

Commission: Army should not fall below 450K active-duty troops

The Hill

The size of the Army should not fall below 450,000 active-duty troops and 530,000 reservists for the foreseeable future, according to a congressionally mandated National Commission on the Future of the Army report. An Army of 980,000 is the minimally sufficient force to meet current and anticipated missions at an acceptable level of national risk. [READ MORE](#)

Military leaders: Register women for draft

Military Times

The Army and Marine Corps' top uniformed leaders both backed making women register for the draft as all combat roles are opened to them in coming months. "It's my personal view in light of integration that every American physically qualified should register for the draft," said Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Robert Neller. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley echoed those remarks. [READ MORE](#)

Small military pay raise planned for next year's Pentagon budget

Military Times

The Pentagon's proposed 1.6 percent pay raise for troops falls below the projected increase in private-sector wages, likely to be 3.2 percent in 2017. If approved by Congress, the modest pay increase will mark the fourth consecutive year military basic pay has not kept pace with the growth in most civilian wages. [READ MORE](#)

'Veteran kids' documentary will bring attention to military families

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A Child's Guide to War' will be a landmark feature documentary asking American children for the first time what they think about war. As the film points out, children younger than 14 have known war their entire lives. Two million American children have had a parent serve in Iraq, Afghanistan, or both. [READ MORE](#)