

SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

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February 2025

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Subcommittee on Personnel

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Subcommittee on Seapower

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Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

Lead.....	Adam Trull
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Majority Staff Subject Areas

Acquisition.....	Eric Lofgren
Acquisition Workforce.....	Eric Lofgren
Ammunition and Ammunition Plants.....	Michael Tokar
Arms Control.....	Adam Trull
Arsenals.....	Michael Tokar
Artificial Intelligence.....	Olivia Trusty
Authorization for Use of Military Force.....	Isaac Jalkanen
Aviation Systems (Fixed-Wing).....	Kristina Belcourt
Aviation Systems (Rotary)	
Air Force.....	Kristina Belcourt
Army.....	Michael Tokar
Marine Corps.....	Michael Tokar
Navy.....	Michael Tokar
Audit.....	Katie Romaine
Basing Policy.....	Brad Patout
Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC).....	Brad Patout
Border Security.....	...
Budget.....	Katie Romaine
Business Systems.....	Olivia Trusty
Chemical-Biological Defense.....	Katie Magnus
Chemical Demilitarization.....	Isaac Jalkanen
Civilian Workforce Policy.....	Sean O’Keefe
Combatant Commands	
AFRICOM.....	Adam Barker
CENTCOM.....	Adam Barker
EUCOM / NATO.....	Michael Urena
NORTHCOM.....	...
INDOPACOM.....	Michael Urena
SOCOM.....	Adam Barker
SOUTHCOM.....	...
STRATCOM.....	Adam Trull
TRANSCOM.....	Brad Patout
CYBERCOM.....	Olivia Trusty
SPACECOM.....	Kristina Belcourt
Combating Terrorism.....	Adam Barker
Compensation	
Civilian.....	Sean O’Keefe
Military.....	Megan Galindo
Contracting (Including Service Contracts)....	Eric Lofgren
Cooperative Threat Reduction Programs.....	Kristina Belcourt
Counternarcotics.....	...
Cybersecurity.....	Olivia Trusty
Defense Counterintelligence & Security	
Agency.....	Adam Barker
Defense Logistics Agency.....	Katie Magnus

Defense Security Cooperation Agency	Adam Barker
Department of Energy Issues	
NNSA.....	Adam Trull
Nuclear cleanup.....	Adam Trull
Depot Maintenance	
Air Logistics Centers	Kristina Belcourt
Army Depots.....	Michael Tokar
Marine Corps Depots	Michael Tokar
Navy Shipyards.....	Eric Lofgren
Policy	Michael Tokar
Detainee Policy	Brendan Gavin
Electronic Warfare.....	Kristina Belcourt
Energy	
Installation.....	Brad Patout
Nuclear.....	Adam Trull
Operational.....	Brad Patout
Environmental Issues	Isaac Jalkanen
Ethics / Conflicts of Interest	Isaac Jalkanen
Export Controls.....	Michael Urena
Facilities Sustainment, Restoration, and Modernization	Brad Patout
Financial Management.....	Rick Berger, Katie Romaine
Foreign Language Policy	Brad Patout
Foreign Military Sales.....	Michael Urena
Global Force Posture.....	Rick Berger
Ground Systems.....	Michael Tokar
Homeland Defense/Security
Housing Construction	Brad Patout
Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civil Assistance	...
Hypersonic Weapons	Kristina Belcourt
Hypersonic Science & Technology	Brad Patout
Industrial Base Policy	Katie Magnus
Information Technology/Cloud	Olivia Trusty
Intelligence Issues.....	Adam Barker
International Defense Cooperation	Michael Urena
Inventory Management	Katie Magnus
Investigations	Isaac Jalkanen
Laboratory Management.....	Brad Patout
Land Use	Brad Patout
Logistics Policy.....	Brad Patout
Management, Business, and Data	Rick Berger
Maritime Issues.....	Eric Lofgren
Medical Malpractice	Isaac Jalkanen
Medical Research.....	Katie Magnus
Military Construction.....	Brad Patout

