

Senate plan would slash housing stipends for some dual military families

Military Times

Dual military couples would see their family's housing stipends cut by hundreds of dollars a month under a plan approved by a Senate panel this week. The plan must survive potential opposition in the full Senate and House before it could go into effect. But members of the Senate Armed Services Committee believe the idea could produce significant savings for DoD, potentially freeing up funding for other program priorities.

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To fund benefits for families of fallen service members, Congress looks to hike pharmacy costs

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Come next year, military retirees and family members might be required to kick in a few extra dollars when filling their drug prescriptions in order to fund a benefit program for military widows and widowers that's perilously close to running out of money. [READ MORE](#)

Senate panel: Army's request for 17K more soldiers unrealistic

The Hill

A Senate panel plans to authorize a fraction of the extra soldiers the Army has requested, with committee aides saying Thursday that the request for 17,000 troops was not a realistic goal for the year. The decision to authorize fewer soldiers than requested puts the Senate version of the NDAA in contrast with the House version, which granted all 17,000 soldiers. [READ MORE](#)

Senate panel advances VA appeals legislation, eyes a busy July

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Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee members quickly passed a comprehensive overhaul of the veterans benefits appeals process on Wednesday, setting up what they hope will be a flurry of major advances on veterans issues before the August congressional recess. [READ MORE](#)

DoD Warrior Games opens with 265 participants, celebrities

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Navy Adm. John Richardson, chief of naval operations, and Jon Stewart announced the opening of the 2017 Department of Defense Warrior Games. About 265 wounded, ill and injured service members and veterans representing teams from the Army, Marine Corps, Air Force, U.S. Special Forces, United Kingdom and Australian Defense Force are competing in shooting, archery, and other sporting events. [READ MORE](#)