with artificial intelligence to present options to decision makers in real time. The combatant commands were able to enter that data into a cloud environment, establishing a common operating picture that users from multiple locations could interact with simultaneously.

“I think the tools that we demonstrated are ready to be used at an operational to strategic level to create time and decision space,” said VanHerck in a promotional video for the exercise.

According to the general, the technology is ready for this JADC2 vision, but there needs to be a cultural change within DoD to implement it. The department is set up for an industrial process designed to build ships and aircraft over years and even decades, he said, but the software he needs relies on updates every 14 days. The current annual budget process and the Future Years Defense Program aren’t designed to work at the speed of software like that, he added.

There is also a need to upgrade the actual radars and systems that make up NORAD’s sensing capabilities, said VanHerck, something also highlighted in the joint statement issued by Canada and the United States.

NORAD’s main sensing capability is the North Warning System, which was set up in the Cold War to detect bombers.

“Both China and Russia have developed very advanced capabilities. China is a peer with Russia in the cyber and space capabilities. Russia is the primary military threat to the homeland today. They’ve developed capabilities that didn’t exist 20 years ago, capabilities to circumvent our legacy warning systems and capabilities: very low radar cross-section cruise missiles, submarines that are on par with our submarines that can be very quiet and present a cruise missile threat to the homeland,” VanHerck said.

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DEFENSE DEPARTMENT

4. New SECNAV lays out his priorities for the Navy and Marine Corps

Military Times Online, Aug. 18 (1505) | Geoff Ziezulewicz

The 78th secretary of the Navy, Carlos Del Toro, who as sworn in Aug. 9, released a message to the fleet laying out the “four Cs” that the former officer sees as vital challenges to the department: China, culture, climate and COVID.

In the Aug. 10 message, Del Toro echoed other military leaders in warning of China’s ascendance and its goal of challenging U.S. military superiority.

“We will not let this happen,” he wrote. “We will deter China’s aggression, protect our national security and preserve the peace.”

When it comes to culture, Del Toro wrote that “every Sailor and Marine of all races, genders, religions and ethnicities must treat one another with dignity and respect,” and that such behavior ensures combat readiness.

He called climate change an issue that “exacerbates every challenge we face, from naval installations to frequent deployments.

“It is also a global struggle for resources that demands ingenuity and innovation,” Del Toro wrote. “It demands solutions that mitigate climate damage while ensuring our operational success and competitive edge.”

On the COVID-19 front, Del Toro called for vaccinating the force “with expedience.”

“If we are not vaccinated, we are neither deployable nor combat ready,” he wrote. “Immediately, the Navy and Marine Corps will make every effort to vaccinate and care for our force and defeat the scourge Covid has inflicted on our troops.”

Del Toro’s stance on vaccinations follows a Pentagon announcement this month that vaccines will soon become mandatory for all servicemembers.

A retired Navy officer who spent 26 years in uniform, including at the helm of a destroyer, Del Toro said in his message that he has “a bias for action” and “will strive to be direct and transparent with you about what we need to accomplish together.”

The safety and welfare of troops “will always be paramount,” he wrote, adding that he was “committed to confronting our maintenance backlog, managing our operational requirements and building our Navy of the future.”

“Serving as your 78th Secretary of the Navy is a high honor,” he wrote. “It also carries grave responsibilities to which I will dedicate all my skill and devotion.”

Del Toro graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1983 and then served in the Navy for 22 years. His assignments included serving as the first commanding officer of the guided-missile destroyer Bulkeley, overseeing ship construction and fleet introduction activities as well as the integration of women into the crew. The vessel was one of the first mixed-gender warships.

He also served as a program manager for what was called Space and Naval Warfare Command — now known as Naval Information Warfare Systems Command — and as a senior executive assistant to the director for program analysis and evaluation within the Office of the Secretary of Defense, where he made top-level decisions about program development and budgets.

After retiring from the Navy, Del Toro founded SBG Technology Solutions, where he has served as president and CEO for 17 years. The company has participated in defense programs related to shipbuilding, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and space systems.

Del Toro was born in Havana, Cuba, and his family came to the U.S. as refugees in 1962, settling in New York City.

The Navy’s second Hispanic-American secretary, Del Toro has a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from the Naval Academy, a master’s degree in national security studies from the Naval War College, a master’s degree in space systems engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School, as well as a master’s degree in legislative affairs from George Washington University. He is married to Betty Del Toro, and they have four children and a granddaughter.

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5. Marines, sailors team up to sink decommissioned frigate during Large Scale Exercise 21

Navy Times Online, Aug. 18 (1747) | Diana Stancy Correll

The decommissioned guided-missile frigate Ingraham was sunk Sunday by joint forces as part of Large Scale Exercise 2021.

The multi-domain exercise, which involved long-range maritime strikes, was conducted in the Hawaiian Islands Operating Area, according to the Navy.

“Lethal combat power was effectively applied to a variety of maritime threats over the last two weeks in a simulated environment as part of the Navy’s Large Scale Exercise and expertly demonstrated Sunday with live ordnance,” said U.S. 3rd Fleet Commander Vice Adm. Steve Koehler in a Navy news release.

“The precise and coordinated strikes from the Navy and our Joint teammates resulted in the rapid destruction and sinking of the target ship and exemplify our ability to decisively apply force in the maritime battlespace,” Koehler said.

The sinking exercise involved units from the Carl Vinson Carrier Strike Group; Submarine Forces Pacific; 1 Marine Expeditionary Force, 3rd Marine Air Wing, III Marine Expeditionary, 3rd Marine Division; and the Army Multi-Domain Task Force.

According to Lt. Gen. Eric Smith, head of Marine Corps Combat Development Command, the service planned to launch Naval Strike Missiles off the back of a Remotely Operated Ground Unit for Expeditionary (ROGUE) fires vehicle.

During the live-fire exercise Sunday — in concert with Navy and the Air Force attacks on the scrapped hull — two NSM missiles traveled 100 nautical miles before striking their target.

That combination of missile and vehicle, collectively known as the Navy Marine Expeditionary Ship Interdiction System, or NMESIS, will be able to avoid enemy detection within the first island chain of an enemy in the Pacific and strike at enemy vessels wherever they appear, Smith said.

Other weapons systems were also employed against the frigate.

According to a spokesperson from Pacific Fleet, the U.S. Third Fleet’s Carrier Strike Group One launched F/A-18E/F Super Hornets to test the Joint Standoff Weapon, and F-35C Joint Strike Fighters employed laser-guided weapons.

Likewise, P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft tested the Harpoon weapon system, and the fast-attack submarine Chicago fired a UGM-84 anti-ship Harpoon missile and a Mark 48 Advanced Capability torpedo.

Additionally, a division of F/A-18Cs from Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 323 delivered precision lethal fires with AGM-84 Harpoons as part of the sinking exercise, a spokesperson for U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific told Marine Corps Times.

The Ingraham was in service from 1989 until 2015 when it was decommissioned.

Navy guidelines require that hulks must sink at least 6,000 feet beneath the water, and at least 50 nautical miles away from shore during sinking exercises. The hulks undergo a thorough cleaning and inspection beforehand to adhere to Environmental Protection Agency guidelines, the Navy said.

The Navy and Marine Corps wrapped up Large Scale Exercise Monday. The exercise, labeled the “biggest exercise we’ve done in a generation” by Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Gilday, involved U.S. Fleet Forces Command, U.S. Pacific Fleet and U.S. Naval Forces Europe.

The Navy and Marine Corps’ goal for the exercise was to test out modern warfighting concepts on a global scale, like distributed maritime operations and expeditionary advanced base operations, and understand what those concepts mean for the fleet.

“Although there will be training value, this exercise is about validating, refining, testing warfighting concepts,” Marine Corps Col. Nicholas Nuzzo, deputy exercise director, told reporters Aug. 5.

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COVID-19

6. DoD Records Deadliest Week of the Coronavirus Pandemic; Five Service Members Lost

Military.com, Aug. 18 (1733) | Patricia Kime

The Defense Department recorded five additional deaths of service members from COVID-19 in the past week, the deadliest for the U.S. military of the pandemic.

According to Pentagon data published Wednesday, 34 service members have now died of coronavirus infections, up from 29 a week ago. During the same time frame, the DoD recorded 4,156 new infections among U.S. troops, bringing the total for the pandemic to 222,138.

The military services have not yet released the names of the deceased, and it is unclear whether all the deaths occurred in the past week or were the result of delayed reporting to the DoD from active-duty, Reserve or National Guard units.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, more than 333,000 DoD beneficiaries have contracted COVID-19 and 409 have died, including the 34 service members, 17 family members, 267 civilian DoD employees and 91 contractors.

Defense Department officials have urged personnel to get vaccinated against the virus but have stopped short of mandating the immunizations while they are distributed under an emergency authorization by the Food and Drug Administration. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said earlier this month that by Sept. 15 he planned to ask

President Joe Biden to order troops to get vaccinated or would make it mandatory as soon as the FDA formally approves the vaccines' use, expected by the end of the month.

The deaths come as the Delta variant of COVID-19 is striking some states particularly hard. U.S. Northern Command announced Wednesday that five teams of military medical personnel are preparing to mobilize to support medical care in affected regions, starting in Lafayette, Louisiana.

At the request of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, a team of 20 military medical personnel, including nurses, respiratory therapists and doctors, will deploy to Ochsner Lafayette General Medical Center to bolster hospital staff caring for COVID-19 patients.

“This is the second time Department of Defense medical assets have deployed to support Louisiana during the pandemic,” said U.S. Army North Commander Lt. Gen. Laura Richardson. “While COVID-19 continues to challenge the community here and elsewhere in the U.S., we remain steadfast in our support of our local, state and federal partners.”

As of Wednesday, 1.07 million service members have been fully vaccinated against the illness, or slightly more than 50% of the total force, including the Reserve and National Guard.

Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said Aug. 10 that 73% of the active-duty force had received at least one shot and roughly 62% were fully vaccinated.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced Wednesday that all vaccinated Americans over age 18 should expect to get a booster shot eight months after their last shot -- an effort to end the pandemic and save lives.

“Right now, our quickest path to getting COVID-19 under control, once and for all, is getting vaccines to those who need them as quickly as possible,” said U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy during a press conference.

More than 37 million Americans have tested positive for the coronavirus and 623,956 have died, according to Johns Hopkins University.

Within the U.S. military, 14 active-duty Army, Army National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers; 10 Navy and Navy Reserve sailors; and five Air Force and Air National Guard members have died, along with the five who have yet to be identified.

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7. Pentagon Holds to August Deadline for Afghanistan Evacuations

Bloomberg News, Aug. 18 (1136) | Daniel Flatley and Travis Tritten

The Pentagon is holding fast to a deadline to get U.S. citizens and Afghan allies out of Afghanistan by Aug. 31 even as lawmakers of both parties are pressuring President Joe Biden to extend the effort.

“The mandate by the president is to complete this mission by the 31st of August,” Pentagon press secretary John Kirby said. “That’s the target we’re shooting for. I won’t speculate about any possible different decisions going forward.”

Kirby said any extension of that timetable “would have to be a decision made by the commander in chief.”

More than 40 House lawmakers spanning the political spectrum from progressive Democrats to conservative Republicans are imploring Biden to keep U.S. forces in Afghanistan until they finish evacuating those fleeing the Taliban. The bipartisan nature of their effort underscores the growing unease on Capitol Hill about the United States’ messy withdrawal amid the Taliban’s rapid rise in the country.

“The United States must do everything possible to securely hold the airport in Kabul until the rescue mission is complete and our citizens, allies, and vulnerable Afghans have had an opportunity to leave,” the lawmakers wrote in a Tuesday letter to Biden. “We trust that the previous August 31st deadline you imposed on our military mission will not apply to this effort, and that we will stay as long as is necessary to complete it.”

The letter was led by Democratic Representatives Tom Malinowski of New Jersey and Jason Crow of Colorado and includes many lawmakers who have served in Afghanistan.

Others who signed the letter include Democrats who have long agitated to end the Afghan conflict, including Barbara Lee of California, the only lawmaker to vote against the war authorization in 2001, Jim McGovern of Massachusetts and Pramila Jayapal of Washington. They are joined by Elise Stefanik of New York, the third-ranking House Republican and Dan Crenshaw of Texas among other GOP House members.

Pentagon officials on Wednesday said the military would hold the airport until the end of the month to evacuate as many people as possible.

There are still 11,000 “self-identified” U.S. citizens in Afghanistan, according to White House press secretary Jen Psaki. There are several times that many applicants for the Special Immigrant Visa program and other refugee programs, according to human rights groups.

Kirby said that there is capacity to airlift between 5,000 and 9,000 people a day.

But lawmakers said that the challenge goes beyond just securing the airport and extends to ensuring that evacuees can move safely past a perimeter set up by the Taliban around the airport. They urged Biden to make clear to the Taliban that they will face “grave consequences” if they attempt to interfere with the evacuation.

“We will need to be clear with the Taliban that they must allow safe passage of Afghans needing evacuation to the airport, and that they will face grave consequences if they threaten our troops or impede our evacuation efforts,” the lawmakers wrote.

Lawmakers also urge the administration to allow Afghan nationals applying for Special Immigrant Visas to stay at the airport “as long as necessary” so they don’t return to Kabul and risk detection by the Taliban.

The tone and timing of the letter, coming after multiple congressional committees announced their intention to probe the administration’s withdrawal plans, illustrates the widening gulf between Capitol Hill and the White House on the Afghanistan pullout.

“It would be unconscionable and devastating to our credibility to leave our allies behind, given the commitments we have made,” the lawmakers write. “We should not consider ourselves bound to any past commitments we have made to the Taliban, who have never fully lived up to their part of the bargains they struck with us.”

“All that should matter now is our moral obligation and strategic interest to help those who helped us, and to stand by the Afghans who bet their lives on the future we promised,” the letter concludes.

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8. Critics see politics in slow start getting Afghan allies out

Washington Post, Aug. 19 (0115), Pg. A1 | Anne Gearan, Tyler Pager, Jacqueline Alemany and Missy Ryan

The Biden administration moved slowly for months to address the plight of vulnerable Afghans who had worked for the United States even as a deadline for U.S. military withdrawal loomed, refugee advocates said - a lull some blamed on White House concern that the influx would invite partisan political backlash amid a rush of migrants at the southern border.

Afghans who served as interpreters, fixers and other staff for the U.S. military and diplomats over the nearly 20-year U.S. military mission were among thousands evacuated in recent days, following the stunning collapse of the U.S.-backed government. Getting thousands more out of the country is a top priority now ahead of an Aug. 31 deadline to exit, the nation’s top military officials said Wednesday.

“We have a moral obligation to help those who helped us, and I feel the urgency deeply,” Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said at the Pentagon.

Asked Wednesday by ABC News' George Stephanopoulos whether some troops might stay beyond the end of the month if necessary to evacuate Americans and Afghan allies, President Biden said: "It depends on where they are, and whether we can ramp these numbers up to five [thousand] to 7,000 a day coming out. If that's the case, they'll all be out."

Biden also said, "If there are American citizens left, we're going to stay until we get them all out."

But the administration showed little public urgency to expedite visas for Afghans in the months before and immediately after Biden's announcement in April that the United States would pull U.S. forces out. White House officials said bureaucratic backlogs and delays caused by the coronavirus pandemic slowed the process but that it ramped up dramatically as summer approached.

The State Department approved 137 visas between Jan. 1 and March 31, resulting in more than 650 people approved for relocation to the United States. Successful applicants for what is known as special immigrant visas, or SIVs, can bring immediate family members. The pace picked up after that, and the State Department says it reached a rate of 800 per week at the start of August, just before the Taliban takeover of the country and the shuttering of the U.S. Embassy in Kabul.

"At every stage the administration expressed nominal support for the SIV program" while saying that bureaucratic hurdles prevented faster work, said Rep. Peter Meijer (R-Mich.), who is part of a bipartisan group of lawmakers that pushed the White House to move more quickly.

"At every point that had an excuse thrown up, we went and fixed that excuse," Meijer said. "So at the end of the day I can't help but come to the conclusion that they just didn't want to deal with this issue and put up every roadblock possible."

"They were worried about the optics because they lost control of the southern border," he said, accusing the administration of "leaving our Afghan friends out to hang in the wind."

James Miervaldis, chairman of No One Left Behind, a nonprofit group that helps former translators and others navigate the visa process, described months of inconclusive conversations with administration officials this spring. Advocates warned "that this could go bad very fast" and that the administration needed contingency plans to move people within Afghanistan and exit strategies to third countries, such as Qatar, if they could not immediately relocate to the United States, Miervaldis said.

"There was a very proactive campaign from outside groups trying to help, and we were stiff-armed. All we asked for was a plan. Whatever they wanted to do, we were standing by to support. But then they didn't do anything," right away, Miervaldis said.

Although he said none of the officials he dealt with asserted a connection to immigration politics, Miervaldis believes there is one.

“There are people looking at what is happening at the border and saying, ‘Oh we can’t all of a sudden be bringing in refugees from Afghanistan, people will hammer us on immigration,’ “ Miervaldis said.

A senior administration official denied foot-dragging or a political motive.

“This is not true. We would never let the prospect of bad-faith criticism from the same people who orchestrated the Muslim ban and decimated America’s refugee pipeline keep us from keeping faith with our Afghan partners,” said the official, speaking on the condition of anonymity because of sensitivity of the matter.

Officials provided a timeline of administration action that noted a backlog of 17,000 SIV applicants when Biden took office. In-person interviews were required but none had taken place at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul since March 2020, administration officials said. Interviews resumed within two weeks of Biden’s inauguration, and in February the White House issued an order directing additional resources for visa processing.

Eventually the administration committed four times as many people to the task of processing as before, administration officials said.

As lawmakers and advocates were pressing the Biden administration to expedite the SIV process, the White House was embroiled in an immigration crisis at the southern border. Biden was growing increasingly frustrated with his administration’s struggle to handle the influx of unaccompanied minors and worried about the government’s ability to handle an influx of refugees from other countries.

Even though they are separate processes, the Office of Refugee Resettlement, housed at the Department of Health and Human Services, has responsibility for both unaccompanied minors at the border and the separate group of foreigners seeking refugee status because of persecution, war or oppression at home. The Afghan SIVs, however, are not part of the U.S. refugee cap.

Early in his term, Biden overruled his top foreign policy and national security advisers, including Secretary of State Antony Blinken, in deciding to keep in place the Trump administration’s record-low cap on the number of refugees admitted to the United States.

The move was reversed after public outcry, but Biden’s initial decision reflected his concerns about how the crisis at the border affected the broader refugee landscape. Biden himself acknowledged there were geopolitical considerations for not evacuating Afghans sooner.

“Part of it was because the Afghan government and its supporters discouraged us from organizing a mass exodus to avoid triggering, as they said, a crisis of confidence,” the president said Monday.

Shortly after Biden announced his withdrawal plan on April 13, a group of bipartisan lawmakers created the Honoring Our Promises Working Group to pressure the administration to protect Afghan allies and expedite the SIV process.

The administration's first meeting with the working group did not come until May 13, followed by a second meeting at the beginning of June, according to a source familiar with the process.

Acting on a suggestion from the administration, the working group quickly drafted the Hope for Afghan SIVs Act of 2021, which waived requirements to undergo a medical exam for those eligible for special immigrant status, followed by the Averting Loss of Life and Injury by Expediting SIVs (ALLIES) Act, a bill designed to expedite the SIV process by removing burdensome application requirements. But the meetings did not come soon enough, according to Democrats and Republicans involved with the process.

"From our perspective we'd say it took too long but we do think they got there with us," said a person familiar with the process, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to candidly describe negotiations with the White House."

The Pentagon has said it may soon be able to evacuate more than 5,000 per day, if the Taliban holds to an unofficial agreement not to interfere.

Advocates began raising the fate of Afghan interpreters and others with Biden's team behind the scenes even before the new president took office, urging swift action to members of committees set up to conduct planning on issues including immigration. While President Donald Trump had ordered the Pentagon to reduce U.S. force levels to 2,500 by Jan. 15, they also knew he might institute an abrupt withdrawal at any time.

In May, advocates began to publicly call for the administration to move SIV candidates and their families to a U.S. territory such as Guam.

There was precedent for doing so: In 1975, the United States moved more than 100,000 Vietnamese allies to the island, most of whom eventually settled in the United States.

But ultimately the legislative changes were largely "in the weeds," rather than a necessary systemic overhaul made more urgent by the approaching deadline, said one Senate aide, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly.

In May, Biden officials conveyed they believed they had at least a year before there was a serious threat to individuals in Kabul, the aide said.

But Senate aides also blamed Trump for allowing the SIV program to atrophy, which they said resulted in the Biden administration inheriting a program that was not operating at full capacity. White House officials echoed that critique.

The Afghan SIV program continued throughout Trump's four-year presidency, although applicants faced wait times stretching years.

Humanitarian aides and experts working on the issue have struggled to find explanations for the seemingly slow response apart from political factors.

“The Biden administration has been looking over its shoulder at the southern border and worries that politically this is an area where demagogues can score points as Trump did when he was running for president,” said Bill Frelick, refugee policy director for Human Rights Watch. “I think the Biden administration realizes that the asylum issues on the Southern border can easily be conflated with refugee resettlement.”

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9. U.S. ‘Can’t Take That Chance’ on Trusting Taliban’s Promise of Women’s Rights - Pelosi says

Newsweek Online, Aug. 18 (1702) | Alex J. Rouhandeh

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi held a press conference in San Francisco today where she voiced her concerns over how the freedoms of Afghan women and girls may be abridged following the Taliban's takeover of the country.

When asked whether she thought the Taliban could be trusted to not harm Afghanistan's women, Pelosi said, “We can't take that chance.”

During the press conference, Pelosi stressed that monitoring potential threats against women stands as a priority, adding that she saw some of the support for America's continued presence in the region being derived in part out of concern for the country's women and girls.

“Women and girls in Afghanistan have been a high priority for us,” she said. “We have to make this the subject of the greatest transparency.”

In her address, Pelosi also said she had a call with Pakistani education activist Malala Yousafzai where they spoke about joining efforts to raise awareness and provide assistance. Pelosi also said she has been in communication with Representative Jason Crow, from Colorado, a veteran of the war who's taken the Democratic lead on helping Afghans who served the U.S. get visas.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has been vocal about the need to monitor for abuses against women by the Taliban. Here, she speaks at her weekly news conference at the Capitol building on August 6 in Washington, D.C.

In a press conference on Tuesday attended by a number of female reporters, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid promised the organization would respect women's rights within the norms of Sharia Law, a system of rules based on Islamic teachings in the Quran. In its messaging since taking over, the Taliban has encouraged women to return to work and go to school.

Interpretations of Sharia Law differ widely amongst the Muslim world. While both Pakistan and Saudi Arabia both prescribe to the same faith-based legal system, Pakistan has had a female prime minister, Benazir Bhutto, while Saudi Arabian women were granted the right to live alone without the permission of a male guardian in June of this year.

Under the Taliban rule from 1996 to 2001, women were not allowed to work or attend school. They could only visit a male doctor if a male guardian was present, and a woman who did not wear a burqa in public could have been killed.

A recent report from CNN detailed the story of one woman being attacked by Taliban members after not answering the knocks at her door. A separate report by Reuters chronicled the story of nine women who were forced to leave their banking jobs. How the Taliban will address women systemically remains unknown.

“It is critical that the United States and the international community come together to protect the people of Afghanistan, especially the women and girls who are at the greatest risk,” Pelosi said in a press release. “The Taliban must know that the world is watching and will not tolerate its brutal treatment of women and girls.”

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10. McConnell criticizes Biden for pulling U.S. troops from Afghanistan: ‘He should have done the right thing for the country’

CBSNews.com, Aug. 18 (1903) | Caitlin Yilek

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell sharply criticized President Biden's decision to withdraw U.S. troops from Afghanistan on Wednesday but offered no solutions for how to resolve the chaos that has ensued as the country fell to the Taliban.

“We shouldn't have made this decision in the first place. We only had 2,500 troops there, light touch, no chaos, not a single American soldier killed in a year in combat,” he told “CBS Evening News” anchor and managing editor Norah O'Donnell on Wednesday.

“We've now left 10,000 to 15,000 American citizens behind enemy lines with no plan to get them to the airport to get out. And ironically, we have more troops in Afghanistan now trying to rescue our people than we had before this unbelievably bad decision to precipitously withdraw.”

Mr. Biden has defended his decision to withdraw troops from Afghanistan, though he has acknowledged that the Taliban takeover of the country happened more quickly than his administration expected.

In an interview with ABC News on Wednesday, Mr. Biden said he didn't think the situation could have had a different outcome. "The idea that somehow, there's a way to have gotten out without chaos ensuing, I don't know how that happens," he said.

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin also acknowledged Wednesday that evacuations of U.S. citizens and Afghan allies are not moving fast enough as thousands try to flee the country.

"The president should leave no American behind. I'll leave it up to him to figure out how to correct the mistake that he made," McConnell said. "He took this enormous risk in order to pursue basically a poll-tested line that we've ended the longest war and we're bringing everybody home — a political decision that produced catastrophic consequences."

As to whether former President Trump, who made the decision to withdraw troops by May 1, bears some of the responsibility, McConnell said he also told Mr. Trump the decision "should not be made."

"President Biden didn't have to make this decision based upon what a previous president decided to do. He should have done the right thing for the country. This was entirely predictable," he said. "Afghanistan will shortly return to exactly why we went there in the first place."

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11. Pentagon: Kabul evacuations not solely reliant on 'goodwill' from Taliban

Defense Department press secretary also acknowledged the Pentagon was abreast of the reports on airport access

Politico Online, Aug. 18 (1622) | Quint Forgey

The Pentagon's top spokesperson denied on Wednesday that the United States was solely dependent on the "goodwill" of the Taliban as the U.S. military forged ahead with its urgent mission to evacuate Americans and Afghan allies from the international airport in Kabul.

Still, Defense Department press secretary John Kirby was largely unable to assuage concerns about reports of Taliban fighters preventing access to the airport and myriad threats posed to potential evacuees — despite an agreement the Biden administration said it brokered with the militant group to allow civilians safe passage to U.S. flights.

“I’m not going to walk you away from the idea that that’s not important. Of course it’s important,” Kirby told reporters Wednesday, referring to the safe passage agreement. “But to say that the evacuation all hinges on [the] goodwill of the Taliban I think is to overstate all the efforts that have to go into this.”

Kirby also acknowledged the Pentagon was abreast of the reports on airport access, which has been complicated by a Taliban-imposed curfew in Kabul and checkpoints erected across the capital city, as well as confusing documentation requirements.

“This is one of the reasons why communication with the Taliban is so important,” Kirby said. “And what I can tell you is we’re not unaware that there has been issues out in town and harassment of individuals.”

National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan said Tuesday that U.S. officials believed the safe passage agreement with the Taliban could last until Aug. 31, President Joe Biden’s self-imposed deadline for the U.S. military withdrawal from Afghanistan. But Sullivan did not say whether evacuations would continue beyond the end of the month.

Kirby, too, declined to answer whether the evacuation mission would blow past the Aug. 31 end date, which a bipartisan group of 40 House lawmakers urged Biden to disregard Tuesday as the administration seeks to ramp up U.S. military flights out of Afghanistan.

“The mandate by the president is to complete this mission by the 31st of August, and that’s the target we’re shooting for,” Kirby said. “I won’t speculate about any possible different decisions going forward. That would have to be a decision made by the commander in chief.”

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12. Idled Planes, Flawed Uniforms: How U.S. Blew Cash in Afghanistan

Bloomberg News, Aug. 19 (0200) | Tony Capaccio

The rapid collapse of Afghanistan’s government to the Taliban fueled fears of a humanitarian disaster, sparked a political crisis for President Joe Biden and caused scenes of desperation at Kabul’s airport.

It’s also raised questions about what happened to more than \$1 trillion the U.S. spent trying to bring peace and stability to a country wracked by decades of war.

While most of that money went to the U.S. military, billions of dollars got wasted along the way, in some cases aggravating efforts to build ties with the Afghan people Americans meant to be helping.

A special watchdog set up by Congress spent the past 13 years documenting the successes and failures of America’s efforts in Afghanistan. While wars are always wasteful, the misspent American funds stand out because the U.S. had 20 years to shift course.

Here are 10 projects that the U.S. watchdog -- the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, or Sigar -- identified as wasted effort:

\$549 Million Planes Sold as Scrap

An effort to build up an Afghan air force included spending at least \$549 million for 20 refurbished Italian-made G222 twin-turboprop aircraft. But 16 of the planes were left languishing in the weeds of Kabul's international airport after persistent maintenance issues made them unflyable.

They were eventually sold as scrap for 6 cents a pound, or \$32,000. The Justice Department in May 2020 told the watchdog that "it was not going to prosecute the criminal and civil cases related to the failed G222 aircraft program" so "as a result, no one will be held accountable."

Road to Nowhere

The U.S. Agency for International Development spent \$176 million to build a 101-kilometer (63 mile) road between Gardez city and Khost Province. Less than a month after it was finished, Sigar inspectors found that five segments were destroyed and portions of two other segments had washed away, according to an October 2016 audit.

Woodland Camouflage

The U.S. spent as much as \$28 million buying uniforms for the Afghan military with camouflage patterns that didn't match the environment. But Pentagon officials said the design was chosen because Afghanistan's minister of defense at the time thought it looked good.

"He liked the woodland, urban, and temperate patterns," according to a June 2017 assessment.

In a memo to the force that year, then-Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said "rather than minimize this report or excuse wasteful decisions, I expect all DOD organizations to use this error as a catalyst to bring to light wasteful practices."

'Melting Buildings'

The U.S. spent \$500,000 with an Afghan contractor in May 2012 to construct a training range for the Afghan Special Police Training Center in Logar Province. It was designed to replicate a typical Afghan village and be used for conducting simulated search and clearance exercises.

But inspectors found that water had begun penetrating the walls within four months of the U.S. taking control of the training range. Bricks used in the construction had too much sand, and too little clay, and began to erode. A January 2015 audit referred to the structures as “melting buildings.”

War on Drugs

Afghanistan has long been the world’s top producer of opium poppies. Besides its human toll, the Afghan drug trade was seen as undermining reconstruction and security goals by financing insurgent groups, fueling government corruption and eroding state legitimacy.

Over a 15-year period, the U.S. spent about \$8.6 billion on Afghan counternarcotics efforts. Still, by 2017, poppy cultivation and opium production reached record highs and “drug production and trafficking remain entrenched,” Sigar wrote.

Power Transmission Failure

Inspectors found that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers mismanaged a \$116 million contract with an Afghan company to build a power station to provide electricity to more than one million Afghans.

The mismanagement resulted in the U.S. spending almost \$60 million on a project that wasn’t operational “because land-acquisition and right-of-way issues have not been resolved, and there was no contract provision to permanently connect the system to a power source,” Sigar reported in March 2018.

Sigar auditors found the system might also be “structurally unsound and pose a risk” to Afghans who live near transmission towers and lines, or worked in a nearby substation.

Empty Headquarters

The U.S. military spent \$36 million on a 64,000-square foot (5,950 square meter) command-and-control facility at Camp Leatherneck in Helmand Province that had a war room, a briefing theater and enough office space for 1,500 people.

“It appears to be the best constructed building I have seen in my travels in Afghanistan,” a Sigar inspector wrote in July 2013. “Unfortunately, it is unused, unoccupied, and presumably will never be used for its intended purpose.”

Hotel Shell

Sigar found “serious deficiencies in the management and oversight” of \$85 million in loans made by the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for the construction of a 209-room hotel and adjacent 150-room Kabul Grand Residences apartment building, directly across from the U.S. Embassy in Kabul.

A November 2016 review found both the hotel and the apartment building were incomplete, abandoned empty shells, and both loans were in default.

Unused Military Camp

The Pentagon spent \$3.7 million to construct a camp near the Turkmenistan border for the Afghan National Army. Despite being partially ready for use at the time of the Sigar assessment in 2013, it remained unused with “all essential areas -- such as the administration building, latrines, and firing ranges -- empty.”

