



Officials discuss DoD's audit, business operations on Capitol Hill

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Reforming Defense Department business practices for greater performance and accountability is one of three lines of effort Defense Secretary James N. Mattis outlined when the National Defense Strategy was released earlier this year. DoD Comptroller David L. Norquist, the department's chief financial officer, testified before the Senate Budget Committee along with John H. Gibson II, DoD's chief management officer, on DoD's ongoing audit and business operations reform at the Pentagon. [READ MORE](#)

Intel Chiefs tell Senate committee of dangers to America

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These are dangerous times, and the threat of war is greater now than at any time since the end of the Cold War, the director of national intelligence told the Senate Armed Services Committee today. Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats and Army Maj. Gen. Robert P. Ashley Jr., the director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, gave the committee their assessments of the threats facing America. [READ MORE](#)

VA plan would give every service member mental health benefits after leaving military

ABC News

Secretary of Veterans Affairs David Shulkin announced Tuesday that the VA will send President Donald Trump a plan this week that would give every service member mental health benefits when they leave the military. The plan follows President Trump's executive order signed in January aimed at improving mental health resources for veterans. [READ MORE](#)

Why did TRICARE for Life prescription co-pays go up?

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Military members and retirees, including Tricare for Life users, are used to slight drug price co-pay increases year over year. But when fees for 90-day supplies for prescription drugs received through the system's mail-order pharmacy, Express Scripts, went from free to \$7 on Feb. 1, many Tricare for Life users said they were blindsided. They had been told they would be largely exempt from a series of major Tricare changes. [READ MORE](#)

Exchange, H&R Block offer discount on tax preparation

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The Internal Revenue Service expects more than 155 million tax returns to be filed this tax season, with more than 70 percent of taxpayers receiving refunds. To take the guesswork out of filing for military members and their families, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service is teaming up with H&R Block to provide tax preparation services at a 10 percent discount at Exchange locations worldwide. [READ MORE](#)