

heart of every Senator, of every American leader, as we vote on whether or not to commit our Nation's Armed Forces to war.

I come from a family with a long record of military service, back to our Nation's first war. My brother, my sister-in-law, my father, and my uncles all served. I grew up in a home where my father's veteran friends visited and where I knew my brother would follow in my father's footsteps. It seemed to me just a part of American life. And it is, in my view, a great blessing to represent 10,000 servicemembers and their families who are stationed at Dover Air Force Base and to have had the opportunity to visit and to fly and to support the crews of the C-17s and the C-5As based at Dover and to see how much they have done around the world to reequip and support our troops, to support our partners and allies, to deliver badly needed relief. In the case of disasters, they carry out an incredible mission.

I can only imagine the heartsick feeling of knowing on the news that there are six fallen Americans but not yet knowing who and wondering if that terrible knock will come on your door, whether in Dover, DE, or any other American base.

We should be careful about opening a door into chaos in the Middle East when we can't see the other side of it. We should not take our men and women into war without clear plans, without clear purposes.

With our bases now under continuous fire, our President talked casually the other day about how he has been through so much. He has refused to rule out sending boots on the ground to Iran, has made it clear he understands there will be casualties—maybe many, many more—and says that death in war is just part of the way it is.

These six fallen so far and two dozen more severely injured have sacrificed for our Nation.

Those honored dead gave the last full measure of devotion for us, and we owe them and their families that same respect.

Earlier today, just 2 hours ago on this floor, we voted on whether to proceed to a War Powers Resolution, and I voted yes. I voted to rein in this reckless war of choice. At the very least, what we owe our servicemembers is a debate, a public briefing, an explanation, an accounting of why this war and what its ends are.

Just last week during the President's State of the Union Address at the other end of this building in the House Chamber, I sat respectfully as President Trump spoke for nearly 2 hours on every imaginable subject, but he spent just 3 minutes on Iran.

For the strengths and weaknesses of President Bush and the approach that led to the Iraq war, I will at least say this: There was briefing after briefing, debate after debate, and a vote in this Chamber to authorize that war as the Constitution requires.

That is not happening now. It is not happening here, and it should.

So to the families of the fallen, to the men and women of our Nation who are in that 1 percent who serves and stands in harm's way, know that your Nation mourns with you and honors you. Proverbs teaches that:

The memory of the righteous is a blessing.

We hold the memory of these beloved fallen in our hearts, and I pray that the Lord will comfort those who mourn, bind up their wounds, and heal their heartbreak. I pray that God grants us all the grace to find a path forward together where more do not needlessly join those who have already fallen in this new war in the Middle East.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 6:02 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

KEVIN WARSH, OF FLORIDA, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE JEROME H. POWELL, TERM EXPIRING.

KEVIN WARSH, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM FOR A TERM OF FOURTEEN YEARS FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2026, VICE STEPHEN MIRAN, TERM EXPIRED.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD IN THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be brigadier general

COL. ARNOLD RIVERA-SANCHEZ

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS 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. PAUL A. LUCCI, JR.
COL. SCOTT C. VALLEY

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate March 4, 2026:

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS 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. STEVEN M. MARKS

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE 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. JEFFERSON J. O'DONNELL

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS 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 lieutenant general

LT. GEN. ANDREW M. NIEBEL

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. MICHELLE L. WAGNER

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be brigadier general

COL. SETH E. ANDERSON
COL. ROBERT B. FINNERAN
COL. EDMUND B. HIPPI
COL. ANDRE M. INGRAM
COL. LANCE J. LANGFELDT
COL. REGINALD J. MCCLAM
COL. DANIEL J. SKUCE
COL. JOSHUA M. SMITH

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. ERICA R. AUSTIN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 9435:

To be brigadier general

COL. JAMES M. VALPIANI

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF JOHN I. ALORA, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF PETER J. DYRUD, TO BE COLONEL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF ERICA E. TORTELLA, TO BE COLONEL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ANDRE L. MONEV AND ENDING WITH PHILIP P. SPITZER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2026.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF MEGAN E. GAGNON, TO BE COLONEL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH THOMAS J. ALFORD AND ENDING WITH MATTHEW D. VANMAASDAM, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2026.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF JAYDEE A. BURNS, TO BE COLONEL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH KURT L. KAISER AND ENDING WITH SHANE W. OWEN, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2026.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH LISA A. BALLAS AND ENDING WITH BRADLEY R. ZIMMERMAN, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2026.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH DANAH L. AUTRY AND ENDING WITH JOHN J. VALDES III, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2026.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MICHELLE J. BISHOP AND ENDING WITH MARESA Y. ZORRILLA, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2026.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JESSE D. CASH AND ENDING WITH LISA T. SEYMOUR, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2026.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH TARIN C. GRISWOLD AND ENDING WITH TAL M. ZIV, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2026.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JENNIFER M. CONK AND ENDING WITH MARIA M. VASILE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2026.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF DANIELLE D. POYANT, TO BE COLONEL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH THOMAS M. BEACHKOFSKY AND ENDING WITH BRIAN S. SMITH, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2026.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF AARON J. HAYES, TO BE COLONEL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH CAROLE S. LOWE AND ENDING WITH JOSHUA D. WYTE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2026.

AIR FORCE NOMINATION OF JENNIFER L. LEACH, TO BE COLONEL.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JILL E. BURKETT AND ENDING WITH GREGORY S. SELL, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2026.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ALEXANDER L. BINGCANG AND ENDING WITH PETER T. TRAN,

WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2026.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH DENNIS R. BOURDO II AND ENDING WITH CARIST L. WASHINGTON, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2026.

AIR FORCE NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH STEPHEN B. CARLTON AND ENDING WITH CLEVELAND HAYES II, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2026.

IN THE ARMY

ARMY NOMINATION OF EMILY E. BOBENRIETH, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF KIERA K. ZIMMERMAN, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JESSICA A. ADLER AND ENDING WITH 0003671139, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 29, 2026.

ARMY NOMINATION OF DERIEK D. FRANCE, TO BE MAJOR.

ARMY NOMINATION OF KARIN L. WATSON, TO BE COLONEL.

ARMY NOMINATION OF VICTOR A. JAFFETT, TO BE COLONEL.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JAMES BURKE AND ENDING WITH KENNETH W. MALONE, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON DECEMBER 2, 2025.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH SHEA S. ALLEN AND ENDING WITH ANDREW J. ZETTS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON DECEMBER 2, 2025.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH ZANE D. BOWMAN AND ENDING WITH MICHAEL A. KEATY, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 13, 2026.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MICHAEL R. CHIUDIONI AND ENDING WITH CHRISTOPHER D. WEBBER, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 13, 2026 .

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF RYAN W. KNAUL, TO BE MAJOR.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JOSHUA M. CARTER AND ENDING WITH ROBERT J. STEPHENSON, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JANUARY 13, 2026.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF JOHN F. BATHON, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL .

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH FADI S. ABDELHALIM AND ENDING WITH JOSEPH A. ORTIZ, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2026.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JAMES D. BALLARD, JR. AND ENDING WITH DUSTIN E. GUERPO, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2026.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF ROBERT W. KREUGER III, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH MARIO J. ARELLANO AND ENDING WITH AARON F. RANCKLOES,

WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2026.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF NEAL D. MCGAUGHEY, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

MARINE CORPS NOMINATION OF TERMAINE R. BABERS, TO BE LIEUTENANT COLONEL.

IN THE NAVY

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH THOMAS W. ADAIR AND ENDING WITH FRANK R. ZIMMERMAN IV, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2026.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH RICHARD E. ARTHUR II AND ENDING WITH MICHAEL S. WILLIAMS, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2026.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH JAMESON R. ADLER AND ENDING WITH GARRETT T. PANKOW, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2026.

NAVY NOMINATION OF M L. ATTEBERY, TO BE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATIONS BEGINNING WITH RICHARD J. CURLEY AND ENDING WITH BRENDAN J. TOUREK, WHICH NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SENATE AND APPEARED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2026.

NAVY NOMINATION OF NATHAN T. COURIC, TO BE COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF BARBARA J. COLBERG, TO BE COMMANDER.

NAVY NOMINATION OF GARY W. FOSHEE, TO BE CAPTAIN.