

NATIONAL SECURITY COMMISSION
AEROSPACE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT
104TH NATIONAL CONVENTION
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The Aerospace Sub-committee met prior to the opening of the National Security Commission (NSC) Joint Meeting. There were two resolutions to be considered. Each were recommendations by The American Legion urging Congress to provide continued sufficient funding of the United States Air Force and National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Both were passed out of committee with recommendations for adoption by the NSC.

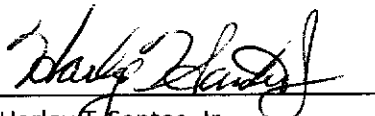
It must be noted that for the first time no breakout meetings were scheduled for any of the sub-committees. Therefore, the first NSC Joint Session met on August 26, 2023. NSC Chairman Shuman provided opening remarks followed panels discussions to include:

1. An update from the Defense POW/MIA Agency presented by Mrs. Fern Sumpter-Winbush, Principle Deputy Director.
2. Federal Acquisition presented by Mr. Kieth Webster, President, Defense and Aerospace Council
3. Military Quality of Life with the Enlisted Chiefs of each of the United States Military Components
 - a. Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, Carlos Ruiz,
 - b. Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, Heath Jones,
 - c. Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Joanne Bass,
 - d. Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, Tony Whitehead,
 - e. Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chief of Naval Operations, CMDCM Matthew Harris, and
 - f. Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Deputy Chief of Staff, G9, Sergeant Major Michael J. Perry III.
4. China/Taiwan Policy presented by Dr. Shelley Rigger, Professor of East Asian Studies, Davidson College

After closing remarks by the Chairman, the meeting was recessed.

The second, and final session of the NSC Joint Meeting began on August 27, 2023. After the Chairman's opening remarks a rollcall of the delegates was taken. The order of business was the review and voting on the several resolutions from the various sub-committees. Both Aerospace Sub-committee's recommended resolutions were adopted by the NSC body.

After closing remarks by Chairman Shuman the meeting was adjourned.



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