



### **Carter outlines his priorities as he's sworn in as defense secretary**

Stars and Stripes

Ashton Carter was sworn in Tuesday as the new defense secretary. Outlining his priorities to Pentagon personnel, Carter vowed to assist the president in making sound national security decisions, ensure the strength and health of the nation's military and create a balanced defense budget.

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### **3,000-plus troops will deploy to Europe**

Army Times

More than 3,000 soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division will be deployed for three months to Europe beginning in March to support Operation Atlantic Resolve. The operation is intended to reassure European allies about America's commitment to the region as tensions between Ukraine and Russia continue.

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### **NAUS testifies before House Military Personnel Subcommittee**

National Association for Uniformed Services (NAUS)

NAUS Legislative Director, Rick Jones, offered testimony to the House Military Personnel Subcommittee on portions of the retirement proposals presented by the Military Compensation & Retirement Modernization Commission.

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### **National Military Family Association announces legislative priorities for 2015**

NMFA

The Association's highest priority is to fight for military families. We fight to protect the programs and services that allow them to meet the challenges of military life and maintain readiness, whether active or reserve component. Our Nation's leaders cannot ignore the promises they made to those currently serving as they prepare to shape the force of the future. The National Military Family Association believes it is the Nation's responsibility to provide robust and responsive benefits and support programs for military families in recognition of their service.

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