

Are commissaries in jeopardy?

Military Officers Association of America

Last week, the GAO released an overdue report required as part of commissary reform measures included in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016. MOAA's main concern is that GAO's report indicates there are many more avenues of savings that have not yet been explored. If sales are decreasing, and DeCA loses additional patrons based on its new reforms, what does that mean for foot traffic at the exchanges - and the resulting dividends to local Morale, Welfare and Recreation funds? [READ MORE](#)

Top general on Congress' failure on budget: Malpractice

ABC News

The Army's top officer admonished Congress on Wednesday for its inability to approve a defense spending bill for the current fiscal year and rejected the notion the legislative breakdown represents a new reality on Capitol Hill that the armed forces should become accustomed to. "Failure to pass the budget, in my view as an American citizen and the chief of staff of the United States Army, constitutes professional malpractice," Gen. Mark Milley told the House Armed Services Committee. [READ MORE](#)

President Trump moves to fill out top ranks at Pentagon

The Hill

President Trump is expected to begin filling out the top ranks of the Pentagon this week by naming new secretaries for both the Army and Navy. The Senate Armed Services Committee last week interviewed Air Force Secretary nominee Heather Wilson, a former Republican congresswoman from New Mexico. Only one Defense Department nominee, Defense Secretary James Mattis, has made it through the confirmation process. [READ MORE](#)

Karen Pence emerges as the Trump administration's liaison to military women

Military Times

Sporting the Marine Corps necklace she wears to honor her son, Karen Pence roamed the vice president's mansion greeting guests and thanking them for the role they play in the military. The events are notable because Pence has said she wants to make highlighting military women and families one of her main platforms. [READ MORE](#)

Could post-9/11 veterans restore civility in politics?

Military Times

The next generation of veterans entering politics may be the best hope for restoring bipartisanship in Congress, according to one of the Senate's most well-known former military members. "I see talent coming up," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said during a Saturday interview on CNN. "I have great faith in our system of government over time. There have been strains before." [READ MORE](#)