

U.S. Military COVID-19 Information Resources

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A multiple FDLP present or. If account correctly this is 15 for the FDLP Academy, which we really appreciate. And there is the government information history and political science a at 10 for. I will work through the usual housekeeping reminders. If you have any questions you'd like to ask or if you have any technical issues, please feel free to use the chat box. For people on desktop computers, it is located in the bottom right-hand corner of the screen. I will keep track of all of the questions that come in. At the end of the presentation, Professor Bert Chapman will respond to you. We are recording today's session and will email a copy of Everone who registered for the webinar. We will also be sending you a certificate of participation using the email that you used to register for today's webinar. If anyone needs additional certificates, because multiple people watched a webinar with you, please email FDLP outreach at GPL.gov and include today's title of the with the names and email addresses of those who need certificates. Desktop computer or laptop users may zoom in on the slides presented. Click on the full-screen button in the bottom left side of your screen to exit the full-screen mode. Mouse over the loop bar at the top of your screen so that it expands and click on the return button to get after full view. Finally, at the end of the session we will share webinar satisfaction survey with you. We will let you know when the survey is available in the new URL will appear in the chat box. We very much appreciate your feedback after the session. Including comments on presentation, style and value of the webinar. Now, Professor Bert Chapman I did not discuss his earlier . If you want to screen share and go to live website, if you did that, once you start to do that, you will not be able to see the chat box. In that case, if you want to ask a question, just watch chat traffic as he presents. If he screen shares, mouse over the blue bar at the top. When the menu drops down, click on chat to enable the checkbox. With that, I will hand the virtual microphone over to Professor Bert Chapman .

Thank you to everybody attending. I would like to introduce you to a variety of defense and military related documents that have been produced or are in the process of being produced on COVID-19. The military and the U. S. defense planning is being affected by the pandemic. In areas varied such as the health of military personnel and civilian support personnel. Economic impact and potential future military operations. This is also affecting militaries in other countries as well. One important resource for military COVID-19 information is the defense health agency or health .mil. A collaborative venture between non-forces including the combatants health command and combatant command. And they are responsible for supplying and delivering high-quality health care to military beneficiaries. This is a handbook that organizations put out on COVID-19 and what you need to know to keep your family safe and healthy. This is details of it. The purpose of educating TRI CARE . It is a centralized health care system. Including recommendations from the CDC and various ways for communication within the military to medicate about health and welfare to the beneficiaries of TRICARE. There are a number of different instructional videos on the website. This is an example of one. On acute

respiratory distress syndrome. The lectures can vary. You may notice at the bottom of the screen that you can view his particular video. It is the defense department principle of online video platform. Here is the news release of soldiers aboard the USS Roosevelt air carrier part is appearing and COVID-19 antibody testing. I want to give you back on information about the population size of an aircraft carrier. According to the Navy, the USS Theodore Roosevelt, the ship company is dirty 200 personnel. And the air wing, the division with airplanes, 2480, a population of 5680, and a fairly confined geographic space, there was an outbreak of COVID-19. There are different agencies within the defense apartment the produce information. They are involved in delivering supplies. There are different products and services in the Defense Department and military armed services branches that the use. For instance, they took 2700 contract actions. I 1.4 billion dollars to deliver different supplies such as \$89 million worth of air support. 30.5 million worth of personal protective equipment. The partnerships with the emergency management and administration. 1 million hand sanitizers and various other accessories. This tells about small business interaction and how you can become a potential supplier of Covid related equipment to BLA and DOD. And this is DOD small purchase contractors to purchase PPE and other items. If you want to count the small supplier of nonmedical PPE and you could do that as well. And there is information about business operators available for federal business opportunities and transitioning to a different name. And this is the Fed mall and the contingency store. Tells about how if you want to purchase hand sanitizer and not medical face mask at other things you can do that. And they have FAQ. And they can provide medical supplies and PPE. And who do you contact at PLA. There is an email address to contact. And it talks about various programs that deal a was having at the time. To fulfill deliveries of the different items. And this is a story from the L.A. and Battle Creek of Michigan of June this year. Talking about how many states have received surplus of DLA. In Tennessee , they requested medical items such as the for realtors and other things. And defibrillators and other things. From states as far away as Alaska. Spot in the last month, the secretary at defense as a ASPR requested the 2018 national defense strategy and overall defense department strategy. And I talk about how China has tried to suppress information. And he mentioned DOD provided over \$3 billion and life-saving supplies to servicemembers and partisan agencies. It is being produced by different agency. And the Defense Department being it is by the Defense Department and Inspector General. Are OIG. This command a couple months ago. This is the COVID-19 oversight plan. It is the top management challenges. Receiving over 10.5 billion in the family first COVID-19 act, known as the cares act. And secretary at defense Esper mentioned his top three parities were protecting personal and maintaining military readiness and supporting interagency responses. Here is an example of different reports and basic training, auditing and disinfection of facilities. Maintaining cybersecurity and a telework environment. And various other items. With any crisis situation like this, there is the potential for fraud. This gives you the website of the defense department Inspector General website allowing you to report fraudulent acts of various kinds to the DOD Inspector General. And they can take action against the perpetrators for that. They are planning to evaluate the Navy plans and responses to COVID-19 operates on board ships. I came out in May of this year. It is possible that now that they have done an initial report on how well or poorly the Navy has been responding to COVID-19 on ships . This is a breakdown of COVID-19 cases and components within the defense department. This is June 11th their 211 cases