A Pentagon official told investigators the camp was not used because it lacked a dining facility.

Afghanistan’s Military?

The U.S. spent about \$83 billion over nearly 20 years trying to stand up a force that could fight the Taliban and guarantee Afghanistan’s stability. But the Taliban rebuilt strength and the Afghan military collapsed in weeks as the U.S. pulled out. Even U.S. military leaders seemed stunned by the militants’ advance.

“There are not reports that I am aware of that predicted a security force of 300,000 would evaporate in 11 days,” General Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Wednesday.

The U.S. shipped out hundreds of tons of equipment, but as they closed in on Kabul, Taliban fighters seized American-provided planes, helicopters, weapons and ammunition meant for the Afghan military.

John Sopko, who oversaw the Sigar audits, was asked last month, before the Afghan collapse, whether the military spending was wasted.

“That’s a tough one and it’s hard to say everything was wasted,” Sopko replied. “And even though there are serious problems, and I have serious concerns and I think our military does and most observers have serious concerns, the story isn’t over. The last act hasn’t played. They could still turn it around.”

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13. Taliban Violently Suppress Protests

After promising safe passage, insurgents beat demonstrators, crack down at airport

Wall Street Journal, Aug. 19 (2020), Pg. A1 | Yaroslav Trofimov, William Mauldin and Gordon Lubold

The Taliban used gunfire to disperse nascent protests against their rule in Afghanistan, killing two people and injuring several more, and continued to block access to Kabul's international airport after the U.S. said the group had agreed to allow evacuations.

The use of violence against protesters in the eastern Afghan cities of Jalalabad, Khost and Asadabad on Wednesday clashed with the promise of inclusive governance and general amnesty the Taliban have attempted to project since seizing the Afghan capital on Sunday.

A senior figure in the Islamist movement met with two former leaders of the deposed government, and Afghanistan's deposed president, Ashraf Ghani, was welcomed by the United Arab Emirates on humanitarian grounds. His whereabouts had been unknown since he fled his country on Sunday.

Afghans and Westerners stranded in Kabul trickled into the city's U.S.-controlled airport for evacuation flights. But entry remained extremely difficult, with Taliban checkpoints pushing Afghans back and no clear system to bring people in.

President Biden defended his decision to withdraw U.S. troops from Afghanistan in an interview with ABC News on Wednesday, saying there was no way to exit without chaos.

Asked about the images of desperate people at Kabul's airport trying to flee, Mr. Biden said, "What I thought was, we have to gain control of this. We have to move this more quickly. We have to move in a way in which we can take control of that airport. And we did."

The president said he was committed to getting U.S. citizens in the country out and expressed optimism that it could be done by the Aug. 31 deadline. Pushed on what he would do if there were U.S. citizens remaining after Aug. 31, he said: "If there's American citizens left, we're gonna stay till we get them all out."

Of Afghan allies the U.S. is looking to evacuate, Mr. Biden said: "The commitment holds to get everyone out that, in fact, we can get out and everyone who should come out."

The White House said on Tuesday that the Taliban had agreed to provide for the safe passage of civilians to the airport. But the continuing frustration voiced on Wednesday by Afghans over their treatment by the Taliban prompted new concerns in Washington.

“We have seen reports that the Taliban, contrary to their public statements, and their commitments to our government, are blocking Afghans who wish to leave the country from reaching the airport,” Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman said.

White House officials said on Tuesday that obstruction by the Taliban of civilian access to the airport could result in U.S. military action. But on Wednesday, officials said they were continuing to try to negotiate with the insurgent group.

Ms. Sherman emphasized the Taliban had assured the Biden administration it would allow U.S. citizens to reach the airport. She said they had honored that commitment.

In the eastern cities, hundreds of locals walked through central streets and waved the black-red-and-green flags of the fallen Afghan republic to chants of “Allahu akbar,” Arabic for “God is great.” The Taliban dispersed these protests with gunfire, initially in the air. A witness in Jalalabad said two people were killed and several injured, including Afghan journalists who filmed the event.

Anas Haqqani, a senior member of the Taliban, came to Kabul for a meeting with former President Hamid Karzai, who led Afghanistan until 2014, and with the fallen republic’s chief peace negotiator, Abdullah Abdullah.

At Kabul’s Hamid Karzai International Airport, crowds of Afghans continued to gather along the perimeter, trying to flee the country. The Taliban once again repulsed these crowds with violence, beating and whipping families trying to get through the checkpoints and unleashing volleys of gunfire in the air, witnesses said.

Beyond the Taliban checkpoints, U.S. Marines at the gates of the airport focused mostly on keeping anyone from coming close. As a result, many of the evacuation flights continued leaving with empty seats even as tens of thousands of Afghans who worked with Western governments clamored for a way out before the Taliban track them down.

“The situation is very bad at the gate,” said Lida Ahmadi, who applied for a special immigrant visa for Afghans who had helped the U.S. effort in Afghanistan. “I slept on the road last night. Now, after two nights and two days at the gate, we’ve finally got the chance to come in. I am so happy now,” she said shortly after getting through the gate.

Many others haven’t made it, so far.

Meanwhile, the 5,000 U.S. troops at the airport have gotten civil and military operations up and running. That has enabled the military to boost the pace of evacuation flights to 20 a day, with plans to increase the number. There are about 5,000 to 10,000 U.S. citizens in Afghanistan, U.S. officials have estimated.

The U.S. military evacuated about 2,000 people in the last 24 hours, Ms. Sherman said. Officials will shortly invite more than 800 Afghan special immigrant visa holders to get on flights to the U.S., she added. A White House official said the U.S. military has evacuated nearly 6,000 people since Aug. 14.

In the heart of Kabul, only one Western embassy -- that of France -- remained after all other Western missions shut or moved to the airport on Sunday. In the past three days, it has become a magnet for hundreds of Afghans and foreigners trying to get out.

“The problem is that people believed in rumors of being able to go abroad without any documents or coordination,” said Hayatullah, a 47-year-old Afghan-American who spent the night outside the airport gate before being allowed inside Wednesday morning. “These people created a huge chaos.”

--Catherine Lucey contributed to this article

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14. Coaxing and Threats Secured Victory

New York Times, Aug. 19 (0300), Pg. A1 | David Zucchino

In early May, a Taliban commander telephoned Muhammad Jallal, a tribal elder in Baghlan Province in northern Afghanistan, and asked him to deliver a message to Afghan government troops at several bases in his district.

“If they do not surrender, we will kill them,” Mr. Jallal said he was told.

He and other tribal elders complied. After several rounds of negotiations, two government bases and three outposts surrendered without a fight. More than 100 security forces handed over weapons and equipment and were sent home unharmed.

The Taliban’s strategy of coercion and persuasion was repeated across the country, unfolding for months as a focal point of the insurgents’ new offensive this year. The militants cut multiple surrender deals that handed them bases and ultimately entire provincial command centers, culminating in a stunning military blitz this summer that put the militants back in power two decades after they were defeated by the United States and its allies.

The negotiated surrenders were just one element of a broader Taliban strategy that captured heavily defended provincial capitals with lightning speed, and saw the insurgents walk into the capital, Kabul, on Sunday with barely a shot fired. It was a campaign defined by both collapse and conquest, executed by patient opportunists.

Each surrender, small or large, handed the Taliban more weapons and vehicles -- and, vitally, more control over roads and highways, giving insurgents freedom to move rapidly and collect the next surrenders as the security forces were progressively cut off from ammunition, fuel, food and salaries.

Each victory also added to a growing sense of inevitability that the Taliban would eventually prevail, especially after the militants poured so many resources into winning the north, a traditional stronghold of anti-Taliban militias. As those outposts and districts fell, the Taliban gained important propaganda victories, quickly spreading the word that they could overcome even dogged resistance, and would keep their word to allow soldiers and policemen to walk away with their lives.

The result was a lopsided fight between an adaptable and highly mobile insurgent juggernaut, and a demoralized government force that had been abandoned by its leaders and cut off from help. Once the first provincial capital city surrendered this month, the big collapses came as fast as the Taliban could travel.

The Taliban triumph came just four months after President Biden announced on April 14 that he would honor a deal with the Taliban signed by the Trump Administration to withdraw all American troops beginning May 1. The announcement sank the morale of already beleaguered security forces and emboldened the Taliban, which had failed to honor most pledges under the February 2020 agreement.

The Taliban seized the advantage in May, crushing government troops now forced to defend themselves, with only an occasional long-distance American airstrike to help hold off Taliban surges. The militants quickly expanded their control among the country's 400-odd districts from 77 on April 13 to 104 on June 16 to 223 on Aug. 3, according to the Long War Journal at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies.

The Taliban also received money, supplies and support from Pakistan, Russia and Iran, analysts said. That included 10,000 to 20,000 Afghan volunteers sent from Pakistan, a Taliban safe haven, and thousands more Afghan villagers who joined the militants when it became clear they were winning, said Antonio Giustozzi, a London-based analyst who has written several books about Afghanistan.

The volunteers swelled Taliban ranks to more than 100,000 fighters from most analysts' estimates of 60,000 to 70,000, Mr. Giustozzi said. That was more than enough to crush a government force listed at 300,000 on paper but hollowed out by corruption, desertion and a staggering casualty rate -- U.S. officials have said that perhaps only a sixth of that total was in the fight this year.

The key to victory, Mr. Giustozzi and other analysts said, was the Taliban's plan to threaten and cajole security forces and government officials into surrendering, first at the checkpoint and outpost level, then the district and provincial level as they swept through the countryside.

"They contacted everyone and offered the chance to surrender or switch sides, with incentives, including money and rewarding people with appointments afterward," said Mr. Giustozzi, a research fellow at the Royal United Services Institute in London and the author of the 2019 book, "The Taliban at War."

He added: "A lot of money changed hands."

The Taliban exploited Afghans' resentments toward a corrupt and ineffective government that was unable to resupply its forces or mount an effective media campaign to rally the public to its side. By contrast, the Taliban pounded home a message through social media and village elders that the government was illegitimate and the militants would soon restore their Islamic rule.

“Their outreach was fantastic. Their planning was very good. They managed the element of surprise,” said Saad Mohseni, the chief executive of Moby Media Group, which oversees TOLO News, the leading independent news network in Afghanistan.

He added: “They capitalized on intratribal, ethnic, religious and ideological differences to win over people. And they made the most of peoples' frustrations with the government.”

The nearly 20-year war was perhaps all but won last winter, when the Taliban seized control of the country's major highways. Government forces had only lightly defended the roadways, preferring to hunker down in the relative safety of outposts, bases and provincial command centers.

That was part of a government strategy, urged by the United States military, to cede rural areas and focus on protecting urban centers and major provinces.

Initially, dominance on the highways allowed the Taliban to cut off district-level checkpoints and outposts, by forcing negotiated surrenders or simply overpowering outgunned security forces. By midsummer, they were able to besiege provincial capitals cut off from resupplies or reinforcements.

With the roads closed to government convoys, there was enormous pressure on the game but struggling Afghan Air Force to deliver close air support, troops and supplies. But the air force could not cope with the burden. Nor could U.S.-trained commandos, who were dispersed to hot spots to perform duties abandoned by soldiers and police.

At the same time, the militants raised millions of dollars by taxing trucks and other vehicles -- even providing written receipts good across the country. And by controlling the highways, they were able by July to seize control of several border crossings, appropriating millions in customs duties intended for the government.

“It's Military 101: Whoever controls the supply lines controls the battlefield,” said Sarah Kreps, a former U.S. Air Force officer and a professor of government and law at Cornell University.

The government never recovered from the surprise summer attacks on anti-Taliban strongholds in the north, Mr. Giustozzi said. The government had expected attacks in the Taliban heartland in southern Afghanistan, where security forces mounted fierce resistance in Kandahar and Helmand Provinces before collapsing earlier this month.

“The Taliban adopted a strategy to push on key northern warlords to push them and their militias to defend their own areas, essentially preventing them from cohering a national defense,” Kimberly Kagan, founder and president of the Institute for the Study of War in Washington, D.C., wrote in an email.

To the very end last week, the Taliban continued to pursue their strategy of forcing negotiated surrenders.

By Aug. 14, Sahaifullah Andkhoie, a pro-government militia commander in Maimana, the capital of Faryab Province in northern Afghanistan, said he had received several calls from Taliban commanders offering surrender terms.

“The Taliban were reassuring us that if we surrender, they will not kill us,” Mr. Andkhoie said. “Then I saw the Taliban were seizing weapons and ammunition of the regimental headquarters.”

That night, the entire province fell to the Taliban. Fighters and government officials surrendered en masse, handing over a trove of weapons and equipment to the militants.

For nearly 20 years, with the backing of American and NATO forces and airstrikes, Afghan government forces had been able to hold onto all 34 provincial capitals despite persistent attacks by the Taliban. That’s what made events earlier this month so extraordinary -- the rapid collapse of more than 15 major provincial capitals in a span of just nine days.

The first provincial capital to topple was Zaranj in Nimruz Province in the remote southwest, which surrendered on Aug. 6. It was lightly defended because government forces were focused on holding the much larger southern cities of Kandahar and Lashkar Gah.

Each subsequent Taliban victory freed up more fighters to assault larger government provincial capitals, moving quickly and lethally along highways they now owned. Those capitals toppled in rapid succession as soldiers surrendered, deserted or simply took off their uniforms and disappeared.

Troops in Kandahar and Lashkar Gah put up a sustained fight, but those capitals collapsed on Friday. On Sunday, Taliban fighters sped down wide open highways on motorcycles and in captured government Humvees and police vehicles, rolling uncontested into the nation’s capital.

--Eric Schmitt contributed reporting from Washington, and Najim Rahim and Fahim Abed from Kabul, Afghanistan

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15. The Afghanistan Crisis: Taliban's Illicit Profit Evades Block on Cash

West cuts access to funds, but group has money-making black-market operations

Wall Street Journal (Exclusive), Aug. 19 (0200), Pg. A8 | Ian Talley, Kate Davidson and Benoit Faucon

The Biden administration is set to cut off the Taliban's access to billions of dollars in critical overseas finance, but some officials warn the terror group's income from drug sales and other illicit activities threatens to undermine Washington's pressure campaign.

The U.S. has largely secured the backing it needs to block the Taliban's access to billions in reserves held at the International Monetary Fund and assistance pledged through the World Bank and other donor groups, according to people familiar with the matter.

The country cannot access its reserves at the IMF or other fund resources, an official at the emergency lender told The Wall Street Journal on Wednesday.

The administration's diplomatic scramble to prevent the Taliban from tapping accounts established by the Afghan government has focused on ensuring the group isn't recognized as the country's legitimate government by foreign governments that control those accounts, the people said.

Washington froze billions of dollars in Afghan assets and halted cash shipments to the country as the Taliban seized the nation's capital over the weekend. U.S. officials say that financial leverage may be key to pressuring the Taliban into abiding by its peace agreements.

U.S. officials have focused their efforts on the World Bank and the IMF, which funnel billions of dollars in aid to Afghanistan and manage some of the government's overseas reserves. As long as a majority of the shareholders of the international financing institutions don't officially recognize the Taliban as a legitimate government, it can't access those funds, the people familiar with the matter say.

"It is more than a matter of political recognition or diplomatic connectivity," Ned Price, State Department spokesman, said Tuesday. "It's an existential question."

National security adviser Jake Sullivan on Tuesday sidestepped questions about international recognition of the Taliban. "Right now, there is a chaotic situation in Kabul where we don't even have the establishment of a governing authority, so it would be really premature to address that question."

The IMF official said the fund's decision to block Taliban access is based on "a lack of clarity within the international community regarding recognition of a government in Afghanistan." Other Western officials echoed the position.

“No payments are going to be on the side of the development aid from the EU,” Josep Borrell, the European Union’s foreign-policy chief, said after a videoconference with the bloc’s foreign ministers late Tuesday. “We will put conditions for continuing our support and we are going to use all our leverage,” he said.

More than half of the country’s \$5 billion annual budget is met by foreign aid. The Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund, managed by the World Bank, provides roughly \$3 billion a year. According to the IMF, such foreign assistance helped keep the economy from collapsing.

Some U.S. officials say the Taliban’s existing income streams may prove substantial enough to partially offset those losses. The group reaps revenue from narcotics smuggling and has set up a shadow government that includes a mining ministry, a customs bureaucracy and even a department that aids people with disabilities, according to a United Nations report.

Estimates of the Taliban’s annual combined revenues range from \$300 million to upward of \$1.6 billion a year, according to a June report from the U.N. Security Council, which oversees sanctions on Afghan terrorists.

“The economy of Afghanistan remains overwhelmingly cash-based, with money-service providers providing the most widely used means of transferring or remitting funds both domestically and across borders,” said a U.N. report in May of last year. As evidence of the difficulties authorities face in clamping down on the Taliban’s financing, the U.N. said that, as of 2019, just \$2.4 million had been frozen by international authorities on grounds it was intended to finance terrorism.

Despite its puritanical brand of Islam, the Taliban control the world’s largest opium operation, earning about \$460 million a year from taxes on the sale of heroin moving through their territories alone, the U.N. says. The group also branched into methamphetamines, which have much higher margins, U.N. and U.S. officials warn.

The Taliban’s sales surged after they retook a key heroin smuggling hub into Pakistan from a local Islamic State franchise, after joining in an offensive with Afghan and U.S. forces, the U.N. said in a report last year. ISIS had opposed the cultivation of poppies needed to produce the narcotic.

In 2020, the Taliban also made \$464 million from the sale of onyx marble, gold, rare-earth minerals, copper, tin and zinc, the June U.N. report said. The Taliban’s territorial expansion boosted revenue from road fees and extortion campaigns against mobile telephone providers and electricity companies, the U.N. said last year. The Taliban have also been building their relationships in recent days with other nations that could help replace some lost income from foreign sources, analysts say.

Besides new ties with Russia and India and bolstering their links with power brokers in Pakistan and Iran, the group also have an important new relationship with the world’s second-largest economy, China.

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16. The Afghanistan Crisis: Military Fled Afghanistan With Dozens of Aircraft

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A large portion of the Afghan air force has ended up in neighboring Uzbekistan, after hundreds of Afghan service members used U.S.-supplied planes and helicopters to flee the Taliban, U.S. officials said.

At least 46 of the aircraft crossed over Afghanistan's border into Uzbekistan since last weekend, when the Taliban seized Kabul and the government collapsed, U.S. officials said. The planes and helicopters carried a total of 585 members of Afghan forces with them, the officials said.

A handful of airplanes were flown to Tajikistan, also on Afghanistan's northern border.

The U.S. embassies of Uzbekistan and Tajikistan didn't respond to requests to comment.

The migration of the aircraft comes as Washington is beginning to tally up how much of the billions of dollars in U.S.-supplied hardware has ended up with the Taliban.

While U.S.-trained Afghan special forces put up stiff resistance in some places, the Taliban took most of the Afghan countryside and major cities without a fight. Taliban fighters now are patrolling Kabul and provincial capitals in U.S.-supplied Humvees and mine-resistant armored trucks, as the group consolidates its grip on the country.

White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan said Tuesday the U.S. provided the aircraft and other arms to the Afghan National Security Forces to enable them to defend the country.

"We don't have a complete picture, obviously, of where every article of defense materiel has gone, but certainly a fair amount of it has fallen into the hands of the Taliban," Mr. Sullivan said at the White House. "And obviously, we don't have a sense that they are going to readily hand it over to us at the airport."

Mr. Sullivan said there was no indication the Afghan forces remained intact. "The Afghan Security Forces appear to . . . no longer operate as a coherent entity," he said. "They essentially have given way to Taliban physical security control over the major population centers."

Before the fall of the government, the U.S. touted the Afghan air force as one of the most lethal components of the country's armed forces. Its inventory included propeller-driven attack and reconnaissance planes and Black Hawk helicopters.

Before the Afghan government's defenses crumbled, the air force had about 160 aircraft, making the planes and helicopters now parked in Uzbekistan an equivalent to about 25% of the total inventory, said Jonathan Schrodin, research program director at CNA, a nonprofit research group in Washington. "It's a substantial chunk."

Mr. Schroden said the Taliban seized some aircraft when they captured major provincial cities. He said the government kept the bulk of its air force anchored in Kabul, and that the aircraft in Uzbekistan were probably flown there shortly before the city's fall.

The Uzbek government said that one of the fleeing Afghan aircraft collided with one of Uzbekistan jet fighters, causing both to crash. Each of the pilots ejected in the incident and parachuted to safety, Uzbek officials said.

The departing aircraft mirrored a larger number of ground troops who have been fleeing across some of Afghanistan's borders from the Taliban in recent weeks. "In the final stages of the war, the Afghan air force has been primarily a means of escape rather than a weapon for fighting," said Ivan Safranchuk, a professor at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations.

The Biden administration was in the process of bulking up the Afghan air force. Ashraf Ghani, who had served as Afghanistan's president since 2014, had asked President Biden for additional Black Hawk helicopters and other aircraft during a visit to Washington in June, and the U.S. agreed to provide 37 of the helicopters, which would have significantly boosted the country's fleet of Black Hawks.

Many of Afghanistan's existing Black Hawks were in the U.S. for refurbishment and others were awaiting maintenance and were grounded. Afghan aircraft mechanics relied on U.S. on-site help to keep the aircraft flying.

But as U.S. forces and maintenance contractors withdrew and the Taliban offensive expanded during the spring and early summer, the Afghan air force and other military units were quickly overwhelmed, eventually collapsing.

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17. U.S. military aircraft flying over Kabul 'routine' and 'will continue' until end of evac, CENTCOM says
Military Times Online, Aug. 18 (0854) | James Webb and Rachel Cohen

U.S. Air Force and Navy warplanes are backing up the American military's effort to keep the Kabul airport secure and open, as the Pentagon ramps up a hasty plan to ferry at-risk Afghan citizens and foreigners away from the resurgent Taliban regime.

Multiple Air Force and Navy aviation squadrons of F/A-18 and F-16 fighter jets, AV-8 strike aircraft, AC-130 gunships, B-52 bombers and MQ-9 intelligence and attack drones are providing air cover for the evacuation, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Mark Milley said at a Pentagon press briefing on Wednesday.

"We have a significant amount of rotary-wing aviation on the ground, including attack and lift helicopters," Milley added.

Those join nearly two dozen C-17s and C-130 transport jets that had handled the humanitarian evacuation underway over the previous 24 hours, Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said Wednesday morning.

Navy Capt. Bill Urban, a spokesman for U.S. Central Command, told Military Times that the presence of U.S. fighter aircraft was routine and would continue until the evacuation mission concludes.

The pre-dawn darkness in Kabul came alive with the jets' distinct sound on Wednesday, lighting up Twitter with concern. Initial speculation on the cause of the noise ranged from trouble at Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul to a potential U.S. seizure of Bagram airfield, which is currently in the hands of the Taliban.

HKIA, the last airfield controlled by the U.S. in Afghanistan, has been a chaotic scene in recent days. It remains the last chance for tens of thousands of American citizens and Afghans seeking an exit from the country.

Although CENTCOM did not comment on the intent behind the jets flying low enough for people around Kabul to be awakened in the early morning hours, ground troops sometimes request fly-overs by pilots as a "show of force." The intent is to inform potential belligerents that the U.S. has overwhelming firepower, should it be needed.

The aircraft carrier Ronald Reagan is in the area directly supporting the drawdown, along with aircraft operating out of bases in Kuwait.

When reinforcements have all arrived, there will be roughly 7,000 U.S. troops securing the Kabul airport, and their mission so far is confined there, Kirby told reporters earlier this week.

The 621st Contingency Response Group out of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey, also arrived in Afghanistan in the past day, Kirby said Wednesday morning.

"This is a dynamic Air Force unit highly specialized in the rapid deployment of personnel to quickly open airfields and establish, expand, sustain, and coordinate air mobility operations.,," he said. "This is a group that knows how to run airfields., and can help with the actual air operations on the ground."

Currently, there are some 22,000 Afghans who the Biden administration looks to resettle in the U.S. because they risk death at the hands of the Taliban if left behind -- a fraction of the 88,000 or so Afghans who may need to evacuate. American forces are attempting to complete the U.S. withdrawal from the country by Aug. 31.

"Right now, we're looking at one aircraft per hour in and out of HKIA," Maj. Gen. Hank Taylor told reporters earlier this week. "We predict that our best effort could look like 5,000 to 9,000 passengers departing per day."

These Afghans are in addition to the thousands of U.S. troops sent to Afghanistan over the last week, whose only supply route is HKIA's runway, as major U.S. airbases at Bagram and Kandahar have been captured from the now-defunct Afghan government by the Taliban.

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18. Deposed Afghan President Ghani Turns Up in Emirates

The U.A.E. said it welcomed Mr. Ghani and his family on humanitarian grounds, as some Afghan officials express a sense of betrayal

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Deposed Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani, who fled the country as the Taliban surrounded the capital Kabul, has taken refuge in the United Arab Emirates, the Gulf state said Wednesday.

The U.A.E.'s Foreign Ministry said it welcomed Mr. Ghani and his family, whose whereabouts had been unknown since Sunday, on "humanitarian grounds."

The former president and a small circle of advisers fled Kabul to neighboring Tajikistan as the Taliban appeared on the outskirts of the capital Sunday morning. After his departure, Afghan police and security left their posts and the U.S. began a massive military operation to airlift Western diplomats, civilians and Afghans out of the country. Many Afghans and Westerners who want to leave remain stranded in Kabul as the Taliban consolidates power.

In a video recorded from the U.A.E. Wednesday evening, 72-year-old Mr. Ghani said he had been negotiating with the Taliban on creating an "inclusive and representative" government but was forced to flee after the militants entered Kabul and Afghan officials couldn't maintain security. Minutes after leaving, members of the Taliban entered the presidential palace, he said. "Should I have stayed, the Afghan people's president would have been executed in front of their eyes," he added.

Mr. Ghani said his exit wasn't organized with any international country and that he was considering how to return to Afghanistan to maintain the country's sovereignty and fight for justice. It isn't clear where Mr. Ghani is staying in the U.A.E. A Foreign Ministry spokesman declined to comment.

The former World Bank economist served nearly seven years as president of Afghanistan in two elections tainted by fraud that raised questions about his legitimacy. Mr. Ghani, author of a book called "Fixing Failed States," was embraced by Western leaders who viewed him as a capable technocrat they thought could tackle endemic corruption in Afghanistan.

But Mr. Ghani, an ethnic Pashtun, failed to unite the country, uproot government corruption, or secure the confidence of key Western leaders. Some Afghan officials said they felt betrayed by Mr. Ghani, saying he fled the country without telling them and abandoned his post.

The Russian Embassy in Kabul, citing witnesses, said that Mr. Ghani fled the country with suitcases of money. In a Facebook post on Wednesday, the Afghan ambassador to Tajikistan, Mohammad Zahir Aghbar, called on Interpol to arrest Mr. Ghani and his advisers, calling them “the national robbers of the Afghan people.”

In the video, Mr. Ghani denied he’d stolen money, calling the allegations “baseless and false.” He said U.A.E. customs officials could confirm his team arrived without cash.

Afghanistan’s former Vice President Amrullah Saleh, meanwhile, has vowed to actively resist Taliban rule, saying he has become the country’s legitimate caretaker president under the constitution.

So far, few Afghans have rallied behind this claim. But the Afghan Embassy in Tajikistan removed Mr. Ghani’s picture and replaced it with Mr. Saleh, according to Mr. Aghbar’s Facebook post.

The U.A.E. has long been an ally of the U.S.-backed government in Afghanistan led by Mr. Ghani and it was one of the few Gulf countries to commit troops to peacekeeping operations there.

The Gulf state said Tuesday it seeks stability in Afghanistan. Senior U.A.E. official Anwar Gargash in a tweet said that Taliban statements that emphasized tolerance and amnesty were positive and the U.A.E. hoped the group’s takeover would turn the page of suffering in favor of peace and prosperity for all its people.

The U.A.E. together with Pakistan and Saudi Arabia are the only nations that officially recognized the Taliban during its five years of often draconian rule of Afghanistan. The groups rein ended with the U.S.-led invasion of the country following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on New York and Washington by al Qaeda and its leader, Osama bin Laden, whom the Taliban had harbored. The U.A.E. at that time broke ties with the Taliban.

In recent years, however, the U.A.E. has attempted to help bring the Taliban together with the U.S. to engineer peace talks and regularly hosted Mr. Ghani. The effort was viewed as a counterweight to Qatar’s influence over peace negotiations and part of a diplomatic rift between Doha and the U.A.E. and Saudi Arabia that began in 2017. Doha has been the focus of Taliban diplomacy since 2010, when the group opened a political office there.

Mr. Ghani isn’t the first international leader to seek refuge in the U.A.E. Thailand’s former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra came to the U.A.E. in 2008 before facing a corruption conviction he said was politically motivated and then made a home in Dubai, the U.A.E.’s commercial hub. Former Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf, among others, also lived in self-exile in the country.

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19. Taliban meet with Karzai and Abdullah, Ghani says he backs talks

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The Taliban, who have pledged a “positively different” sort of rule in Afghanistan from their brutal regime two decades ago, met with former president Hamid Karzai and senior official Abdullah Abdullah Wednesday as they seek to form a government.

The talks came as president Ashraf Ghani -- who fled Afghanistan as the insurgents closed in on Kabul at the weekend, sealing their return to power -- said from the United Arab Emirates that he supported those negotiations and was in talks to return home.

The United States however expressed concerns that the militants, who took over the country after a lightning offensive that ended in Kabul, were already renegeing on promises of safe passage to the airport for those Afghans wishing to leave.

And though Washington once backed Ghani, US Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman said he was “no longer a figure” on the country’s complex political stage.

The Taliban’s return to power comes nearly two decades after they were ousted by a US-led invasion in the wake of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

The group has pledged not to seek revenge against opponents and to respect women’s rights, but there are huge global concerns about their past brutal human rights record, and about tens of thousands of Afghans still trying to flee.

US diplomats in Doha and military officials in Kabul “are engaging directly with the Taliban to make clear that we expect them to allow all American citizens, all third-country nationals and all Afghans who wish to leave to do so safely and without harassment,” Sherman told reporters in Washington.

As the Taliban moves to put a government in place, leader Haibatullah Akhundzada has ordered the release of “political detainees”, telling provincial governors to free them “without any restrictions or conditions”, the group said.

Taliban negotiator Anas Haqqani met with Karzai, the first Western-backed leader of Afghanistan after the Taliban’s ouster in 2001, and Abdullah, who had led the government’s peace council, the SITE monitoring group said.

Taliban leaders “have said that they pardoned all former government officials and thus there is no need for anyone to leave the country,” SITE said, after the Taliban published images of Haqqani meeting Karzai in Kabul.

Ghani -- who was in the United Arab Emirates, which said it was hosting him and his family “on humanitarian grounds” -- said he wanted those negotiations to be a “success”.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said Tuesday that the new regime would be “positively different” from their 1996-2001 stint, which was infamous for deaths by stoning, girls being banned from school and women from working in contact with men.

Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, the movement’s co-founder and deputy leader, returned to Afghanistan from Qatar late Tuesday, landing in Kandahar -- the group’s spiritual birthplace.

But while the Taliban leadership tried to project a new image, video footage shot by Pajhwok Afghan News, a local news agency, showed protesters in the eastern city of Jalalabad who were carrying the Afghan flag fleeing with the sound of gunshots in the background.

Local media said the residents were protesting the removal of the flags in favour of those of the hardline movement.

And residents in Bamiyan city reported that a statue of Hazara leader Abdul Ali Mazari, killed by the group in the 1990s, had been decapitated.

Hazaras have long been persecuted for their largely Shiite faith and were massacred in the thousands during the Taliban’s ruthless conquest of the country in the 1990s.

“We are not sure who has blown up the statue, but there are different groups of Taliban present here, including some... who are known for their brutality,” a resident told AFP, asking not to be named.

The Taliban astonished the world in 2001 when it destroyed two monumental and ancient Buddha statues in Bamiyan, after deeming them un-Islamic.

