

grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Duke Z. Richardson
IN THE ARMY

The following named officers for appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Army under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. Kevin D. Admiral
Col. Timothy D. Brown
Col. Joshua M. Rudd
Col. Paul T. Stanton

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Terry R. Ferrell

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. Timothy D. Connolly

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. Gerald R. Krimbill

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. Stacy M. Babcock

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Eric J. Wesley

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Andrew P. Poppas
IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. Robert D. Sharp

IN THE ARMY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be general

Lt. Gen. Richard D. Clarke

IN THE MARINE CORPS

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be general

Lt. Gen. Kenneth F. McKenzie, Jr.

IN THE AIR FORCE

The following Air National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the

Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

To be brigadier general

Col. Scott C. Bridgers
Col. Thomas D. Crimmins
Col. Thomas B. Hatley
Col. Scott A. Howard
Col. Patrick M. Kennedy
Col. Robert G. Kilgore
Col. William A. Kinnison, Jr.
Col. Terrence L. Koudelka, Jr.
Col. Kerry R. Lovely
Col. Brian T. McHenry
Col. Barbara C. Morrow
Col. Duke M. Ota, Jr.
Col. Louis J. Perino
Col. Erik A. Peterson
Col. Troy E. Pou
Col. Michael L. Reid
Col. John P. Russo
Col. Torrence W. Saxe
Col. David A. Smith
Col. Thomas M. Suelzer
Col. Taison K. Tanaka
Col. Justin R. Walrath

The following named Air National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. John D. Caine
Brig. Gen. Larry K. Clark
Brig. Gen. Sean T. Collins
Brig. Gen. John P. Hronek, II
Brig. Gen. Wendy K. Johnson
Brig. Gen. Gregory F. Jones
Brig. Gen. Timothy J. LaBarge
Brig. Gen. Ronald S. Lambe
Brig. Gen. Timothy T. Lunderman
Brig. Gen. Thomas J. Owens, II
Brig. Gen. Greg A. Semmel
Brig. Gen. Brian M. Simpler

The following named Air National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

To be brigadier general

Col. Steven D. Michaud
Col. Raymond H. Siegfried, II

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Commerce Committee be discharged from further consideration and that the Senate proceed to the en bloc consideration of PN Nos. 2507, 2626, 2638, 2639, 2670, 2671; that the nominations be confirmed; that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order; that any statements related to the nominations be printed in the RECORD; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Coast Guard to the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 271(e):

To be commander

Douglas M. Salik

The following named officer for appointment to serve as the Director of the Coast Guard Reserve in the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 53(b):

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Rear Adm. Matthew W. Sibley

The following named officers of the Coast Guard permanent commissioned teaching staff for appointment in the United States Coast Guard to the grades indicated under title 14, U.S.C., sections 189 and 276:

To be captain

ANNA W. HICKEY

To be commander

VICTORIA C. FUTCH

The following named officer of the United States Coast Guard to the position of Coast Guard Band Director to the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 336(b):

To be commander

Adam R. Williamson

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Coast Guard Reserve to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203(A):

To be captain

MARC C. DEVEREAUX
LAILA M. GRASSLEY
GRETCHEN A. JONES
PAUL G. MORRIS
MICHAEL E. RUWE
JOHN R. SETTLE III
MICHAEL N. ST. JEANOS
KIRSTEN R. TREGO
MICHAEL R. VAUGHN
CRAIG L. WENNET

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Coast Guard to the grade indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 271(E):

To be captain

GRETCHEN M. BAILEY
ALAIN V. BALMACEDA
MICHELLE C. BAS
IAN A. BASTEK
MICHAEL W. BATCHELDER
KENNETH J. BODA
ROY R. BRUBAKER
JOANN F. BURDIAN
ANDREW T. CAMPEN
CHRISTOPHER R. CEDERHOLM
BRADLEY CLARE
ROBERT C. COMPHER
CHAD W. COOPER
NATHAN E. COULTER
CHARLES C. CULOTTA
FRANCIS J. DELROSSO, JR.
JOHN T. DEWEY
JEROME E. DUBAY
TIMOTHY W. EASON
JANET D. ESPINOYOUNG
SARAH K. FELGER
KEVIN D. FLOYD
JAMES G. FORGY
TED R. FOWLES
PAUL E. FRANTZ
MICHAEL E. FRAWLEY
MICHAEL R. GESELE
HANS C. GOVERTSEN
CHARLES M. GUERRERO
TOBY L. HOLDRIDGE
BRIAN P. HOPKINS
CHRISTOPHER M. HUBERTY
AUSTIN R. IVES
DANIEL C. JONES
SEAN R. KATZ
JARED E. KING
CASSIE A. KITCHEN
PERRY J. KREMER
TIMOTHY R. LAVIER
JACQUELINE M. LEVERICH
LEXIA M. LITTLEJOHN
CHAD A. LONG
HARRY D. MAUTTE

