

## Pence says America owes Vets a debt, promises stronger military

U.S. Department of Defense

From the dawn of the Republic, the United States has depended upon its veterans, and it owes them a debt of honor that must be paid, Vice President Mike Pence said today at the annual Veterans Day ceremony here. Pence noted that some 50 million Americans have worn the cloth of the United States since 1775, with 20 million of them alive today. "From the hour of our nation's birth, our best and bravest have stepped forward to defend our freedom," he said. [READ MORE](#)

## 58,318 reasons to remember Vietnam

National Military Family Association

Over the four days leading up to Veterans Day on November 11, each name etched into the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall is read aloud, commemorating the 35th anniversary of its inception, and honoring the memory of lives lost. 58,318 names we should never, ever forget. [READ MORE](#)

## SecArmy warns of stressed force amid push to add thousands of soldiers

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The U.S. Army's top official said Wednesday the service may need to cut back on the number of missions it conducts worldwide if it doesn't get more soldiers. "Unless the dynamics change, the Army needs to be bigger," Acting Secretary of the Army Ryan McCarthy told an audience at an Association of the United States Army Institute of Land Warfare breakfast. "The wide dwell ratios put enormous stress on the force, and we can't keep doing this to our people," he said. [READ MORE](#)

## Help holidays shine brighter with commissary gift cards

Defense Commissary Agency

When walking past someone in military uniform, it's become common to offer a "thanks" for their service and commitment to our country. During the holidays, the Defense Commissary Agency sees an increase in the sale of their gift cards which provide the gift of groceries as one way to say "thank you" to military members and their families. "Commissary gift cards make it possible for individuals and organizations everywhere - inside or outside the military community - to help soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and their families with a gift they can truly use," said Air Force Command Chief Master Sgt. Stuart M. Allison. [READ MORE](#)

## Dramatic Tricare drug cost hike advances in Congress

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Tricare pharmacy co-pays for most drugs will go up in 2018 due to a measure expected to be approved by lawmakers. The measure, approved by the Senate early this year, is included in the final version of the annual Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Over the next 12 years, the measure would steadily increase co-pays for most drugs through retail pharmacies, while adding new fees to those received by mail. [READ MORE](#)

## Why 'The Long Road Home' is one military drama you need to see

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"This is the most important story I've ever told," ABC News chief global affairs correspondent and author, Martha Raddatz, told the crowd at the Los Angeles premiere of National Geographic's mini-series, The Long Road Home, based on Raddatz's book of the same title. As Raddatz's voice cracked and the soldiers and Gold Star families portrayed in the series joined her on stage, there wasn't a dry eye in the house, nor a soul in the audience that didn't believe her. [READ MORE](#)