Afghans and foreigners continued to flee the country Wednesday, with the United States and other nations stepping up evacuation airlifts from Kabul.

Desperate scenes from the airport at the start of the week have created searing images of Afghans terrified of the Taliban, and a diminished United States unable to protect them.

“There was nothing that I or anyone else saw that indicated a collapse of this army and this government in 11 days,” US Joint Chiefs Chairman General Mark Milley said Wednesday. “This comes down to an issue of will and leadership.”

US, Turkish and Afghan troops are in full control of both the civilian and military sides of the airport, Pentagon spokesman John Kirby told reporters.

“We are going to evacuate everybody that we can physically, possibly evacuate, and will conduct this process for as long as we possibly can,” US defence secretary Lloyd Austin said.

Crowds built up outside embassies in Kabul on rumours that governments were offering asylum.

The United Nations Human Rights Council said it would hold a special session on Afghanistan next week to address the “serious human rights concerns” under the Taliban.

The European Union, the United States and 18 other countries issued a joint statement on Wednesday saying they were “deeply worried about Afghan women and girls”, urging the Taliban to ensure their safety.

Demonstrations have been staged in cities around the world in support of Afghan civilians, and women and girls in particular.

US President Joe Biden’s administration has so far given a non-committal response to the Taliban’s pledges of tolerance, saying it is looking at actions, not promises.

Russia and China have meanwhile signalled their willingness to work with the Taliban.

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20. North Korea issued navigational warning for East Sea in indication of missile launch preparations

Yonhap News Agency (South Korea), Aug. 18 (2206) | Oh Seok-min

SEOUL -- North Korea had declared a no-sail zone for ships off the east coast earlier this week, sources said Thursday, indicating that it had plans to launch missiles amid an ongoing combined exercise between South Korea and the United States.

The navigational warning was issued for Sunday through Monday for northeastern regions in the East Sea, according to the military sources. Such an advisory is usually issued ahead of missile launches or other weapons tests to warn vessels to stay clear of certain areas expected to be affected.

But no actual ballistic missile launches or artillery firings took place during the period, according to officials at Seoul’s Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS).

Many have predicted that the communist country could carry out provocative acts to protest joint military exercises under way between South Korea and the U.S. The North has long denounced such drills as a rehearsal for invasion.

Last week, the North slammed the South and the U.S. for going ahead with the exercise, saying it will “make them realize by the minute what a dangerous choice they made and what a serious security crisis they will face because of their wrong choice.”

The JCS said that no peculiar movements by North Korea have been detected, but sources said that the North Korean military has conducted trainings near inter-Korean border areas in response to the ongoing Korea-U.S. exercise.

“We are closely monitoring military moves by North Korea while maintaining a tight readiness posture in close coordination with the U.S.” a JCS official said. On Monday, the U.S. military flew the E-8C, or JSTARS, and other surveillance aircraft over the Korean Peninsula.

This year’s summertime computer-simulated exercise does not include outdoor drills and involves a smaller number of service members than previous ones amid the COVID-19 pandemic and peace efforts involving North Korea, according to the defense ministry.

The last known major missiles test took place in March this year, when the North fired two short-range ballistic missiles into the East Sea days after Seoul and Washington staged their springtime combined exercise.

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CHINA

21. China Sees U.S. Hubris, but Afghanistan Offers No Easy Choices

New York Times, Aug. 19 (0300), Pg. A4 | Chris Buckley and Steven Lee Myers

The Taliban’s return to power is no victory for Beijing, which faces the threat of extremism and an American military no longer bogged down by the “war on terror.”

For China’s leaders, the chaotic scenes unfolding in Afghanistan have served as stinging vindication of their hostility to American might. “The last dusk of empire,” China’s official news agency said. The Chinese foreign ministry called it a lesson in “reckless military adventures.”

Any smugness in Beijing could be premature. China is now left scrambling to judge how the American defeat could reshape the contest between the world's two great powers. While the Taliban's rout has weakened American prestige and its influence on China's western frontier, it could also create new geopolitical dangers and security risks.

Officials in Beijing worry that extremists could use Afghanistan to regroup on China's flank and sow violence around the region, even as the Taliban look to deep-pocketed countries like China for aid and investment. The American military withdrawal could also allow the United States to direct its planning and matériel toward countering Chinese power across Asia.

“There should be anxiety rather than glee in Beijing,” said John Delury, a professor of Chinese studies at Yonsei University in Seoul. “The U.S. is at last extricating itself from an unpopular, unwinnable war in a geopolitically peripheral theater. Ending the military presence in Afghanistan frees up resources and attention to focus on the long-term rivalry with China.”

The two-decade American effort to build a functioning democratic government in Afghanistan crumbled far faster than the world expected. The Chinese government criticized what it called a hasty, ill-planned withdrawal by the Americans, which has upended hopes that the Taliban would build a broader governing coalition before taking power.

“Wherever the United States sets foot, be it Iraq, Syria or Afghanistan, we see turbulence, division, broken families, deaths and other scars,” Hua Chunying, a spokeswoman for the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, told a regular news briefing this week.

How China engages the Taliban will be closely watched well beyond Afghanistan. Governments across the world are grappling with the new rulers there, especially their promises that they will pursue more moderate policies and stop any violence spilling abroad. China, Afghanistan's richest and most powerful neighbor, will be particularly attentive to how a Taliban-led government performs.

China says it has won assurances from the Taliban that Afghan territory will not be used as a staging ground for attacks inside China, but its sway over the group is unclear.

Only three weeks ago, China's foreign minister, Wang Yi, met with Taliban leaders in the northern Chinese city of Tianjin and urged them “to hold high the banner of peace talks.” Instead, the Taliban exploited the cratering morale of Afghan government forces to seize city after city.

“Although the Taliban has made promises, there is still great uncertainty about the extent to which they will be fulfilled,” Zhu Yongbiao, the director of the Center for Afghanistan Studies at Lanzhou University in northwest China, said in a telephone interview.

“I think Chinese influence over the Afghanistan issue has been overestimated,” he said. “The United States finally thinks that after pulling its forces out of Afghanistan, this mess will become one for China. I find that a bit baffling.”

For China, a lot is at stake. If the Taliban victory leads to a surge of regional instability, it could disrupt China’s “Belt and Road” program to finance and build infrastructure across the region, which has largely sidestepped Afghanistan because of the war. Beijing is concerned about the security of other countries near Afghanistan: Pakistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan. An attack last month on a bus carrying Chinese workers in Pakistan, killing nine of them, has since been attributed to assailants operating from inside Afghanistan.

“All of their concerns are magnified by this outcome,” said Andrew Small, a senior fellow at the German Marshall Fund of the United States who studies China’s relations with Afghanistan, referring to Beijing’s view.

“They worry that it will have a kind of inspirational effect, with the country becoming a permissive environment for the groups they most worry about,” he said.

The American pullout will also allow the United States to refocus its attention on Beijing. President Biden made it clear that the war in Afghanistan -- however chaotic its denouement -- had for too long distracted the country from larger geopolitical priorities.

“Our true strategic competitors -- China and Russia -- would love nothing more than the United States to continue to funnel billions of dollars in resources and attention into stabilizing Afghanistan indefinitely,” Mr. Biden said at the White House on Monday.

Twenty years ago, the swift American toppling of the Taliban following the attacks of Sept. 11 was seen by China as a worrisome demonstration of military power near its border, but it also provided a kind of relief.

Until then, President George W. Bush had appeared eager to carry out his campaign pledges to curb China. He voiced support for Taiwan, the self-ruled island claimed by Beijing, and criticized China’s manipulation of trade rules at the expense of American companies.

After Sept. 11, though, as the United States sought Chinese support for its war in Afghanistan, it agreed to designate as a terrorist organization a group of Uyghur fighters from Xinjiang, China’s far western region, which shares a short, mountainous border with Afghanistan. According to the United Nations, the Uyghur group, known as the East Turkestan Islamic Movement, once maintained links to Al Qaeda and was responsible for a number of violent incidents, including several in Xinjiang in the late 1990s that killed a total of 140 people.

“Every time it looks like the U.S. is going to be able to focus seriously on China, something gets in the way,” Mr. Small, the researcher at the German Marshall Fund, said. “You’ve had this succession of crises that have

given China additional space, and Afghanistan has been a constant. When American forces and lives are at stake, that just dominates.’’

The question is what China will do now. While some expect China to step onto the breach created by the American withdrawal, Beijing is deeply wary of wading into Afghan political and military conflicts that have dragged down the United States and Soviet Union.

China’s unofficial contacts with the Taliban date to the 1990s, and officials from Beijing stayed in touch with the group in the past two decades, largely to urge the Taliban not to support attacks in Xinjiang.

Those contacts have lately served China well. The Chinese Embassy in the Afghan capital, Kabul, has stayed open after the Taliban takeover. Even so, China has showed no eagerness to step up its involvement in Afghanistan under its new rulers.

“In Chinese discussions about Afghanistan, you will often hear that phrase, ‘the graveyard of empires,’’ said Raffaello Pantucci, a senior fellow at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. “I think their concern is that instability in Afghanistan gets spread north and south, and that’s a bigger problem for them. It could destabilize their entire back region.’’

Given those concerns, China seems unlikely to move quickly to recognize the Taliban’s seizure of power. A week before the collapse of the Afghan government, officials from China, the United States, Russia and Pakistan met in Qatar to discuss a path forward. It is not yet clear whether countries will choose to negotiate with the Taliban or rather repeat efforts to isolate them, as happened after they seized power in 1996.

China’s statements suggest that it first wants clarity about the political future of Afghanistan and whether the Taliban will fulfill their security promises. Ms. Hua, the spokeswoman for the Chinese foreign ministry, said Tuesday that the Taliban should “pursue a moderate and prudent religious policy,” and “work with other parties to form an open and inclusive political structure.’’

Even if Beijing decides to more actively support Afghanistan, it should do so only under the auspices of the United Nations and regional groupings, said Wu Baiyi, a research fellow with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

“Relying on one great power to solve Afghanistan’s problems won’t work,’’ Mr. Wu said. “We’re all in common absorbing the lessons of the past 40 years. We can’t carry on like that.’’

--Liu Yi and Claire Fu contributed research

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EUROPE

22. U.S. Diplomats Hit by Havana Syndrome

Envoys in Germany seek medical care, in the latest in a series of mysterious incidents

Wall Street Journal, Aug. 19 (0200), Pg. A18 | Bojan Pancevski

BERLIN -- At least two U.S. officials stationed in Germany sought medical treatment after developing symptoms of the mysterious health complaint known as Havana Syndrome, U.S. diplomats said.

The symptoms, which included nausea, severe headaches, ear pain, fatigue, insomnia and sluggishness, began to emerge in recent months and some victims were left unable to work, the diplomats said. They are the first cases to be reported in a NATO country that hosts U.S. troops and nuclear weapons.

U.S. diplomats said similar incidents had been registered among American officials stationed in other European nations. Some victims were intelligence officers or diplomats working on Russia-related issues such as gas exports, cybersecurity and political interference, U.S. diplomats and people familiar with an investigation into the illness said.

NBC News reported in July about at least one Havana Syndrome case among Berlin-based U.S. diplomats.

The set of symptoms first surfaced in 2016 among U.S. diplomats in Cuba and have since been observed in China, Russia and, more recently, in Austria, a neutral nation. There have been unconfirmed cases in Poland, Taiwan, Georgia and even in Washington, D.C. Some U.S. officials have said the complaints could be caused by attacks using radio-frequency energy such as microwave radiation.

The Central Intelligence Agency has tapped a veteran of the agency's hunt for Osama bin Laden to head a task force aimed at finding the cause of the symptoms, current and former officials familiar with the matter told The Wall Street Journal in July.

One patient who recently transferred from a posting in a European capital to be treated at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Maryland said doctors there had diagnosed a brain injury of the type seen in people exposed to shock waves from explosions. This person told the Journal the symptoms were preceded by piercing ear pain, high-pitched electronic noise and pressure in the ears. These occurred while the person was at home at night or early in the morning in March.

The patient initially believed the symptoms were related to a Covid-19 vaccine received earlier. After the condition persisted, the embassy flew the worker back to Washington, embassy officials said.

“There is no evidence about what happened to us, but it is striking that some of us had worked on Russia-related issues,” the worker said.

This patient and others employed by the State Department have set up an informal self-help group, according to three diplomats, one of whom is a member, because those believed to be affected say that the government, while providing care and other support, hasn’t recognized their condition nor taken adequate measures to protect government officials posted abroad.

The victim expressed concern that the apartments where patients believed they had been targeted were in some cases still part of the embassies’ housing pools and would be used to house other officials.

A spokesman for the State Department didn’t respond to a detailed query about the incidents, citing a sensitive investigation, but said the matter was top priority for Secretary of State Antony Blinken. Any employees who reported unexplained health incidents received immediate and appropriate attention and care, the spokesman said, adding that a major interagency effort is investigating what is causing the incidents and how staff can be protected.

In Germany, the U.S. Embassy hasn’t notified the German government because the embassy was still conducting an internal investigation, a U.S. diplomat said.

Hostile Russian activities in Germany, from disinformation campaigns to spying and hacking, have risen to levels unseen since the Cold War, said Thomas Haldenwang, head of the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution, Germany’s domestic intelligence agency.

“The methods are getting ever harsher and the means more brutal,” Mr. Haldenwang told reporters earlier this year.

Asked for comment, the Russian Embassy in Berlin pointed to remarks made this month by a senior official who dismissed allegations of Russian involvement after U.S. Embassy staff fell ill in Vienna.

“By and large, the Russophobic propaganda machine continues to churn out fake stories,” said Alexander Bikantov, deputy director of the Russian Foreign Ministry’s press department.

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23. Leaders of coalition nations grapple with awful outcome

Washington Post, Aug. 19 (0115), Pg. A18 | William Booth, Rick Noack and Amanda Coletta

LONDON -- It was not the U.S. Congress that returned from its August holiday to gnash its teeth over intelligence failures and military collapse in Afghanistan. Instead, it was the British Parliament, which was recalled for a remarkable one-day session on Wednesday, to hear lawmakers give heartfelt speeches honoring fallen soldiers and engage in hours of finger-pointing over what went so wrong.

The British were not alone in such painful debate, as other allies sounded off about the stunning events in Kabul. In countries that sent troops to Afghanistan - from Europe, Canada and Australia - politicians and veterans of the war tried to tally what was gained and what was lost.

Speaking in Britain's House of Commons, Prime Minister Boris Johnson praised hard-won successes in Afghanistan over the last 20 years - specifically the 3.6 million girls now in school there and the fragile democracy that saw women elected to political office. But his own lawmakers, who leveled tough criticism at both him and President Biden, said such progress might soon be reversed.

Labour Party lawmaker Chris Bryant said Britain had humiliated itself and dragged its honor through the mud. He called the resurgence of the Taliban "the most sudden and catastrophic collapse of a foreign and military-policy objective since Suez," a reference to Britain's disastrous 1956 invasion of the Sinai Peninsula after Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser nationalized the canal.

The prime minister warned the Taliban that it would be judged "on the choices it makes and by its actions rather than its words - on its attitude to terror, to crime and narcotics, as well as humanitarian access and the rights of girls to receive an education."

Johnson committed an additional 800 British troops to the Kabul airport to assist with ongoing evacuations of British nationals and locals who worked as support staff and interpreters for the British government.

Officials vowed to help 20,000 Afghan refugees resettle in Britain in the coming years. They promised to take 5,000 in the first year - a figure that one lawmaker called "pitiful."

The country has sacrificed blood and treasure in Afghanistan. Its experience in the region dates to the Anglo-Afghan Wars, which began in 1839 when British troops invaded from their base in India to put an exiled ruler on the throne - and to blunt Russian influence - only to inspire a revolt against the occupiers and their puppet.

After the 9/11 terrorist attacks against the United States, in which 67 British nationals were killed, the U.K. sent the second-largest contingent of forces to Afghanistan, deploying 150,000 military personnel over the years. It even sent a prince: Harry, who served two deployments.

In all, 457 British soldiers died, and many thousands came home wounded in body or mind.

Some lawmakers rose to condemn Biden for withdrawing U.S. troops and air support, as well as for his blunt remarks on Monday night.

The raucous chamber went quiet when Tory lawmaker and Afghanistan veteran Tom Tugendhat rose to speak. He lambasted Biden for questioning the courage of the Afghan troops that he had been proud to fight alongside - before Britain pulled out its own forces in 2014.

“To claim that they ran is shameful,” Tugendhat said.

His words were echoed by Ed Davey, the leader of the Liberal Democrats, who said he “couldn’t believe it” when Biden said the Afghans appeared unwilling to fight. It showed that the American president had “no awareness” of what was happening on the ground, he said.

Still, it was Johnson who faced the sharpest questions.

The head of the opposition, Labour Party leader Keir Starmer, accused the prime minister of “staggering complacency.” He mocked Johnson and his foreign secretary, Dominic Raab, for both being on vacation as Kabul fell.

“You cannot coordinate an international response from the beach,” Starmer said.

Even lawmakers from Johnson’s Conservative Party sounded frustrated - and angry. His predecessor, former prime minister Theresa May, called the Taliban victory “a major setback for British foreign policy.”

Britain was not the only U.S. ally to issue harsh critiques.

Among the NATO members in Europe, the Taliban takeover prompted uncomfortable questions over the future of the military alliance and the degree to which Europe should depend on the United States.

Armin Laschet, the conservative party candidate to succeed German Chancellor Angela Merkel, called the U.S. withdrawal “the greatest debacle that NATO has experienced since its foundation.”

The chaotic aftermath may also dampen optimism for a new U.S.-European era under Biden and play into the hands of U.S. critics. The Czech Republic’s pro-Russian and pro-China President Milos Zeman, whose role is largely ceremonial, on Tuesday said the country’s NATO spending is “a bit of a waste of money.”

In an 11-minute televised address on Monday night, French leader Emmanuel Macron mentioned Biden’s name only once in reminding his audience of how the West got to where it is now. As Macron went on to describe whom he would work with to manage the fallout, he mostly talked about his European counterparts - not Washington.

Many of the countries that fought alongside the United States paid a heavy price. France lost 89 military members in Afghanistan, more than any other E.U. member state. It was among the first NATO allies to withdraw from the country, pulling out its combat troops in 2012 and ending its military mission in 2014, following an insider attack that killed five French soldiers.

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg blamed Afghanistan's swift collapse on its political leaders, saying they "failed to stand up to the Taliban and to achieve the peaceful solution that Afghans desperately wanted."

"This failure of Afghan leadership led to the tragedy we are witnessing today," Stoltenberg said at a briefing.

In Australia, another close U.S. military ally, the Taliban victory has led to debate over the government's response but little official introspection over the decision to follow the United States into battle two decades ago.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison has called the scenes "heartbreaking" and "sobering" but shied away from any suggestion that the war wasn't worth it.

"Freedom is always worth it, fighting for it, whatever the outcome," he told Australian broadcaster ABC on Tuesday, arguing that Australia had sent soldiers to Afghanistan to track down Osama bin Laden and prevent al-Qaeda from using the country as a base of operations.

"No Australian who has ever fallen in our uniform has ever died in vain - ever," Morrison said.

Jason Scanes, a former captain in the Australian army who spent 10 months in Afghanistan, suggested otherwise.

"The feeling is one of sadness and anger and despair and helplessness," said Scanes, who now runs a nonprofit called Forsaken Fighters to advocate for the evacuation of Afghan interpreters. "Mateship is something we take very seriously here in Australia, something that is tightly woven into our national psyche. We should have been the leaders, showing our coalition partners exactly how we treat our mates."

In Canada, which lost 158 soldiers and seven civilians during the war, the Taliban's swift takeover came the day Prime Minister Justin Trudeau called a snap federal election in a bid to regain a parliamentary majority.

Afghanistan has loomed over the first days of campaigning, with Trudeau on the defensive, attempting to fend off charges from his political foes and veterans that his government was unprepared for the U.S. withdrawal and has been far too slow to evacuate Afghans who supported Canada and are now at risk of Taliban reprisals.

In an interview with an Ottawa radio station on Monday, retired Maj. Gen. Denis Thompson said, "You could see this slow-moving train wreck coming for quite some time."

Thompson, who led NATO's Task Force Kandahar from 2008 to 2009, said Canadian soldiers fought to buy policymakers time to find political solutions that never came.

Alex Ruff, a Conservative Party candidate and retired infantry colonel who served in Afghanistan, told reporters Tuesday that he has had "hard" days speaking to the family members of soldiers who died in the conflict, "because that's when they really start questioning things, and they're questioning why we're not doing more."

He called the Taliban takeover more than "a major setback. . . . I'll even use the word failure."

--Noack reported from Paris and Coletta from Toronto. Reis Thebault in Brussels, Michael Miller in Sydney and Stefano Petrelli in Rome contributed to this report

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RUSSIA

24. Russia is Top Military Threat to U.S. Homeland, Air Force General Says

U.S. Naval Institute News, Aug. 18 (1314) | John Grady

Russia, with its array of hard-to-detect cruise missiles and advanced submarines, poses the primary military threat to the American homeland today, the commander of U.S. Northern Command said Tuesday.

"They've developed capabilities that didn't exist 20 years ago . . . very low radar cross-section cruise missiles [and] submarines on par with our submarines," Air Force Gen. Glen VanHerck said.

Speaking at a Center for Strategic and International Studies online forum, he described the crucial difference between cruise and ballistic missile threats. Cruise missiles "can be launched from multiple platforms, from air-launch capabilities to sea-launch capabilities to submarine-launch capabilities to a container on a commercial vessel. There are multiple ways to do that."

He added that the advanced cruise missiles in Russia's arsenal have the range to strike the United States when launched from inside Russian territory.

VanHerck said the missile threat is coupled with Moscow's investments in cyber and space capabilities to extend its military and political reach. The Kremlin's intent is to "create deterrence for themselves, destroy our will and delay or degrade our ability to project forward," he said.

For Russia, these advances are not solely on the drawing board; they are exercised on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. Last year, "we had more incursions into our air-defense identification zones since the end of the Cold War," and intruding aircraft lingered for hours.

In late summer 2020, VanHerck said, “they took a large portion of their Pacific fleet, operated it right in ... our economic exclusion zone right off Alaska.” At that time, a Russian submarine surfaced “in the middle of a bunch of fishing vessels up there and actually fired a missile from there.”

VanHerck said that the action was “certainly intended to demonstrate to the U.S. and others their influence,” especially in the Arctic.

Russia assumed the chairmanship of the Arctic Council in May. “Russia relies heavily economically on the Arctic. They get about 20 to 25 percent of their GDP” from the region, VanHerck said. “So certainly they have a vested interest in being an influencer and having power in the Arctic.” To that end the Russians have rebuilt and modernized military facilities in its far north.

Looking at the Northern Sea Route, VanHerck added, Russia is “coming up with policies to say they want to have military members [present] as folks transit ... on their vessels, which is in violation of international laws and norms. ... They’re trying to change those kinds of things.”

With a warming climate, the Northern Sea Route has taken on new importance as a waterway that can be used for shipping between Asia and Europe. Russia claims the route is within its territory.

On the threat from China, he said Beijing’s cyber and space capabilities are “on par with Russia, but they’re developing the ... kinetic capabilities such as submarines and bombers to do the exact same thing” Moscow is doing with its advanced cruise missiles. He testified recently that China could have these capabilities within the next decade.

“So we’ll have a persistent, proximate threat off each coast and I would say all vectors 24/7/365” even if “you don’t factor in an ICBM nuclear threat.”

As for North Korea, its new KN-28 missile has “a much larger capability, and the total number of missiles tends to increase. Next Generation Interceptor ... will keep us on a successful path” to defend the homeland. The missile was unveiled in a military parade last fall.

VanHerck said the command is looking to new technologies like overhead persistent infrared capabilities to improve domain awareness. “Any new systems we create must be able to not only detect bombers but cruise missiles,” including very small ones, he added.

He distinguished between NORTHCOM’s work on advanced systems like over-the-horizon radars and global all-domain sensors and the services’ work on Joint All Domain Command and Control.

“I’m after decision superiority. ... I just want to make sure the right decision-maker has – at the right level, at the right time – has the information.” He stressed he is not trying to send that information to a single ship or platoon.

“What I’m trying to do is take the information that you’re seeing and share it across at the operational to strategic level to create deterrence and de-escalation options, and if needed defeat options.”

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25. New satellite images show Russia may be preparing to test nuclear powered ‘Skyfall’ missile

CNN.com, Aug. 18 (2022) | Zachary Cohen

Washington -- New satellite images obtained by CNN show Russia may be preparing another test of its nuclear-powered cruise missile, known as “Skyfall”-- a controversial weapon that is designed to defeat US defense systems.

The photos, which were captured on August 16 by the commercial satellite imaging company Capella Space, offer “strong indications Russia was preparing to test a nuclear-powered cruise missile” at a known launch site located near the Arctic Circle, experts at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies Center for Nonproliferation Studies who analyzed the photos told CNN.

US officials are aware that Russia could be preparing another test of what it calls the “Burevestnik” missile as part of its advanced weapons program, according to a source briefed on the matter.

The CIA declined to comment and the Pentagon and the Russian Ministry of Defense did not immediately respond to CNN’s requests.

“Using a nuclear reactor would, in principle, give the cruise missile unlimited range to fly under and around US missile defense radars and interceptors,” according to researcher Jeffrey Lewis, a weapons expert at the Middlebury Institute who reviewed the images.

There are “substantial questions, however, about whether the system can be made to work successfully, to say nothing of the threat that testing this system may pose to the environment and human health,” he added.

Those risks have prompted some experts to call the weapon a “flying Chernobyl,” Lewis told CNN, noting an August 2019 effort to recover a missile that had crashed into the White Sea resulted in an explosion that killed five Russian technical personnel.

At the time, Lewis told CNN that satellite imagery suggested that the incident might have been related to the development of a nuclear-powered cruise missile.

Russia conducted at least one test flight of the nuclear-powered cruise missile from the same site near the Arctic Circle in November 2017. Moscow reportedly carried out multiple other tests in the months that followed, though none were considered successful.

In March 2018, Russian President Vladimir Putin released a video of a nuclear-powered cruise missile test, which allowed open-source researchers, including analysts at the Middlebury Institute, to identify the location, Lewis told CNN.

Researchers have been monitoring this site in recent months and satellite images taken by commercial satellite imaging company Planet over the summer showed cargo ships visiting this location and supplies piling up at a support area, according to Lewis. More recently, Russia issued a “notice to mariners” warning of hazardous operations to be conducted between August 15 to 20 near the known Burevestnik test site near Pankovo on Novaya Zemlya.

A high-resolution radar image taken on August 16 showed “Russian personnel had erected a large environmental shelter to protect the missile and the crews preparing the launch from the harsh weather,” according to Lewis.

“This shelter was retracted, revealing a large object on the launch pad, which is a possible SSC-X-9 Skyfall launcher,” he said. “There are also a significant number of objects next to the launch pad that are likely vehicles and shipping containers. None of these signatures were present the last time the site was imaged optically in June.”

Russia has been modernizing its strategic nuclear weapons and delivery systems to counter US and NATO and bolster its claim to be a major military power, raising fears of another nuclear arms race as the US also sets about upgrading its nuclear arsenal.

While Moscow and Russia renewed the New START Treaty in February, shortly after President Joe Biden took office, the US has withdrawn from two landmark arms control treaties with Russia, the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty in 2019, and the Open Skies Treaty in 2020.

--CNN's Nicole Gaouette and Oren Liebermann contributed reporting

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26. Russia sees potential cooperation, but prepares for worst

Washington Post, Aug. 19 (0115), Pg. A19 | Robyn Dixon

MOSCOW -- In the wake of the Taliban’s lightning takeover of Afghanistan, Russian officials moved quickly into a two-pronged approach: cautiously reaching out to the Taliban even as Russia expanded military exercises with Tajikistan along the Afghan border.

In Russia, with its bitter memories of a failed Soviet occupation in the 1980s and humiliating withdrawal after more than nine years, there was inevitable schadenfreude to see its rival, the United States, facing its own botched departure.

Now Russia sees potential for a more influential role with the Taliban, while weighing risks of regional instability or extremism if Afghanistan slides back into civil war.

But Moscow also has sent strong signals of its military might and strategic interest in the region.

Russia has been running military exercises on Afghanistan's borders in recent weeks and on Tuesday announced a month-long military exercise in Tajikistan, where Russia's biggest base abroad is located.

"Is Russia worried? Yes, of course. In the 1990s when the Taliban took over Kabul, it produced a destructive spillover to neighboring countries," said Fyodor Lukyanov, chairman of Russia's Council on Foreign and Defense Policy.

Russia's foreign minister, Sergei Lavrov, discussed the crisis Monday with Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi.

Moscow has designated the Taliban as a terrorist group but has hosted Taliban officials several times in recent years. Key officials including Lavrov, Russia's Ambassador to Afghanistan Dmitry Zhirnov and special presidential envoy on Afghanistan Zamir Kabulov have all spoken positively about the Taliban since the fall of Kabul.

Zhirnov and Kabulov compared the Taliban favorably to the previous government of Ashraf Ghani, who fled the country Sunday as the government collapsed and the Taliban moved in.

Lavrov said Tuesday that Russia would not rush to recognize a Taliban government. He called for an inclusive national dialogue including all political forces to establish a transitional government.

Moscow remains wary about Islamist extremism spilling from Afghanistan and fears that the Taliban rule may descend into civil war and chaos.

But Lukyanov said Russia's military was better equipped to deal with potential threats than it was in the 1990s when the Taliban last ruled.

He said Russia now keeps contact with all parties in Afghanistan, in contrast with the '90s when it focused only on the Northern Alliance, which was fighting the Taliban.

Some Russian analysts said Russia could pay a heavy price for the sudden uncertainty left behind by Washington's nearly 20-year war.

Elena Suponina, an analyst with the Russian Institute for Strategic Studies, predicted the Taliban would not be able to ensure stability in Afghanistan.

“First, the Taliban itself is quite fragmented and there is no clear, single command. Second, regional and other powers will continue playing on these internal differences,” she said.

“And finally, there are other armed groups in Afghanistan who are unwilling to obey the Taliban,” she told the Moskovsky Komsomolets newspaper. She said cells of al-Qaeda and the Islamic State in Afghanistan could swiftly gain ground.

Kirill Semenov, an analyst at the Russian International Affairs Council, said the Taliban could split between those seeking a more radical, hard-line approach and those taking a softer line.

“There is a chance that a struggle for division of spheres of influence inside the Taliban itself will start. That is what we should be concerned about,” he told the newspaper.

The Taliban’s surge across the country sparked fears its fighters would target people associated with the previous government or Western forces, as well as journalists, human rights workers and women’s advocates.

Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid tried to calm fears at a news conference Tuesday, saying all enemies had been “pardoned” and pledging to allow women to study and work, but within the framework of sharia law. He would not be drawn on whether women could work as journalists.

Russian officials have been making strenuous efforts to soften the official view of the Taliban.

But Alexander Knyazev, an expert on Central Asia studies at the University of St. Petersburg, told Nezavisimaya Gazeta that the Taliban had been demonized, making it hard for officials to explain to the public their contacts with the group.

Lavrov stepped away from Russia’s terrorist designation for the group, calling it “a recognized political force.” He said the Taliban’s offer to include different voices in its government was positive, while the Foreign Ministry said the Taliban was restoring order.

“We see some encouraging signs on the part of the Taliban, who have declared their desire to have a government involving other political forces,” Lavrov told journalists Tuesday.

Russia’s ambassador to Afghanistan Zhirnov said Tuesday that he met Taliban officials in Kabul who pledged to guarantee the safety of diplomats and former government officials.

“Their approach is clear. It is good, positive and businesslike. I cannot see obstacles which will stop us from finding common ground on all the specifics,” Zhirnov said. “The current situation in Kabul is better than under Ashraf Ghani,” the Afghan president who fled the country Sunday.

Russia’s relations with Ghani had grown chilly as the Kremlin bypassed him in talks involving the Taliban in Moscow in recent years. Russia had pressed for a transitional government including all sides but strongly condemned Ghani’s decision to flee the country as the Taliban entered Kabul.

