



Trump's 2019 budget includes 2.6% raise, modest force size boost

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The Defense Department's budget request for 2019 released Monday called for a 2.6 percent military pay raise, a modest increase in the end strengths of the services, and major rebuilding programs aimed at retaining the U.S. edge over China and Russia. Pentagon Comptroller David Norquist said the 2.6 percent pay increase proposal for fiscal 2019 would boost the pay of a staff sergeant by \$1,169 next year. [READ MORE](#)

Military pay tended to in 2019 DOD budget

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President Donald Trump's FY 2019 DoD budget request released Feb. 12 attempts to meet future strategy requirements and reflects the new view outlined in the new defense strategy that sees inter-state competition, not terrorism as the primary concern in future U.S. national security - with long-term strategic competition with Russia and China becoming the Pentagon's main focus. [READ MORE](#)

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For the second year in a row, President Donald Trump's budget proposal will include an increase in spending for the Department of Veterans Affairs, bringing the department's allowance to \$198.6 billion in fiscal 2019 — roughly \$12.1 billion more than this year. If approved, the increase would mark a significant boost for the VA's budget at a time when federal agencies that don't wage wars or cover vets are facing historic cuts. [READ MORE](#)

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National Military Family Association

Twenty-five years ago today, President Bill Clinton signed the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA); the first and only national law allowing millions of Americans to take time off of work without the threat of losing their jobs. NMFA pressed for FMLA requirements to be expanded for military families, and in 2013, those efforts paid off when FMLA expanded to include two additional protections specific to military families. [READ MORE](#)