referred by military services. This is first agencies included COVID-19. And HRSA memorandum for the Navy Department auditor general to evaluate the Navy response to the COVID-19 upper gunships. And tell us where they're going to perform these different evaluations. And make references to different defense departments which gives them the authority to conduct these investigations. Here is an example of a memorandum. This is the title page that tells us who the memorandum is addressed to it was posted May 26th. And the Pentagon was running for resilience and financial guidance for opening up America again. We are talking about different anticipated phases of the response to COVID-19 and milestones they feel are necessary to achieve successful recovery. And this is the executive director. It has all kinds of Defense Department policy documents on various subjects. It may be boring to general users. It is important authoritative information on the policy DOD is carrying out on dealing with Covid 19 as well as dealing with multiple operational matters. This is formed 2910. It is predictable point preference statement. You will notice it includes there are COVID-19 notes. If COVID-19 is of ultimate incidences it can be noted it can be investigated. These instructions usually have multiple digit numbers. 6490.3, deployment health. It came out to 19th, 2019. It goes back to at least August 2006. When the original version came out. This has the text of the document. It mentions different requirements that are supposed to be met. Each of the individual armed services branches have relate resources focused on matters of concern for personal purposes from the Air Force. It is information on basic military training. And is the transition from a .5 weeks to 7 weeks. And they live streamed the graduation ceremony. It is the difference right restriction of movement and a quarantine. It is a basic training environment is someone is feeling sick and doesn't want to tell anyone if you're being held back from training. There is an increasing number of publications from strategic military impact of COVID-19. Air University press which is the professional military institution put that a lot of journals and different topics. This is the journal of published COVID-19 journals for Indo Pacific affairs point it is the article called United States and South Korea in the Indo Pacific after COVID-19. It is the rival between Washington D.C. and Beijing becoming more intense. And that South Korea will be a critical actor addressing these problems. Here is the abstract of the article. Here is the introduction that mentions and is a social play called economic systems that stresses the importance of Washington D.C.'s relationship in the Indo Pacific region. And also, it is wild yonder, and is available it is the look at China's illogical capabilities and the recent coronavirus outbreak. And it tells you what biological weapons are. The Army also produces a lot of resources on COVID-19. This is a news release from last month. It is about how COVID-19 is requiring the Army to look at adjusting stuff. The upcoming budget request. Looking to invest in the fight against infectious diseases or other biological ideological nuclear and expose of threats. I also mentioned the Army of for college in Pennsylvania, which is one of the main military institutions. There is a strategic studies Institute that does all kinds of related topics. They are now including a series of topics on COVID-19. It is a long-term institution for the national security. It is a study that they did called the Tommy how this ends:the U. S. Army in a pandemic area. They include historic information about pandemics, such as the influenza outbreak over one center in and the E will outbreak over 2014/2015. The potential scenarios that may come from the current pandemic. In addition, the newest issue of parameters, the journal put out by the Army were colleagues has a couple audio clips on essential strategic implications of COVID-19 for Army operations point it just came out within the last few days.