Military Personnel Issues

Awards, Commemorations, Decorations, and Memorials	Katie Magnus
Cemeteries.....	Megan Galindo
Commissaries and Exchanges.....	Megan Galindo
Department of Defense schools	Katie Magnus
End Strength.....	Isaac Jalkanen
Junior ROTC.....	Sean O’Keefe
Military Family Policy	Katie Magnus
Military Justice.....	Brendan Gavin
Healthcare	Sean O’Keefe
Morale, Welfare, and Recreation	Megan Galindo
Overseas Voting.....	Isaac Jalkanen
Pay, Benefits, and Retirement.....	Megan Galindo
POW/MIA Issues	Katie Magnus
Professional Military Education	Isaac Jalkanen
Recruiting, Retention and Personnel Management.....	Megan Galindo
Religious Accommodation.....	Isaac Jalkanen
Reserve Component Personnel Policy	Sean O’Keefe
Service Academies.....	Sean O’Keefe
Sexual Harassment/Assault Policy	Brendan Gavin
Suicide Prevention	Megan Galindo
Wounded Warrior Issues.....	Megan Galindo
Missile Defense.....	Adam Trull
Military Space.....	Kristina Belcourt
Munitions	
Air Force	Kristina Belcourt
Army	Michael Tokar
Marine Corps	Michael Tokar
Navy	Eric Lofgren
Policy	Katie Romaine
National Defense Stockpile.....	Katie Magnus
National Defense/Military Strategy	Rick Berger
Nominations	
Civilian.....	Brendan Gavin
Military	Brandan Gavin
Nuclear Weapons Stockpile.....	Adam Trull
Operation & Maintenance.....	Michael Tokar
Personnel Protective Items.....	Michael Tokar
Readiness	Michael Tokar
Reprogramming	Katie Romaine
Science & Technology	Brad Patout
Security Cooperation	Adam Barker
Shipbuilding Programs.....	Eric Lofgren
Small Business Programs.....	Katie Magnus

Software Intensive Systems	Olivia Trusty
Space	Kristina Belcourt
Special Operations Forces.....	Adam Barker
Spectrum Management	Olivia Trusty
Strategic and Critical Materials	Katie Magnus
Test and Evaluation.....	Eric Lofgren
Training.....	Michael Tokar
Transportation Policy.....	Brad Patout
Unmanned Aircraft Systems	
Air Force/Navy	Kristina Belcourt
Army/Marine Corps.....	Michael Tokar
Unmanned Surface and Undersea Systems....	Eric Lofgren
Warfighting Networks	Olivia Trusty
Working Capital Fund.....	Katie Romaine

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Subcommittee on Seapower

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Acquisition.....	Chad Johnson
Acquisition Workforce.....	Chad Johnson, Kevin Gates
Alternative Energy.....	John H. Quirk V, Kevin Gates, Chad Johnson
Ammunition and Ammunition Plants.....	John H. Quirk V
Arms Control.....	Jonathan S. Epstein
Arsenals.....	John H. Quirk V
Artificial Intelligence.....	Kevin Gates
Authorization for Use of Military Force.....	Meredith Werner, Jorie Feldman
Aviation Systems (Fixed-Wing).....	Creighton Greene
Aviation Systems (Rotary)	
Air Force.....	Creighton Greene
Army.....	Jenny W. Davis
Marine Corps.....	Creighton Greene
Navy.....	Creighton Greene
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Basing Policy.....	John H. Quirk V
Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC).....	John H. Quirk V
Border Security.....	Meredith Werner
Budget.....	Carolyn A. Chuhta
Buy America.....	Chad Johnson
Business Systems.....	Kevin Gates, Chad Johnson
Chemical-Biological Defense.....	Jonathan S. Epstein
Chemical Demilitarization.....	Jonathan S. Epstein
Chief Digital & Artificial Intelligence Office	Kevin Gates, Chad Johnson, Creighton Greene
Civilian Workforce Policy.....	Jonathan D. Clark
Combatant Commands	
AFRICOM.....	Mariah McNamara Cooper
CENTCOM.....	Jorie Feldman
CYBERCOM.....	Kevin Gates
EUCOM / NATO.....	Mariah McNamara Cooper
INDOPACOM.....	Michael J. Noblet
NORTHCOM.....	Meredith Werner
SOCOM.....	Michael J. Noblet
SOUTHCOM.....	Meredith Werner
SPACECOM.....	Jonathan S. Epstein
STRATCOM.....	Jonathan S. Epstein
TRANSCOM.....	Creighton Greene
Combating Terrorism.....	Michael J. Noblet, Mariah McNamara Cooper, Jorie Feldman
Contracting (Including Service Contracts)	Chad Johnson
Cooperative Threat Reduction Programs.....	Jonathan S. Epstein
Counternarcotics.....	Meredith Werner
Cybersecurity.....	Kevin Gates