Kabulov, the presidential envoy, warned that “the entire international community will be watching” the Taliban to ensure human rights were observed. But it was expected, he added, that Russia would eventually recognize the Taliban government.

“Today we’re witnessing a collapse of American foreign policy,” Russian State Duma Speaker Vyacheslav Volodin said Tuesday. “Despite the ongoing developments, we aren’t hearing statements from the U.S. State Department on what assistance they will provide to Afghanistan and the neighboring countries.”

Analyst Darya Mitina, a columnist with Vedomosti newspaper, noted that much of the challenges may fall on Russia and its allies Central Asia.

“The U.S. has left all the obligations and all the risks to us,” she wrote. “Guess where the main flow of refugees will rush and at whose expense the borders and armies of the Central Asian countries will be reinforced? And the Americans got onto a beautiful aircraft and flew away.”

Russia’s Central Military District said 1,000 Russian troops would take part in a month-long exercise with Tajikistan, a week after Russia wrapped up military drills near the Afghan border with 2,500 Russian, Tajik and Uzbek forces.

Under its collective security treaty with Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and other regional powers, the Kremlin is obliged to send in its military in the event of an attack.

Tajik authorities also announced plans for three days of anti-terrorism exercises this week with forces from China’s Ministry of Public Security.

Uzbekistan’s Foreign Ministry said Tuesday it was in touch with Taliban officials to ensure the security of its border, which is near the major northern Afghan city of Mazar-e Sharif. It said would maintain “friendly and good neighborly relations with Afghanistan” but called for a government involving all major political forces of the country.

Uzbek authorities said 22 Afghan military aircraft and 24 Afghan helicopters carrying 585 Afghan servicemen flew into Uzbekistan over the weekend, landing at Termez airport. Another 158 Afghan civilians and soldiers crossed the Amu Darya River to escape Afghanistan.

--Liz Sly in London contributed to this report

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AFRICA

27. In Mali, fears of sharing Afghanistan's fate

Agence France-Presse, Aug. 18 (1032) | Not Attributed

Afghanistan's fall to the Taliban after a US pullout has raised the spectre of a similar drama in the West African state of Mali, where France has pledged a military drawdown next year.

"Should we brace for the same scenario as in Kabul?" was the headline Wednesday in the Malian daily Le Soir de Bamako.

Mali is the epicentre of a brutal jihadist conflict in the Sahel to which France has committed troops, jets and drones to shore up fragile allies.

Paris first intervened in Mali in 2013, beating back a jihadist advance from the desert north of the country.

But the Islamists regrouped and spilled into central Mali, as well as neighbouring Burkina Faso and Niger, inflaming ethnic tensions along the way.

Thousands of soldiers and civilians have died and more than two million people have been displaced in the impoverished region, despite the presence of thousands of foreign troops.

In June, French President Emmanuel Macron announced a major scaleback of the French military presence.

France will close its bases in northern Mali in Kidal, Tessalit and Timbuktu by early 2022.

Between 2,500 and 3,000 French troops are expected to remain deployed across the vast semi-arid region, down from the 5,100 currently on the ground.

Mohamed Dicko, a 24-year-old medical student in Bamako, said insecurity in Mali was worsening each year.

It is only thanks to French and UN forces that "the major cities in the north are still under state control," he said.

“Without the presence of the French army, a town like Gao can fall in less than half an hour,” he said.

Mali’s current cycle of violence began when separatists revolted in the north in 2012, in a rebellion that was then commandeered by jihadists.

The Islamists capitalised on weak government across much of the poor country to set down roots.

Groups affiliated to Al-Qaeda or Islamic State also spread into neighbouring Burkina Faso and Niger.

But Mali’s government is weak and has a reputation for corruption, and its armed forces are poorly trained and underpaid -- a scenario that has parallels in Afghanistan.

“Dread is deepening in the region, but the context of the Sahel and Afghanistan are very different,” said Baba Dakono, a Bamako-based political analyst.

“But there is a joint lesson -- whatever the firepower that is deployed, military action alone cannot be the solution.”

Ideology explains “only a small part” of the motivations of Sahel jihadists, and “political demands and frustrations with the state” are bigger, he suggested.

Some in Mali -- including the ruling military -- support dialogue with the militants in order to find a political solution to the conflict. But France has fiercely opposed this.

“We need to open discussions, from the ground up, with all communities, including the pariahs of the armed groups,” Dakono said.

Many commentators are pessimistic.

The military toppled President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita in August 2020 after weeks of protests over perceived corruption and failure to stop the conflict.

But initial hopes of a new political dawn and a step towards prosperity have faded.

Jihadist attacks have continued, and there has been little in the way of reform.

The new strongman, Colonel Assimi Goita, has pledged to stage elections in February 2022. But that deadline already appears difficult to meet.

He did not even mention the date during a televised event to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the coup on Wednesday. Instead, Goita promised “transparent elections with indisputable results”.

There are also doubts about Goita himself. In May, the colonel dismissed the interim civilian leaders the military installed after the August coup, and later set himself up as interim president.

France's Macron blasted the manoeuvre as a "coup d'etat within a coup d'etat".

Moussa Tchangari, a civil society leader in Niger, said that as in Afghanistan, a combination of foreign armies and corrupt local leaders cannot win the war in the Sahel.

"This war, if it has to be won, will only be won by drawing up a new political and social contract," he said.

The deal has to "restore sovereignty to the people and create the conditions for dignified life for the millions of people who are deprived of it today."

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AMERICAS

28. More U.S. forces deployed to Haiti as earthquake death toll tops 2,000

CBSNews.com, Aug. 18 (2240) | Vladimir Duthiers

Haiti faced another grim day on Wednesday as search and rescue teams found more bodies in the rubble, bringing the death toll to more than 2,000 people. Rescue and recovery efforts have been slowed by Tropical Storm Grace, and have been hampered by the fact that the earthquake destroyed roads leading to some of the hardest-hit areas.

At least 2,189 people have died, 12,268 have been hospitalized with injuries, and 332 are still missing, the Haiti Office of Civil Protection tweeted late Wednesday. Jerry Chandler, the head of Haiti's Civil Protection Agency, told Reuters that at least 600,000 people are in need of humanitarian assistance, and 135,000 families are displaced.

"Haiti is now on its knees," Prime Minister Ariel Henry said in a Wednesday video address, according to Reuters. "The earthquake that devastated a large part of the south of the country proves once again our limits, and how fragile we are."

More U.S. forces have now been deployed to the country — the Navy warship USS Arlington, which carries more than 600 military personnel, will arrive Friday.

"It's a heavily damaged area and I think the need is going to be great," said Lieutenant Colonel Cory Murtaugh of the Marine Corps.

CBS News visited a hospital in Les Cayes, a city very close to the epicenter of the quake, and saw the U.S. Coast Guard bringing thousands of pounds of supplies. The Coast Guard has also rescued dozens of injured people.

“We have all kinds of rescue equipment,” one Coast Guard rescue worker said. “We have over 80 rescuers in this area.”

But desperation is growing as many of the hospitals are overwhelmed, forcing some patients to be treated outside — including a woman and her newborn child. A young boy with a broken leg was lucky to get a bed at the Hôpital OFATMA des Cayes.

“I am doing okay,” the boy said.

CBS News traveled Wednesday with World Central Kitchen, a humanitarian group that prepared thousands of meals and delivered them to people who haven’t eaten in days.

“We know that they are really hungry,” one worker said. “They lost their houses, they lost everything. So for sure the most important thing for them right now is to eat to stay alive.”

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29. Haiti’s earthquake victims are still overwhelming hospitals

Associated Press, Aug. 18 (1313) | Mark Stevenson and Evens Sanon

LES CAYES, Haiti -- More injured victims from Haiti’s deadly weekend earthquake trickled Wednesday into hospitals already overwhelmed with thousands of patients, while bodies are still being found in collapsed buildings five days after the disaster.

Angry crowds massed at collapsed buildings, demanding tarps to create temporary shelters, especially after Tropical Storm Grace compounded the misery in the impoverished country by bringing heavy rain on Monday and Tuesday.

On Tuesday night, Haiti’s Civil Protection Agency put the number of deaths from Saturday’s earthquake at 1,941. It also said 9,900 were injured, with many of them waiting outside in stifling heat for medical assistance.

Foreign aid was arriving, but slowly. U.S. Coast Guard helicopter crews concentrated on the most urgent task, ferrying the injured to less-stressed medical facilities.

Volunteers found the body of a man in the rubble of a collapsed apartment building in the city of Les Cayes, where the stench of death hung in the tropical heat.

Officials said the magnitude 7.2 earthquake destroyed more than 7,000 homes and damaged nearly 5,000, leaving about 30,000 families homeless. Hospitals, schools, offices and churches also were demolished or badly damaged.

It wiped out many of the sources of food and income that many of the poor depend on for survival in Haiti, which is already struggling with the coronavirus, gang violence and the July 7 assassination of President Jovenel Moïse.

“We don’t have anything. Even the (farm) animals are gone. They were killed by the rock slides,” said Elize Civil, 30, a farmer in the village of Fleurant, near the quake’s epicenter.

At the public hospital in L’Asile, deep in a remote stretch of countryside in the southwest, people were arriving from isolated villages with broken arms and legs.

Hospital director Sonel Fevry said five such patients showed up Tuesday. Grinding poverty, poor roads and faith in natural medicine worsen the problems.

“We do what we can, remove the necrotized tissue and give them antibiotics and try to get them a splint,” Fevry said, adding that access to the facility by road is difficult and not everyone can make it.

Mercy Corps, a U.S.-based relief organization, said about half of L’Asile’s homes were destroyed and 90% were affected in some way. Most public buildings where people would normally shelter also were destroyed.

The countryside seemed to be hit harder by the quake than the cities, and news about what happened there is only now coming out. The obstetrics, pediatric and operating wing at the L’Asile hospital collapsed, though everyone made it out. Despite the damage, the hospital was able to treat about 170 severely injured quake victims in improvised tents set up on the grounds of the facility.

The nearby countryside was devastated: In one 10-mile (16-kilometer) stretch, not a single house, church, store or school was left standing.

The U.S. Geological Survey said a preliminary analysis of satellite imagery after the earthquake “revealed at least 150 landslides west of the town of L’Asile in Département des Nippes and hundreds of landslides in the mountains and south of Beaumont in Department de la Grand’Anse.”

Rain and wind from Tropical Storm Grace triggered more mudslides and forced a suspension of search and rescue efforts, feeding the anger and frustration among thousands left homeless.

Etzer Emile, a Haitian economist and professor at Quisqueya University, a private institution in the capital of Port-au-Prince, said the earthquake’s impacts will almost certainly result in even more long-term poverty for the country’s struggling southwest region. Political instability and gang criminality along the southern roads into the region have particularly hobbled economic activity in recent years.

“The earthquake has just given a fatal blow to a regional economy already on its knees for about two-and-a-half years” Emile said by email.

The disaster will increase Haitians’ dependence on remittances from abroad and assistance from international nongovernmental groups, he said, likely making the country even weaker.

“Foreign aid unfortunately never helps in the long term. The southwest needs instead activities that can boost economic capacity for jobs and better social conditions,” he said.

Kids in Need of Defense, a Washington-based advocacy group for migrant children, called on the U.S. government to halt deportations to Haiti.

Foreign aid has been slow to arrive.

The U.S. military’s Southern Command said it was moving eight helicopters from Honduras to Haiti. Three U.S. Coast Guard helicopters have assisted in life-saving transports and moved 17,350 pounds of cargo. A U.S. Navy amphibious warship, the USS Arlington, was expected to head for Haiti on Wednesday with a surgical team and landing craft.

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ARMY

30. U.S. Army orders environmental review of Louisiana plastics project

Reuters, Aug. 18 (1626) | Valerie Volcovici

The U.S. Army on Wednesday ordered a full environmental review of a proposed Formosa Group petrochemical plant in St. James Parish, Louisiana, opposed by local groups concerned about the health impact on an area overburdened with pollution.

The review of the “Sunshine Project” in St. James parish in Louisiana, which could take years, will be conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, according to a memo posted on the Twitter feed of an Army Civil Works official.

“As a result of information received to date and my commitment for the Army to be a leader in the federal government’s efforts to ensure thorough environmental analysis and meaningful community outreach, I conclude an EIS process is warranted to thoroughly review areas of concern, particularly those with environmental justice implications,” Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army Jaime Pinkham said.

An EIS is an environmental impact statement conducted for major infrastructure projects.

Taiwan-based Formosa maintains an “unwavering commitment” to St. James Parish and the state of Louisiana and will “continue to work with the Corps as we receive more guidance on the additional evaluation,” according to Janile Parks, a spokesperson for the Sunshine Project.

But local activists who have led a high-profile fight against the \$9 billion project hailed the news as a victory for the environmental justice movement.

“Nobody took it upon themselves to speak for St. James Parish until we started working to stop Formosa Plastics. Now the world is watching this important victory for environmental justice,” said Sharon Lavigne, campaigner with RISE St. James, who led the fight against the plant.

Louisiana’s Democratic governor, John Bel Edwards, supports the project as an economic driver for his state. His office was not immediately available for comment.

Local activists have pressured the seven-month-old Biden administration to halt construction of the massive petrochemical and plastics complex in a Louisiana region nicknamed “Cancer Alley,” home to several major petrochemical facilities and refineries where black residents suffer high rates of cancer.

The project had been on temporary hold since November, after the Army Corps suspended its Clean Water Act permit for further review amid a lawsuit brought by local environmental groups.

President Joe Biden has made environmental justice a core part of his climate and environmental agenda, and has promised to ensure that communities that live at the fenceline of polluting facilities are protected from additional air and water pollution.

In March, a group of UN human rights experts criticized the Formosa project, which would be built in a poor black community, as “environmental racism.”

“We hope this is the nail in Formosa’s coffin,” said Anne Rolfes, director of the Louisiana Bucket Brigade, one of the groups that has fought the construction of the plant.

--Reporting by Valerie Volcovici; additional reporting by Nichola Groom

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MARINE CORPS

31. Marines fire Naval Strike Missiles from Kauai

Honolulu Star-Advertiser Online, Aug. 18 (0606) | William Cole

During the two-week Large Scale Exercise 2021, which ended Monday, groups of Hawaii-based artillery Marines came ashore at the Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai via big hovercraft and MV-22 tilt-rotor Ospreys.

Their goal was to get in fast, set up fast and detect, while camouflaged and with low digital signatures, passing enemy ships.

In one of the most realistic Marine Corps field experiments to date of a new unmanned truck missile launcher, two Naval Strike Missiles on Sunday flew over 100 nautical miles (115 statute miles) to strike the decommissioned Navy frigate ex-USS Ingraham 60 nautical miles from Kauai. For the exercise, the missiles did not have warheads.

“Two shots, two hits,” said Maj. Nick Mannweiler, a spokesman for Marine Corps Forces Pacific.

As part of the demonstration of rapid response from multiple platforms, four Marine Corps F/A-18 attack aircraft also fired two Harpoon missiles at the frigate.

The scenario—watched by Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Gilday—capped Large Scale Exercise, a global demonstration of U.S. Navy and Marine Corps capability to synchronize fleets, networks and weapons across 17 time zones.

A restructuring of the Marine Corps in Hawaii to better deter China in the western Pacific includes the planned elimination of all cannon artillery and attack and transport helicopters.

Two squadrons of Ospreys stay, and KC-130 transports and six big MQ-9A Reaper drones—which can fire missiles—are coming in.

Approximately 150 artillery Marines with the 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment will become part of a medium-range missile battery outfitted with Naval Strike Missiles intended to inflict damage on ships at sea, the Marine Corps said.

Those Marines will be attached to a new fast-moving unit at Kaneohe Bay called a Marine Littoral Regiment that will be the first in the Marine Corps.

Via what it calls Force Design 2030, the Marine Corps is taking drastic steps to reshape itself for “peer “ competition with China—which invested heavily in advanced, long-range missiles while the United States was preoccupied with low-tech guerrilla warfare in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Part of the redesign also calls for a new class of vessel in Hawaii called the Light Amphibious Warship, which can carry at least 75 Marines and pull up on beaches to get troops in and out in a hurry.

System testing Sunday’s missile launches utilized what’s known as the Navy /Marine Corps Expeditionary Ship Interdiction System, or NMESIS, that’s paired with a joint light tactical vehicle stripped of its crew cab and turned into a robotic vehicle that can be directed to follow other vehicles.

“We’re used to thinking of naval gunfire support supporting Marines ashore during an assault or during land operations,” Mannweiler said.

New Force Design 2030 concepts including Marine Littoral Regiments being tested now turn that strategy around.

“This is part of a new paradigm shift for the naval services to think about the fact that ships at sea may need help with sea control or sea denial—and that’s where the Marine Corps can fit in “ as a land-based missile firing force, Mannweiler said.

He added that “this is a growing, evolving model, but what was demonstrated this weekend is that we’re on track “to turn a concept operational.

The Marine Corps component of Large Scale Exercise focused on establishing what the service calls “expeditionary advanced bases “ on islands to locate threats, share that data and fire Naval Strike Missiles.

“This scenario is representative of the real-world challenges and missions the Navy and Marine Corps will be facing in the future,” Brig Gen. A.J. Pasagian, commander of Marine Corps Systems Command, said in a release.

Large Scale Exercise included real and computer-generated forces in a conflict that required actions in the Pacific and Europe.

The 1st Battalion, 12th Marines had multiple platoon-sized expeditionary advanced bases spread across the scenario’s island chain. While the live-fire portion was just for the NMESIS out at the Pacific Missile Range Facility, other positions were “firing “ virtually in missions connected to the overall exercise, Mannweiler said.

The Hawaii Marines came ashore from the amphibious ship USS San Diego, while the NMESIS was flown in and then after the missile firing transported on one of the big landing craft air cushion, or LCAC, hovercraft back to the San Diego so others could see the system.

Also utilized were new smaller and very mobile all-terrain vehicles called “networks on the move.”

“It’s packed full of all of the command and control equipment, the radio systems, networking gear,” Mannweiler said. “You take like three or four of them and you’ve got an air battalion operations center “ that used to be made up of multiple trucks.

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NAVY

32. Changes from Boot Camp to Shipyards Are Coming in the Wake of the Bonhomme Richard Fire

Military.com, Aug. 18 (1154) | Konstantin Toropin

The Navy is making major changes to its after-hours security and shipyard procedures in the wake of the Bonhomme Richard fire, sailors told Military.com.

The fire aboard the Bonhomme Richard, which was undergoing shipyard maintenance, broke out on July 12, 2020, a Sunday morning when the amphibious assault ship was manned only by the duty section. It began in the ship’s “lower V” cargo hold and lasted for four days, burning at more than 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit. The incident is considered the Navy’s worst U.S. warship fire outside of combat in recent history.

One of the key changes the Navy is putting in place is an increase in how often senior leaders in duty sections -- sailors who stay aboard when the rest of the crew is off -- walk through the entire ship looking for safety or security issues.

The ship’s “engineering duty officer, the fire marshal, the command duty officer and the section leader -- they all have to rove,” Senior Chief David Mafoka said during a ship tour of the littoral combat ship Kansas City.

The four leaders, typically senior enlisted personnel or officers, “all have to rove [around the ship] three times a day and they can’t do them all together,” he explained. “They have to rove through all the engineering spaces, and they’re focusing on the firefighting equipment.”

A search warrant application unsealed earlier this month revealed that the Navy suspects a disgruntled sailor -- Ryan Sawyer Mays -- of starting the Bonhomme Richard fire.

According to the court document, Lt. Cmdr. Felix Perez, the officer in charge of the ship’s damage control efforts, told investigators less than a week after the blaze was put out that three of the four fire stations in the upper and lower V compartments “were not in their normal configuration,” adding that he thought that they “appeared to have been purposely tampered with and/or disconnected.”

Mafoka said that some requirements for the fire marshal position, the sailor charged with fire safety in the duty section, have been changed to require extra schooling.

Previously, the Navy required only one sailor to patrol the ship, looking for problems. They were typically junior sailors and held no leadership role in the duty section. The change increases both the frequency of the required walkthroughs, as well as the seniority of the sailors tasked with doing so.

The move is “increasing the risk of finding something and decreasing the risk of somebody doing something that they’re not supposed to do,” Rear Adm. Robert Nowakowski, the deputy commander of the Naval Education and Training Command, explained to Military.com.

Mafoka said there also have been “a lot of additional requirements for when you go into the yards.”

That includes a stipulation to place quick disconnect fittings on the hoses and pipes that are run throughout a ship undergoing maintenance. The lack of those fittings is believed to have contributed to the spread of the fire on the Bonhomme Richard.

“One of the problems on BHR was they tried to compartmentalize some of the spaces, and we found out that there was hoses going in-between space to space to space -- they couldn’t shut the doors,” Nowakowski said.

“You couldn’t set the boundaries [to stop the fire from spreading],” he added.

Nowakowski said the Navy is considering increasing how much firefighting training sailors get in boot camp in the wake of the catastrophe.

“We’re looking at expanding [boot camp] from an eight-week curriculum to a 10-week curriculum,” he said.

The hope is to use some of that extra time to provide “additional firefighting and damage control training to the sailors,” he added.

On July 29, the Navy announced that Mays had been charged under Article 110, wrongful hazarding of a vessel, and Article 126, aggravated arson, of the Uniform Code of Military Justice in connection with the blaze.

Gary Barthel, the defense attorney for the accused sailor, said that his “client is adamant that he’s not guilty of anything that he’s been charged with.”

“He maintains his innocence,” he added.

Dismantling of the Bonhomme Richard began April 15 after it was determined it would take at least \$2.5 billion and five years to fix the ship.

NOTABLE COMMENTARY

33. Fall of Kabul demands tough congressional hearings

USA Today Online, Aug. 18 (0800) | Editorial

America's greatest foreign policy debacle in more than a generation will demand congressional hearings to understand what went wrong with the disastrous U.S. exit from Afghanistan.

Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Mark Warner hit the right tone this week when he pledged "tough but necessary questions about why we weren't better prepared for a worst-case scenario involving such a swift and total collapse of the Afghan government and security forces."

If lessons are to be learned and credibility in U.S. foreign policy is to be clawed back, the American public and American allies deserve straight talk under oath from Biden administration officials. All they've gotten from the president was a lengthy rehash Monday for why he left Afghanistan, some finger-pointing over the botched exit and a tepid acknowledgment it was "hard and messy, and yes, far from perfect."

Despite a gratuitous remark about the buck stopping with him, Biden offered blame shifting that deserves to be challenged. One case in point, during a news briefing on July 8, the commander in chief was asked about what he knew regarding the prospects of a Taliban takeover of Afghanistan. "Your own intelligence community has assessed that the Afghan government will likely collapse," a reporter said.

"That is not true," Biden responded. "They did not reach that conclusion."

They didn't? There were several reports by U.S. officials just weeks earlier that the intelligence community was predicting the fall of the Kabul regime within six months of a U.S. withdrawal. (That intel timeline estimate was further reduced last week.) So which is it? Did those forecasts occur and, if so, were they communicated to the president? This is not the only issue that needs scrutiny:

Botched evacuation. The image of panicked Afghans falling hundreds of feet to their deaths Monday after trying to stowaway on U.S. military aircraft will not soon be forgotten. Biden announced his withdrawal plan in April. In fact, the Trump scheme for pulling out – which Biden said he was obligated to follow – was reached more than a year before that. Any move to end U.S. military involvement should have immediately set in motion a process to safeguard the tens of thousands of Afghans who worked with the U.S. military (and others employed with U.S. media and nongovernmental agencies).

Yet the Biden administration announced no such evacuation plans until June, and by the time the Taliban had overrun the country and entered Kabul, only a few thousand Afghans had been flown out. It's now open to question how many will be saved. Once the decision was made to leave Afghanistan, why wasn't the priority immediately airlifting out as many at-risk Afghans as possible?

Challenging assumptions. In explaining Biden's fear, White House officials repeatedly cited the concern that the Taliban would start "shooting at U.S. troops again." But American ground combat operations ended in 2014. Troops have since been largely secluded on major military installations, and deaths have fallen to a dozen or so a year since 2016. Just how devastating were the consequences the White House feared?

Crisis of confidence. After-action analysts have been united in the view that despite a superiority in numbers and armaments, the Afghan security forces melted away before Taliban fighters because of a logistical lack of food, ammunition and paychecks, along with a despairing sense of abandonment by the United States.

Did U.S. intel and military analysts consider the apparent consequences on Afghan troop morale in predicting their staying power? After all, an "Afghanistan Papers" report by The Washington Post two years ago detailed the false progress U.S. officials claimed to have made preparing Afghan troops. Yet Biden, as late as July, expressed confidence these forces would hold off Taliban fighters.

Prospects of terror. The Taliban's tactical decision to reject U.S. demands for peace negotiations in favor of a military takeover has been manifestly rewarded. What possible incentive, then, would they have to keep their other crucial promise of not providing haven to well-funded terrorists? Already, the Pentagon is upgrading the threat of terrorism.

Biden is correct that since the 9/11 attacks, al-Qaida has metastasized to other countries. But those nations, however weak they may be, are ostensibly hostile to the group. The reinstalled Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan might not be. And what would be America's options if al-Qaida or other terrorists reestablish themselves in Afghanistan now that there's no U.S. military presence to stop it?

A similar vacuum in Iraq when American troops withdrew was ultimately filled with the violence of the Islamic State.

If the United States is to learn from tough mistakes in Afghanistan, Congress needs to ask some tough questions. There are a lot of people – particularly America's allies – who deserve answers.

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34. The U.S. Is Hostage to the Taliban

Wall Street Journal, Aug. 19 (0200), Pg. A16 | Editorial

The Taliban haven't formally taken any Americans captive in Afghanistan, at least not yet, but it's clear that the jihadists already have the Biden Administration as a political hostage. That was obvious from Wednesday's briefing at the Pentagon, where the Secretary of Defense and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff admitted they lack the military resources and political mandate to ensure that every American is evacuated amid the Taliban control of Kabul.

There was no lack of determination to do so on the part of Secretary Lloyd Austin and Gen. Mark Milley, both of whom fought in Afghanistan. One or the other said more than once that they view their mission as getting out "all American citizens" who want to leave the country now in Taliban hands.

The problem is the U.S. military now controls only the Hamid Karzai International Airport (HKIA) with about 4,500 troops. Americans, foreign nationals and some Afghans who manage to make it to the airport are able to board flights to depart. But Americans and Afghans are on their own in trying to make it to the airport, which means getting past multiple Taliban checkpoints in the city and surrounding the airport perimeter.

Mr. Austin said that, so far, the Taliban are allowing U.S. citizens who have passports to get through. But the Taliban are not letting most Afghans through, and many who are trying are beaten and who knows what else. Many Americans and Afghan allies are also spread around the country and will have to find a way to get to the airport.

Pressed by reporters on whether the military could leave the airport and get Americans, or extend the airport perimeter, or create a safe-passage corridor from Kabul, Mr. Austin said he couldn't do any of those and keep the airport secure. That means he's also depending on the goodwill of the Taliban to let our people and our allies go.

Gen. Milley was also pressed on why the military had abandoned nearby Bagram Air Base in July. Bagram has two runways, while HKIA has one. The general said he didn't have the troops to protect Bagram and the U.S. Embassy given the rapid troop drawdown order from President Biden. Gen. Milley said his orders were to protect the Embassy as a priority, and the military did.

Mark this down as one of the biggest mistakes of the Biden withdrawal plan, if you can call it a plan. Holding Bagram now would help speed up the evacuation and create more room for Afghans and others as they await departure. Gen. Milley ducked a question about whether retaking Bagram from the Taliban is an option. That means it's Mr. Biden's call, and the President wants this dreadful mess behind him pronto.

The U.S. military could fly in enough force to retake Bagram. And if the Taliban block Americans or the Afghans who fought with us from getting to the airport, it may have to. What should be unacceptable is for U.S. military

leaders to have to tell the world, and the Taliban, five days into this crisis that they don't have enough force on the ground for anything more than protecting one airport.

The White House may fear that a more robust show of force will cause the Taliban to take Americans hostage. But that concern underscores the degree to which the White House is letting the Taliban dictate the terms of the evacuation. This is a rolling humiliation.

The military men also weren't any clearer than the White House on the Aug. 31 deadline that Mr. Biden had set for all U.S. military forces to be out of Afghanistan. They ducked the question, though later Wednesday Mr. Biden said in an interview with ABC News that U.S. troops will remain until all Americans are out.

There should be no deadline on evacuating Americans who are still behind enemy lines. The only deadline should be when all Americans and the Afghans who risked their lives to fight with us are safely gone.

We can understand why Mr. Biden would rather talk about Covid vaccines, as he did Wednesday, or \$3.5 trillion in new spending. But he and his Administration are responsible for putting Americans and our allies in harm's way. His top priority, his only priority, has to be getting them out no matter what it takes.

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35. Biden must extend his Afghanistan withdrawal deadline — whether the Taliban agrees or not

Washington Post Online, Aug. 18 (1655) | Josh Rogin

As thousands of Americans and tens of thousands of Afghans desperately try to flee Afghanistan, the U.S. military mission to evacuate them is only just beginning. President Biden doesn't want to abandon his promise to withdraw all U.S. troops by Aug. 31, but nobody believes the mission to save as many of these people as possible will be complete by then. Biden must bite the bullet and extend the mission — and he should make that decision as soon as possible.

The first days of Taliban rule are producing horrifying scenes, as millions of Afghans begin to understand that their lives have forever changed for the worse. But the Afghans whom Biden promised not to abandon have particular reason to fear, because the Taliban will kill them if they don't escape soon. It's not just the translators and other Afghans who worked with the U.S. military for 20 years. Afghan women leaders, journalists and aid workers need to be evacuated as soon as possible, along with their families. There are more than 80,000 Afghans waiting to be rescued, in addition to up to 10,000 U.S. citizens who are still in danger. Only a few thousand Americans and Afghans have made it out so far.

The Biden team claims they are doing their best. But only about 4,000 of the new 7,000-person U.S. military mission in Kabul have arrived and they are operating only inside the Kabul airport. Outside the gates, the Taliban police the streets, interrogating people and beating up women and children. National security adviser Jake Sullivan said Tuesday that the Taliban had agreed to give Americans safe passage to the airport. But reports from

the ground show that anyone without a U.S. passport in hand will have a hard time getting into the airport. Even for Americans, it's not really safe to try.

Planes are taking off with empty seats because even people with the proper paperwork can't get past the gates. The State Department told Americans in Kabul they will not help them get to the airport. For those stuck outside Kabul, there's no rescue plan at all. Given all that, how can the Biden team claim to be doing everything possible, while refusing to say they will maintain the U.S. military presence there until the job is done?

Sullivan repeatedly refused to say Tuesday if U.S. troops would stay in Kabul past the Aug. 31 deadline, claiming he did not want to talk about hypotheticals.

"Our plan is to safely evacuate the people who worked with the United States, who are eligible for Special Immigrant Visas, which is a generous program set up on a bipartisan basis by our Congress," he said. "We have identified those individuals and families, we are making provision to have them come to the airport and get on evacuation flights out of the country. That is what we are going to do between now and the end of the month."

Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle are urging the Biden administration to acknowledge the obvious: that the mission will have to be extended. Making that decision and telling the world about it might give those people waiting to be saved by the U.S. government some assurance all hope is not lost.

"The most simple and basic question right now is, is the U.S. military prepared to stay and hold the airport long enough to complete this mission," Rep. Tom Malinowski (D-N.J.) told me. "There's just no way humanly possible to do this by August 31. We are talking about tens of thousands of people and a situation at the airport that is not orderly."

Administration sources told me that U.S. diplomats in Kabul were in ongoing "delicate discussions" with Taliban leadership in search of a common understanding on keeping the U.S. troops at the Kabul airport longer, to finish the evacuation mission. Those talks are being led by acting ambassador Ross Wilson. Former U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan John R. Bass is on his way to Kabul to take over management of the logistics of the evacuation operation.

