



Trump's first military budget will reveal what's in store for the next 4 years

Military Times

Donald Trump has vowed to “rebuild the military” and will get his chance to start as he drafts his first federal budget plan. Trump's first Pentagon funding request must be complete by April, when temporary legislation funding government operations is set to expire. It will set a baseline for at least the next four years of defense spending. [READ MORE](#)

Questions mount as Trump loses more VA secretary candidates

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The president-elect has described the current department as broken and vowed to massively expand private care options for veterans, root out waste within veterans programs and restore public confidence in a department still reeling from the 2014 wait times scandal. Transition teams have been laying the groundwork for those reforms for weeks, but it's unclear how far that work can progress without a new VA secretary. [READ MORE](#)

DoD announces new outreach efforts to veterans regarding discharges and military records

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The Department of Defense announced a renewed effort to ensure veterans are aware of the opportunity to have their discharges and military records reviewed. Through enhanced public outreach, engagement with Veterans Service Organizations, Military Service Organizations, other outside groups, as well as direct outreach to individual veterans, DoD encourages all veterans who believe they have experienced an error or injustice to request relief. [READ MORE](#)

Hundreds of California guardsmen must still pay back bonuses

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Only a few hundred of the California National Guardsmen who wrongly received bonuses will have to pay back the money, the Pentagon said Tuesday. The vast majority of the estimated 17,500 soldiers who mistakenly received bonuses before 2011 won't have to pay the money back and those who did will be reimbursed, a top Defense Department official said. [READ MORE](#)