This is some of the Institute resources that have come out. And the COVID-19 response. There are different things that are mentioned. It is because of economic recovery and with COVID-19 related mitigation. The defense budgets are likely to be cut. You can see how the offer to explain that. And remaining factions. Here is another section. It mentions potential public concerns, such as using military stocks and distribution capabilities. And life-sustaining equipment and bolstering fragile supply-chain. It also mentions ethical problems that may come into play such as whether the military surveillance and tracking capabilities could be used in contact tracing and using military assistance when a state and federal social distance and isolation standards. The Marine Corps has a number of different resources. It is a gateway to some of the website materials on COVID-19. Including return to work guidance. This is a fact sheet on personnel movement and travel. And the journal advanced military studies, the empty journal is published twice a year. Engage in a global effort to redirect blame from COVID-19 from China and trying to produce confusion among China's critics internationally. This is a link on a Marine Corps University research library on how they've had to go to a remote operation. There are number of different resources available for this library. And you can find the full text of Marine Corps student research on a variety of different topics. Through different endings through the University. They have not put up in any of the 2020 paper. I would take it to the Inc. that you will see a lot of research papers dealing with COVID-19 military implications. It is on this web site from MCU students. The Navy has also produced a lot of resources on COVID-19 and has published a lot of events they announced in July. They had to cancel a naval air show. A naval station airshow originally scheduled for September of this year. And so they also have information on how many cases there have and within the Navy at the time it was published. And then, also the news release. It shows how a specialist on a landing ship called the USS Comstock was wearing a mask when he went about his daily work. It mentioned relevant rules and documents. Laying a foundation for those rules. This is a COVID-19 leaders handbook. The leaders had a chance to educate personal and the broader public about how they were trying to cover COVID-19. Here is an example. This is the flag ceremony with different sailors with the mask on. Here is that Naval war College review. It is the Navy's principal journal with an article with the current summer issue. It mentions China's decision to buy up U. S. firms going bankrupt to acquire technology as well as Beijing's disinformation campaign concerning the virus. And then last fall, the U. S. Naval war College and various other organizations, including Johns Hopkins University, conducted a working to examine hospital responses to an epidemic. There are different things in here. Nongovernmental organizations with a higher risk. Local government and local authorities remained the primary agents. A key finding which I found industry is there is disagreement about the reality of quarantine or shut down. Some individuals found mass quarantine with political reality many medical professionals that it could drive the infected underground and spread the disease faster. This map of a scenario of this exercise has a fictional nation of 21 million people. It looks like oceanic one. It has rapidly spreading disease leading to respiratory failure and death. The scenario had players in the game to have ongoing responses and then a transition to post crisis. The complete report of this exercise is available through the Naval war College. And Congress was also heavily involved in that dating, arguing and conducting oversight on pandemic responses and providing funding. This is involved with the Senate and House Army committee. The defense subcommittee and Senate Appropriations Committee as well. This was an expert from Fiscal

Year 2021 national defense spending of the written act as of June 23rd of this year. There are provisions in here for COVID-19. Section 704 of the report. It is directing the defense department to develop a plan to protect the mental health and well-being of forces within 180 days after the act comes into law. It is a strategy to combat existing stigma surrounding mental health conditions which might key personnel from reporting and seeing care. And then, it directs the energy secretary to make their department available to research COVID-19. And then, the Senate version of legislation has also increased the Pentagon performance of accountability pick up mentions concerns with the defense industrial base. Also, COVID-19 exposed and exacerbated supply chains across the government. It says legislation wants to take steps for the supply-chain from foreign nations and infiltration by hostile powers. On June 10th of the summer, the services committee had a hearing called COVID-19 and the defense industrial base challenges. The witness who testified for the was Under Secretary of defense acquisition and sustainment. And we have a link to the webcast for the hearing. I'm not sure if the print transcript has been published yet. Congressional support agencies of the U. S. Government accountability office, Congressional research service and Congressional budget office are also involved in analyzing government and military dealing with COVID-19 response and their effectiveness or lack of effectiveness. On March 11th of this year, a witness from that GAL testified before Congress on the national bio defense strategy. Referring to a document issued in 2018. They found there are no clear processes, roles and responsibilities for joint decision-making. There are recommendations in the area of bio defense strategy. It talks about how on December 2016, the national Defense authorization act required DOD and other department to develop a plan to provide additional information. And then, in March of this year , the congressional research service prepared this information on COVID-19. They mentioned the health agency and Defense logistics agency. And then in July of this year, they Congressional budget office that a cost estimate on the Senate version of the national Defense authorization act. You will notice down here with retroactive duty pay for COVID-19. The estimate \$90 million expenditures for 2021. And they include estimated expenditures for subsequent years as well. Need to know this money comes from our own pocket books and tax dollars. It is not just some remote government funding. There are a lot of benefits that you can gain from studying DOD and military resources on COVID-19. As well as resources and government information resources and COVID-19 reduced by other agencies even one about how the deferred Defense Department has an interesting pandemic effect on their operation. Wondering how the pandemic is impacting health and protection. Or how COVID-19 is impacting social readiness. Or how it is impacting the defense industrial base and supply-chain. And discover how open-source military literature is addressing current and potential operational impact of COVID-19. Or financial impacts of COVID-19 on military operations and planning. How this impacts may affect U. S. relations with China and other countries. And how armed services branches are addressing COVID-19. With that I'm ready for questions.

