

Under Trump, military pay and benefits could see a boost

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Military advocates are hopeful that, with Donald Trump in the White House, troops' pay and benefits will improve in coming years. But they're not letting their guard down just yet. Trump has promised to "rebuild the military" through increased funding and he has hinted at improving compensation in the process. But that will depend on cooperation from Congress, where military advocates have found allies and enemies in recent years. [READ MORE](#)

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Trump to nominate David Shulkin for Secretary of Veterans Affairs

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President-elect Donald Trump says he intends to nominate David Shulkin to be secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Shulkin has been the department's undersecretary for health since 2015, after being nominated by President Obama and confirmed by the Senate. The position was one of Trump's final Cabinet-level roles yet to be announced. [READ MORE](#)

Veteran unemployment drops again in 2016

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The unemployment rate for Afghanistan- and Iraq-era veterans dropped to 5.7 percent in December, according to information released Friday by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The rate was down from November's 6.5 percent. The overall rate for post-9/11 veterans in 2016 was 5.1 percent, the lowest annual rate since the government started tracking unemployment among these veterans in 2008. [READ MORE](#)

Carter makes last pitch to keep combat jobs open to women

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Defense Secretary Ashton Carter made the case Tuesday for retaining the current policy in the military that opens up all jobs to women, including in combat roles. Carter said that keeping all jobs open to women who meet standards and qualify was essential to recruiting and retention in modern society. [READ MORE](#)