

## Trump to release National Security Strategy next week

U.S. News and World Report

President Donald Trump is set to unveil his first National Security Strategy next Monday. National security adviser H.R. McMaster said the strategy will incorporate four core national interests: the protection of American people; advancing American prosperity; "preserving peace through strength"; and advancing American influence. [READ MORE](#)

## VA urges Congress to approve funding by end of year or see 'dramatic impact' on vets care

Stars and Stripes

Veterans' health care will be dramatically affected if Congress finishes out the week without funding a program that permits many veterans to receive private-sector medical care, Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin warned Tuesday. Without more money, the VA will soon stop referring patients to their private-sector doctors, he said. [READ MORE](#)

## Aimed at preventing suicides, VA invites 7 cities to participate in Mayor's Challenge

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Today the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced the inaugural Mayor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide among service members, Veterans and their families. The goal of the Mayor's Challenge is to eliminate suicide by using a comprehensive public health approach to suicide prevention. [READ MORE](#)

## VA faces higher-than-estimated costs, other challenges to implement 'Forever' GI Bill

Stars and Stripes

The Department of Veterans Affairs will hire 200 temporary workers and shell out \$70 million to implement a major expansion of veterans' education benefits – a process beset by communication and information technology challenges, veterans advocates and VA officials said Tuesday. Higher-than-anticipated costs is one of a number of problems that the agency has faced for months of a yearlong charge to implement the "Forever" GI Bill, which contains 34 changes to veterans' education benefits and boosts spending by \$3 billion for 10 years. [READ MORE](#)

## Fort Bragg picked for new 800-soldier unit

The Fayetteville Observer

The Army has selected Fort Bragg to be home to one of its newest units. The second Security Force Assistance Brigade will be activated on the nation's largest military installation next month. The first SFAB was stood up earlier this year at Fort Benning, Georgia. The Fort Bragg unit will be the second of six planned SFABs, specialized units "whose core mission is to conduct advise-and-assist operations with allied and partner nations." [READ MORE](#)

## To lessen strain, airmen now deploying in threes or more

Air Force Times

The days of airmen deploying overseas by themselves are over. The Air Force announced in a Tuesday release that as of Nov. 30, airmen deploying on individual taskings will be sent in teams of three or more. This new policy, called Deployed Teaming, seeks to reduce the pressure and strain that comes when airmen deploy by themselves. Instead, airmen deploying together "will provide mutual support" during their period overseas, according to the release. [READ MORE](#)