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HII's Weekly News Digest is compiled every Friday by the Corporate Communications team to summarize and highlight news stories of significance to the company.

HII Unveils REMUS 130 UUV: Naval Today reported on Wednesday that HII has delivered the first REMUS 130 unmanned underwater vehicle to a customer. REMUS 130 is the latest addition to the REMUS family, which is used by the US Navy, allied naval forces, government agencies, research institutions and commercial operators worldwide for critical undersea missions. As the third generation of the REMUS 100 series, REMUS 130 combines the mission effectiveness that has defined the REMUS brand with modernized electronics, open-architecture interfaces and enhanced payload flexibility. It features a compact, two-person portable design, operates at depths of up to 100 meters and provides up to 10 hours of endurance. Field-swappable batteries further increase operational availability and mission readiness. This delivery further expands HII's global portfolio of autonomous maritime systems, which includes more than 750 REMUS vehicles delivered worldwide. Today, REMUS systems are operated by 14 NATO navies.

Navy Shifts Refueling And Overhaul Duties From Sailors To Contractors: USNI News reported on Friday, June 12, that the Navy wants commercial contractors to perform more duties during the upcoming refueling and complex overhaul of USS *Harry S. Truman* (CVN 75). The change is intended to allow sailors to focus on training and operational readiness. Previously, sailors assigned to a ship in RCOH would be assigned supplementary, non-rate specific duties, such as painting, insulating or transportation services. Now, those duties will be given to contractors. The adjustment will begin with *Truman*, which will undergo its RCOH at HII's Newport News Shipbuilding division. The Navy has awarded five contracts for the supplemental work, returning 690,000 labor hours to the crew, according to the Navy release. The change also means a smaller crew will be assigned to the ship.

Congress Considers Limiting Foreign Shipyard Construction of US Warships: USNI News reported on Tuesday that House and Senate authorizers and House appropriators are placing limitations on the executive branch's ability to pursue foreign warship designs built in allied shipyards abroad. The Senate Armed Services Committee's mark of the fiscal year 2027 defense policy bill removes the presidential waiver authority that allows the commander-in-chief to use an undefined "national security interest" exception to buy foreign warships for use in the U.S. armed forces. However, the committee is granting the Pentagon authority to purchase auxiliary ships from shipyards in ally countries. In a similar arrangement to the one the Trump administration is implementing under the Ice Pact cooperative agreement between the U.S., Finland and Canada for icebreakers, the Senate would allow the Defense Department to acquire tankers, bulk fuel vessels and roll-on/roll-off ships from foreign shipyards. The provision in the upper chamber's draft version of the National Defense Authorization Act comes after the Trump administration in its FY 2027 budget rollout revealed plans to pursue foreign designs for U.S. Navy frigates and destroyers that could be built in shipyards abroad. Specifically, the administration is considering designs and shipyards in South Korea and Japan.

GM In Talks To Supply Weapons Parts To Lockheed Martin: The Wall Street Journal reported on Wednesday that General Motors is in talks with Lockheed Martin about making parts for the defense contractor's weapons. Under the arrangement, GM would manufacture commonly used parts that could

help Lockheed bolster munitions production. The ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and Iran have led to a decrease in stocks of missiles and other critical weaponry. The Wall Street Journal reported on Tuesday that, to replenish supplies, Trump administration and Pentagon officials have pressed weapons makers to accelerate production, while seeking to enlist other manufacturers. Senior defense officials have held talks about producing weapons and other military supplies with the top executives of several companies, including GM and Ford. GE Aerospace and the vehicle and machinery maker Oshkosh were among the companies involved in the talks with defense officials. GM and Lockheed executives appeared jointly at a conference in Detroit on Tuesday to announce a general agreement between the companies to work together to bolster munitions productions. The executives said it was too soon to discuss details or GM's potential role as a parts supplier. CNBC reported on Tuesday that Lockheed Martin is investing \$9 billion through 2030 to modernize 20 of its facilities and supply bases. GM will spend \$7 billion on research and development in the U.S.

Social Media Highlight Of The Week

Posted Saturday on HII's LinkedIn page:

"HII President and CEO Chris Kastner, along with Duane Fotheringham, president of the HII Unmanned Systems group in Mission Technologies, a division of HII division, recently toured Breaux Brothers Enterprises Inc in Louisiana, where five ROMULUS 151 unmanned surface vessels (USVs) are currently under construction.



HII continues to accelerate the delivery of autonomous surface capabilities to the US Navy and allied partners. Earlier this week, HII announced that Bayou Metal Supply & Manufacturing, a strategic partner in the serial production of HII's ROMULUS unmanned surface vessels, has launched a dedicated manufacturing line at its facility in Slidell, La., to support accelerated production of the platform."

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