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‘Project Freedom’ aims to get thousands of commercial ships safely thru Strait of Hormuz ... from sports page 1

"We know the Iranians are embarrassed by this fact," he said. "They said they control the strait — they do not. So, American ships led the way, commercial and military, shouldering the initial risk from the front — as Americans always do. Right now, hundreds more ships from nations around the world are lining up to transit."

The secretary said Centcom and partner nations are working with ships, shipping companies and insurers to let them know it's safe to move out of the gulf.

"All of these ships from all around the world want to get out of the Iranian trap that they have been stuck inside," he said.

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Now, Caine said, Centcom is executing Project Freedom to open the strait up to commercial traffic.

"Project Freedom is designed to protect commercial shipping and help restore the flow of commerce through the strait and sustain freedom of navigation," he

said. "Centcom has established an enhanced security area on the southern side of the strait that is now protected by U.S. land, naval and air assets to help defeat further Iranian aggression against commercial shipping."

Caine said Centcom is using guided missile destroyers and other warships to detect and defeat Iranian threats, including fast boats and one-way attack drones. He said right now, the threat from those fast boats includes rifles and small machine-gun fire.

In the air over the gulf, Caine said, are more than 100 fighters, attack aircraft and other manned and unmanned aircraft, all synchronized by the 82nd Airborne Division.

"are in the air 24 hours a day, providing defensive overwatch for the enhanced security area and its approaches," he said.

Making the gulf safe for commercial vessels, Caine said, are more than 15,000 American service members who are providing very visible overwatch that commercial ships should recognize when they see it.

"Commercial vessels that transit through the area will see, hear and frankly, feel U.S. combat power around them, on the sea, in the skies and on the radio," he said. "And as of this morning, as was mentioned prior, two U.S.-flag merchant vessels have transited, and we anticipate more to transit over the coming days."

SAF and partners file brief for Supreme Court to review case of decorated Navy vet from sports-military 2

SAF is joined in the amicus filing by the National Rifle Association, California Rifle & Pistol Association, Second Amendment Law Center, Minnesota Gun Owners Caucus and the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms.

"Lower courts continue to distort Bruen by turning the 'plain text' step into a restrictive Goldilocks test that lets the government evade its historical burden entirely," said SAF Director of Legal Research and Education Kostas Moros. "If cut-up gun parts and inert training aids are being regulated as 'firearms' under the NFA, they are presumptively 'arms' under the Second Amendment and require historical analogues. Patrick

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SAF's brief focuses on the Second Amendment aspects of the case, including what constitutes an "arm," why the plain text of the Second Amendment is implicated, and why Bruen's historical analysis may not be avoided.

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Memphian supported Artemis II recovery mission in the Pacific ... from sports-military 2

Orion space capsule and collect critical data to help ensure it's ready to recover the astronauts and capsule during future Artemis missions

Homeported in San Diego, the ship is named in honor of the late and long-serving Pennsylvania Congressman John P. Murtha.

"It is a fitting tribute to Congressman Murtha, who dedicated his life to serving our nation, that the ship bearing his name will be integral to this historic moment in space exploration," said Capt. Erik Kenny, commanding officer of John P. Murtha. "He was a

champion for our military and a visionary. We are honored to carry on his legacy by supporting NASA and the Artemis II mission."

Noeman has many opportunities to achieve accomplishments during military service.

"I am most proud of being part of a mission that has the same historical significance as Apollo 17," Noeman said.

Apollo 17, which launched and returned in December 1972, was the last time NASA sent astro-

nauts to the moon.

This year, the Navy is commemorating its contribution to the nation's defense as the United States celebrates 250 years of independence. According to Navy officials, for more than 250 years, the Navy has sailed the globe defending freedom and protecting prosperity.

With 90% of global commerce traveling by sea and access to the internet relying on the security of undersea fiber-optic cables, Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity of the United

States is directly linked to recruiting and retaining talented people from across the rich fabric of America.

"To me, serving in the Navy means defending the nation through maritime means and delivering rapid disaster relief, medical care and logistics support globally," Noeman said.

Noeman is grateful to others for helping make a Navy career possible.

"I want to thank my dad because he showed me how to navigate the world," Noeman said.

Backburn says Repubs are putting Americans first from sports-military 2

legislature recently passed a bill requiring all 95 county sheriffs to enter the program. While Democrats used the American people as pawns in their effort to defund law enforcement by shutting down DHS, Republicans are working to pass a public safety reconciliation bill and advance legislation like the 287(g) Expansion Act to protect communities in Tennessee and across the country. And we will get this done whether the Democrats like it or not.

A report from the Memphis Safe Task Force: Arrests made on attempted murder charges... from sports-military 2

ing warrants, seizing firearms, and locating missing children. Since the operation began, the MSTF has located 150 missing children.

This operation reflects the MSTF's commitment to coordinated enforcement efforts and its mission to identify, apprehend, and hold accountable those who pose a threat to public safety.

Anyone with information about wanted fugitives is encouraged to submit it via the USMS Tips app.

For more information about the U.S. Marshals please visit www.usmarshals.gov.

Report from April 30

Murder suspects among week's notable MSTF arrests

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Memphis Safe Task Force since Monday has executed a combined total of 101 criminal arrests and recovered 11 illegal firearms.

Of note:

Tommie Anderson, 19, was arrested Wednesday on a facilitation of attempted first-degree murder warrant issued April 24. MSTF was conducting a traffic stop in the 2800 block of Vayu Drive of a vehicle suspected of being involved in facilitation of a crime when they arrested Anderson, a suspect in an April 20 shooting in the 700 block of Williams Street.

"I commend the Memphis Safe Task Force for their continued diligence and dedication in daily finding and arresting those who have threatened the safety of our communities with acts of violence," said Tyreece Miller, U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Tennessee.

Tyree Bryant, 28, was arrested Monday in Southaven, Mississippi, on an outstanding warrant for second-degree murder, stemming from an incident on Nov. 3,

2025. MSTF members, along with Desoto County Sheriff's Office detectives, found Bryant cleaning his car in the 6200 block of 6215 Stafford Cove and took him into custody. He also had a Desoto County warrant for failure to appear.

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