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Metropolitan Expo Center, Athens

**Inauguration Ceremony – Ribbon Cutting of the
USA Pavilion at DEFEA 2021**

The Inauguration Ceremony – Ribbon Cutting of the USA PAVILION at DEFEA 2021 was held on Tuesday, July 13, with great success and large participation of senior officials from the political, military, and diplomatic sectors and representatives of the business community.

Mr. Nikolaos Bakatselos, President, American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Heidi H. Grant, Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Mr. Geoffrey Pyatt, Ambassador of the United States to the Hellenic Republic and Mr. Nikolaos Panagiotopoulos, Minister of National Defense conducted the ribbon cutting. Ms. Liz Wilson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Defense Exports and Cooperation and Major General Joe Jarrard, Deputy Commanding General for Army National Guard were among the distinguished guests.

A walkthrough of the USA Pavilion followed the ceremony, and the delegation had the opportunity to meet and discuss with representatives of the 32 American defense industry companies which are participating and exhibiting state-of-the-art equipment and services.

A briefing breakfast session took place in the morning before the opening of the fair, where AmCham President and Executive Director and representatives from the political, economic, trade and defense section of the US Embassy provided a thorough review of Greece's current status to the US Pavilion exhibitors.