

Trump leads Nation's remembrance on Memorial Day

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President Donald J. Trump paid the nation's respects to those lost in war during Memorial Day ceremonies here today. In a speech after placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns, he said "words cannot measure the depth of their devotion, the purity of their love or the totality of their courage. We can only hope every day that we prove worthy, not only of their sacrifice and service but of the sacrifices made by their families and loved ones they left behind." [READ MORE](#)

Pence tells Naval Academy grads era of budget cuts is over

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Vice President Mike Pence told newly commissioned Navy and Marine Corps officers at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, that the era of defense budget cuts and shortages is over. Pence thanked the academy's Class of 2017 for volunteering to be officers in America's armed forces at a dangerous time. He told them that he and President Donald J. Trump "will always have your backs." [READ MORE](#)

Mattis to TAPS members: 'You represent best of our country'

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Defense Secretary Jim Mattis welcomed family members of the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, or TAPS, to the Pentagon yesterday as part of the organization's 23rd annual National Military Survivor Seminar and Good Grief Camp. "We get a lot of important people in this building, but no one is more important to us in our hearts than all of you," Mattis told the group of men, women and children. [READ MORE](#)

US military busy recruiting high-school grads

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The US military branches are busy recruiting new high-school graduates, sometime offering incentives like signing bonuses and additional benefits. Meanwhile, "the talent pool is getting harder and harder to pull from," said Maj. Bryan Lewis, an Air Force spokesman. [READ MORE](#)