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APRIL 24, 2019

PROGRAM 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

OPENING STATEMENT AND REMARKS
Dr. Joe Heck, Chairman and Vice Chair Debra Wada

PANELISTS TESTIFY

PANELIST Q&A
(two rounds of questions directly from Commissioners)

PUBLIC COMMENTS
(individuals will have two minutes to relate their comments)

CLOSING STATEMENT
Dr. Joe Heck, Chairman
REAR ADMIRAL JOHN POLOWCZYK, VICE DIRECTOR FOR LOGISTICS, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

Rear Adm. John Polowczyk is a native of Manhasset, Long Island, New York. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1987 with a B.S. in engineering. He holds an M.S. in Contract and Acquisition Management from the Naval Postgraduate School and an M.S. in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Polowczyk’s sea duty assignments include supply department head tours aboard the fast attack submarine USS Queenfish (SSN 651), the destroyer USS Peterson (DD 969) and the amphibious assault ship USS Bataan (LHD 5). Ashore, he most recently served as director, logistics programs and business operations in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. His other shore assignments include Fleet Ordnance and Supply and fleet supply officer on the staff of Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command; comptroller, U.S. Fleet Forces Command; and commanding officer, NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor. Polowczyk assumed the position of vice director for logistics, logistics Command; comptroller, U.S. Fleet Forces Command; and commanding officer, NAVSUP Fleet Ordnance and Supply and fleet supply officer on the staff of Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces

MAJOR GENERAL PETER BYRNE, MOBILIZATION ASSISTANT TO THE COMMANDER, U.S. NORTHERN COMMAND

Major General Peter J. Byrne is the Mobilization Assistant to the Combatant Commander, United States North American Aerospace Defense Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, where he advises on all policies and programs relating to the Reserve Forces. He assists the Commander to organize, equip, and operate air defense forces for North America. Prior to assuming his current assignment, General Byrne was the Air National Guard Assistant to the Commander, Continental United States North American Aerospace Defense Command Region and First Air Force, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. General Byrne received his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps upon graduation from the University of Cincinnati in 1984. While on active duty, he served as an A-7D and F-16C Fighter Pilot and as an Air Liaison Officer with the United States Army. He joined the Colorado Air National Guard in November 1991 as a traditional guardian. General Byrne’s duties have included Squadron Scheduler, Wing “Top Gun” Officer, Assistant Flight Commander, Flight Commander, 120th Fighter Squadron Commander, and 140th Wing Vice Commander. As Director of Joint Staff, Colorado National Guard, General Byrne was activated three times as the Dual Status Commander for Colorado response to natural disasters. He is a command pilot with over 2,500 military flying hours, including 1,800 hours in the F-16, and more than 145 combat hours flown enforcing the no fly zones over Northern Iraq and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

LOREN DEJONGE SCHULMAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF STUDIES AND THE LEON E. PANETTA SENIOR FELLOW, CENTER FOR A NEW AMERICAN SECURITY

Loren DeJonge Schulman is the Deputy Director of Studies and the Leon E. Panetta Senior Fellow at the Center for a New American Security. Her research interests include national security and defense reform, civil-military relations, and democratic accountability of use of force. Ms. Schulman most recently served in government as the Senior Advisor to National Security Advisor Susan Rice. Before returning to the White House in 2013, she was Chief of Staff to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs and served as Director for Defense Policy on the National Security Council staff from 2011-2012. Prior to that, she worked as a special assistant to Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, first supporting the Obama administration’s transition in the Department of Defense and later advising on defense strategy and budget. She began her career in government as a Presidential Management Fellow.

MS. ELSA KANIA, ADJUNCT SENIOR FELLOW WITH THE TECHNOLOGY AND NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAM, CENTER FOR A NEW AMERICAN SECURITY

Elsa B. Kania is an Adjunct Senior Fellow with the Technology and National Security Program at the Center for a New American Security (CNAS). Her research focuses on Chinese military innovation and technological development. At CNAS, she contributes to the Artificial Intelligence and Global Security Initiative, while also acting as a member of the research team for the Task Force on Artificial Intelligence and National Security. Elsa was a 2018 Fulbright Specialist and is a Non-Resident Fellow with the Australian Strategic Policy Institute’s International Cyber Policy Centre. She works in support of the U.S. Air Force’s China Aerospace Studies Institute through its Associates Program, serves as a Policy Advisor for the non-profit Technology for Global Security, and contributes to the Party Watch Initiative of the Center for Advanced China Research. Elsa has been invited to testify before the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the U.S.–China Economic and Security Review Commission. She was named an official “Mad Scientist” by the U.S. Army’s Training and Doctrine Command. Currently, Elsa is a PhD student in Harvard University’s Department of Government, and she is also a graduate of Harvard College. Elsa was a Boren Scholar in Beijing, China, and she has professional proficiency in Mandarin Chinese.