

## Trump calls for ending sequester, keeping Guantanamo open

U.S. Department of Defense

The United States faces myriad dangers from rogue regimes and global competitors, and the nation must have a strong defense to discourage these rivals and forge a world of peace, President Donald J. Trump said in his State of the Union address. "For this reason, I am asking the Congress to end the dangerous defense sequester and fully fund our great military," Trump said. [READ MORE](#)

## 12-year-old Preston Sharp's campaign to honor Veterans recognized by president, VA Leaders

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Twelve-year-old Preston Sharp was originally inspired to recognize Veterans buried at private cemeteries in his hometown of Redding, California. It didn't take long before his efforts expanded to surrounding communities, and now in as many states as possible. Sharp's efforts to honor Veterans were recently recognized by President Trump, as he was invited as a guest at the president's State of the Union speech last night. [READ MORE](#)

## Entrepreneuring military spouse to be Senator's guest at State of the Union

Military One Click

Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA) announced today that Lakesha Cole, a military spouse, founder of She Swank Marketplace, and Virginian, will be his guest during the State of the Union address. Kaine, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and a co-chair of the Senate Military Family Caucus, is currently working on legislation that will "reduce military spouse unemployment and examine the effects frequent moves and reassignments have on military spouses' careers." [READ MORE](#)

## Mattis orders review of how troops use Fitbits, other fitness apps following breach

Military Times

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis has directed a DoD-wide review of fitness app use policies following the news this weekend that an app used by troops revealed sensitive military information, the Pentagon said Monday. "Secretary Mattis has been very clear about not highlighting our capabilities to aid the enemy or give the enemy any advantage," said Pentagon spokesman Army Col. Rob Manning. [READ MORE](#)

## DoD launches initiative to inform Americans of military life

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DoD is launching an outreach program on Feb. 1 called "This Is Your Military." The program is designed "to inform and educate the American public on who is serving in the military today. Less than 1 percent of Americans serve in the military and the number of Americans with firsthand experience with service members or veterans has declined precipitously since the beginning of the all-volunteer military in 1973. [READ MORE](#)

## Air Force prepares heritage flyover for Super Bowl

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The Air Force's Heritage Flight is scheduled to visit Minnesota to represent the Air Force Feb. 4 at the Super Bowl. For the first time in the unit's history, the Heritage Flight will perform an aircraft flyover -- consisting of two A-10C Thunderbolt IIs, an F-16 Fighting Falcon a P-51 Mustang -- over U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis during the Super Bowl's opening ceremonies. [READ MORE](#)