The Biden team is worried that if the U.S. military stays past the deadline, the Taliban might attack them there, which is certainly a valid concern. If an accommodation with Taliban leaders can be reached without bribing them with irreversible concessions like diplomatic recognition, that would surely advance the cause of safely bringing U.S. citizens out. But the Taliban is never going to agree to help us exfiltrate tens of thousands of Afghans who aided the U.S. war effort. Nevertheless, that's the commitment Biden made and a commitment he must at least try his best to fulfill.

Rather than ask the Taliban for permission, Biden should tell the Taliban that if it wants U.S. troops to leave sooner, it must stop impeding the evacuation, Malinowski said. “We should make clear to the Taliban that the duration of our stay depends on their cooperation and then we should get everyone out that we can,” he said.

Malinowski and Rep. Jason Crow (D-Colo.) organized a letter to Biden Tuesday signed by more than 40 lawmakers from both parties asking him to abandon the Aug. 31 deadline and hold the airport until Americans and vulnerable Afghans are evacuated. They are also asking Biden to allow vulnerable Afghans to come and stay at the airport now, even though their flights might be days or weeks away. They shouldn’t have to hide in the city while Taliban gangs go door to door searching for people to kill.

“We recognize that this is an extremely difficult endeavor,” the lawmakers wrote. “But it would be unconscionable and devastating to our credibility to leave our allies behind, given the commitments we have made.”

There will be plenty of time later for post-mortem reviews of how the withdrawal and the evacuation were bungled so badly and who is to blame. Right now, the patient is still on the operating table.

The Biden administration can potentially save thousands of lives if it can pull off what will surely be a herculean effort to mount a massive airlift in a crazy environment. But this will take more than two weeks. Biden must admit that and then act accordingly. Time is of the essence.

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Sir,

Today in the Department of Defense, August 19, 2021

* Defense Secretary Lloyd J. Austin III hosts an enhanced honor cordon and meeting welcoming Dr. Khalid Bin Mohammed Al-Attiyah, Qatar's deputy prime minister and minister of state for defense affairs, to the Pentagon at 1 p m. EDT on the steps of the River Entrance. .

* Deputy Defense Secretary Kathleen H. Hicks has no public or media events on her schedule.

* Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Army Gen. Mark A. Milley has no public or media events on his schedule.

* Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Air Force Gen. John E. Hyten has no public or media events on his schedule.

* Chief, National Guard Bureau Army Gen. Daniel R. Hokanson has no public or media events on his schedule.

* Air Force Lt. Gen. Robert J. Skinner, director, Defense Information Systems Agency; and commander, Joint Force Headquarters-Department of Defense Information Network; and Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Dennis A. Crall, director for command, control, communications, and computers/cyber and chief information officer, Joint Staff, J6, participate in a fireside chat on Joint All-Domain Command and Control (JADC2) at 8 a.m. EDT at the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) TechNet Augusta event.

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Noem's decision to accept a \$1 million donation from a Tennessee billionaire last month was met with hefty criticism from those who said it allowed a private donor to commandeer a military force. But Maj. Gen. Jeffery Marlette told a legislative budgeting committee Wednesday that the donation was not a factor in planning the deployment.

“Our National Guard is not for hire,” he told lawmakers. “Nowhere in this planning process was there a discussion of, ‘I’ll go send the Guard if I can find somebody to pay for it.’”

The Republican governor last month described the \$1 million donation offer from billionaire Republican donor Willis Johnson as a “surprise” that came as she was deciding whether to send police officers or National Guard troops, as well as how to fund the deployment. The state was responding to a request from Texas and Arizona to send law enforcement officers under an agreement between states to assist during emergencies

The costs for the two-month deployment will likely run over Johnson's \$1 million. Marlette said the Guard expects to spend over \$1.3 million by the middle of September. That will be paid from the state emergency and disaster fund, which is overseen by an agency tasked with preparing the state for natural disasters or other emergencies. Johnson's donation will flow through the fund, but lawmakers questioned how much money the fund already has and whether they will be asked to fund it during next year's legislative session.

Marlette defended the deployment of 48 soldiers as helping halt the flow of drugs, calling the border a “doorway” for meth and other dangerous drugs in South Dakota. He said Guard members have seen evidence of Mexican cartels fighting over control of the border crossings.

“Our governor said this is a national security, this is a drug issue, this is important to South Dakota,” Marlette told the lawmakers.

National Guard members have also assisted families who are crossing to claim asylum, including at one point helping deliver a baby and performing CPR on a dying 2-year-old child, Marlette said.

The governor said she was considering extending the National Guard's deployment after visiting the National Guard members last month, but Marlette said he did not have any updates on whether the deployment would last beyond another month. Guard members are paid a daily rate ranging from \$200 to \$248, plus a daily food allowance of \$55. Those salaries, plus the costs of transporting equipment, paying for hotels and transportation, make up the bulk of the expense for the deployment, according to Marlette.

Several lawmakers questioned how the deployment would be funded if the governor decides to extend it. Democratic Sen. Reynold Nesiba said the state funding issue was “complicated” by the private donation.

Noem's office did not immediately respond to questions on whether she would extend the deployment and how the state would pay for it. She said last month she would favor having Texas pitch in funds for an extension to the deployment but that she also would be open to receiving private donations once again.

South Dakota is also expected to send 125 soldiers for a yearlong deployment as part of a separate federal mission later this year. That deployment will be funded by the federal government.

This story has been corrected to show that the donation to the emergency and disaster fund came from Willis Johnson, not Maj. Gen. Jeffery Marlette.

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An Alabama National Guard soldier assigned to Joint Task Force-North at the nation's southern border in Texas died Saturday approximately two weeks after testing positive for COVID-19, Army Times has learned.

Sgt. Kellice Armstrong of the 2025th Transportation Company was 49 years old, according to a press release from the Alabama National Guard. He was from Montgomery, Alabama and joined the Guard in 2006.

Armstrong's awards included three Army Achievement Medals, in addition to ribbons indicating he had completed two overseas deployments in support of the Global War on Terror.

Armstrong had tested positive for COVID-19 on Aug. 2 and had to visit an emergency room in McAllen, Texas for treatment, according to a source with knowledge of the incident. The source spoke with Army Times on condition of anonymity in order to freely discuss an ongoing death investigation.

A NORTHCOM spokesperson reached by Army Times acknowledged Armstrong had died, but declined to confirm or deny his positive COVID test. The Alabama Guard release did not mention COVID-19.

"The circumstances of the service member's death are currently under investigation," said NORTHCOM spokesperson Air Force Maj. Meg Harper in response to questions from Army Times.

Armstrong was under COVID isolation in his hotel room after having been discharged from the hospital on Aug. 7, the source explained. The unit medic, who was checking on him daily to monitor his vital signs and recovery, found him dead in his room Saturday during a routine check.

Armstrong is believed to be at least the 30th U.S. servicemember to die of COVID-19. An Army lieutenant colonel who died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas earlier this month was the most recent publicly acknowledged death.

"U.S. Northern Command is aware of the recent death of a National Guard Soldier serving in an active-duty status that occurred in McAllen, Texas, Aug. 14, 2021," said Harper. "The Soldier was deployed to Texas in support of the Department of Defense's Southwest Border support mission under the command of U.S. Northern Command and Joint Task Force North."

NORTHCOM oversees JTF-North's operations at the border, which include "detection and monitoring, logistics, and transportation support to U.S. Customs and Border Protection," according to Harper.

Less than a third of the troops in Armstrong's company are vaccinated, according to the source.

The Defense Department plans to make the COVID-19 vaccine mandatory for servicemembers in September. The move is partially in response to the threat posed by the Delta variant of the virus, which is beginning to overwhelm hospitals in portions of the country that sport low community vaccination rates.

Another Guard soldier assigned to JTF-North from the Louisiana National Guard also died at the border last month.

Spc. Bernard Creque died after "multiple vehicles" struck him while he was crossing a McAllen street in the early morning hours of July 10.

Editor's note: After initial publication of this article, the Alabama National Guard issued a press release identifying the soldier who died.

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3. AZ: AZCentral (Regional) – Governor announces 1-year extension for Arizona National Guard border mission – By Clara Migoya

The Arizona National Guard border mission will be in place for one more year, Gov. Doug Ducey announced Wednesday.

He cited an "escalating man-made crisis" and record numbers of illegal border crossings as the cause.

The deployment of national guard troops took place in April, when Ducey declared a state of emergency at the state's southern border.

Today, about 150 Guard members are supporting law enforcement in border communities, according to the governor's office's news release.

The State Emergency Council allocated \$2.5 million in April to fund the border mission. In June, the budget approved by the Arizona State Legislature included \$25 million for the border mission and \$30 million to support law enforcement.

The announcement by Ducey outlined the duration of the border mission but did not specify any changes in funding or operations.

The Arizona National Guard is currently assigned to areas of medical assistance in detention centers, care and monitoring of surveillance cameras, data analysis, and administrative and logistic support.

Border encounters hit the highest monthly total in 21 years in July.

While Ducey has blamed the Biden administration for the increase in Border Patrol apprehensions, analysts say the increase is the result of a mix of factors, including a bottleneck of asylum seekers, mostly from Central America. They have grown increasingly frustrated after being stuck in Mexico for more than a year waiting for hearings in U.S. immigration courts under policies implemented by former President Donald Trump.

But under a provision known as Title 42, implemented by the Trump administration last year amid the coronavirus pandemic and kept in place by the Biden administration, most migrants arrested by the Border Patrol are quickly expelled.

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The California National Guard is studying the environmental impacts of installing 99 acres of solar panels at Joint Forces Training Base Los Alamitos that would shrink the base's carbon footprint while also providing a resilient energy source in the wake of disasters.

If the regional power grid goes down for an extended period following a major earthquake, the base could tap stored battery energy to support civilian and military emergency responses. Los Alamitos Army Air Field is the only military airport in Greater Los Angeles, making it a strategic hub for service members arriving from other states.

"Emergency response is a critical mission of the California National Guard," Lt. Col. Manju Vig, garrison commander of Joint Forces Training Base, said in a statement. "However, timely and proactive response is predicated on the availability of a secure energy source."

In addition to military operations, the base is hosting a CH-47 helitanker leased by the Orange County Fire Authority that's capable of dropping up to 3,000 gallons of water in a single pass. The aircraft's crew has already had a busy summer helping put out blazes in Los Angeles and Orange counties.

To guarantee military aviation and other critical operations in Los Alamitos, soldiers would fire up diesel-powered generators in the event of a power outage, said Col. Richard Lalor, a spokesperson for the California State Guard.

The solar microgrid project, expected to break ground as early as next year, is roughly divided in half between sections of the base, according to aerial renderings provided by the Guard. One patch of solar arrays would be west of the Navy Golf Course in Cypress and north of Lampson Avenue. The other would run along the base's western fence line near the Cherry Street neighborhood of Los Alamitos.

California National Guard officials declined to provide an estimated cost of construction. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is expected to lease the land to a private developer that would construct and operate the microgrid, according to an environmental notice.

Despite its vast fleets of gas-guzzling vehicles and aircraft, the U.S. military has recognized climate change as a national security threat for years. In April, U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin III described the threat's severity in grim terms.

"We face all kinds of threats in our line of work, but few of them truly deserve to be called existential. The climate crisis does," he said in a statement, adding that "climate change is making the world more unsafe, and we need to act."

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2010 requires that military bases produce or procure 25% of their total energy needs from renewable sources by Fiscal Year 2025. Even though the California National Guard is a state-controlled agency, the Los Alamitos base sits on federal land placing it under federal policy recognizing that diverse energy supplies will make the military more resilient at a lower cost to taxpayers.

The project will enhance the Army's effectiveness by providing power for critical missions during an electrical grid outage, Robert Hughes, acting executive director for the Army Office of Energy Initiatives, said in a statement.

“[It] will also increase power reliability during normal operations by alleviating transmission line congestion, which makes this a win for the installation, the Army, and the larger community,” Hughes said.

Members of the public are invited to share feedback by Aug. 24 on possible impacts from the installation of solar panels and related infrastructure. Send comments to Douglas Bryceson, California Army National Guard, 3900 Roseville Road, North Highlands, CA 95660 or via email to douglas.a.bryceson.nfg@mail.mil <<mailto:douglas.a.bryceson.nfg@mail.mil>> .

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5. NE: The Independent (Regional) – Retired National Guard colonel spent three years in Afghanistan – By Jeff Bahr

Watching events unfold in Afghanistan has been emotional for Jerry Meyer, a retired Nebraska National Guard colonel who spent three years in Afghanistan.

Meyer, who lives in Seward, was deployed to Afghanistan in 2003 and 2004. He returned from 2010 to 2012.

He spent two of the years training the Afghan National Army, and one year training the Afghan National Police.

Grand Island aviation units were deployed to Afghanistan in 2019

Two Grand Island-based Nebraska Army National Guard aviation units spent about nine months in Afghanistan in 2019.

Making the trip were about 40 soldiers, most of whom were members of Company B (Bravo Company), 2-135th, General Support Aviation Battalion. That CH-47 Chinook helicopter unit is stationed at the Nebraska Army National Guard's Army Aviation Support Facility No. 2 in Grand Island.

The overseas mission was in support of Operation Freedom Sentinel. Soldiers from Grand Island's Detachment 1, Company D, 2-135th GSAB, also were assigned to the mission.

About 1,000 people gathered at the Heartland Events Center in January 2019 to bid the Guard units farewell.

The Nebraskans flew troops and equipment throughout the combat zone, said Major Scott Ingalsbe of the Nebraska National Guard.

After training for a month in Texas, the soldiers headed to the U.S. Central Command area of operations, which included Afghanistan and Iraq. They primarily served in Afghanistan, Ingalsbe said.

They returned home on Nov. 20, 2019.

Asked about the people of Afghanistan, Meyer said, "I can't say enough about them."

Training soldiers on an individual basis, he got to know them. He was able to speak their language and met their families.

Meyer is glad that a lot of the interpreters he worked with "were able to get out of there early."

But, "I do feel for their families. A lot of their families are still back there," he said.

Meyer has kept in touch with some of the interpreters on Facebook. One of them ended up going into the U.S. Army, and is now living in the United States. So some of the stories have had happy endings.

He saw plenty of the Afghan terrain.

“We had a Ford Ranger pickup truck that we drove all over the country,” Meyer said.

He was based at Camp Black Horse, near Kabul. He traveled to Kandahar and Mazar-i-Sharif.

Meyer noticed changes between his two deployments.

When soldiers pulled into villages in 2003 and 2004, the natives would bring out a band. In addition to music, there’d be a big meal “and we’d throw some soccer balls out there for the kids,” he said. “It was a happy time, if you think about it.”

When he went back in 2010, “the tables had turned a little bit,” he said.

At that point, many of the people probably knew the Americans and NATO allies would be leaving at some point.

The NATO forces “had built some pretty strategic bases,” such as Bagram Air Field, he said.

The training was “very lengthy.” Many of the recruits from Afghanistan “came in illiterate, so we had a learning program for that,” Meyer said.

The Afghans were members of different tribes. So the trainers had some hurdles to cross.

“But overall, it was a positive experience. I’m glad I did it,” he said.

Back home, Meyer later trained units to prepare for service in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Afghans are renowned throughout the world for their fighting prowess.

“If you read anything on Afghanistan, you’ll understand that they have a history of conflict,” he said.

Meyer worked with an Afghan general who he said was a “tough-looking guy.”

“There’s a lot of them like that. But I never did (feel) any type of fear when I was amongst them doing my training because we were fellow warriors at the time,” he said.

The toughness didn’t bother him. But he would have hated to face them on a battlefield, he said.

Meyer pointed out that the Afghans fought the British three times and resisted a Soviet invasion in 1979 and 1980.

So “we’re not the only ones that have been in that area,” he said, adding that he became familiar with Afghan history.

“We need to understand it’s their country,” he said.

Meyer hears a lot of people say, “Well, they have to stand up on their own.”

He understands that.

“They’ve got a lot of our equipment,” Meyer said, referring to facilities and weaponry.

“We’re going to see how this is going to play out in the future,” he said.

Meyer, 57, served in the Iowa and Nebraska National Guards for a total of 32 years, retiring in 2016.

A former history teacher at Columbus, he is now a state employee, working at the Nebraska National Guard Museum in Seward.

Meyer grew to love Afghan food, people and culture. When he’s in Omaha, he likes to visit an Afghan restaurant.

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6. US: Stars and Stripes (National) – ‘Forgotten Battalion’ of US soldiers still preserving peace in Kosovo two decades on – By Slobodan Lekic

The U.S.-led NATO force that has been keeping the peace for more than 20 years is on guard against disinformation campaigns aimed at stoking inter-ethnic tensions in Europe’s youngest nation, officials said.

Security in Kosovo remains stable overall. But Washington and its NATO allies have no plans to reduce the Kosovo Force — or KFOR — which is still considered essential in maintaining peace between the Albanian majority and Serb minority, whose rivalry erupted in a war in the late 1990s in which at least 10,000 people died.

“I have no indication of any U.S. drawdown,” said Col. Brey Hopkins, who commands the 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Mountain) of the Vermont Army National Guard, which arrived in Kosovo in July for a regular nine-month deployment.

After a bombing campaign in 1999, the international coalition evicted Serb troops from what was then a southern province of a greatly reduced Yugoslavia. Kosovo, about 90% of whose 1.8 million people are ethnic Albanians, unilaterally declared independence from Serbia in 2008. But Belgrade insists that it remains Serbian territory.

Since then, the two sides have engaged in sporadic talks aimed at resolving the decades-old ethnic rift.

They agreed last year at the White House to normalize some economic and energy issues, but there has been no progress on the political dispute. The main sticking point remains Kosovo’s insistence that Belgrade recognize its independence, which Serbia refuses to even discuss.

While Kosovo has been recognized by the U.S. and most EU nations, Belgrade has relied on support from Russia and China in its bid to maintain its claim to its former province.

“The purpose (of KFOR) is to keep a secure and safe environment in order to allow the politicians on both sides the

breathing space they need to sit down at the table and discuss how to resolve their differences,” said Hopkins, who also heads KFOR’s Regional Command East headquartered at this austere base.

After his unit completes its deployment, it will be followed by the Virginia Army National Guard next spring. Each rotation typically lasts between nine to 12 months.

KFOR currently includes about 3,600 peacekeepers from 27 nations. The United States has the largest contingent, with 660 troops, most of them based at this sprawling facility in central Kosovo.

Italy has 542 soldiers and Hungary nearly 400. Some countries, such as Sweden or tiny Montenegro, contribute just a couple of officers each.

The U.S. group, which during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan became known as the “Forgotten Battalion,” has traditionally been the biggest part of the NATO force, which has shrunk steadily from a high of about 50,000 in 2000.

Despite its relatively small size, it consists of elements from 11 state National Guards, as well as Army Reserve and active-duty troops. While the headquarters and maneuver battalion are from Vermont, the aviation task force is made up of troops from the Connecticut, Maryland, New Hampshire and Puerto Rico National Guards.

Security has improved vastly in the past several years, Hopkins said. Most incidents between Kosovars and Serbs now involve derogatory graffiti, with occasional flare-ups of stone throwing and petty crime.

Still, KFOR keeps a close eye on possible sources of inter-ethnic tensions, including “information operations by both sides,” Hopkins said.

Serbia’s pro-government media has been running numerous alarmist stories about the situation in Kosovo, claiming that Serbs there are under “daily attack” by extremist Albanians, and demanding that KFOR allow Serbian police and army units to deploy in order to defend their compatriots. These have been countered by reports in some Albanian-language outlets, which also have stoked tensions.

“The primary point is to track those information operations to make sure they don’t become a destabilizing factor,” Hopkins said.

Several U.S. service members interviewed at Bondsteel said they were glad to be contributing to the peace. Soldiers who had served in the Balkans previously said they were surprised by the amount of economic progress in the region since the early 2000s.

Pvt. Katja Langmaid, from the 186th Brigade Support Battalion, said she particularly enjoys her work as a member of the liaison team monitoring an ethnic Serb community located in a majority-Albanian area, where tensions still occasionally rise up.

“We go out to meet with the populace, the village elders and policemen to feel the pulse of the place,” said the 28-year-old from Swanton, Vt.

The reception has generally been very good, she said.

Swanton said she enjoys visiting old fortresses that dot the landscape, adding that she plans to spend her leave traveling in Europe.

“Just being here, the history in Europe is so much older than what we have in the U.S.,” she said.

Guardsmen normally get a full month of leave after Kosovo as well as rest and recreation breaks during the deployment without charge to their leave time.

“There could be a lot worse deployments than Kosovo,” said Spc. Timothy Gillis, of the Maryland Army National Guard's 169th Aviation Regiment, a Denton, Md. resident who serves as a helicopter mechanic. “It's my first deployment and I plan to make the best of it.”

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- Deputy Defense Secretary Kathleen H. Hicks has no public or media events on her schedule.
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- Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Air Force Gen. John E. Hyten has no public or media events on his schedule.
- Chief, National Guard Bureau Army Gen. Daniel R. Hokanson has no public or media events on his schedule.
- Air Force Lt. Gen. Robert J. Skinner, director, Defense Information Systems Agency; and commander, Joint Force Headquarters-Department of Defense Information Network; and Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Dennis A. Crall, director for command, control, communications, and computers/cyber and chief information officer, Joint Staff, J6, participate in a fireside chat on Joint All-Domain Command and Control (JADC2) at 8 a.m. EDT at the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) TechNet Augusta event.

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"Our National Guard is not for hire," he told lawmakers. "Nowhere in this planning process was there a discussion of, 'I'll go send the Guard if I can find somebody to pay for it.'"

The Republican governor last month described the \$1 million donation offer from billionaire Republican donor Willis Johnson as a "surprise" that came as she was deciding whether to send police officers or National Guard troops, as well as how to fund the deployment. The state was responding to a request from Texas and Arizona to send law enforcement officers under an agreement between states to assist during emergencies

The costs for the two-month deployment will likely run over Johnson's \$1 million. Marlette said the Guard expects to spend over \$1.3 million by the middle of September. That will be paid from the state emergency and disaster fund, which is overseen by an agency tasked with preparing the state for natural disasters or other emergencies. Johnson's donation will flow through the fund, but lawmakers questioned how much money the fund already has and whether they will be asked to fund it during next year's legislative session.

Marlette defended the deployment of 48 soldiers as helping halt the flow of drugs, calling the border a "doorway" for meth and other dangerous drugs in South Dakota. He said Guard members have seen evidence of Mexican cartels fighting over control of the border crossings.

"Our governor said this is a national security, this is a drug issue, this is important to South Dakota," Marlette told the lawmakers.

National Guard members have also assisted families who are crossing to claim asylum, including at one point helping deliver a baby and performing CPR on a dying 2-year-old child, Marlette said.

The governor said she was considering extending the National Guard's deployment after visiting the National Guard members last month, but Marlette said he did not have any updates on whether the deployment would last beyond another month. Guard members are paid a daily rate ranging from \$200 to \$248, plus a daily food allowance of \$55. Those salaries, plus the costs of transporting equipment, paying for hotels and transportation, make up the bulk of the expense for the deployment, according to Marlette.

Several lawmakers questioned how the deployment would be funded if the governor decides to extend it. Democratic Sen. Reynold Nesiba said the state funding issue was “complicated” by the private donation.

Noem's office did not immediately respond to questions on whether she would extend the deployment and how the state would pay for it. She said last month she would favor having Texas pitch in funds for an extension to the deployment but that she also would be open to receiving private donations once again.

South Dakota is also expected to send 125 soldiers for a yearlong deployment as part of a separate federal mission later this year. That deployment will be funded by the federal government.

This story has been corrected to show that the donation to the emergency and disaster fund came from Willis Johnson, not Maj. Gen. Jeffery Marlette.

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Sgt. Kellice Armstrong of the 2025th Transportation Company was 49 years old, according to a press release from the Alabama National Guard. He was from Montgomery, Alabama and joined the Guard in 2006.

Armstrong’s awards included three Army Achievement Medals, in addition to ribbons indicating he had completed two overseas deployments in support of the Global War on Terror.

Armstrong had tested positive for COVID-19 on Aug. 2 and had to visit an emergency room in McAllen, Texas for treatment, according to a source with knowledge of the incident. The source spoke with Army Times on condition of anonymity in order to freely discuss an ongoing death investigation.

A NORTHCOM spokesperson reached by Army Times acknowledged Armstrong had died, but declined to confirm or deny his positive COVID test. The Alabama Guard release did not mention COVID-19.

“The circumstances of the service member’s death are currently under investigation,” said NORTHCOM spokesperson Air Force Maj. Meg Harper in response to questions from Army Times.

Armstrong was under COVID isolation in his hotel room after having been discharged from the hospital on Aug. 7, the source explained. The unit medic, who was checking on him daily to monitor his vital signs and recovery, found him dead in his room Saturday during a routine check.

Armstrong is believed to be at least the 30th U.S. servicemember to die of COVID-19. An Army lieutenant colonel who died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas earlier this month was the most recent publicly acknowledged death.

“U.S. Northern Command is aware of the recent death of a National Guard Soldier serving in an active-duty status that occurred in McAllen, Texas, Aug. 14, 2021,” said Harper. “The Soldier was deployed to Texas in support of the Department of Defense’s Southwest Border support mission under the command of U.S. Northern Command and

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Joint Task Force North.”

NORTHCOM oversees JTF-North’s operations at the border, which include “detection and monitoring, logistics, and transportation support to U.S. Customs and Border Protection,” according to Harper.

Less than a third of the troops in Armstrong’s company are vaccinated, according to the source.

The Defense Department plans to make the COVID-19 vaccine mandatory for servicemembers in September. The move is partially in response to the threat posed by the Delta variant of the virus, which is beginning to overwhelm hospitals in portions of the country that sport low community vaccination rates.

Another Guard soldier assigned to JTF-North from the Louisiana National Guard also died at the border last month.

Spc. Bernard Creque died after “multiple vehicles” struck him while he was crossing a McAllen street in the early morning hours of July 10.

Editor’s note: After initial publication of this article, the Alabama National Guard issued a press release identifying the soldier who died.

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He cited an "escalating man-made crisis" and record numbers of illegal border crossings as the cause.

The deployment of national guard troops took place in April, when Ducey declared a state of emergency at the state's southern border.

Today, about 150 Guard members are supporting law enforcement in border communities, according to the governor's office's news release.

The State Emergency Council allocated \$2.5 million in April to fund the border mission. In June, the budget approved by the Arizona State Legislature included \$25 million for the border mission and \$30 million to support law enforcement.

The announcement by Ducey outlined the duration of the border mission but did not specify any changes in funding or operations.

The Arizona National Guard is currently assigned to areas of medical assistance in detention centers, care and monitoring of surveillance cameras, data analysis, and administrative and logistic support.

Border encounters hit the highest monthly total in 21 years in July.

While Ducey has blamed the Biden administration for the increase in Border Patrol apprehensions, analysts say the increase is the result of a mix of factors, including a bottleneck of asylum seekers, mostly from Central America. They have grown increasingly frustrated after being stuck in Mexico for more than a year waiting for hearings in

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U.S. immigration courts under policies implemented by former President Donald Trump.

But under a provision known as Title 42, implemented by the Trump administration last year amid the coronavirus pandemic and kept in place by the Biden administration, most migrants arrested by the Border Patrol are quickly expelled.

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The California National Guard is studying the environmental impacts of installing 99 acres of solar panels at Joint Forces Training Base Los Alamitos that would shrink the base's carbon footprint while also providing a resilient energy source in the wake of disasters.

If the regional power grid goes down for an extended period following a major earthquake, the base could tap stored battery energy to support civilian and military emergency responses. Los Alamitos Army Air Field is the only military airport in Greater Los Angeles, making it a strategic hub for service members arriving from other states.

“Emergency response is a critical mission of the California National Guard,” Lt. Col. Manju Vig, garrison commander of Joint Forces Training Base, said in a statement. “However, timely and proactive response is predicated on the availability of a secure energy source.”

In addition to military operations, the base is hosting a CH-47 helitanker leased by the Orange County Fire Authority that's capable of dropping up to 3,000 gallons of water in a single pass. The aircraft's crew has already had a busy summer helping put out blazes in Los Angeles and Orange counties.

To guarantee military aviation and other critical operations in Los Alamitos, soldiers would fire up diesel-powered generators in the event of a power outage, said Col. Richard Lalor, a spokesperson for the California State Guard.

The solar microgrid project, expected to break ground as early as next year, is roughly divided in half between sections of the base, according to aerial renderings provided by the Guard. One patch of solar arrays would be west of the Navy Golf Course in Cypress and north of Lampson Avenue. The other would run along the base's western fence line near the Cherry Street neighborhood of Los Alamitos.

California National Guard officials declined to provide an estimated cost of construction. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is expected to lease the land to a private developer that would construct and operate the microgrid, according to an environmental notice.

Despite its vast fleets of gas-guzzling vehicles and aircraft, the U.S. military has recognized climate change as a national security threat for years. In April, U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin III described the threat's severity in grim terms.

“We face all kinds of threats in our line of work, but few of them truly deserve to be called existential. The climate crisis does,” he said in a statement, adding that “climate change is making the world more unsafe, and we need to act.”

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2010 requires that military bases produce or procure 25% of their total energy needs from renewable sources by Fiscal Year 2025. Even though the California National Guard is a state-controlled agency, the Los Alamitos base sits on federal land placing it under federal policy recognizing that diverse

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energy supplies will make the military more resilient at a lower cost to taxpayers.

The project will enhance the Army's effectiveness by providing power for critical missions during an electrical grid outage, Robert Hughes, acting executive director for the Army Office of Energy Initiatives, said in a statement.

"[It] will also increase power reliability during normal operations by alleviating transmission line congestion, which makes this a win for the installation, the Army, and the larger community," Hughes said.

Members of the public are invited to share feedback by Aug. 24 on possible impacts from the installation of solar panels and related infrastructure. Send comments to Douglas Bryceson, California Army National Guard, 3900 Roseville Road, North Highlands, CA 95660 or via email to douglas.a.bryceson.nfg@mail.mil.

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Meyer, who lives in Seward, was deployed to Afghanistan in 2003 and 2004. He returned from 2010 to 2012.

He spent two of the years training the Afghan National Army, and one year training the Afghan National Police.

Grand Island aviation units were deployed to Afghanistan in 2019

Two Grand Island-based Nebraska Army National Guard aviation units spent about nine months in Afghanistan in 2019.

Making the trip were about 40 soldiers, most of whom were members of Company B (Bravo Company), 2-135th, General Support Aviation Battalion. That CH-47 Chinook helicopter unit is stationed at the Nebraska Army National Guard's Army Aviation Support Facility No. 2 in Grand Island.

The overseas mission was in support of Operation Freedom Sentinel. Soldiers from Grand Island's Detachment 1, Company D, 2-135th GSAB, also were assigned to the mission.

About 1,000 people gathered at the Heartland Events Center in January 2019 to bid the Guard units farewell.

The Nebraskans flew troops and equipment throughout the combat zone, said Major Scott Ingalsbe of the Nebraska National Guard.

After training for a month in Texas, the soldiers headed to the U.S. Central Command area of operations, which included Afghanistan and Iraq. They primarily served in Afghanistan, Ingalsbe said.

They returned home on Nov. 20, 2019.

Asked about the people of Afghanistan, Meyer said, "I can't say enough about them."

Training soldiers on an individual basis, he got to know them. He was able to speak their language and met their families.

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Meyer is glad that a lot of the interpreters he worked with “were able to get out of there early.”

But, “I do feel for their families. A lot of their families are still back there,” he said.

Meyer has kept in touch with some of the interpreters on Facebook. One of them ended up going into the U.S. Army, and is now living in the United States. So some of the stories have had happy endings.

He saw plenty of the Afghan terrain.

“We had a Ford Ranger pickup truck that we drove all over the country,” Meyer said.

He was based at Camp Black Horse, near Kabul. He traveled to Kandahar and Mazar-i-Sharif.

Meyer noticed changes between his two deployments.

