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Thank you to the Memphis Safe Task Force and National Guard!

Cong. Van Drew announces \$400 million Coast Guard contract awarded; Project into design-build phase

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Jeff Van Drew announced that the United States Coast Guard has officially awarded the \$400 million contract to design and construct the new barracks and training facilities at Coast Guard Training Center Cape May.

The contract moves the project into the design-build phase, bringing it one step closer to construction and giving a clearer picture of what these modernized facilities will look like once complete.



A Conceptual Render of the New Barracks Buildings

"This is the single largest federal investment in the history of South Jersey, and we are finally seeing it come to life," said Congressman Van Drew. "The contract is awarded, the design is moving forward, and this is where it starts to become real. Almost every enlisted member of the Coast Guard begins their service in Cape May, and these young men and women deserve modern, reliable facilities from day one. That is exactly what this project is going to deliver."

SAF and partners file brief for Supreme Court to review case of decorated Navy vet

BELLEVUE, Wash. — May 4, 2026 — The Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) and its partners have filed an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court urging review in Patrick Tate Adamiak v. United States, a case involving a decorated Navy veteran sentenced to 20 years in prison for possessing cut-up gun parts and two inert RPG-7 training dummies.

Adamiak enlisted in the United States Navy at 17 years old, serving in the Middle East, Africa, Europe and the Panama Canal. At the time of his arrest, he had orders to report to BUD/S and had completed the first phase of training on his way to becoming a Navy SEAL. He was also a gun collector who sold legal gun parts until a paid ATF informant falsely reported that he had a Mk-19 grenade launcher. After a search of his home and subsequent trial, Adamiak was sentenced to more than 20 years in prison.

Editor of SAF's Investigative Journalism Project, Lee Williams, has followed the case closely and has written more than 40 stories on Adamiak and his plight. The full list of stories can be found at saf.org.

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By U.S. Sen. Marsha Blackburn

May 4, 2026 - For 76 days, Democrats' shutdown of the Department of Homeland Security left the Secret Service, Coast Guard, TSA, FEMA, and other critical agencies completely unfunded—

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jeopardizing our nation's security at a time of heightened threats from the world's largest state sponsor of terrorism, Iran. Last week, President Trump brought their charade to an end, signing

into law legislation to reopen the department and restore its vital operations.

With so much at stake, it's important to remember how we even reached this point. For weeks, Democrats claimed that they wanted reforms for Immigration and Customs Enforcement as a condition for reopening DHS. And for weeks, Republicans tried to negotiate with them in good faith. Where reasonable, the White House offered to implement updated guidelines for ICE agents, including expanding the use of body-worn cameras, limiting civil immigration enforcement at certain sensitive locations, and enforcing the use of visible officer ID during enforcement actions. But Democrats rejected every offer to reopen DHS. Since February, they voted 17 times against funding the agency.

For Democrats, shutting down DHS was never a means to ac-

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complish other policy goals. It was never a negotiating tactic. Keeping DHS shut down was their goal. All along, their aim has been to abolish ICE and end the enforcement of our immigration laws altogether. At the same time, they have distracted from the issues Americans actually care about, including protecting election integrity with the SAVE AMERICA Act, lowering costs, shoring up our national security,

and addressing crime. While Democrats play games, Republicans are putting the American people first. Last week, Congress passed a Republican budget resolution that will pave the way for a targeted public safety bill to supplant ICE and Customs and Border Protection for years to come. We are accomplishing this through reconciliation—the same process that empowered Republicans to pass the Working Families Tax Cuts—so that we can fund these vital agencies by a simple majority vote. Not a single Democrat can stop Republicans from getting our brave ICE and CBP officers the resources they need to do their jobs and uphold the rule of law.

Sanctuary states and jurisdictions across America have also tried to obstruct President Trump's enforcement of our immigration laws. To incentivize state and local enforcement to work with ICE, I recently introduced the 287(g) Expansion Act.

287(g) agreements with ICE enhance the safety and security of our nation's communities by allowing ICE to partner with law enforcement agencies to identify and remove criminal aliens. Under my legislation, states that agree to work with ICE would receive more grant funding through the Byrne Memorial JAG Program, which is the primary federal grant funding stream for state and local law enforcement.

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A report from the Memphis Safe Task Force (MSTF): Two separate arrests made on attempted murder charges

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 1, 2026 – The Memphis Safe Task Force (MSTF) made two separate arrests of individuals charged with Second Degree Attempted Murder on April 30.

Travis Carter, 42, was charged with Attempted Second-Degree Murder, Employment of a Firearm During a Dangerous Felony, False Reporting, Domestic Assault, and Convicted Felon in Possession of a Handgun.

A 911 call for a bleeding woman at the 200 Block of Main Street

came through MPD's North Main Dispatch. Members of the MSTF were the first on the scene and quickly rendered aid to the woman.

MPD and members of the MSTF noticed an individual, later identified as Carter, standing with the victim. After the victim was stabilized and transported to the hospital, investigators arrested Carter as the alleged shooter.

In a separate incident in the 4100 Block of 2nd Northside Drive, **Marquis Dobbs, 22**, was ar-

rested on two Counts Criminal Attempt-Second Degree Murder, two Counts Employ Firearm W/I Commit Felony, and Aggravated Assault.

On April 30, 2026, MSTF received a request from MPD Violent Crimes and Gang Unit to attempt to apprehend Dobbs on outstanding warrants. Task Force members went to a known residence and knocked and announced. The suspect attempted to jump out the back window of the residence and flee but was immediately taken into custody.

The warrants Dobbs was wanted for are for an incident in February of this year. He is alleged to be involved in a shootout with other individuals where two were shot and critically wounded. The Aggravated Assault warrant occurred on the same date in a separate incident. Since the launch of the Memphis Safe Task Force initiative, officers have made 8,701 arrests, including 64 for homicide, 957 for controlled substances, 791 for firearms violations, and 105 for sex offenses. Of those ar-

rested, 248 were juveniles and 925 were known gang members. The task force has seized 1,426 illegal firearms. These enforcement actions reflect a sustained commitment to reducing violent crime and removing dangerous weapons from Memphis neighborhoods.

The Memphis Safe Task Force (MSTF), a multi-agency initiative, was organized in September 2025 to combat violent crime in Memphis. It is composed of federal, state, and local law enforcement, as well as the Tennessee National Guard, and focuses on arresting violent criminals, clearing

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Memphian supported Artemis II recovery in Pacific
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space capsule, marking the first time in more than 50 years that humans journeyed to deep space. The crew splashed down just after 5 p.m. (PDT) on April 10 in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of San Diego, where Navy sailors who had been training for this recovery mission were waiting aboard John P. Murtha, an amphibious transport dock.

The U.S. Navy's amphibious transport dock has unique advantages, including a well deck, helicopter pad, onboard medical facilities and communication capabilities needed to support the mission. The platform gave NASA the ability to recover the

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