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Daily Media Clips

January 22, 2018

The Section 809 Panel is a congressionally mandated panel designed to be a catalyst that restores agility and simplicity to defense acquisition through bold and effective recommendations.

Good morning! We found several articles that you may be interested in.

The Army's Ryan McCarthy Pulls the Plug on Bad Acquisitions
January 22, 2018 | John M. Donnelly

There's something different about the Army these days. In a word, it is humility.

The service does not have a flagship new weapon in the works, only minor modifications to existing systems. Its recent efforts to develop costly hardware have flopped. Its acquisition budget, relative to the Air Force and Navy, is expected to decline in the next decade. U.S. soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan now number in the thousands, not the scores of thousands.

To be sure, with just over 1 million soldiers in the active and reservist Army, nearly a quarter of whom are deployed at any given time in some 140 locations worldwide, the Army cannot be called inactive.

However, particularly when it comes to its organizations for procuring weapons, the Army is now looking mostly inward. The service is focused on making sure it undoes the bad habits that made earlier programs cost too much and take too long.

Mark Esper, the recently confirmed Army secretary, and Gen. Mark Milley, the chief of staff, are ultimately responsible for how this process unfolds. But the top civilian leading the reappraisal and reorganization on a daily basis is a former Army Ranger named Ryan McCarthy, the service's undersecretary since August, who served as acting secretary for most of that time.

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

Pence Accuses Congress of Playing Politics With Military Pay
January 21, 2018 | Ken Thomas

Army Scientists Devise New Way to Make Night Vision Cheaper, Better
January 21, 2018 | Todd South

Government Shutdown to Remain on Monday, But Senate Moves Closer to Short-Term CR
January 21, 2018 | Jason Miller

What Does the Shutdown Mean? Here's Some Guidance From Mattis
January 21, 2018 | Ken Chamberlain

Senators Introduce Bill to Withhold Congressional Pay During Shutdown
January 21, 2018 | Nicole Ogrysko

In Speech, Mattis Explains His Cyber Concerns
January 20, 2018 | Mark Pomerleau

Pentagon's Deputy Secretary Temporarily Gets Lead Space Advisory Job
January 20, 2018 | Valerie Insinna

Some Banks May Step Up for Military Customers if Shutdown Delays Feb. 1 Pay
January 20, 2018 | Karen Jowers

Summary of the 2018 National Defense Strategy of the United States of America
January 2018 | DoD

Section 809 News

The Section 809 Panel Workforce Town Hall scheduled for January 25th has been postponed indefinitely due to the lapse in government appropriation and cancellation of courses at Defense Acquisition University. When this event is rescheduled, you will receive a notification with a time and location along with any special considerations. The Panel values your opinions and will work diligently to reschedule this event to provide you a forum to comment on the future of defense acquisition.

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