ALAN B. MCCABE
 RANDY F. MEADOR
 MICHAEL L. MEDICA
 ALAN H. MOORE
 ULYSSES S. MULLINS
 RAYMOND NEGRON
 DAVID J. OBERMEIER
 LUIS C. PARRALES
 JUSTIN D. PETERS
 HARPER L. PHILLIPS
 TRACY O. PHILLIPS
 SCOTT S. PHY
 STEVEN E. RAMASSINI
 RODRIGO G. ROJAS
 KEITH M. ROPELLA
 JERREL W. RUSSELL
 CLINT B. SCHLEGEL
 ANITA M. SCOTT
 JENNIFER L. SINCLAIR
 DEREK L. SMITH
 ERIC A. SMITH
 BOWEN C. SPIEVACK
 JAMES W. SPITLER
 DOUGLAS K. STARK
 MATTHEW A. THOMPSON
 GREGORY M. TOZZI
 BRYAN J. ULLMER
 EVA J. VANCAMP
 ANDREW J. WRIGHT

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2017, the Secretary of the Senate, on December 21, 2018, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 3628. An act to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2017, the enrolled bill was signed on December 21, 2018, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. DAINES).

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on December 21, 2018, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 3628. An act to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. COONS, Mr. REED, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. Res. 741. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the letter of resignation of Secretary of Defense James Mattis and on the decision of President Trump to rapidly withdraw United States forces from Syria; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. JONES (for himself and Mr. PERDUE):

S. Res. 742. A resolution designating the first week of December 2018, and supporting the designation of each first week of December thereafter, as "Cancer Screen Week", identifying the burden of cancer in the United States, and encouraging people to talk with their healthcare providers about appropriate screenings for the prevention and early detection of cancer; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. REED, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. Res. 743. A resolution congratulating the International Association of Fire Fighters on the 100th anniversary of its founding; considered and agreed to.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 741—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE ON THE LETTER OF RESIGNATION OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE JAMES MATTIS AND ON THE DECISION OF PRESIDENT TRUMP TO RAPIDLY WITHDRAW UNITED STATES FORCES FROM SYRIA

Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. COONS, Mr. REED, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 741

Whereas James Mattis served the United States with distinction over the course of a long career in the United States Marine Corps and as Secretary of Defense;

Whereas the Senate concurs with the following sentiments expressed in letter of resignation submitted by Secretary Mattis to President Trump:

(1) The strength of the United States is inextricably linked to the strength of our system of alliances and partnerships.

(2) The United States cannot protect our interests or serve as the indispensable nation in the free world without those alliances and partnerships.

(3) Maintaining that system of alliances and partnerships requires that the United States demonstrate respect for our allies.

(4) While the Armed Forces of the United States cannot serve as the world's policeman, the United States must use all tools of American power to provide for the common defense, including providing effective leadership to our alliances.

(5) Those alliances and partnerships have assisted the United States in increasing our national security, for example when all North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) nations fought alongside the United States following the attacks of September 11, 2001, and when 74 nations joined the effort to defeat the threat from the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS).

(6) The United States must demonstrate resolve and be unambiguous in our approach to countries whose strategic interests run counter to our own.

(7) The Russian Federation and China wish to shape a world order consistent with their authoritarian model, allowing them to veto other nations' economic, diplomatic, and security decisions, and to promote their own interests at the expense of other nations, the United States, and our allies.

(8) The United States must do everything possible to advance a rules-based international order that is most conducive to our security, prosperity, and values, and our efforts in that regard are strengthened by the solidarity of our alliances.

(9) United States military pressure has demonstrated considerable, but incomplete progress against global terrorist groups, particularly al Qaeda, the group responsible for the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States and the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, who threaten the stability of the Middle East and the safety of the American people and the citizens of many of our closest allies;

Whereas there are a small number of troops on the ground in Syria to train, equip, advise, and assist United States partners in the Syrian Democratic Forces fighting the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria;

Whereas the governments of the Russian Federation and Iran are fighting alongside the Assad regime against United States allies and interests;

Whereas the abrupt decision of the President to remove all United States forces in Syria without consultation enables Iran and the Russian Federation to expand their influence and presence in Syria and beyond and threatens United States partners in Syria and Israel and other allies in the region; and

Whereas the decision of the President to precipitously withdraw United States troops will leave the people of Syria even more vulnerable to violence from terrorist groups and provide time and space for al Qaeda and the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria to reconstitute and launch attacks against the United States and our allies: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses its gratitude to Secretary of Defense James Mattis for his decades of honorable service to the United States in the United States Marine Corps and at the Department of Defense;

(2) expresses strong support for United States alliances and partnerships with allies around the world;

(3) expresses concern with President Trump's decision to rapidly withdraw United States forces from Syria, a decision taken without consultation with Congress or our allies and partners and without apparent concern for our national and collective interests; and

(4) believes that these decisions could further undermine United States leadership in the world, weaken our alliance and partnership structure, and make it harder to achieve a world more conducive to United States interests, including support for democracy.