



## CNN to host town hall with President Barack Obama

CNN Politics

CNN anchor and chief Washington correspondent Jake Tapper will sit down with the President to discuss veterans, national security and foreign policy issues impacting the US military on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 9p.m. at Fort Lee, VA. Obama will field questions from the audience made up of active duty service members, veterans and the military community. [READ MORE](#)

## Rebuild the military? Next president must win budget battle first

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Congress' struggle to pass a defense budget could have a major impact on the next president's defense plans, as the budget debate might stretch into the new leader's first term. [READ MORE](#)

## Service Chiefs: Troops will head for exits if budget cuts persist

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Speaking before the Senate Armed Services Committee, the leaders of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps warned that a return of sequestration budget caps would promote fiscal uncertainty and take a deep toll on rank-and-file morale. [READ MORE](#)

## Air Force leaders, spouses focus on family readiness

U.S. Air Force

During a panel session at the Air Force Associations' Air, Space and Cyber Conference Sept. 19, Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James, Air Force Chief of Staff Dave Goldfein, Chief Master Sgt. Of the Air Force James A. Cody and their spouses focused on how the Air Force is supporting its members and ways Airmen can strike a balance between work and home. [READ MORE](#)

## Carter: Military 'Stronger than ever' 5 years after 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' repeal

U.S. Department of Defense

"As the memory of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" fades further into the past, and we move forward together to face new challenges," said Defense Secretary Ash Carter, "we recognize that openness to diversity and reaching out in a spirit of renewed inclusiveness will strengthen our military and enhance our nation's security." [READ MORE](#)