



Carter says farewell after 35 years of Defense Department service

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Defense Secretary Ash Carter addressed members of the Defense Department in the Pentagon auditorium today to say farewell to the department he's served and to those he has served alongside in a series of jobs that have grown in responsibility over 35 years. [READ MORE](#)

Dunford says transition to Trump Administration going smoothly

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The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff wrapped up meetings in Paris and here, and he is heading home to attend presidential inauguration events Jan. 20. Marine Corps Gen. Joe Dunford told reporters he expects a smooth transition to the next administration within the Defense Department. [READ MORE](#)

Thousands of Guard members partner with civilian agencies to support Inauguration

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The day before President-elect Donald J. Trump raises his hand to take the oath as the 45th president of the United States, National Guard members from all over the nation and territories were rehearsing their roles to support the 58th presidential inauguration. More than 7,500 National Guard soldiers and airmen are expected to serve with the specially created Joint Task Force-District of Columbia. [READ MORE](#)

58th Presidential Inauguration

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For more than 200 years America's citizens have witnessed the Inauguration ceremonies of the President and Vice President of the United States. From the first Inauguration of George Washington, in New York City, in 1789, to today, as we prepare for the 58th quadrennial Presidential Inauguration, the swearing-in ceremonies represents both national renewal and continuity of leadership. [READ MORE](#)

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