

into the lives of young people by providing mentorship and developing participants' literacy skills and interest in public service. Through programs such as the Little Library Program, they have partnered with educators and libraries to provide resources for over 500 children to develop strong literacy skills. It's About the Kids continues to be an excellent asset to the constituents of TX-30. For the past two years, they have partnered with my office for our annual Fish 'n' Kids and Kids 'n' Kites events, which give kids the opportunity to engage in outdoor activities, build relationships with local law enforcement, and interact with members of the community.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of the work that Baldwin and Crystal Hamilton and It's About the Kids Mentor Program have done in our district and look forward to their continued impact on our community.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF JOHN BREWSTER "J.B."  
HODGDON

**HON. DEREK SCHMIDT**

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 25, 2025*

Mr. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of fellow lifelong Kansan, John Brewster "J.B." Hodgdon, who passed away on June 13, 2025. J.B. was born on October 16, 1936, to Bruce and Amy Hodgdon in Kansas City, Kansas. He lived a life full of service, always giving back to his community, and I was proud call him my friend.

While growing up in America's Heartland, J.B. and his brother Bob helped with the family business, which he eventually entered full time in 1959 after graduating from the University of Kansas with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. J.B.'s father served as an aerial gunnery instructor for the Navy. J.B. recalled that in grade school he and Bob would help their father by loading shot shells at night so their dad could prepare to teach his students the following day. With the grit and determination instilled in them by their parents, J.B. and Bob would grow Hodgdon Powder Company from operating at the family dining room table to the largest U.S. consumer supplier of smokeless and black powder substitute propellants. Hodgdon Powder Company is now a household name within the firearm and ammunition industry and among handloading and muzzleloading enthusiasts.

Passion for hunting and the shooting sports runs deep in the Hodgdon blood. J.B. was an unwavering supporter of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, life benefactor member of the National Rifle Association, life member of the Kansas State Rifle Association, and a member of Safari Club of America, Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, and the National 4-H Shooting Sports. J.B. enjoyed growing the next generation of hunters and recreational shooters. He especially cherished his time with Philmont Scout Ranch, Scouting America's National High-Adventure Base in Cimarron, New Mexico. Along with his wife Anne and their charitable foundation, J.B. was integral in enhancing Philmont's success in serving our Nation's youth.

For his leadership contributing to the success of the firearm industry, firearm owner-

ship, and enjoyment of hunting and the shooting sports in America, J.B. was inducted into the National Shooting Sports Foundation Hall of Fame. He was also the recipient of the Shooting Industry Academy of Excellence Award, and he and his brother were awarded the NRA's Golden Bullseye Pioneer Award.

J.B. unquestionably touched countless lives and was highly respected, including by those in the firearm industry, on which he has left an indelible mark. He will be remembered for his strong work ethic, love for shooting sports and the outdoors, his utmost appreciation for first responders, passion for youth and scouting, and keen interest in classic cars. He will also be remembered as a man of faith and a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. I thank Anne, his beloved wife of 28 years, his four sons, two stepchildren, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, for sharing J.B. with all of us who are blessed to have known him. I hope they find peace and comfort in celebrating a life well-lived.

HONORING COLONEL JAMES R.  
BARTRAN, II OF THE UNITED  
STATES AIR FORCE

**HON. DOUG LaMALFA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 25, 2025*

Mr. LaMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the outstanding military service career of Colonel James R. Bartran, II of the United States Air Force (USAF). Colonel Bartran currently serves as the Deputy Commander of the 9th Reconnaissance Wing at Beale Air Force Base in Wheatland, California.

As Deputy Commander of the 9th Reconnaissance Wing, Colonel Bartran is responsible for approximately 7,000 military, civilian, and contract personnel, and the entire Air Force high altitude reconnaissance fleet of the U-2 Dragon Lady aircraft at the base. Prior to his deployment at Beale AFB, Colonel Bartran was a student at the Army War College.

Colonel Bartran was first commissioned in May of 2001, and since that time he has served dutifully in the USAF defending our Nation's homeland from overseas threats.

Colonel Bartran has logged over 4,800 flight hours in a wide assortment of aircraft including: B-1B, T-38A, T-38C, T-34C, TU-2S, UH-60, TH-57, and others. He has flown 78 combat missions with 700 hours of combat time. His combat experience includes deployments in support of Operations: Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom as well as multiple non-combat deployments in support of: US Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM), US European Command (USEUCOM), US Africa Command (USAFRICOM), US Northern Command (USNORTHCOM), and US Central Command (USCENTCOM) conducting sensitive reconnaissance operations.

During Colonel Bartran's distinguished military career, he would also serve as the Commander of the 5th Reconnaissance Wing in the USINDOPACOM leading 250 personnel and executing manned high altitude reconnaissance missions.

Colonel Bartran earned a BA Degree in Business Management & Finance from Washington State University in 2001, and a Master of Military Operational Art and Science

(MMAS) degree from the Air Command and Staff College (ACSC) in 2010. In addition, he has earned numerous awards and decorations such as: Meritorious Service Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Aerial Achievement Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Air Force Achievement Medal.

Colonel Bartran lives with his wife Jackie, and their three children Lillian, James, and Joseph. It has been a pleasure to get to know Colonel Bartran in his last few years of service at Beale AFB. I found him to be a man of faith, honor, and integrity. I thank him for the work he has done with myself and my team to protect and expand the Air Force's many missions at Beale AFB.

Colonel Bartran will be retiring from the USAF after 24 years of military service in defense of the United State of America. On behalf of the citizens of Northern California and a grateful Nation, we thank Colonel Bartran for his outstanding military career and service in the defense of freedom around the globe. We wish him all the best in his retirement and hope our paths do continue to cross. I thank him for his service. May God bless him and his family.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, June 26, 2025 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JULY 7

5:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Airland

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2026.

SR-232A

JULY 8

9:15 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2026.

SR-232A

9:30 a.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Personnel Business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2026. SD-G50	posed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2026. SR-232A	JULY 9 9 a.m. Committee on Armed Services Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2026. SR-222
10 a.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2026. SR-232A	11 a.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Strategic Forces Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2026. SR-232A	JULY 10 9 a.m. Committee on Armed Services Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2026. SR-222
10:30 a.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Cybersecurity Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2026. SR-222	11:30 a.m. Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee on Seapower Closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2026. SR-232A	JULY 11 9 a.m. Committee on Armed Services Closed business meeting to continue to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2026. SR-222
	2:30 p.m. Committee on Armed Services Closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2026. SR-222	