



Senior Enlisted Military Advisors call for budget certainty

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The military's senior enlisted members appeared before Congress today to discuss quality of life issues and advocate for budget certainty to maintain military superiority and recruit and retain the best people.

Providing the funding to take care of service members and their families results in improved readiness, the senior enlisted advisors pointed out. [READ MORE](#)

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Senior leaders responsible for Army operations, plans and training, logistics and installation management testified at a March 8 hearing before the House Armed Services Committee's Readiness Subcommittee.

The U.S. Army generals told lawmakers that besides needing more soldiers, a shortage of missiles and the federal hiring freeze create readiness headaches. [READ MORE](#)

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"We believe a billion-dollar reduction from the USCG budget will significantly reduce the capabilities of our nation's armed maritime security force, which handles critical domestic safety, drug interdiction and rescue operations," stated retired Air Force Lt. Gen. Dana Atkins, president of the Military Officers Association of America. [READ MORE](#)

DoD implements expanded drug testing for military applicants

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Drug testing for all applicants for military service is expanding to include the same 26-drug panel used for active military members, the Defense Department's director of drug testing and program policy said. The change, effective April 3, is due to the level of illicit and prescription medication abuse among civilians, as well as the increase in heroin and synthetic drug use within the civilian population. [READ MORE](#)