When soldiers pulled into villages in 2003 and 2004, the natives would bring out a band. In addition to music, there’d be a big meal “and we’d throw some soccer balls out there for the kids,” he said. “It was a happy time, if you think about it.”

When he went back in 2010, “the tables had turned a little bit,” he said.

At that point, many of the people probably knew the Americans and NATO allies would be leaving at some point.

The NATO forces “had built some pretty strategic bases,” such as Bagram Air Field, he said.

The training was “very lengthy.” Many of the recruits from Afghanistan “came in illiterate, so we had a learning program for that,” Meyer said.

The Afghans were members of different tribes. So the trainers had some hurdles to cross.

“But overall, it was a positive experience. I’m glad I did it,” he said.

Back home, Meyer later trained units to prepare for service in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Afghans are renowned throughout the world for their fighting prowess.

“If you read anything on Afghanistan, you’ll understand that they have a history of conflict,” he said.

Meyer worked with an Afghan general who he said was a “tough-looking guy.”

“There’s a lot of them like that. But I never did (feel) any type of fear when I was amongst them doing my training because we were fellow warriors at the time,” he said.

The toughness didn’t bother him. But he would have hated to face them on a battlefield, he said.

Meyer pointed out that the Afghans fought the British three times and resisted a Soviet invasion in 1979 and 1980.

So “we’re not the only ones that have been in that area,” he said, adding that he became familiar with Afghan history.

“We need to understand it’s their country,” he said.

Meyer hears a lot of people say, “Well, they have to stand up on their own.”

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He understands that.

“They’ve got a lot of our equipment,” Meyer said, referring to facilities and weaponry.

“We’re going to see how this is going to play out in the future,” he said.

Meyer, 57, served in the Iowa and Nebraska National Guards for a total of 32 years, retiring in 2016.

A former history teacher at Columbus, he is now a state employee, working at the Nebraska National Guard Museum in Seward.

Meyer grew to love Afghan food, people and culture. When he’s in Omaha, he likes to visit an Afghan restaurant.

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6. US: Stars and Stripes (National) – ‘Forgotten Battalion’ of US soldiers still preserving peace in Kosovo two decades on – By Slobodan Lekic

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Security in Kosovo remains stable overall. But Washington and its NATO allies have no plans to reduce the Kosovo Force — or KFOR — which is still considered essential in maintaining peace between the Albanian majority and Serb minority, whose rivalry erupted in a war in the late 1990s in which at least 10,000 people died.

“I have no indication of any U.S. drawdown,” said Col. Brey Hopkins, who commands the 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Mountain) of the Vermont Army National Guard, which arrived in Kosovo in July for a regular nine-month deployment.

After a bombing campaign in 1999, the international coalition evicted Serb troops from what was then a southern province of a greatly reduced Yugoslavia. Kosovo, about 90% of whose 1.8 million people are ethnic Albanians, unilaterally declared independence from Serbia in 2008. But Belgrade insists that it remains Serbian territory.

Since then, the two sides have engaged in sporadic talks aimed at resolving the decades-old ethnic rift.

They agreed last year at the White House to normalize some economic and energy issues, but there has been no progress on the political dispute. The main sticking point remains Kosovo’s insistence that Belgrade recognize its independence, which Serbia refuses to even discuss.

While Kosovo has been recognized by the U.S. and most EU nations, Belgrade has relied on support from Russia and China in its bid to maintain its claim to its former province.

“The purpose (of KFOR) is to keep a secure and safe environment in order to allow the politicians on both sides the breathing space they need to sit down at the table and discuss how to resolve their differences,” said Hopkins, who also heads KFOR’s Regional Command East headquartered at this austere base.

After his unit completes its deployment, it will be followed by the Virginia Army National Guard next spring. Each rotation typically lasts between nine to 12 months.

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KFOR currently includes about 3,600 peacekeepers from 27 nations. The United States has the largest contingent, with 660 troops, most of them based at this sprawling facility in central Kosovo.

Italy has 542 soldiers and Hungary nearly 400. Some countries, such as Sweden or tiny Montenegro, contribute just a couple of officers each.

The U.S. group, which during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan became known as the “Forgotten Battalion,” has traditionally been the biggest part of the NATO force, which has shrunk steadily from a high of about 50,000 in 2000.

Despite its relatively small size, it consists of elements from 11 state National Guards, as well as Army Reserve and active-duty troops. While the headquarters and maneuver battalion are from Vermont, the aviation task force is made up of troops from the Connecticut, Maryland, New Hampshire and Puerto Rico National Guards.

Security has improved vastly in the past several years, Hopkins said. Most incidents between Kosovars and Serbs now involve derogatory graffiti, with occasional flare-ups of stone throwing and petty crime.

Still, KFOR keeps a close eye on possible sources of inter-ethnic tensions, including “information operations by both sides,” Hopkins said.

Serbia’s pro-government media has been running numerous alarmist stories about the situation in Kosovo, claiming that Serbs there are under “daily attack” by extremist Albanians, and demanding that KFOR allow Serbian police and army units to deploy in order to defend their compatriots. These have been countered by reports in some Albanian-language outlets, which also have stoked tensions.

“The primary point is to track those information operations to make sure they don’t become a destabilizing factor,” Hopkins said.

Several U.S. service members interviewed at Bondsteel said they were glad to be contributing to the peace. Soldiers who had served in the Balkans previously said they were surprised by the amount of economic progress in the region since the early 2000s.

Pvt. Katja Langmaid, from the 186th Brigade Support Battalion, said she particularly enjoys her work as a member of the liaison team monitoring an ethnic Serb community located in a majority-Albanian area, where tensions still occasionally rise up.

“We go out to meet with the populace, the village elders and policemen to feel the pulse of the place,” said the 28-year-old from Swanton, Vt.

The reception has generally been very good, she said.

Swanton said she enjoys visiting old fortresses that dot the landscape, adding that she plans to spend her leave traveling in Europe.

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To: [REDACTED] [1Lt Col USAF 114 FW \(USA\)](#); [Vanderwolde, Edwin A Brig Gen USAF 114 MSG \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED]
[1LT USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED] [COL USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#); [Marette, Jeffrey P](#)
[MG USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED] [COL USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED] [1LT](#)
[USARMY NG SDANG \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED] [CSM USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED] [COL](#)
[USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED] [COL USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)
Cc: [REDACTED] [WRK](#); [REDACTED] [@gmail.com](#)
Subject: TF 153 Update 18 AUG
Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 9:36:51 PM
Attachments: [Man hours.xlsx](#)

ALCON,

PFC [REDACTED], who had gone to urgent care while at Camp Swift yesterday, followed up with the BN aid station today. SM was given an appointment at the DHR (Doctor's Health at Renaissance) Ear, Nose and Throat in the afternoon. SM has an abscess in the back of the throat that needs to be drained. SM was taken to the DHR hospital, staying overnight and will have the surgery tomorrow morning.

SGT [REDACTED] has his follow up appointment tomorrow and we will know more information as far as his recovery.

During my time at the TF operations center today I was notified the number of COVID cases with TF Salerno had risen to 21 positive SMs (all TXARNG).

The day on the line was slow again today. It sounds like the coyotes are pushing migrant activity down the river to the boat ramp where it easier to cross the river.

I have attached a slightly different updated encounter tracker that should make it easier to look through.

Respectfully,

CPT [REDACTED]

TF 153 LNO

[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil <[mailto:\[REDACTED\].mil@mail.mil](mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil)>

[REDACTED]@state.sd.us <[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us)>

Cell: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [MSgt USAF NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] [Lt Col USAF 114 FW \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: [REDACTED] Paycheck (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 2:50:50 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)

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Sounds good. Hopefully it doesn't get sent back since he is there to receive it.

Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 2:47 PM
To: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) [REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>
Cc: [REDACTED] Lt Col USAF 114 FW (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>; [REDACTED]
<[REDACTED]@state.sd.us>
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: [REDACTED] Paycheck (UNCLASSIFIED)

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I can mail the check to you [REDACTED], once I receive it.

[REDACTED] | Human Resource Supervisor

South Dakota Bureau of Human Resources

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[REDACTED]@state.sd.us <[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us)> < Caution-[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us) >

Website:Caution-<https://bhr.sd.gov/> < Caution-<https://bhr.sd.gov/> >

From: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) [REDACTED] .mil@mail.mil
<[mailto:\[REDACTED\].mil@mail.mil](mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil)> >

Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 3:04 PM

To: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us <[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us)> >

Cc: [REDACTED] Lt Col USAF 114 FW (USA) [REDACTED].mil@mail.mil

<[mailto:\[REDACTED\].mil@mail.mil](mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil)> >; [REDACTED]@state.sd.us

<[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us)> >

Subject: RE: [EXT] [Non-DoD Source] RE: [REDACTED] Paycheck (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

If the check gets returned, can I pick it up for him? Or can the check be sent FedEx to the hotel in Texas if I provided the address?

Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]@state.sd.us < Caution-[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us) > > >
<[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us) %3c Caution-<mailto:Rhonda.Hansen@state.sd.us> > > >

Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 7:24 AM

To: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) [REDACTED].mil@mail.mil <

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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: [REDACTED] Paycheck (UNCLASSIFIED)

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This check was mailed out last week again, I am thinking it is getting returned to us, since he has not received it yet. I will let you know if I get it back this week.

[REDACTED] Human Resource Supervisor

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[REDACTED]@state.sd.us <[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us)> < Caution-[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us) > < Caution-[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us) >

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Subject: FW: [EXT] [REDACTED] Paycheck (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Good Morning [REDACTED],

We have a Service Member who still hasn't received his initial paycheck. [REDACTED]. He removed the hold on his postal service and still hasn't seen a check. Has it been resent?

Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] CPT USARMY NG SDARNG (USA) [REDACTED].mil@mail.mil < Caution-
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 Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 5:23 PM
 To: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) < [REDACTED].mil@mail.mil < Caution-
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 mailto [REDACTED].mil@mail.mil >>>>
 Subject: [REDACTED] Paycheck

It was reported to me that SM [REDACTED] has yet to receive a pay check yet. He has received his first per diem. LT [REDACTED] states CPT [REDACTED] pushed this up before.

Respectfully,

CPT [REDACTED]

TF 153 LNO

[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil <mailto: [REDACTED].mil@mail.mil> <
 Caution-mailto [REDACTED].mil@mail.mil > < Caution-Caution-mailto: [REDACTED].mil@mail.mil >
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Cell: [REDACTED]

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Rank	Name	First pay check (8July-23July)	Second Check (23 July-8Aug)
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SGT	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SSG	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
CPT	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SGT	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
1LT	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SFC	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SGT	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SGT	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
PFC	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SPC	[REDACTED]		8/18/2021 not received
SGT	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SSG	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SGT	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SGT	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SGT	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
PFC	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
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SGT	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SGT	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SGT	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SPC	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
SGT	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received
PFC	[REDACTED]	X	8/18/2021 not received

SPC	[Redacted]	X	8/18/2021 not received
PFC	[Redacted]	X	8/18/2021 not received
CPT	[Redacted]	Not present for 1st Pay period	8/18/2021 not received
SSG	[Redacted]	Not present for 1st Pay period	Not present 2nd pay period
PFC	[Redacted]	Not present for 1st Pay period	Not present 2nd pay period
PFC	[Redacted]	Not present for 1st Pay period	Not present 2nd pay period
SPC	[Redacted]	Not present for 1st Pay period	Not present 2nd pay period
PFC	[Redacted]	Not present for 1st Pay period	Not present 2nd pay period
SGT	[Redacted]	Not present for 1st Pay period	Not present 2nd pay period
SSG	[Redacted]	Not present for 1st Pay period	Not present 2nd pay period

Soldiers Gained

Soldiers Off orders

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]; [MSgt USAF NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [Lt Col USAF 114 FW \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED]; [COL USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] pay tracker (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 10:11:04 AM
Attachments: [pay tracker- DPS notes.xlsx](#)

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Good Morning,

I can provide updates on the voucher requests for per diem reimbursements. I have added columns to your spreadsheet after each per diem column, please see my notes. I have asked the auditor's office if they could provide an estimate of when they will process the vouchers that were entered on 8/11. I will let you know their response when I receive one.

I did not receive a voucher for the per diem period of July 23-Aug 8 for [REDACTED].

Thank you,

[REDACTED]
Management Analyst

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From: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) [REDACTED] mil@mail mil>
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 9:56 AM
To: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>; [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@state.sd.us>
Cc: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>; [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Lt Col USAF 114 FW (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail mil>; [REDACTED] COL USARMY NG SDARNG
(USA) [REDACTED] mil@mail.mil>
Subject: FW: [EXT] [Non-DoD Source] pay tracker (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Hello,

Our team at the border created a tracker of those who have been paid and those who haven't. This spreadsheet tracks both payroll and per diem. Please see the tracker and provide a status for payments. I'd like to give a timeline of payment for our soldiers as many of them are strapped for finances. I appreciate you looking into this matter.

Our main concern is for [REDACTED], since he hasn't received a pay check since he started this mission. Is there a way that his check can be FedExed to the hotel, if not received already? May I pick up the check to have it distributed through our channels? Please let me know the options.

Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gmail.com <Caution-mailto [REDACTED]@gmail.com >>
Sent: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 8:40 AM
To: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil <
Caution-mailto [REDACTED].mil@mail.mil >>
Cc: [REDACTED] CPT USARMY NG SDARNG (USA) <[REDACTED] mil@mail.mil <
Caution-mailto [REDACTED].mil@mail.mil >>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] pay tracker

MSGT [REDACTED],

Here is what I have, to the best of my knowledge, up to today's date on what the Soldiers down here have received for pay. Let me know if you have any questions regarding this document.

Thanks,

LT 

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DATE	Event	Shift	Column2	SOG	Size	Activity	Location
7/13/2021	Surrenders	Nights	SDNG		27	Approached point	MC-40
7/13/2021	Surrenders	Nights	SDNG		6	Approached point	MC-40
7/13/2021	Surrenders	Swing	SDNG		60	Approached point	Las Palomas
7/13/2021	Surrenders	Swing	SDNG		145	Approached point	MC-40
7/14/2021	Surrenders	Nights	SDNG		4	Approached point	Las Palomas
7/14/2021	IA Detection	Day	SDNG		8	Skirted point	Las Palomas
7/15/2021	Surrenders	Nights	SDNG		2	Approached point	MC-40
7/15/2021	Surrenders	Nights	SDNG		11	Approached point	Cement Slab
7/15/2021	Strategic Scouting	Day	SDNG		2	Directed phone at Soldiers	LaJoya DPS
7/15/2021	Surrenders	Day	SDNG		34	Approached point	MC-40
7/15/2021	Surrenders	Day	SDNG		20	Approached point	MC-40
7/15/2021	Surrenders	Day	SDNG		6	Approached point	MC-40
7/15/2021	Surrenders	Swing	SDNG		32	Approached point	MC-40
7/15/2021	Turn Back	Swing	SDNG		2	Went back upon observation	Cement Slab
7/16/2021	Surrenders	Nights	SDNG		38	Approached point	MC-40
7/17/2021	Surrenders	Nights	SDNG		36	Approached point	MC-40
7/17/2021	IA Detection	Nights	SDNG		6	Skirted point	Cement Slab
7/17/2021	IA Detection	Nights	SDNG		6	Skirted point	Cement Slab
7/18/2021	Surrenders	Day	SDNG		31	Approached point	MC-40
7/18/2021	Surrenders	Nights	SDNG		22	Approached point	Sojkas
7/19/2021	Surrenders	Day	SDNG		4	Approached point	MC-40
7/19/2021	Surrenders	Swing	SDNG		21	Approached point	MC-40
7/21/2021	Surrenders	Day	SDNG		4	Approached point	MC-40

7/21/2021	Surrenders	Day	SDNG		6	Approached point	Las Palomas
7/21/2021	Surrenders	Day	SDNG		10	Came to point when called	Las Palomas
7/21/2021	Surrenders	Swing	SDNG		12	Approached point	Las Palomas
7/21/2021	Surrenders	Swing	SDNG		40	Approached point	MC-40
7/21/2021	Surrenders	Swing	SDNG		21	8 attempted to climb border wall	Sojkas
7/21/2021	Detection	Nights	SDNG		5	Hid in brush	Sojkas
7/22/2021	Surrenders	Nights	SDNG		2	Approached point	Sojkas
7/22/2021	Surrenders	Nights	SDNG		112	Approached point	MC-40
7/22/2021	Surrenders	Nights	SDNG		5	Approached point	Sojkas
7/22/2021	Surrenders	Day	SDNG		45	Approached point	
7/23/2021	Surrenders	Day	SDNG		1	Approached point	Sojkas
7/23/2021	Surrenders	Day	SDNG	██████	19	Approached point	MC-40
7/23/2021	Surrenders	Day	SDNG	██████	35	Approached point	MC-40
7/23/2021	Surrenders	Day	SDNG	██████	23	Approached point	MC-40
7/23/2021	detection	night	SDNG	██████	36	Approached point	mc-40
7/23/2021	tactical scouting	night	SDNG	██████	4	2 vics driving on Mi	mc-40
7/23/2021	surrender	nigt	SDNG	██████	11	approached point	mc-40
7/23/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	██████	21	approached point	mc-40
7/23/2021	detection	night	SDNG	██████	9	scouting Mike side	mc-40
7/24/2021	surrendered	day	SDNG	██████	23	approached point	mc-40
7/24/2021	surrendered	night	SDNG	██████	83	approached point	mc-40
7/25/2021	detection	night	SDNG	██████	13	walking on miks sic	mc-40
7/25/2021	detection	swing	SDNG	██████	8	driving Mike side	mc-40
7/25/2021	surrender	swing	SDNG	██████	24	approached point	mc-40

7/25/2021	tactical scouting	swing	SDNG	██████	1 walking Mike side	mc-40
7/26/2021	tactical scouting	night	SDNG	██████	1 walking Mike side	mc-40
7/26/21	surrender	day	SDNG	██	15 approached point	mc-40
7/27/2021	tactical scouting	day	SDNG	██	1 walking on Mike side	mc-40
7/27/2021	surrender	day	SDNG	██████	124 approaching point	mc-40
7/27/2021	tactical scouting	swing	SDNG	██████	1 walking on Mike side	mc-40
7/27/2021	tactical scouting	swing	SDNG	██████	1 walking on Mike side	mc-40
7/28/2021	detection	day	SDNG	██████	2 walking on Mike side	mc-40
7/28/2021	surrender	swing	SDNG	██████	126 approached point	mc-40
7/28/2021	detection	swing	SDNG	██████	2 walking on Mike side	mc-40
7/28/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	██████	24 approached point	sojkas
7/29/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	██	85 approached point	sojkas
7/29/2021	surrender	day	SDNG	██████	15 approached point	Cement sl
7/29/2021	surrender	swing	SDNG	██████	38 approached point	mc-40
7/29/2021	surrender	swing	SDNG	██████	226 approached point	sojkas
7/29/2021	detection	night	SDNG	██████	12 walking on Mike side	mc-40
7/30/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	██████	87 approaching points	mc-40
7/30/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	██████	38 approaching point	sojkas
7/31/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	██████	55 approaching point	dr. r
7/30/2021	detection	night	SDNG	██████	50 walking Mike side	dr. r
7/30/2021	turn back	night	SDNG	██████	15 got back on raft an	dr. r
7/31/2021	surrender	swing	SDNG	██	11 moving on oyster b	dr. r
7/31/2021	surrender	swing	SDNG	██	112 approaching point	dr. r
7/31/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	██████	163 approaching point	dr. r

7/31/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	122	approaching point	dr. r
8/1/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	22	approaching point	dr. r
8/1/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	31	approaching point	dr. r
8/1/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	86	approaching point	dr. r
8/1/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	5	approaching point	dr. r
8/1/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	42	approaching point	dr. r
8/2/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	46	approaching point	dr. r
8/2/2021	surrender	swing	SDNG	21	approaching point	dr. r
8/2/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	59	approaching point	dr. r
8/3/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	219	approaching point	dr. r
8/3/2021	detection	night	SDNG	232	approaching point	dr. r
8/3/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	33	approaching point	dr. r
8/3/2021	detection	night	SDNG	36	crossing river	dr. r
8/3/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	60	approaching point	dr. r
8/3/2021	detection	night	SDNG	67	crossing river	dr. r
8/3/2021	turn back	night	SDNG	8	crossing river	dr. r
8/3/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	49	approaching point	dr. r
8/4/2021	detection	night	SDNG	55	crossing river	dr. r
8/4/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	33	approaching point	dr. r
8/4/2021	detection	night	SDNG	35	crossing river	dr. r
8/4/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	82	approaching point	dr. r
8/4/2021	detection	night	SDNG	92	crossing river	dr. r
8/4/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	42	approaching point	dr. r
8/4/2021	detection	night	SDNG	12	crossing river	Hill

8/4/2021	detection	night	SDNG	47 crossing river	dr. r
8/4/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	38 approaching point	dr. r
8/4/2021	detection	night	SDNG	40 crossing river	dr. r
8/4/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	35 approaching point	dr. r
8/4/2021	detection	night	SDNG	37 crossing river	dr. r
8/4/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	35 approaching point	dr. r
8/4/2021	detection	night	SDNG	15 crossing river	dr. r
8/4/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	14 approaching point	dr. r
8/4/2021	detection	night	SDNG	4 crossing river	dr. r
8/4/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	3 approaching point	dr. r
8/4/2021	turn back	night	SDNG	8 Crossing river	dr. r
8/4/2021	detection	night	SDNG	10 crossing river	dr. r
8/4/2021	surrender		SDNG	8 approaching point	dr. r
8/4/2021	turn back	night	SDNG	6 crossing river	Hill
8/4/2021	cartel firefight	swing		30 min sustained fi	hill
8/5/2021	surrender	night		19 approaching point	dr. r
8/5/2021	turn back	night		8 crossing from unific	dr. r
8/5/2021	detections	night		157 crossing from Mike	dr. r
8/6/2021	surrender	night		5 crossing from Mike	dr. r
8/6/2021	detectiond	night		137 crossing from mike	dr. r
8/6/2021	surrender	swing		3 crossing from mike	dr. r
8/7/2021	surrender	night		120 crossing from mike	dr. r
8/7/2021	detection	day		12 crossing from mike	hill
8/7/2001	tactical scout	swing		1 standing on island	hill

8/7/2021	detection	swing	17	cross from island	hill
8/7/2021	surrender	swing	3	approaching point	hill
8/7/2021	detection	swing	40	massing on Mike s	dr. r
8/7/2021	surrender	swing	9	approaching point	dr. r
8/8/2021	surrender	night	64	approaching point	dr. r
8/8/2021	detected	night	1		gap
8/8/2021	detection	day	3	1 pax crosst to unif	dr. r
8/8/2021	detection	day	7	crossed to uniform	hill
8/8/2021	detectiond	swing	10	raft with 8 crossed	hill
8/8/2021	turn back	night	1	Turner back while	(dr. r
8/9/2021	detections	night	108	crossing river in raf	dr. r
8/9/2021	surrenders	noght	50	moved up to baske	dr. r
8/10/2021	detection	day	1	walked back to mik	hill
8/10/2021	detection	swing	67	massing on mike	dr. r
8/10/2021	surrender	night	36	approaching point	dr. r
8/11/2021	surrender	night	568	approaching point	dr. r
8/11/2021	detection	day	10	crossing river	hill
8/11/2021	Surrender	Swing	10	hiding in the grass	Dr. r
8/11/2021	Surrender	Swing	35	walking up hill	Dr. r
8/11/2021	Surrender	Night	89	walking up hill	Dr. r
8/12/2021	surrender	night	118	walking up hill	Dr. r
8/12/2021	surrender	swing	5	walked up hill	dr. r
8/12/2021	surrender	swing	32		dr. r
8/12/2021	surrender	swing	51		dr. r

8/13/2021	surrender	night	29	dr. r
8/13/2021	surrender	night	4	gap
8/13/2021	detection	swing	30	Hill
8/13/2021	detection	swing	15	Dr. r
8/13/2021	surrender	night	42	Dr. r
8/14/2021	surrender	night	60	Dr. r
8/14/2021	surrender	night	62	dr. r
8/14/2021	surrender	night	71	dr. r
8/15/2021	surrender	night	118	dr. r
8/15/2021	surrender	night	29	dr. r
8/15/2021	detection	night	8	dr. r
8/15/2021	detection	swing	4	dr. r
8/16/2021	surrender	night	102	dr. r
8/16/2021	detections	night	212	dr. r
8/16/2021	turn back	night	5	hill
8/17/2021	surrender	nigjt	72	dr. r
8/17/2021	detection	night	86	dr. r
8/17/2021	turn back	night	8	dr.r
8/16/2021	surrender	swing	42	dr. r

Uniform	TIME	EQUIPME NT	Comments/ Narrative	ACTIONS Taken
Civilians	0040			Surrendered to BP
Civilians	0629		3 children 1 adult male 1 adult female	Instruted to go to ball field
Civilians	1725			Surrendered to BP
Civilians	1830			instructed to go to ball field
Civilians	0600			Surrendered to BP
Civilians	0815			Skirted the point and ran into the vegetation
Civilians	0115			Surrendered to BP
Civilians	0500			
Civilians	0730	Silver van	Individual with cell phone directed during shift change	Reported to DPS
Civilians	1330			Surrendered to BP
Civilians	1350			Surrendered to BP
Civilians	1400			Surrendered to BP
Civilians	1900			Surrendered to BP
Civilians	1900			Reported to BP
Civilians	0110			Surrendered to BP
Civilians	0100			Surrendered to BP
Civilians	0100		Ran and hid	Reported to BP; no agents available
Civilians	0200		Ran and hid	Reported to BP; no agents available
Civilians	0635		Family units	Surrendered to BP
Civilians	2200		Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	0930		Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	1800		Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	0800		Family units	Processed by BP

Civilians	0830	Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	0900	Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	1900	Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	2030	Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	2130	Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	2359		Reported to BP
Civilians	0130		Processed by BP
Civilians	0500	Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	0500	Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	1336	Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	0500	Woman	Processed by BP
Civilians	1210	Family units	Sent to ball park for processing
Civilians	1230	Family units	Sent to ball park for processing
Civilians	1250	Family units	Sent to ball park for processing
civ	0215		reported to BP
civ	0230	scouts	2 vics driving on [REDACTED] side
civ	0330	family units	6 kids 5 adults picked up by BP
civ	0400	family units	sent to Ball Park from processing
civ	0440	family units	called up to bp. didn't see crossing
civ	1350	family units	bp picked up at point
civ	0230	family units	bp directed us to send them to Ball
civ	OO30	family units	reported to BP, they crossed furthe
civ	2030 1 pickup	family units	reported to BP, no actions taken
civ	2100	family units	reported to be sent to Ball Park

civ	2145	scout	reportedvto BP, no actions taken
civ	130	scout	reported to BP, no actions taken
civ	1000	family units	reported to BP sent to Ball park
civ	930	tactical scout	reported to BP no actions taken
civ	1130	family units	reported to BP directed to Ball park
civ	1743	tactical scout	reported to BP no actions taken
civ	2100	tactical scout	reported to BP no actions taken
civ	1000	tactical scout	reported to be no actions taken
civ	1500	family units	reported to BP sent to Ball park
civ	1600	tactical scout	reported to BP no actions taken
civ	2130	family units	reported to BP BP hauled to Ball pa
civ	100	family units	reported to BP BP hauled to Ball pa
civ	900	family units	reported to BP BP detained
civ	2000	family units	reported to BP directed to Ball park
civ	2100	family units	reported to BP BP processed on sit
civ	2230	family units	reported to BP BP investigatsd
civ	100	family units	reported to BP escorted to Ball field
civ	200	family units	reported to BP BP processed on sit
civ	0	family units	reported to BP walked to 650
civ	2300	family units	reported to BP continued observati
civ	2200	family units	reported to BP no actions taken
civ	1900		
civ	2100		
civ	2300		

civ	2330		
civ	0	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	100	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	130	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	200	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	2300	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	100	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	2100	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	2345	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	100	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	15 rafts	moving to uniform side	called to bp
civ	2300	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	2300 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	2330	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	2330 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	0 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	0	came up the hill to basketbæ	called to bp, moved IAs to 650
civ	0 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	30	came up the hill to basketbæ	called to bp, moved IAs to 650
civ	30 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	100	came up the hill to basketbæ	called to bp, moved IAs to 650
civ	100 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	130	came up the hill to basketbæ	called to bp, moved IAs to 650
civ	130 rafts	crossing river	called to bp

civ	130 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	200	came up the hill to basketba	called to bp, moved IAs to 650
civ	200 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	230	came up the hill to basketba	called to bp, moved IAs to 650
civ	230 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	300	came up the hill to basketba	called to bp, moved IAs to 650
civ	300 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	300	came up the hill to basketba	called to bp, moved IAs to 650
civ	330 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	330 rafts	came up the hill to basketba	called to bp, moved IAs to 650
civ	400 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	400 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	400 rafts	came up the hill to basketba	called to bp, moved IAs to 650
civ	400 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	130 rafts	came up hill to basketball	called bp walked to 650
civ	400 raft	crossed on raft back to mex	called bp
civ	0100-0 rafts	family units crossed	called bp, Texas guard received the
civ	300 raft	family unit	called bp bp processed
civ	0000-0 raft	family units being dropped	Texas guard picked them up
civ	2130		
civ	30	family units crossing river	walked them to 650
civ	1415		12 personnel crosses from the islar
civ	1715	scout seemed to be looking for	lapse in surveillance

civ	1745	personall crossed to america
civ	1815	family units approached the point
civ	2130	
civ	2215	
civ	100	family units called bp and walked to 650
	300	
civ	700	picked up two more and returned to [REDACTED]
civ	715	after they crossed one returned to [REDACTED]
civ	2000	five returned back to [REDACTED]
civ	2300	
civ	2300	
civ		
	1230 back pack	walked from uniform to [REDACTED] by himself
	2215 rafts	
civ	2330	walked up hill to basketball called bp and walked them to 650
civ	0000-0430	walked up hill to basketball called bp and walked them to 650
	1300	crossed upriver of hill called bp
black cloth	1845	10 individual were spotted h Called BP and BP detained them
civ	2230	walked up hill to basketball called bp and walked them to 650
civ	2330	walked up hill to basketball called bp and walked them to 650
civ	130	walked up hill to basketball called bp and walked them to 650
civ	1830	walked up hill with lifeless cl medic performed compressions uni
	1930	
	2100	

100

100

2130 Moving around on mike side by old windmill

2200 moving towards the cement slab on [REDACTED] side

2330

130

2200

2330

130

230

400 suspected coyotes returning from uniform side to [REDACTED] side with

2000 crossed near oyster bed and were never located

100

2330-0330

400 backpacks crossing river when sm light them up with flashlight they turned

100

0000-0200

200

2230

park

r down river

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on

em at boat ramp

nd to America. BP notified results unknow

til emt arrived

7 bags

back



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To: [REDACTED] [1Lt Col USAF 114 FW \(USA\)](#); [Vanderwolde, Edwin A Brig Gen USAF 114 MSG \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED] [1LT USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED] [COL USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#); [Mariette, Jeffrey P](#) [MG USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED] [COL USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED] [1LT USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED] [CSM USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED] [COL USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED] [COL USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)
Cc: [REDACTED] [WRK](#); [REDACTED] [@gmail.com](#)
Subject: TF 153 Update 17 AUG
Date: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 8:02:03 PM
Attachments: [SDNG Detailed Encountersupdated.xlsx](#)

ALCON,

8 Soldiers completed zero/qualification at Camp Swift . One of the Soldiers went to sick call and subsequently urgent care due to respiratory symptoms. SM was tested for COVID, the result was negative. SM was released and the group is scheduled to this evening to Edinburg.

During the CUB with TF Salerno today, the topic of the meeting was COVID. The TF leadership reported there are 9 COVID positive SMs in the TF that are all unvaccinated. The TF is coordinating vaccines for any SMs that want to take advantage. During the CUB it was also reported there are several hotels in McAllen that are being filled with COVID positive migrants. The S2 shop was going to follow up on this information but the hotels were not any that house TF Salerno Soldiers.

