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Cong. Mark Green introduces SOS Act to address reality of the shipbuilding crisis in U.S. A. military

WASHINGTON—A bipartisan trio of American veterans, led by Army veteran and Homeland Security Chairman Mark E. Green, is introducing legislation to revitalize U.S. shipyards and shipbuilders. Co-led by Navy veteran Rep. Jen Kiggans (R-VA) and Air Force veteran Rep. Don Davis (D-NC), the bill would establish the National Commission on the Maritime Industrial Base to investigate the condition of the U.S. maritime industry and impediments to its growth. With a laser focus on the needs of the American military, the Commission will develop actionable policy recommendations to revitalize our maritime industrial base.

Rep. Green said, “For too long, America has ceded its leadership in shipbuilding, which is critical to our defense industrial base. The United States used to be the world leader in commercial shipbuilding. The stark reality is that while the People’s Republic of China builds over 1,700 ships annually, the U.S. struggles to produce even a handful. This decline jeopardizes our military readiness, depletes our skilled workforce, and undermines our ability to project strength. The SOS Act is a critical step towards restoring our maritime industrial base and bolstering our national



Cong. Mark Green (R-TN), an Army veteran and chairman of Homeland Security, takes on lack of shipbuilding.

security. I am proud to lead this bill alongside Rep. Jen Kiggans and Rep. Don Davis. We may root against each other on the football field, but we are united in recognizing the strategic imperative of a robust maritime sector.” Rep. Kiggans said, “Shipbuilding is the backbone of our economy in Coastal Virginia and vital to both our national security and local workforce. The highly skilled men and women in my district who build and maintain our ships ensure our Navy can remain the most powerful in the world. However, due to work-force and supply chain issues,

our maritime industrial base is struggling to keep pace with growing global threats. This Commission is a critical step toward identifying the challenges facing our shipyards and strengthening our ability to build and sustain a world-class fleet. I am proud to join my colleagues in this bipartisan effort to ensure America’s shipbuilding industry remains strong for generations to come.” Rep. Davis said, “We must collaborate to ensure that both the public and private sectors work together to find solutions that will strengthen our maritime industrial base. Shipbuilding is

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vital for our national security.” American Shipbuilding Suppliers Association (ASSA) President and CEO, Roger Camp said, “The American Shipbuilding Suppliers Association supports this legislation as it applies across the domestic shipbuilding industrial base, which includes manufacturers of the components needed to build ships. In establishing a national commission on the maritime industrial base, the act gives a voice to all elements of the industry by including voting commissioners from industry and government, which reflects the collaborative effort this will require.” Heritage Action Executive Vice President Ryan Walker said, “As China’s global influence grows

and threatens our safety, it is critical that America strengthens our Navy and maritime industry. The Save Our Shipyards Act creates an opportunity to counter China, fosters a more steadfast shipbuilding sector, and bolsters our naval fleet. Heritage Action commends Rep. Green for spearheading one of President Trump’s policy priorities and for helping to rebuild the American maritime industry.”

Matt Classen, Executive Director at TMA BlueTech, said, “TMA BlueTech strongly endorses Chairman Mark Green’s Save Our Shipyards Act of 2025. This visionary legislation is essential for securing the future of the U.S. maritime industrial base, revitalizing our naval fleet, and ensuring the continued strength and resilience of our shipbuilding sector. The creation of a National Commission on the Maritime Industrial Base will provide invaluable insights into the challenges facing our industry, while offering actionable recommendations to strengthen our shipyards, safeguard U.S. jobs, and support a robust maritime labor force. This bill aligns with our mission to drive innovation in maritime defense and clean tech, and we applaud the leadership of Chairman Green and his colleagues in advancing this critical initiative.”

17 prospects confirmed for the NFL Draft, beginning on April 24

NEW YORK — April 14, 2025 — As announced on the April 14th edition of NFL Network’s “Path to the Draft,” 17 prospects are confirmed to attend the 2025 NFL Draft presented by Bud Light in Green Bay.

Three colleges – Alabama (three players), Georgia (two) and Michigan (two) – will have multiple players on-site. The Southeastern Conference leads all

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The players confirmed to attend this year’s NFL Draft to date:

- 1) Tyler Booker G Alabama
- 2) Jihaad Cambell LB Alabama
- 3) Will Campbell T LSU

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NRA Foundation opens online event for bids on the Smith & Wesson Collector’s 1854 Rifle and Model 29 Revolver

Online Pre-Bidding Now Open
FAIRFAX, Va. - An extraordinary opportunity for firearm collectors and enthusiasts is live now: an exclusive Smith & Wesson Collector’s 1854 Rifle and Model 29 Revolver Set is up for auction, with all net proceeds benefiting The NRA Foundation—America’s leading charitable organization in support of the shooting sports. This collector’s set (number 32 of 100) will be featured during the National NRA Foundation Banquet & Auction, taking place in Atlanta, Georgia, during the 2025 NRA Annual Meetings & Exhibits. Both online and in-person bidders will have the chance

to compete for this unique collector’s item, making it accessible to supporters across the country. Online bidding is currently open and will remain live until April 25, 2025, at 9:00 PM EST. Final bidding will culminate during the live auction at the banquet. Top online bidders will be contacted in advance and will receive real-time updates from a GunBroker.com team member during the live auction, ensuring they stay competitive with in-person bids. “This auction showcases not only an exclusive piece from Smith & Wesson but also the strength of our community’s support for the future of shooting sports in America,” said James “JP”

Carter, Executive Director, NRA Office of Advancement. “Whether you join us in Atlanta or bid from home, every dollar goes toward preserving our traditions and teaching the importance of freedom to future generations.” The collector’s set, made possible through the generous donation by Smith & Wesson, is expected to draw national interest. Don’t miss this rare opportunity to own a piece of firearms history while contributing to a cause that defends and promotes shooting sports, safety, and education programs across the nation. To view and bid on the set, visit: <https://www.gunbroker.com/item/1095122302>.

All proceeds from the auction benefit The NRA Foundation. Secure your tickets now to join the biggest NRA Foundation event of the year: <https://www.friendsofnra.org/amfoundationbanquet/>.

About The NRA Foundation
Established in 1990, The NRA Foundation, Inc. (“NRA Foundation”) is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization that raises tax-deductible contributions in support of a wide range of firearm-related public interest activities of the National Rifle Association of America and other organizations that defend and foster the Second Amendment rights of all law-abiding Americans. These activities are designed to promote firearms and hunting safety, to enhance marksmanship skills of those participating in the shooting sports, and to educate the general public about firearms in their historic, technological and artistic context. Funds granted by The NRA Foundation benefit a variety of constituencies throughout the United States in-

cluding children, youth, women, individuals with physical disabilities, gun collectors, law enforcement officers, hunters and competitive shooters. More information about The NRA Foundation can be found online at www.nrafoundation.org.

What does relocation of US troops from Poland mean?

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note that American troops remain stationed in other areas of Poland, particularly in the western and northern regions. However, the withdrawal of American troops from Jasionka may indicate that the US will significantly reduce its support for the Ukrainian army. Such actions could also embolden Russia to provoke tensions in eastern Poland. In this context, the relocation of American forces does not signify an abandonment of the strategic partnership with Poland. Nonetheless, it could prompt a re-evaluation of how lasting security guarantees can

be established—not solely through troop presence but also through shared interests, investments in defense infrastructure, and active diplomacy. Maintaining strong transatlantic ties and fostering trust with allies are essential for Poland. The relocation from Jasionka need not undermine this strategy, provided it is part of a broader, transparent plan. It does not signal a withdrawal from the entire region.



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