



Here's what to know about the planned DoD Budget cuts

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Congress has said they want to put in place some Tricare reforms, but word on the street is that they will be incremental. Other family program changes: The commissary is looking for a slight funding decrease, although, again, they don't say why. An article speculates it's because they are proceeding with a plan to close a few stores in Germany considered redundant and won't need the money. [READ MORE](#)

Military troops and their families can breathe a sigh of relief

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Mostly absent from the Pentagon's new budget request released Tuesday were the aggressive cuts to military pay and benefits and across-the-board force reductions that were central to the Defense Department's cost-cutting efforts in recent years. [READ MORE](#)

Lawmaker: Congress must fight for higher troop pay raise

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"I think it's ridiculous that we're not giving the full pay raise as calculated by law to our men and women in uniform, especially during a time that the Department of Defense is, in my opinion, nickel and diming troops in every area," said Rep. Joe Heck, who oversees the House subcommittee responsible for personnel issues. [READ MORE](#)

From World War II to Afghanistan: USO marks 75th anniversary

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The USO marked its 75th anniversary yesterday. Medal of Honor recipients, USO volunteers, active duty personnel, veterans, members of Congress, and stars of stage, screen and music gathered to mark a milestone for an organization founded as America geared up for World War II. The USO has served more than 35 million Americans over its history. [READ MORE](#)