There are about 300 SMs that are going to be augmenting the mission in the RGV. These augmentations will be affecting other zones and not TF 153's zone. There are also concerns about the incoming tropical storm Marco. The current path is markedly close to our AO. We will continue to monitor as it gets closer. Once again, our medics received accolades from leadership for their actions during the incident with the migrant child a few days ago.

The day on the line was slower today. Soldiers were able turn back 8 people who were attempting to cross.

I have attached the encounter spreadsheet for your review. This spreadsheet is how the task force accounts for our IA surrenders, detections, and other encounters. This will be an ongoing attachment.

Respectfully,

CPT [REDACTED]

TF 153 LNO

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If they are still receiving the error message, please let me know.

Thanks, [REDACTED]

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This can only be done via MySD with their personal email. If they are state employees, they would need to login into Employee Space through Azure. I will forward on the error and see what can be done.

Thanks, [REDACTED]

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Some of them are using their work email. But I'm not sure if that makes a difference. They still receive the code to setup the account to their work or personal email.

Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

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Are they using the MySD with their personal email? Just want to make sure.

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Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED] [Lt Col USAF 114 FW \(USA\)](#)
Subject: HR Portal Support (UNCLASSIFIED)
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To: [Vanderwolde, Edwin A Brig Gen USAF 114 MSG \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED] [COL USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: RE: Border
Date: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 10:22:00 AM

Gentlemen,

Follow up to the remaining questions:

Deputizing Soldiers: TF Salerno (TX NG) is putting their Soldiers through LEO training with DPS. This training is in preparation to be deputized if needed and expedite the transition. It is CPT [REDACTED] understanding there are no TX soldiers deputized in their AO. The deputizing would give the Soldiers the authority to arrest migrants. No SDNG Soldiers have received the LEO training and the next class does not start until the end of this month or beginning of next. At this time, our Soldiers are not attending the LEO training.

Medical Incident: Soldiers who provided aid were wearing PPE (gloves and masks), no mouth to mouth administered. COVID status of deceased child is unknown, they asked BP the question. Soldiers who provided aid were not COVID tested and are not showing any COVID signs or symptoms. One Soldier has COVID vaccination and one has not. TXNG is putting them in for a state award and they are driving forward with it.

From: Vanderwolde, Edwin A Brig Gen USAF 114 MSG (USA) <edwin.a.vanderwolde mil@mail mil>
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 8:37 AM
To: [REDACTED] COL USARMY NG SDARNG (USA) [REDACTED] mil@mail.mil>; [REDACTED] Lt Col USAF 114 FW (USA) <[REDACTED] mil@mail.mil>
Subject: Border

[REDACTED]

I talked to the TAG this morning. He told the Governor the drop dead date of knowing if we are staying or going is 1 Sept. That will give us 12 days to plan their departure.

Other things discussed were, are we still deputizing the soldiers, where are we at in the process? Are we going to give the soldiers that tried to save the life of a child an award? Please research what kind of award we could give him.

Did the child that passed get tested for COVID? Was the soldier wearing any protective gear when administering CPR? Was the soldier tested? Lastly the TAG wanted to know if we were tracking surrenders etc by day, he attached a spread sheet of what he would like to see. Thanks Ed

Brig Gen Edwin A. VanDerWolde

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DATE	Event	Shift	Column2	SOG	Size	Activity	Location
7/13/2021	Surrenders	Nights	SDNG		27	Approached point	MC-40
7/13/2021	Surrenders	Nights	SDNG		6	Approached point	MC-40
7/13/2021	Surrenders	Swing	SDNG		60	Approached point	Las Palomas
7/13/2021	Surrenders	Swing	SDNG		145	Approached point	MC-40
7/14/2021	Surrenders	Nights	SDNG		4	Approached point	Las Palomas
7/14/2021	IA Detection	Day	SDNG		8	Skirted point	Las Palomas
7/15/2021	Surrenders	Nights	SDNG		2	Approached point	MC-40
7/15/2021	Surrenders	Nights	SDNG		11	Approached point	Cement Slab
7/15/2021	Strategic Scouting	Day	SDNG		2	Directed phone at Soldiers	LaJoya DPS
7/15/2021	Surrenders	Day	SDNG		34	Approached point	MC-40
7/15/2021	Surrenders	Day	SDNG		20	Approached point	MC-40
7/15/2021	Surrenders	Day	SDNG		6	Approached point	MC-40
7/15/2021	Surrenders	Swing	SDNG		32	Approached point	MC-40
7/15/2021	Turn Back	Swing	SDNG		2	Went back upon observation	Cement Slab
7/16/2021	Surrenders	Nights	SDNG		38	Approached point	MC-40
7/17/2021	Surrenders	Nights	SDNG		36	Approached point	MC-40
7/17/2021	IA Detection	Nights	SDNG		6	Skirted point	Cement Slab
7/17/2021	IA Detection	Nights	SDNG		6	Skirted point	Cement Slab
7/18/2021	Surrenders	Day	SDNG		31	Approached point	MC-40
7/18/2021	Surrenders	Nights	SDNG		22	Approached point	Sojkas
7/19/2021	Surrenders	Day	SDNG		4	Approached point	MC-40
7/19/2021	Surrenders	Swing	SDNG		21	Approached point	MC-40
7/21/2021	Surrenders	Day	SDNG		4	Approached point	MC-40

7/21/2021	Surrenders	Day	SDNG		6	Approached point	Las Palomas
7/21/2021	Surrenders	Day	SDNG		10	Came to point when called	Las Palomas
7/21/2021	Surrenders	Swing	SDNG		12	Approached point	Las Palomas
7/21/2021	Surrenders	Swing	SDNG		40	Approached point	MC-40
7/21/2021	Surrenders	Swing	SDNG		21	8 attempted to climb border wall	Sojkas
7/21/2021	Detection	Nights	SDNG		5	Hid in brush	Sojkas
7/22/2021	Surrenders	Nights	SDNG		2	Approached point	Sojkas
7/22/2021	Surrenders	Nights	SDNG		112	Approached point	MC-40
7/22/2021	Surrenders	Nights	SDNG		5	Approached point	Sojkas
7/22/2021	Surrenders	Day	SDNG		45	Approached point	
7/23/2021	Surrenders	Day	SDNG		1	Approached point	Sojkas
7/23/2021	Surrenders	Day	SDNG	██████	19	Approached point	MC-40
7/23/2021	Surrenders	Day	SDNG	██████	35	Approached point	MC-40
7/23/2021	Surrenders	Day	SDNG	██████	23	Approached point	MC-40
7/23/2021	detection	night	SDNG	██████	36	Approached point	mc-40
7/23/2021	tactical scouting	night	SDNG	██████	4	2 vics driving on Mi	mc-40
7/23/2021	surrender	nigt	SDNG	██████	11	approached point	mc-40
7/23/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	██████	21	approached point	mc-40
7/23/2021	detection	night	SDNG	██████	9	scouting Mike side	mc-40
7/24/2021	surrendered	day	SDNG	██████	23	approached point	mc-40
7/24/2021	surrendered	night	SDNG	██████	83	approached point	mc-40
7/25/2021	detection	night	SDNG	██████	13	walking on miks sic	mc-40
7/25/2021	detection	swing	SDNG	██████	8	driving Mike side	mc-40
7/25/2021	surrender	swing	SDNG	██████	24	approached point	mc-40

7/25/2021	tactical scouting	swing	SDNG	██████	1 walking Mike side	mc-40
7/26/2021	tactical scouting	night	SDNG	██████	1 walking Mike side	mc-40
7/26/21	surrender	day	SDNG	███	15 approached point	mc-40
7/27/2021	tactical scouting	day	SDNG	███	1 walking on Mike side	mc-40
7/27/2021	surrender	day	SDNG	██████	124 approaching point	mc-40
7/27/2021	tactical scouting	swing	SDNG	██████	1 walking on Mike side	mc-40
7/27/2021	tactical scouting	swing	SDNG	██████	1 walking on Mike side	mc-40
7/28/2021	detection	day	SDNG	██████	2 walking on Mike side	mc-40
7/28/2021	surrender	swing	SDNG	██████	126 approached point	mc-40
7/28/2021	detection	swing	SDNG	██████	2 walking on Mike side	mc-40
7/28/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	██████	24 approached point	sojkas
7/29/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	███	85 approached point	sojkas
7/29/2021	surrender	day	SDNG	██████	15 approached point	Cement sl
7/29/2021	surrender	swing	SDNG	██████	38 approached point	mc-40
7/29/2021	surrender	swing	SDNG	██████	226 approached point	sojkas
7/29/2021	detection	night	SDNG	██████	12 walking on Mike side	mc-40
7/30/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	██████	87 approaching points	mc-40
7/30/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	██████	38 approaching point	sojkas
7/31/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	██████	55 approaching point	dr. r
7/30/2021	detection	night	SDNG	██████	50 walking Mike side	dr. r
7/30/2021	turn back	night	SDNG	██████	15 got back on raft an	dr. r
7/31/2021	surrender	swing	SDNG	███	11 moving on oyster b	dr. r
7/31/2021	surrender	swing	SDNG	███	112 approaching point	dr. r
7/31/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	██████	163 approaching point	dr. r

7/31/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	122	approaching point	dr. r
8/1/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	22	approaching point	dr. r
8/1/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	31	approaching point	dr. r
8/1/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	86	approaching point	dr. r
8/1/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	5	approaching point	dr. r
8/1/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	42	approaching point	dr. r
8/2/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	46	approaching point	dr. r
8/2/2021	surrender	swing	SDNG	21	approaching point	dr. r
8/2/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	59	approaching point	dr. r
8/3/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	219	approaching point	dr. r
8/3/2021	detection	night	SDNG	232	approaching point	dr. r
8/3/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	33	approaching point	dr. r
8/3/2021	detection	night	SDNG	36	crossing river	dr. r
8/3/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	60	approaching point	dr. r
8/3/2021	detection	night	SDNG	67	crossing river	dr. r
8/3/2021	turn back	night	SDNG	8	crossing river	dr. r
8/3/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	49	approaching point	dr. r
8/4/2021	detection	night	SDNG	55	crossing river	dr. r
8/4/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	33	approaching point	dr. r
8/4/2021	detection	night	SDNG	35	crossing river	dr. r
8/4/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	82	approaching point	dr. r
8/4/2021	detection	night	SDNG	92	crossing river	dr. r
8/4/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	42	approaching point	dr. r
8/4/2021	detection	night	SDNG	12	crossing river	Hill

8/4/2021	detection	night	SDNG	47 crossing river	dr. r
8/4/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	38 approaching point	dr. r
8/4/2021	detection	night	SDNG	40 crossing river	dr. r
8/4/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	35 approaching point	dr. r
8/4/2021	detection	night	SDNG	37 crossing river	dr. r
8/4/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	35 approaching point	dr. r
8/4/2021	detection	night	SDNG	15 crossing river	dr. r
8/4/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	14 approaching point	dr. r
8/4/2021	detection	night	SDNG	4 crossing river	dr. r
8/4/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	3 approaching point	dr. r
8/4/2021	turn back	night	SDNG	8 Crossing river	dr. r
8/4/2021	detection	night	SDNG	10 crossing river	dr. r
8/4/2021	surrender		SDNG	8 approaching point	dr. r
8/4/2021	turn back	night	SDNG	6 crossing river	Hill
8/4/2021	cartel firefight	swing		30 min sustained fi	hill
8/5/2021	surrender	night		19 approaching point	dr. r
8/5/2021	turn back	night		8 crossing from unific	dr. r
8/5/2021	detections	night		157 crossing from	dr. r
8/6/2021	surrender	night		5 crossing from	dr. r
8/6/2021	detectiond	night		137 crossing from	dr. r
8/6/2021	surrender	swing		3 crossing from	dr. r
8/7/2021	surrender	night		120 crossing from	dr. r
8/7/2021	detection	day		12 crossing from	hill
8/7/2001	tactical scout	swing		1 standing on island	hill

8/7/2021	detection	swing	17	cross from island	hill
8/7/2021	surrender	swing	3	approaching point	hill
8/7/2021	detection	swing	40	massing on	■■■■ s dr. r
8/7/2021	surrender	swing	9	approaching point	dr. r
8/8/2021	surrender	night	64	approaching point	dr. r
8/8/2021	detected	night	1		gap
8/8/2021	detection	day	3	1 pax crosst to unif	dr. r
8/8/2021	detection	day	7	crossed to uniform	hill
8/8/2021	detectiond	swing	10	raft with 8 crossed	hill
8/8/2021	turn back	night	1	Turner back while	(dr. r
8/9/2021	detections	night	108	crossing river in raf	dr. r
8/9/2021	surrenders	noght	50	moved up to baske	dr. r
8/10/2021	detection	day	1	walked back to	■■■■ hill
8/10/2021	detection	swing	67	massing on	■■■■ dr. r
8/10/2021	surrender	night	36	approaching point	dr. r
8/11/2021	surrender	night	568	approaching point	dr. r
8/11/2021	detection	day	10	crossing river	hill
8/11/2021	Surrender	Swing	10	hiding in the grass	Dr. r
8/11/2021	Surrender	Swing	35	walking up hill	Dr. r
8/11/2021	Surrender	Night	89	walking up hill	Dr. r
8/12/2021	surrender	night	118	walking up hill	Dr. r
8/12/2021	surrender	swing	5	walked up hill	dr. r
8/12/2021	surrender	swing	32		dr. r
8/12/2021	surrender	swing	51		dr. r

8/13/2021	surrender	night	29	dr. r
8/13/2021	surrender	night	4	gap
8/13/2021	detection	swing	30	Hill
8/13/2021	detection	swing	15	Dr. r
8/13/2021	surrender	night	42	Dr. r
8/14/2021	surrender	night	60	Dr. r
8/14/2021	surrender	night	62	dr. r
8/14/2021	surrender	night	71	dr. r
8/15/2021	surrender	night	118	dr. r
8/15/2021	surrender	night	29	dr. r
8/15/2021	detection	night	8	dr. r

Uniform	TIME	EQUIPME NT	Comments/ Narrative	ACTIONS Taken
Civilians	0040			Surrendered to BP
Civilians	0629		3 children 1 adult male 1 adult female	Instruted to go to ball field
Civilians	1725			Surrendered to BP
Civilians	1830			instructed to go to ball field
Civilians	0600			Surrendered to BP
Civilians	0815			Skirted the point and ran into the vegetation
Civilians	0115			Surrendered to BP
Civilians	0500			
Civilians	0730	Silver van	Individual with cell phone directed during shift change	Reported to DPS
Civilians	1330			Surrendered to BP
Civilians	1350			Surrendered to BP
Civilians	1400			Surrendered to BP
Civilians	1900			Surrendered to BP
Civilians	1900			Reported to BP
Civilians	0110			Surrendered to BP
Civilians	0100			Surrendered to BP
Civilians	0100		Ran and hid	Reported to BP; no agents available
Civilians	0200		Ran and hid	Reported to BP; no agents available
Civilians	0635		Family units	Surrendered to BP
Civilians	2200		Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	0930		Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	1800		Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	0800		Family units	Processed by BP

Civilians	0830	Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	0900	Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	1900	Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	2030	Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	2130	Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	2359		Reported to BP
Civilians	0130		Processed by BP
Civilians	0500	Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	0500	Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	1336	Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	0500	Woman	Processed by BP
Civilians	1210	Family units	Sent to ball park for processing
Civilians	1230	Family units	Sent to ball park for processing
Civilians	1250	Family units	Sent to ball park for processing
civ	0215		reported to BP
civ	0230	scouts	2 vics driving on [REDACTED] side
civ	0330	family units	6 kids 5 adults picked up by BP
civ	0400	family units	sent to Ball Park from processing
civ	0440	family units	called up to bp. didn't see crossing
civ	1350	family units	bp picked up at point
civ	0230	family units	bp directed us to send them to Ball
civ	OO30	family units	reported to BP, they crossed furthe
civ	2030 1 pickup	family units	reported to BP, no actions taken
civ	2100	family units	reported to be sent to Ball Park

civ	2145	scout	reportedvto BP, no actions taken
civ	130	scout	reported to BP, no actions taken
civ	1000	family units	reported to BP sent to Ball park
civ	930	tactical scout	reported to BP no actions taken
civ	1130	family units	reported to BP directed to Ball park
civ	1743	tactical scout	reported to BP no actions taken
civ	2100	tactical scout	reported to BP no actions taken
civ	1000	tactical scout	reported to be no actions taken
civ	1500	family units	reported to BP sent to Ball park
civ	1600	tactical scout	reported to BP no actions taken
civ	2130	family units	reported to BP BP hauled to Ball pa
civ	100	family units	reported to BP BP hauled to Ball pa
civ	900	family units	reported to BP BP detained
civ	2000	family units	reported to BP directed to Ball park
civ	2100	family units	reported to BP BP processed on sit
civ	2230	family units	reported to BP BP investigatsd
civ	100	family units	reported to BP escorted to Ball field
civ	200	family units	reported to BP BP processed on sit
civ	0	family units	reported to BP walked to 650
civ	2300	family units	reported to BP continued observati
civ	2200	family units	reported to BP no actions taken
civ	1900		
civ	2100		
civ	2300		

civ	2330		
civ	0	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	100	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	130	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	200	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	2300	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	100	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	2100	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	2345	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	100	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	15 rafts	moving to uniform side	called to bp
civ	2300	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	2300 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	2330	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	2330 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	0 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	0	came up the hill to basketbæ	called to bp, moved IAs to 650
civ	0 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	30	came up the hill to basketbæ	called to bp, moved IAs to 650
civ	30 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	100	came up the hill to basketbæ	called to bp, moved IAs to 650
civ	100 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	130	came up the hill to basketbæ	called to bp, moved IAs to 650
civ	130 rafts	crossing river	called to bp

civ	130 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	200	came up the hill to basketba	called to bp, moved IAs to 650
civ	200 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	230	came up the hill to basketba	called to bp, moved IAs to 650
civ	230 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	300	came up the hill to basketba	called to bp, moved IAs to 650
civ	300 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	300	came up the hill to basketba	called to bp, moved IAs to 650
civ	330 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	330 rafts	came up the hill to basketba	called to bp, moved IAs to 650
civ	400 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	400 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	400 rafts	came up the hill to basketba	called to bp, moved IAs to 650
civ	400 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	130 rafts	came up hill to basketball c	called bp walked to 650
civ	400 raft	crossed on raft back to mex	called bp
civ	0100-0 rafts	family units crossed [REDACTED]	called bp, Texas guard received the
civ	300 raft	family unit	called bp bp processed
civ	0000-0 raft	family units being dropped c	Texas guard picked them up
civ	2130		
civ	30	family units crossing river	walked them to 650
civ	1415		12 personnel crosses from the islar
civ	1715	scout seemed to be looking for	lapse in surveillance

civ	1745	personall crossed to america
civ	1815	family units approached the point
civ	2130	
civ	2215	
civ	100	family units called bp and walked to 650
	300	
civ	700	picked up two more and returned to [REDACTED]
civ	715	after they crossed one returned to [REDACTED]
civ	2000	five returned back to [REDACTED]
civ	2300	
civ	2300	
civ		
	1230	back pack walked from uniform to [REDACTED] by himself
	2215	rafts
civ	2330	walked up hill to basketball called bp and walked them to 650
civ	0000-0430	walked up hill to basketball called bp and walked them to 650
	1300	crossed upriver of hill called bp
black cloi	1845	10 individual were spotted h Called BP and BP detained them
civ	2230	walked up hill to basketball called bp and walked them to 650
civ	2330	walked up hill to basketball called bp and walked them to 650
civ	130	walked up hill to basketball called bp and walked them to 650
civ	1830	walked up hill with lifeless cl medic performed compressions uni
	1930	
	2100	

100

100

2130 Moving around on [REDACTED] side by old windmill

2200 moving towards the cement slab on [REDACTED] side

2330

130

2200

2330

130

230

400 suspected coyotes returning from uniform side to [REDACTED] side with

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em at boat ramp

nd to America. BP notified results unknow

til emt arrived

1 bags

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[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]

[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
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From: [REDACTED] [Lt Col USAF 114 FW \(USA\)](#)
To: [Vanderwolde, Edwin A Brig Gen USAF 114 MSG \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED] [COL USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: RE: Border
Date: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 9:25:00 AM
Attachments: [SDNG Detailed Encounters08152021.xlsx](#)

Good morning Sir,

Attached is the tracker TF 153 is using to track activity and migrant numbers at the border. It is broken down by shift and day. Under event, it also shows surrenders/detections/scouts/turn-backs which more accurately annotates the contacts and observations of our Soldiers. I can break this down to just the surrenders you had on your spreadsheet if you wish.

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Subject: Border

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I talked to the TAG this morning. He told the Governor the drop dead date of knowing if we are staying or going is 1 Sept. That will give us 12 days to plan their departure.

Other things discussed were, are we still deputizing the soldiers, where are we at in the process? Are we going to give the soldiers that tried to save the life of a child an award? Please research what kind of award we could give him.

Did the child that passed get tested for COVID? Was the soldier wearing any protective gear when administering CPR? Was the soldier tested? Lastly the TAG wanted to know if we were tracking surrenders etc by day, he attached a spread sheet of what he would like to see. Thanks Ed

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DATE	Event	Shift	Column2	SOG	Size	Activity	Location
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7/23/2021	Surrenders	Day	SDNG	██████	23	Approached point	MC-40
7/23/2021	detection	night	SDNG	██████	36	Approached point	mc-40
7/23/2021	tactical scouting	night	SDNG	██████	4	2 vics driving on Mi	mc-40
7/23/2021	surrender	nigt	SDNG	██████	11	approached point	mc-40
7/23/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	██████	21	approached point	mc-40
7/23/2021	detection	night	SDNG	██████	9	scouting ██████ side	mc-40
7/24/2021	surrendered	day	SDNG	██████	23	approached point	mc-40
7/24/2021	surrendered	night	SDNG	██████	83	approached point	mc-40
7/25/2021	detection	night	SDNG	██████	13	walking on miks six	mc-40
7/25/2021	detection	swing	SDNG	██████	8	driving ██████ side	mc-40
7/25/2021	surrender	swing	SDNG	██████	24	approached point	mc-40

7/25/2021	tactical scouting	swing	SDNG	██████	1 walking	██████	side	mc-40
7/26/2021	tactical scouting	night	SDNG	██████	1 walking	██████	side	mc-40
7/26/21	surrender	day	SDNG	████	15 approached		point	mc-40
7/27/2021	tactical scouting	day	SDNG	████	1 walking on	██████	sic	mc-40
7/27/2021	surrender	day	SDNG	██████	124 approaching		point	mc-40
7/27/2021	tactical scouting	swing	SDNG	██████	1 walking on	██████	sic	mc-40
7/27/2021	tactical scouting	swing	SDNG	██████	1 walking on	██████	sic	mc-40
7/28/2021	detection	day	SDNG	██████	2 walking on	██████	sic	mc-40
7/28/2021	surrender	swing	SDNG	██████	126 approached		point	mc-40
7/28/2021	detection	swing	SDNG	██████	2 walking on	██████	sic	mc-40
7/28/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	██████	24 approached		point	██████
7/29/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	████	85 approached		point	██████
7/29/2021	surrender	day	SDNG	██████	15 approached		point	Cement sl
7/29/2021	surrender	swing	SDNG	██████	38 approached		point	mc-40
7/29/2021	surrender	swing	SDNG	██████	226 approached		point	██████
7/29/2021	detection	night	SDNG	██████	12 walking on	██████	sic	mc-40
7/30/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	██████	87 approaching		points	mc-40
7/30/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	██████	38 approaching		point	██████
7/31/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	██████	55 approaching		point	dr. r
7/30/2021	detection	night	SDNG	██████	50 walking	██████	side	dr. r
7/30/2021	turn back	night	SDNG	██████	15 got back on		raft an	dr. r
7/31/2021	surrender	swing	SDNG	████	11 moving on		oyster b	dr. r
7/31/2021	surrender	swing	SDNG	████	112 approaching		point	dr. r
7/31/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	██████	163 approaching		point	dr. r

7/31/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	122	approaching point	dr. r
8/1/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	22	approaching point	dr. r
8/1/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	31	approaching point	dr. r
8/1/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	86	approaching point	dr. r
8/1/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	5	approaching point	dr. r
8/1/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	42	approaching point	dr. r
8/2/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	46	approaching point	dr. r
8/2/2021	surrender	swing	SDNG	21	approaching point	dr. r
8/2/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	59	approaching point	dr. r
8/3/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	219	approaching point	dr. r
8/3/2021	detection	night	SDNG	232	approaching point	dr. r
8/3/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	33	approaching point	dr. r
8/3/2021	detection	night	SDNG	36	crossing river	dr. r
8/3/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	60	approaching point	dr. r
8/3/2021	detection	night	SDNG	67	crossing river	dr. r
8/3/2021	turn back	night	SDNG	8	crossing river	dr. r
8/3/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	49	approaching point	dr. r
8/4/2021	detection	night	SDNG	55	crossing river	dr. r
8/4/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	33	approaching point	dr. r
8/4/2021	detection	night	SDNG	35	crossing river	dr. r
8/4/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	82	approaching point	dr. r
8/4/2021	detection	night	SDNG	92	crossing river	dr. r
8/4/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	42	approaching point	dr. r
8/4/2021	detection	night	SDNG	12	crossing river	Hill

8/4/2021	detection	night	SDNG	47 crossing river	dr. r
8/4/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	38 approaching point	dr. r
8/4/2021	detection	night	SDNG	40 crossing river	dr. r
8/4/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	35 approaching point	dr. r
8/4/2021	detection	night	SDNG	37 crossing river	dr. r
8/4/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	35 approaching point	dr. r
8/4/2021	detection	night	SDNG	15 crossing river	dr. r
8/4/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	14 approaching point	dr. r
8/4/2021	detection	night	SDNG	4 crossing river	dr. r
8/4/2021	surrender	night	SDNG	3 approaching point	dr. r
8/4/2021	turn back	night	SDNG	8 Crossing river	dr. r
8/4/2021	detection	night	SDNG	10 crossing river	dr. r
8/4/2021	surrender		SDNG	8 approaching point	dr. r
8/4/2021	turn back	night	SDNG	6 crossing river	Hill
8/4/2021	cartel firefight	swing		30 min sustained fi	hill
8/5/2021	surrender	night		19 approaching point	dr. r
8/5/2021	turn back	night		8 crossing from unific	dr. r
8/5/2021	detections	night		157 crossing from	dr. r
8/6/2021	surrender	night		5 crossing from	dr. r
8/6/2021	detectiond	night		137 crossing from	dr. r
8/6/2021	surrender	swing		3 crossing from	dr. r
8/7/2021	surrender	night		120 crossing from	dr. r
8/7/2021	detection	day		12 crossing from	hill
8/7/2001	tactical scout	swing		1 standing on island	hill

8/7/2021	detection	swing	17	cross from island	hill
8/7/2021	surrender	swing	3	approaching point	hill
8/7/2021	detection	swing	40	massing on	■■■■ s dr. r
8/7/2021	surrender	swing	9	approaching point	dr. r
8/8/2021	surrender	night	64	approaching point	dr. r
8/8/2021	detected	night	1		gap
8/8/2021	detection	day	3	1 pax crosst to unif	dr. r
8/8/2021	detection	day	7	crossed to uniform	hill
8/8/2021	detectiond	swing	10	raft with 8 crossed	hill
8/8/2021	turn back	night	1	Turner back while	(dr. r
8/9/2021	detections	night	108	crossing river in raf	dr. r
8/9/2021	surrenders	noght	50	moved up to baske	dr. r
8/10/2021	detection	day	1	walked back to mik	hill
8/10/2021	detection	swing	67	massing on	■■■■ dr. r
8/10/2021	surrender	night	36	approaching point	dr. r
8/11/2021	surrender	night	568	approaching point	dr. r
8/11/2021	detection	day	10	crossing river	hill
8/11/2021	Surrender	Swing	10	hiding in the grass	Dr. r
8/11/2021	Surrender	Swing	35	walking up hill	Dr. r
8/11/2021	Surrender	Night	89	walking up hill	Dr. r
8/12/2021	surrender	night	118	walking up hill	Dr. r
8/12/2021	surrender	swing	5	walked up hill	dr. r
8/12/2021	surrender	swing	32		dr. r
8/12/2021	surrender	swing	51		dr. r

8/13/2021	surrender	night	29	dr. r
8/13/2021	surrender	night	4	gap
8/13/2021	detection	swing	30	Hill
8/13/2021	detection	swing	15	Dr. r
8/13/2021	surrender	night	42	Dr. r
8/14/2021	surrender	night	60	Dr. r
8/14/2021	surrender	night	62	dr. r
8/14/2021	surrender	night	71	dr. r
8/15/2021	surrender	night	118	dr. r
8/15/2021	surrender	night	29	dr. r
8/15/2021	detection	night	8	dr. r

Uniform	TIME	EQUIPME NT	Comments/ Narrative	ACTIONS Taken
Civilians	0040			Surrendered to BP
Civilians	0629		3 children 1 adult male 1 adult female	Instruted to go to ball field
Civilians	1725			Surrendered to BP
Civilians	1830			instructed to go to ball field
Civilians	0600			Surrendered to BP
Civilians	0815			Skirted the point and ran into the vegetation
Civilians	0115			Surrendered to BP
Civilians	0500			
Civilians	0730	Silver van	Individual with cell phone directed during shift change	Reported to DPS
Civilians	1330			Surrendered to BP
Civilians	1350			Surrendered to BP
Civilians	1400			Surrendered to BP
Civilians	1900			Surrendered to BP
Civilians	1900			Reported to BP
Civilians	0110			Surrendered to BP
Civilians	0100			Surrendered to BP
Civilians	0100		Ran and hid	Reported to BP; no agents available
Civilians	0200		Ran and hid	Reported to BP; no agents available
Civilians	0635		Family units	Surrendered to BP
Civilians	2200		Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	0930		Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	1800		Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	0800		Family units	Processed by BP

Civilians	0830	Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	0900	Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	1900	Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	2030	Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	2130	Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	2359		Reported to BP
Civilians	0130		Processed by BP
Civilians	0500	Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	0500	Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	1336	Family units	Processed by BP
Civilians	0500	Woman	Processed by BP
Civilians	1210	Family units	Sent to ball park for processing
Civilians	1230	Family units	Sent to ball park for processing
Civilians	1250	Family units	Sent to ball park for processing
civ	0215		reported to BP
civ	0230	scouts	2 vics driving on [REDACTED] side
civ	0330	family units	6 kids 5 adults picked up by BP
civ	0400	family units	sent to Ball Park from processing
civ	0440	family units	called up to bp. didn't see crossing
civ	1350	family units	bp picked up at point
civ	0230	family units	bp directed us to send them to Ball
civ	OO30	family units	reported to BP, they crossed furthe
civ	2030 1 pickup	family units	reported to BP, no actions taken
civ	2100	family units	reported to be sent to Ball Park

civ	2145	scout	reportedvto BP, no actions taken
civ	130	scout	reported to BP, no actions taken
civ	1000	family units	reported to BP sent to Ball park
civ	930	tactical scout	reported to BP no actions taken
civ	1130	family units	reported to BP directed to Ball park
civ	1743	tactical scout	reported to BP no actions taken
civ	2100	tactical scout	reported to BP no actions taken
civ	1000	tactical scout	reported to be no actions taken
civ	1500	family units	reported to BP sent to Ball park
civ	1600	tactical scout	reported to BP no actions taken
civ	2130	family units	reported to BP BP hauled to Ball pa
civ	100	family units	reported to BP BP hauled to Ball pa
civ	900	family units	reported to BP BP detained
civ	2000	family units	reported to BP directed to Ball park
civ	2100	family units	reported to BP BP processed on sit
civ	2230	family units	reported to BP BP investigatsd
civ	100	family units	reported to BP escorted to Ball field
civ	200	family units	reported to BP BP processed on sit
civ	0	family units	reported to BP walked to 650
civ	2300	family units	reported to BP continued observati
civ	2200	family units	reported to BP no actions taken
civ	1900		
civ	2100		
civ	2300		

civ	2330		
civ	0	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	100	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	130	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	200	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	2300	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	100	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	2100	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	2345	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	100	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	15 rafts	moving to uniform side	called to bp
civ	2300	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	2300 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	2330	came up the hill to basketball court	
civ	2330 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	0 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	0	came up the hill to basketball court	called to bp, moved IAs to 650
civ	0 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	30	came up the hill to basketball court	called to bp, moved IAs to 650
civ	30 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	100	came up the hill to basketball court	called to bp, moved IAs to 650
civ	100 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	130	came up the hill to basketball court	called to bp, moved IAs to 650
civ	130 rafts	crossing river	called to bp

civ	130 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	200	came up the hill to basketba	called to bp, moved IAs to 650
civ	200 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	230	came up the hill to basketba	called to bp, moved IAs to 650
civ	230 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	300	came up the hill to basketba	called to bp, moved IAs to 650
civ	300 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	300	came up the hill to basketba	called to bp, moved IAs to 650
civ	330 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	330 rafts	came up the hill to basketba	called to bp, moved IAs to 650
civ	400 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	400 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	400 rafts	came up the hill to basketba	called to bp, moved IAs to 650
civ	400 rafts	crossing river	called to bp
civ	130 rafts	came up hill to basketball	called bp walked to 650
civ	400 raft	crossed on raft back to mex	called bp
civ	0100-0 rafts	family units crossed	called bp, Texas guard received the
civ	300 raft	family unit	called bp bp processed
civ	0000-0 raft	family units being dropped	Texas guard picked them up
civ	2130		
civ	30	family units crossing river	walked them to 650
civ	1415		12 personnel crosses from the islar
civ	1715	scout seemed to be looking for	lapse in surveillance

civ 1745 personall crossed to america

civ 1815 family units approached the point

civ 2130

civ 2215

civ 100 family units called bp and walked to 650

300

civ 700 picked up two more and returned to [REDACTED]

civ 715 after they crossed one returned to [REDACTED]

civ 2000 five returned back to [REDACTED]

civ 2300

civ 2300

civ

1230 back pack walked from uniform to [REDACTED] by himself

2215 rafts

civ 2330 walked up hill to basketball | called bp and walked them to 650

civ 0000-0430 walked up hill to basketball | called bp and walked them to 650

1300 crossed upriver of hill called bp

black cloth 1845 10 individual were spotted h Called BP and BP detained them

civ 2230 walked up hill to basketball | called bp and walked them to 650

civ 2330 walked up hill to basketball | called bp and walked them to 650

civ 130 walked up hill to basketball | called bp and walked them to 650

civ 1830 walked up hill with lifeless cl medic performed compressions uni

1930

2100

100

100

2130 Moving around on mike side by old windmill

2200 moving towards the cement slab on [REDACTED] side

2330

130

2200

2330

130

230

400 suspected coyotes returning from uniform side to [REDACTED] side with

park

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em at boat ramp

nd to America. BP notified results unknow

til emt arrived

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From: [REDACTED] CPT USARMY NG SDARNG (USA)
To: [REDACTED] Lt Col USAF 114 FW (USA)
Subject: TF 153 Encounter Update
Date: Monday, August 16, 2021 9:22:48 PM
Attachments: [SDNG Detailed Encounters08152021.xlsx](#)

Sir,

I have attached the updated excel sheet with all of our encounters.