Thank you. Very interesting to see what we have for questions no questions yet . We have time. Please get those questions in. I had a couple of things. You may have mentioned it in your presentation. The military is so big. How are people saying they are doing overall compared to the civilian population without breaks in some states doing great and some, not so great.

Have not done a deep enough dive into the literature out there now to see how well. There performance is comparable and there will be successes and failures. And ambiguous results and outcomes.

I went to basic training years ago. Are most of the services keeping training going? The basic training.

In the case of the Air Force, it was the length of time of training. Along sanitation, physical distancing.

Is a tough job. Let's see if we have any questions.

Somebody says Meghan, thank you very helpful.

Please put the satisfaction webinar questionnaire out. Please fill it out. Rate will but other information about the webinars and I will link to 14 webinars. They are all terrific. It is greatly appreciated. The peer review literature, budget and etc. is greatly appreciated. And a nice shot out. Keep the questions coming. I want to mention if you look at FDLP .gov, Professor Bert Chapman was featured on the homepage. If he does not mind, I will put part of the email that he sent about the article up. Is that okay?

Yes

I will pop that into the chat box. He wrote a nice article. Please give it a look. The Journal is an article an advanced military studies. These give that a look. It is very impressive. And he is featured on the front page. Of FDLP .gov.

Amelia says is the information available to the general public as well? There is always somebody to see if you special sources.

It is all open-source.

I do not have security clearance.

Tony Harris says is there a link or list of links with featured articles.

I did not and bed them in their but you should find them through a Google search going through Defense technical information Center a catalog of government publications.

Everybody will get a copy of the slide deck. And you can review the slide deck. And search for the articles.

I missed this question. Cass is curious about retroactive hazardous duty pay. Have you encountered that before?

You may want to check in to [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov). They have a section with the status of appropriations bills. The call appropriation legislation. There is one per Defense Department. I don't think they pass the appropriation department. Check in the house and senate reports on legislation. To see if there is provision for retroactive hazard pay.

You can look at the appropriation bills from the congressional research at the website.

I missed another question. From Nina. Where are that military journal articles indexed?

There are different leases. Lexus Nexus still put the government articles index. Air University in Alabama has an index to military periodicals. I do not think it gives you access to the full text. There is a military and government resource that include some things. You can check Google scholar as well. You can check the defense technical information Center. If you know the name of a journal you can go directly to the website. For instance, Naval war College review parameters. Those have been long-standing participants and their stuff is readily available online.

Okay. Let's see if we have other questions. A nice shot out from Amelia. It sounds very interesting. Thanks for sharing and Cass says thank you. It is easy to imagine the outgoing appropriations bills. Any other questions for Professor Bert Chapman ? Keep them coming. Meanwhile, I will go to might wrap up comments. We plenty of time for questions. Please keep chatting them into the chat box. And fill out the satisfaction survey if you would.

You may want to check in the Federal Register to see what announcements military agencies may engage in concerning information gathering and see what regulations they propose for dealing with Covid and proposed relations and regulation.gov.

I would like to thank them for great webinar. Number 16. Many more are coming point I would like to think might good colleague Mike tech-support Cori Holder . Do not forget the upcoming webinars. The only silver lining a COVID-19 is more webinars. We have two more webinar scheduled for August. The next one is the Thursday, August 19 titled general resources and humanities and social sciences and agencies and government affiliates such as Library of Congress, NEH, Smithsonian and NPR as. With Jean Canfield, another longtime webinar the center. It should be a good one.

Another federal agency you could check will be the Department of Veterans Affairs. To see what kinds of activities they are getting from veterans who are afflicted with Covid.

That is a good point. You will receive notice of all upcoming webinars when they announce on the center ofnews and defense at [FDLP.gov](https://www.fdlp.gov) . And from the webpage, the Academy page is linked at the bottom at [FDLP.gov](https://www.fdlp.gov). And calendar of upcoming webinars and other events. Access pest webinars and a link to the form to volunteer to present a FDLP webinar. There many in the audience to do a great webinar or to. Let's see if we have any other questions for Professor Bert

Chapman . Any last questions for Professor Bert Chapman ? I will double check if I missed anything. It looks like that is about it. And we are at the time we scheduled for the webinar. I think I can close things out. Thank you one more time Professor Bert Chapman

thank you for everybody's attendance.

Come on back to the FDLP Academy for Mark great webinars. I come back next Thursday for Jean Canfield. Have a great rest of your day.

Goodbye. [Event Concluded]