



Pence salutes service, sacrifice of military families

U.S. Department of Defense

With military children gathered around him, Vice President Mike Pence saluted military families at an event at the White House yesterday. Pence hosted the event with his wife, Karen Pence, along with National Security Advisor H.R. McMaster and President Donald J. Trump's eldest daughter, Ivanka, for National Military Appreciation Month, observed in May, and National Military Spouse Appreciation Day May 12.

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Lawmakers weigh new troops for America's longest war

The Hill

Top Pentagon and Trump administration officials are recommending that thousands of additional U.S. troops be sent to Afghanistan, but such a move would raise the human and budgetary cost of America's longest war, lawmakers and experts warn. [READ MORE](#)

Senate confirms Trump's choice for Air Force secretary

AP News

The Senate has confirmed Heather Wilson as Air Force secretary, making her President Donald Trump's first service secretary nominee to be approved by the GOP-led chamber after fits and starts for several others. Senators voted 76-22 Monday to approve Wilson, who represented New Mexico in the House before becoming a defense industry consultant. [READ MORE](#)

Congress finds family life at the root of military personnel issues

Federal News Radio

Congress is taking a serious interest in a landmark report on military personnel released earlier this year. Members of the Senate Armed Services Personnel Subcommittee found family life and flexibility to be underlying issues for a lot of the military's personnel woes as the lawmakers questioned some of the minds behind the study. [READ MORE](#)

Unemployment for post-9/11 vets hits record low in April

Military Times

April federal employment figures are out with good news for post-9/11 veterans: Employment is at an all-time high. The unemployment rate for the youngest generation of veterans dipped from 5 percent in March to 3.9 percent last month -- the lowest since the federal government started tracking this group in 2008, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. [READ MORE](#)