In addition, per our discussion earlier SGT [REDACTED] is vaccinated while SPC [REDACTED] is not vaccinated. Neither of them has developed any COVID symptoms. Neither SM was tested as they have not displayed any symptoms. We will ask the Senior BP agent tomorrow about the status of the child and if it/was known.

Any other questions, please let me know.

Respectfully,

CPT [REDACTED]

TF 153 LNO

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To: [REDACTED] [Lt Col USAF 114 FW \(USA\)](#)
Cc: [REDACTED] [COL USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: FW: [Non-DoD Source] RE: SAD Packet for Personnel Runner (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Monday, August 16, 2021 1:35:20 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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[image004.png](#)
[image006.png](#)
[image008.png](#)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Sir,

We need to have a conversation with State BHR. Our soldier's pay cannot be held up because one person goes on leave. Please see email below. I wanted to put this on your radar incase leadership has any questions.

Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 1:30 PM
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That is correct, they will be paid on the correction run 8/18. I was out of the office last week, therefore, they did not get loaded on payroll.

Thanks, [REDACTED]

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Hi [REDACTED],

I received a phone call from the Officer in Charge of the Border Support mission. He stated that soldiers have not been paid for this last pay period ending August 8th. Will they be getting paid today? If so, will it be end of day? I appreciate your help on this matter.

Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Thank you

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Border support

Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

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Ok, under which group?

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Subject: RE: [EXT] [Non-DoD Source] RE: SAD Packet for Personnel Runner (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

[REDACTED] will be on the August 23rd payroll spreadsheet. She performed SAD on the 11th of August.

Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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What spreadsheet will [REDACTED] be on? I need to know what group to pay her with. Thank you,

[REDACTED] | Human Resource Supervisor

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Subject: [EXT] SAD Packet for Personnel Runner (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Hello,

I have sent a SAD packet to each of you for a SPC [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] will be picking our team up at the airport in Sioux Falls and taking them to Huron for out processing. He will be on SAD for one day. The SAD packet was sent via DoD Safe

Passphrase: SPC [REDACTED]

Please let me know if you were able to retrieve it.

Very Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

Director of Military Support NCO

Plans and Operations Specialist

South Dakota National Guard

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From: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] RE: EMAC Payroll (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Monday, August 16, 2021 10:45:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Hi [REDACTED], good morning!

Yes, the below individuals will be working the border support mission. Did you receive their SAD packets?

Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 10:43 AM
To: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: EMAC Payroll (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Good morning [REDACTED] – will the below employees be working on Border Patrol as well?

[REDACTED] | Human Resource Supervisor

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Subject: [EXT] EMAC Payroll (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Good Morning [REDACTED],

Attached is the payroll spreadsheet for the TX EMAC mission.

We have soldier's that started from the 6th of August, however I have not submitted their SAD packets to BHR yet, as I am still collecting them. I will submit for their pay at the end of the next pay period (August 23). Their names are as follows:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (works full time for DOC; current state employee)

Once I receive their SAD packets I will send them to you via DoD Safe and track them on the next payroll spreadsheet. Please let me know if there is anything else I can provide or If you have any questions.

Very Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

Director of Military Support NCO

Plans and Operations Specialist

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From: [REDACTED] [_MSgt USAF NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Travel Vouchers for Aug 11 EMAC return (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Monday, August 16, 2021 9:42:00 AM

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Hello,

I will be mailing CPT [REDACTED] travel voucher in the mail today. Please let me know when you receive it.

Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA)
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 10:28 AM
To: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>
Cc: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>; [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@state.sd.us>
Subject: Travel Vouchers for Aug 11 EMAC return (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Good Morning,

I will be mailing you the travel vouchers for the following individuals who returned from the EMAC mission:

[REDACTED] – airport runner

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

These vouchers will have the original ink signature on the "Authorization" line. Please let me know when you receive them.

Very Respectfully,

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**APPENDIX 2 (SITUATIONAL REPORT) TO ANNEX R (REPORTS) TO OPLAN 23-01
(SDARNG READINESS GUIDANCE TY23-27)**

TF 153

Situation Report (SITREP)

FROM: TF 153			
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PERSONNEL PRESENT FOR DUTY	LAST PERIOD: 48	PRESENT PERIOD: 48	PROJECTED NEXT PERIOD: 48
RECENT EVENTS/LAST 24 HRS: (TRAINING, MISSION, ETC.) 24-hour LP/OP Ops. 193 encounters (193 surrenders, 0 tactical scouting, 0 detections).			
CURRENT 24-HOUR EVENTS: (TRAINING, MISSION, ETC.) 24-hour LP/OP Ops. 159 encounters (147 surrenders, 0 tactical scouting, 12 detections). Soldiers prepare for Camp Swift IWQ mission. 8 suspected coyotes spotted leaving the Uniform side to the Mike side with bags of unknown materials.			
FUTURE EVENTS: (TRAINING, MISSION, ETC.) NEXT 24 HOURS: 24-hour LP/OP operations. 8 Soldiers will depart for Camp Swift IWQ. NEXT 48 HOURS: 24-hour LP/OP operations. 8 Soldiers will conduct IWQ and plan to return from Camp Swift.			
PERSONNEL ISSUES: Soldiers have not seen a pay stub in their emails yet for this current pay period. In addition, about 70% of Soldiers have been paid their first per diem pay, the others have not.			
TRAINING ISSUES: None			
LOGISTIC ISSUES AND SENSITIVE ITEMS STATUS: Green			
MAINTENANCE ISSUES: BC 336 appointment is 23 AUG.			
LEADERSHIP COMMENTS/CONCERNS: Average paced day for traffic again. We are completing last minute preparation for crew that needs to qualify so they can leave tomorrow. They will be first in line to qualify so we are hopeful they will be back on Tuesday after qualification. Troops are continuing to do good work.			
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(Instructions next page)

Instructions for filling out the SITREP:

- Naming convention for the file and email will be SITREP_UNIT_status(AT,MOB,SAD)_Date (18JAN2022)
- Reporting period is 0001-2400 hours ex.(FROM:080001JAN2022 TO:142400JAN2022)
- If MOB, use "NEXT 7 DAYS" or 7 day periods instead of 24 HOURS
- The information on recent events is the previous days information (brief AAR)
- SITREP is due to SDNG JOC every day NLT 1200 hrs; if MOB, then due TUES of each week by 1200 hrs. ng.sd.sdarng.list.j3-joc@mail.mil
- Personnel issues, ensure you address changes to your personnel numbers.
- Identify training/significant events for the reporting period
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Subject: TF 153 SITREP 15 AUG
Date: Monday, August 16, 2021 8:57:57 AM
Attachments: [SITREP TF153 SAD 15AUG2021.docx](#)

ALCON,

Please see attached SITREP for 15 AUG. There are some minor pay concerns that have been brought up by Soldiers regarding pay and per diem. Most if not all have not seen a pay stub for current pay period and only 70% of Soldiers have been paid their first per diem.

Respectfully,

CPT [REDACTED]

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JFHQ	SPC ██████████	E4	211TH SAPPER	ARMY	SAD	FOB2	6-Jul-21	12-Aug-21		38		N	STAT/PAY
JFHQ	SPC ██████████ (MAINTENANCE)	E4	211TH SAPPER	ARMY	SAD	FOB2	6-Jul-21			338		Y	STAT/PAY
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JFHQ	SGT ██████████ (MEDIC)	E5	211TH SAPPER	ARMY	SAD	FOB2	6-Jul-21			338		Y	STAT/PAY
JFHQ	SGT ██████████ (BN SUPPLY)	E5	FSC 153 EN	ARMY	SAD	FOB2	6-Jul-21	12-Aug-21		38		N	STAT/PAY
JFHQ	SSG ██████████ (BN SUPPLY)	E6	FSC 153 EN	ARMY	AGR	FOB2	6-Jul-21			338		Y	
JFHQ	CPT ██████████ (LNO)	O3	153 EN BN	ARMY	SAD	FOB2	6-Jul-21	13-Aug-21		39		N	STAT/PAY

From: [REDACTED] CPT USARMY NG SDARNG (USA)
To: [NG SD SDARNG List J3 JOC](#)
Cc: [REDACTED] WRK
Subject: TF 153 PERSTAT 14 AUG
Date: Saturday, August 14, 2021 7:36:00 AM
Attachments: [PERSTAT-TF 153.xlsx](#)

ALCON,

Please see attached PERSTAT. CPT [REDACTED] came off orders. We are back to 48 Soldiers on SAD.

Respectfully,

CPT [REDACTED]

TF 153 LNO

[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil <[mailto:\[REDACTED\].mil@mail.mil](mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil)>

[REDACTED]@state.sd.us <[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us)>

Cell: [REDACTED]

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**APPENDIX 2 (SITUATIONAL REPORT) TO ANNEX R (REPORTS) TO OPLAN 23-01
(SDARNG READINESS GUIDANCE TY23-27)**

TF 153

Situation Report (SITREP)

FROM: TF 153			
THRU:			
THRU:			
TO: G3			
DUTY LOCATION: TF Salerno AOR		Dates of Duty: 061300JULY2021-TBD	
PERIOD OF REPORT: FROM: DTG 120001AUG2021		TO: DTG 122400AUG2021	
PERSONNEL PRESENT FOR DUTY	LAST PERIOD: 57	PRESENT PERIOD: 56	PROJECTED NEXT PERIOD: 49
RECENT EVENTS/LAST 24 HRS: (TRAINING, MISSION, ETC.) 24-hour LP/OP Ops. 712 encounters (702 surrenders, 0 tactical scouting, 10 detections). Incoming (7) personnel arrive in Edinburg, TX. Outgoing 7 left RGV, arrive to South Dakota.			
CURRENT 24-HOUR EVENTS: (TRAINING, MISSION, ETC.) 24-hour LP/OP Ops. 206 encounters (206 surrenders, 0 tactical scouting, 0 detections). Incoming personnel in processed at Weslaco Armory. Outgoing personnel out processed at Huron Armory.			
FUTURE EVENTS: (TRAINING, MISSION, ETC.) NEXT 24 HOURS: 24-hour LP/OP operations. Outgoing CPT [REDACTED] will depart RGV for South Dakota. NEXT 48 HOURS: 24-hour LP/OP operations.			
PERSONNEL ISSUES: None			
TRAINING ISSUES: None			
LOGISTIC ISSUES AND SENSITIVE ITEMS STATUS: Green			
MAINTENANCE ISSUES: BC 336 appointment is 23 AUG.			
LEADERSHIP COMMENTS/CONCERNS: Traffic volume was average today. SGT [REDACTED] rendered life prolonging care to a child that crossed. The child was not breathing and had no pulse upon initial review from SGT [REDACTED]. BP arrived and assisted in giving chest compressions and other lifesaving measures until the EMTs arrived and relieved them of their duties. BP was very impressed with the way SGT [REDACTED] handled himself in the situation. Unfortunately, word was received the child was pronounced dead at the hospital. We will follow up with the Soldiers involved to ensure they are coping well and receive any help they might need.			
OIC: LT [REDACTED] COMM: DSN: CELL: [REDACTED] E-MAIL: [REDACTED].mil@mail.mil	NCOIC: SFC [REDACTED] COMM: DSN: CELL: [REDACTED] E-MAIL: [REDACTED].mil@mail.mil	LNO: CPT [REDACTED] CELL 1: [REDACTED] DSN: CELL2: [REDACTED] E-MAIL: [REDACTED].mil @mail.mil	

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**APPENDIX 2 (SITUATIONAL REPORT) TO ANNEX R (REPORTS) TO OPLAN 23-01
(SDARNG READINESS GUIDANCE TY23-27)**

(Instructions next page)

Instructions for filling out the SITREP:

- Naming convention for the file and email will be SITREP_UNIT_status(AT,MOB,SAD)_Date (18JAN2022)
- Reporting period is 0001-2400 hours ex.(FROM:080001JAN2022 TO:142400JAN2022)
- If MOB, use "NEXT 7 DAYS" or 7 day periods instead of 24 HOURS
- The information on recent events is the previous days information (brief AAR)
- SITREP is due to SDNG JOC every day NLT 1200 hrs; if MOB, then due TUES of each week by 1200 hrs. ng.sd.sdarng.list.j3-joc@mail.mil
- Personnel issues, ensure you address changes to your personnel numbers.
- Identify training/significant events for the reporting period
- Identify training/significant events scheduled for the next periods

**R-2-2
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From: [REDACTED] CPT USARMY NG SDARNG (USA)
To: [NG SD SDARNG List J3 JOC](#)
Cc: [REDACTED] MAJ USARMY NG SDARNG (USA); [REDACTED] MAJ USARMY NG SDARNG (USA); [REDACTED] MAJ USARMY NG SDARNG (USA); [REDACTED] WRK; [REDACTED]@gmail.com
Subject: TF 153 SITREP 12 AUG
Date: Friday, August 13, 2021 10:50:06 AM
Attachments: [SITREP TF153 SAD 12AUG2021.docx](#)

ALCON,

Please see attached SITREP for 12 AUG.

Respectfully,

CPT [REDACTED]

TF 153 LNO

[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil <[mailto:\[REDACTED\].mil@mail.mil](mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil)>

[REDACTED]@state.sd.us <[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us)>

Cell: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] NG - [REDACTED] (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Thursday, August 12, 2021 4:15:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image006.png](#)
[image008.png](#)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

The soldier fills out the payroll forms. Since the mission are not federal, our military personnel shop does not have a requirement to review the SAD packets before they are sent to me. I do not have access to military personnel's information to validate that the soldier provided correct information. I depend on the service member to provide their correct information.

Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 4:10 PM
To: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) [REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] NG - [REDACTED] (UNCLASSIFIED)

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How is the information getting on the Payroll Form?

[REDACTED] | Human Resource Supervisor

South Dakota Bureau of Human Resources

500 East Capitol Ave |Pierre, SD 57501

[REDACTED]@state.sd.us <[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us)> < Caution-[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us) > |

Website:Caution-<https://bhr.sd.gov/> < Caution-<https://bhr.sd.gov/> >

From: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) [REDACTED].mil@mail.mil <[mailto:\[REDACTED\].mil@mail.mil](mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil)> >
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 4:04 PM
To: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us <[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us)> >
Subject: RE: [EXT] [Non-DoD Source] NG - [REDACTED] (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Yes, this is from his military records. Our military personnel shop pulled up his records.

Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us < Caution-[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us) > >
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Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 2:54 PM
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[mailto:\[REDACTED\].mil@mail.mil](mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil) > > >
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] NG - [REDACTED] (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Are you verifying with his military record? We have on payroll whatever was on his paperwork.

[REDACTED] | Human Resource Supervisor

South Dakota Bureau of Human Resources

500 East Capitol Ave | Pierre, SD 57501

[REDACTED]@state.sd.us <[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us)> < Caution-[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us) > < Caution-Caution-[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us) > < [REDACTED]

Website:Caution-Caution-<https://bhr.sd.gov/> < Caution-Caution-<https://bhr.sd.gov/> >

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Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 3:34 PM
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Subject: RE: [EXT] [Non-DoD Source] NG - [REDACTED] (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Hi [REDACTED],

I sent you [REDACTED] information via DoD Safe.

Passphrase: [REDACTED] Info

Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us < Caution-Caution-[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us) <
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Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 1:51 PM
To: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil < Caution-Caution-mailto[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil < Caution-mailto[REDACTED]4 mil@mail.mil %3c Caution-Caution-mailto[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil <mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil %3c Caution-Caution-mailto[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil %3c Caution-Caution-mailto[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil >>>>
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] NG - [REDACTED] (UNCLASSIFIED)

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He was paid 4/30/2021.

[REDACTED] | Human Resource Supervisor

South Dakota Bureau of Human Resources

500 East Capitol Ave |Pierre, SD 57501

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Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 9:32 AM
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Subject: RE: [EXT] [Non-DoD Source] NG - [REDACTED] (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Hi [REDACTED]-I'm not showing that we have a [REDACTED] on State Active Duty right now. Which mission did he support?

Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us <Caution-Caution-Caution-
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Sent: Friday, August 6, 2021 3:41 PM

To: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil <Caution-Caution-
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Subject: [Non-DoD Source] NG - [REDACTED]

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Hi [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] is not matching with the social security administration records, could you please verify his SS# and birthday. You can send via the same way you sent the last paperwork.

Thank you, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Human Resource Supervisor

South Dakota Bureau of Human Resources

500 East Capitol Ave | Pierre, SD 57501

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From: [REDACTED] [_MSgt USAF NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Travel Vouchers for Aug 11 EMAC return (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Thursday, August 12, 2021 3:12:00 PM

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

I am also mailing you a travel voucher for [REDACTED]. Please let me know when you receive it.

Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA)
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 10:28 AM
To: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>
Cc: [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>; [REDACTED]@state.sd.us>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@state.sd.us>
Subject: Travel Vouchers for Aug 11 EMAC return (UNCLASSIFIED)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Good Morning,

I will be mailing you the travel vouchers for the following individuals who returned from the EMAC mission:

[REDACTED] – airport runner

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

These vouchers will have the original ink signature on the "Authorization" line. Please let me know when you receive them.

Very Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

Director of Military Support NCO

Plans and Operations Specialist

South Dakota National Guard

Rapid City, SD

Office [REDACTED]

DSN [REDACTED]

Cell [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] mil@mail.mil <[mailto:\[REDACTED\].mil@mail.mil](mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil)>

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\].MSgt USAF NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)>
Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Travel Docs (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Thursday, August 12, 2021 1:10:01 PM

Thanks [REDACTED], I'll get these to finance.

[REDACTED]
Preparedness Team Leader
SD Office of Emergency Management

On Aug 12, 2021, at 1:57 PM, [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) <[\[REDACTED\].mil@mail mil](#)> wrote:

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Hello,

Please see the SD Request forms for the soldiers that left for Texas on the 10th. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] SSG USARMY NG SDARNG (USA) <[\[REDACTED\].mil@mail mil](#)>
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 12:51 PM
To: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) <[\[REDACTED\].mil@mail mil](#)>
Subject: Travel Docs

Respectfully,

SSG [REDACTED]

TF 153 Supply NCOIC

FSC 153rd EN BN Supply NCO

Office Phone: [REDACTED]

Cell Phone: [REDACTED]

<image002.jpg>

Respectfully,

SSG [REDACTED]

TF 153 Supply NCOIC

FSC 153rd EN BN Supply NCO

Office Phone: [REDACTED]

Cell Phone: [REDACTED]

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

<Travel Docs.pdf>

From: [REDACTED] [MSgt USAF NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Travel Docs (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Thursday, August 12, 2021 12:54:00 PM
Attachments: [image002.jpg](#)
[Travel Docs.pdf](#)

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Hello,

Please see the SD Request forms for the soldiers that left for Texas on the 10th. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] SSG USARMY NG SDARNG (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 12:51 PM
To: [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>
Subject: Travel Docs

Respectfully,

SSG [REDACTED]

TF 153 Supply NCOIC

FSC 153rd EN BN Supply NCO

Office Phone: [REDACTED]

Cell Phone: [REDACTED]

Respectfully,

SSG [REDACTED]

TF 153 Supply NCOIC

FSC 153rd EN BN Supply NCO

Office Phone: [REDACTED]

Cell Phone: [REDACTED]

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South Dakota Travel Request		Bureau or Department DPS	Program Emergency Management		
BOA Fleet & Travel Management		Division Emerg. Mgmt. Service	Indicate One: In-state <input type="checkbox"/> Out-of-State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
SFN 01239-0002		Method of Travel		Est. Miles (Personal Vehicle)	
Billing Center Code (Last Two Digits Optional)					
1	4	3	0	0	
			1	1	
Travelers Name (Last, First, MI)		Office Phone		Home Phone	
Purpose of Travel Texas EMAC Border Support				License Number ---N/A---	
JOURNEY INFORMATION					
Journey Number	Origin Pierre	Odometer Reading	Departure Date / /	Departure Time	Indicate One: AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/>
Segment	Destination				
1.			/ /		AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/>
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7.			/ /		AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/>
8.			/ /		AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/>
REQUIRED: Return to Origin		Final Odometer Reading	Return Date and Time / /		AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/>
Comments/Vehicle Problems/Repairs					
If Lodging is over \$175.00 per nite: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied					

COST ESTIMATES FOR OUT OF STATE TRAVEL

Transportation \$	Meals \$	Lodging \$	Misc. Fees \$	Total \$
General Funds \$	Federal Funds \$	Other Funds \$	Non-State Funds \$	

SIGNATURES

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Billing Center Code (Last Two Digits Optional) 1 4 3 0 0		Division Emerg. Mgmt. Service	Indicate One: In-state <input type="checkbox"/> Out-of-State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Method of Travel 1 1		Est. Miles (Personal Vehicle)	
Travelers Name (Last, First, MI) [REDACTED]		Office Phone [REDACTED]	Home Phone
Purpose of Travel Texas EMAC Border Support		License Number ----N/A----	

JOURNEY INFORMATION

Journey Number	Origin Pierre	Odometer Reading	Departure Date / /	Departure Time	Indicate One: AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/>
Segment	Destination				
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Comments/Vehicle Problems/Repairs

If Lodging is over \$175.00 per nite: Approved Denied

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From: [REDACTED] [Lt Col USAF 114 FW \(USA\)](#)
To: [REDACTED] [LTC USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED] [CPT USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#);
[REDACTED] [MSgt USAF NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#); [REDACTED] [CW4 USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)
Cc: [REDACTED] [COL USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: RE: SAD Orders
Date: Thursday, August 12, 2021 11:24:37 AM

Good question, right now their date to leave TX is 12 Sept. Throw in travel and out-processing I think the majority should be off SAD NLT 17 Sept. Some may need to stay on SAD longer for equipment refit. The EMAC end date is 30 Sept, but we only did that to allow the flexibility of return dates and equipment. So, I would say 17 Sept with the caveat it may end sooner or go later for some.

From: [REDACTED] LTC USARMY NG SDARNG (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 11:20 AM
To: [REDACTED] Lt Col USAF 114 FW (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>; [REDACTED] CPT USARMY NG SDARNG (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>; [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>; [REDACTED] CW4 USARMY NG SDARNG (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>
Cc: [REDACTED] COL USARMY NG SDARNG (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>
Subject: RE: SAD Orders

We definitely can. What do you want the end date to be?

Thanks

LTC [REDACTED]

Commander; 153rd Engineer Battalion

Deputy G-1; South Dakota Army National Guard

[REDACTED] office

[REDACTED] cell

[REDACTED] DSN

[REDACTED] mil@mail.mil <[mailto:\[REDACTED\].mil@mail.mil](mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil)>

From: [REDACTED] Lt Col USAF 114 FW (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>
<[mailto:\[REDACTED\].mil@mail.mil](mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil)> >
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 11:13 AM
To: [REDACTED] CPT USARMY NG SDARNG (USA) <[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil>
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Cc: [REDACTED] LTC USARMY NG SDARNG (USA) [REDACTED] mil@mail mil
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<[mailto:\[REDACTED\].mil@mail mil](mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail mil)> >
Subject: RE: SAD Orders

Good morning G-1,

See below from CPT [REDACTED]. Can we produce documentation for the extension of the original Soldiers in TX?
Thank you,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] CPT USARMY NG SDARNG (USA) <[mailto:\[REDACTED\].mil@mail mil](mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail mil)> >
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 10:36 AM
To: [REDACTED] Lt Col USAF 114 FW (USA) [REDACTED] mil@mail mil
<[mailto:\[REDACTED\].mil@mail mil](mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail mil)> >; [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA)
<[mailto:\[REDACTED\].mil@mail mil](mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail mil)> >
Subject: SAD Orders

Good Morning Sir,

The Soldiers who have been here since July are inquiring about updated orders they can show their employers.
They currently only have orders that end on 09/01. Please advise.

Respectfully,

CPT [REDACTED]

TF 153 LNO

[REDACTED] mil@mail mil <[mailto:\[REDACTED\].mil@mail mil](mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail mil)> >

[REDACTED] @state.sd.us <[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us)> >

Cell: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [_MSgt USAF NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)
To: [REDACTED] [_CW4 USARMY NG SDARNG \(USA\)](#)
Cc: [REDACTED] [Lt Col USAF 114 FW \(USA\)](#)
Subject: FW: SAD Orders (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Thursday, August 12, 2021 10:41:00 AM

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Chief,

Is there a way to update our soldiers orders?

Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] CPT USARMY NG SDARNG (USA) <[REDACTED]@mail.mil>
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2021 10:36 AM
To: [REDACTED] Lt Col USAF 114 FW (USA) <[REDACTED]@mail.mil>; [REDACTED] MSgt USAF NG SDARNG (USA) <[REDACTED]@mail.mil>
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[REDACTED]@state.sd.us <[mailto:\[REDACTED\]@state.sd.us](mailto:[REDACTED]@state.sd.us)>

Cell: [REDACTED]

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

From: [REDACTED] [_MSgt_USAF_NG_SDARNG_USA](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: Travel Vouchers for Aug 11 EMAC return (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Thursday, August 12, 2021 10:28:00 AM

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

Good Morning,

I will be mailing you the travel vouchers for the following individuals who returned from the EMAC mission:

[REDACTED] – airport runner

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

These vouchers will have the original ink signature on the “Authorization” line. Please let me know when you receive them.

Very Respectfully,

MSgt [REDACTED]

Director of Military Support NCO

Plans and Operations Specialist

South Dakota National Guard

Rapid City, SD

Office [REDACTED]

DSN [REDACTED]

Cell [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]mil@mail.mil <[mailto:\[REDACTED\].mil@mail.mil](mailto:[REDACTED].mil@mail.mil)>

CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

DOMESTIC OPERATIONS PERSTAT

JFHQ

As of: 8-Jun-22

16262 \$0.00 ON/OFF

RANK	Soldier Last, First MI	GRD	Unit	Air / Army	STATUS	Mission Location	START	END	PAY RATE	DAYS	TOTAL		
JFHQ	1LT ██████████ (TF OIC)	O2	200TH EN	ARMY	SAD	FOB2	6-Jul-21			338		Y	STAT/PAY
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ALCON,

Attached is the PERSTAT for 12 AUG.

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Subject: Pay Issues Update (UNCLASSIFIED)
Date: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 10:21:06 AM

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Sir,

Here is an update on the two soldiers that haven't received pay yet:

[REDACTED] - State advised that [REDACTED] check had returned to them due to a bad address. I provided the SM's address for state resend the check which was the same address that was provided on his SAD packet. State has not mentioned any issues going forward yet.

[REDACTED]: The SM had put a temporary hold on his mail before leaving. We contacted the soldier to release the hold so mail can get through. State said they will resend his check.

I spoke with CPT [REDACTED] this morning and he stated that those were the only two pay issues that have been brought to his attention. He has spoken to both of the SMs and informed them that their checks have been resent. I will let you know if there are any further updates. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very Respectfully,

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DOMESTIC OPERATIONS PERSTAT

JFHQ

As of: 8-Jun-22

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RANK	Soldier Last, First MI	GRD	Unit	Air / Army	STATUS	Mission Location	START	END	PAY RATE	DAYS	TOTAL		
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ALCON,

I have attached the PERSTAT for 11 AUG. SPC [REDACTED] is an addition for today, assisting with returning Soldiers from TX.

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ALCON,

The group of replacements are having a smooth trip, so far. They were rolling through Oklahoma City, when I checked. They plan to RON in Denton, TX.

I learned the Soldiers needing IWQ, will now be going to Camp Swift on 16 AUG. I convinced the planners to get our Soldiers in group 1A, so they will start tables 4-6 on 17 AUG at 0700. Due to the distance, no one will be allowed to leave Camp Swift after 1700. We will play their return by ear. If all goes well, none of our Soldiers will get terribly mixed in with the group of 300 TX guardsman qualifying.

SGT [REDACTED] should be released from the hospital tomorrow. His restrictions will likely be to avoid austere environments, and no physical exertion, though he wants to get clarification on the cardiologist on exactly what that means. He wants to stay on the mission, if there is something he can contribute. He told me he did not want to stay if he was only going to sit around. In speaking to the AS3, she told me they could certainly use another SGT in the S3 shop. SGT [REDACTED] seemed open to that. I tried to caveat that with it was not something I could necessarily control. If he remains on mission as a staff NCO at the battalion, it will not have a negative impact with our ability to man our LP/OPs. We still have enough staffing to cover it. This COA would keep our footprint at 48, without the added expense of travel. Additionally, he would be here with the provider who initially provided care if there was additional followup.

Things have been uneventful at our OPs throughout the day. In our CUB, I learned there were rumors of busses leaving Panama, headed north. This occurred right after Mexico loosened restrictions at their southern border. It is thought these busses are headed toward the US. I was not able to find anything on open source to confirm these assumptions.

Tomorrow will start CPT [REDACTED] time in the right seat.

Respectfully,

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