Defense Counterintelligence & Security Agency	Kevin Gates
Defense Logistics Agency	John H. Quirk V
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Department of Energy Issues	
NNSA.....	Jonathan S. Epstein
Nuclear Cleanup.....	Jonathan S. Epstein
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Army Depots.....	Jenny W. Davis
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Navy Shipyards.....	Creighton Greene
Policy	John H. Quirk V
Detainee Policy	Meredith Werner
Domestic Preparedness	Meredith Werner
Electronic Warfare	Jonathan S. Epstein, Kevin Gates, Creighton Greene
Embassy Security.....	Meredith Werner
Energy	
Installation.....	John H. Quirk V
Nuclear	Jonathan S. Epstein
Operational.....	John H. Quirk V
Environmental Issues	John H. Quirk V
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Export Controls.....	Meredith Werner, Chad Johnson
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Hypersonic Weapons	Jonathan S. Epstein
Hypersonic Science & Technology	Kevin Gates
Industrial Base Policy	Chad Johnson, Kevin Gates
Information Assurance.....	Kevin Gates
Information Management.....	Kevin Gates
Information Operations.....	Jorie Feldman, Mariah McNamara Cooper, Michael J. Noblet, Kevin Gates
Information Technology/Cloud	Kevin Gates
Insider Threat	Kevin Gates, Michael J. Noblet
Intelligence Issues.....	Michael J. Noblet, Kevin Gates, Creighton Greene, and Jonathan S. Epstein

Interagency Reform	Michael J. Noblet, Jody Bennett
International Defense Cooperation	Meredith Werner
Inventory Management	Chad Johnson
Investigations	Jonathan D. Clark, Gary Leeling
IT Acquisition Policy	Kevin Gates, Chad Johnson
Laboratory Management	Kevin Gates, Chad Johnson
Land Use	John H. Quirk V
Logistics Policy	Creighton Greene
Malign Influence	Jorie Feldman, Mariah McNamara Cooper
Management, Business, and Data	Kevin Gates, Chad Johnson
Maritime Issues	Creighton Greene
Medical Malpractice	Gary Leeling
Medical Research	Kevin Gates
Mergers and Acquisitions	Chad Johnson, Kevin Gates
Microelectronics	Kevin Gates
Military Construction	John H. Quirk V
Military Personnel Issues	
Awards, Commemorations, Decorations, and Memorials	Andy Scott
Cemeteries	Gary Leeling
Compensation	Andy Scott
Commissaries and Exchanges	Andy Scott
Department of Defense Schools	Andy Scott
Diversity and Inclusion Matters	Jonathan D. Clark
End Strength	Andy Scott
Extremism in the Military	Gary Leeling
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National Defense Stockpile.....	John H. Quirk V
National Defense/Military Strategy	Jody L. Bennett, Meredith Werner
Nominations	
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Military	Jonathan D. Clark
Non-Proliferation	Jonathan S. Epstein
Nuclear Weapons Stockpile.....	Jonathan S. Epstein
Operation & Maintenance.....	John H. Quirk V
Peacekeeping.....	Mariah McNamara Cooper
Personnel Protective Items.....	John H. Quirk V
Readiness	John H. Quirk V
Reprogramming	Carolyn A. Chuhta
Science & Technology.....	Kevin Gates, Chad Johnson
Security Cooperation	Meredith Werner, Jorie Feldman, Mariah McNamara Cooper, Michael J. Noblet
Shipbuilding Programs	
Surface	Creighton Greene
Submarines.....	Carolyn A. Chuhta
Small Business Programs.....	Chad Johnson
Software Intensive Systems	Kevin Gates
Space	Jonathan S. Epstein
Special Operations Forces.....	Michael J. Noblet
Spectrum Management	Jonathan S. Epstein, Kevin Gates, Creighton Greene
Strategic and Critical materials.....	John H. Quirk V
Strategic Programs	Jonathan S. Epstein
Tactical Systems	Creighton Greene
Test and Evaluation.....	Kevin Gates, Chad Johnson
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Transportation Policy.....	Creighton Greene
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Army/Marine Corps.....	Creighton Greene, Jenny Davis
Unified Command Plan.....	Jody L. Bennett
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