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NGB Public Affairs Update

Military-Wide News

The New York Times - August 5, 2026

Why Congress Wants a Closer U.S.-Israel Defense Partnership

For decades, the United States has supported Israel's security by providing billions of dollars a year in military assistance and by working with its close partner on intelligence, missile defense and weapons development. Now, with U.S. political support for sending military funding to Israel dropping off sharply, Congress is considering phasing out the financial commitment and instead undertaking a far more integrated defense and technology partnership built around legally mandated defense industrial cooperation between the two nations.#Pentagon, #Defense Department#Pentagon, #Defense Department

Military.com - August 5, 2026

Trump's Immigration Crackdown Has Detained More Than 50 Military Spouses and Parents

President Donald Trump's administration has detained dozens of parents and spouses of active-duty U.S. troops as it rolls back immigration protections for military families to pursue its mass deportation agenda, an Associated Press investigation found. More than 50 parents and spouses of active-duty service members have been detained since Trump took office for a second term, and at least six have been deported, the AP found in the first accounting of such detentions, which the government does not track. At least eight immediate family members of U.S. service members remain in federal immigration custody.#Pentagon#Pentagon

Stars and Stripes - August 5, 2026

US military creates new command to target cartels in the Americas

The U.S. Southern Command has activated a new military headquarters to coordinate operations against drug cartels and other transnational criminal organizations across the Western Hemisphere, marking a significant reorganization of the military's regional security mission.##

Fox News Channel - August 5, 2026

FAA investigating possible violation of safety protocol involving Trump, Marine One

The incident occurred when a commercial plane took off from Reagan International Airport at the same time that Trump was departing the White House on Marine One, according to The Wall Street Journal##

MSN.com - August 5, 2026

U.S. airstrikes killed or wounded hundreds of civilians in Yemen last year, sources say

Hundreds of civilians were killed or wounded by U.S. airstrikes in Yemen last year, but the Pentagon has yet to publicly acknowledge the casualties or share a full account with Congress, according to documents reviewed by NBC News and people with knowledge of the attacks.##

The Hill - August 5, 2026

Americans more concerned about cost of living, inflation than Iran war: Poll

A Marquette University Law School poll released Wednesday shows 35 percent of American adults consider the cost of living and inflation to be the most important issue right now, with the economy coming in second at 15 percent. The Iran conflict, another notable concern, ranked third at 10 percent, its lowest spot in three months.#Pentagon#Pentagon

Task & Purpose - August 5, 2026

Publicizing special operator identities could be a crime under proposed law

Publicizing the identities of special operations troops could be criminalized under the same laws that protect intelligence agents, according to a proposal included in the House version of the annual defense bill.
Though aimed at military members in units that perform sensitive missions, the proposal could also cover a wide range of military and civilian roles, and allow the Secretary of Defense to apply that secrecy as they see fit.#Pentagon, #Secretary of Defense#Pentagon, #Secretary of Defense

Military.com - August 6, 2026

'Mission Readiness' and National Defense Risks Tied to Lack of Military Air Traffic Controllers
The IG found that shortages of civilian air traffic controllers are reducing ATC services, limiting operating hours, decreasing pilot training opportunities and delaying overseas operations, tying staffing directly to national defense priorities. Arguably the biggest concern causing such disparities is compensation.#Department of Defense, #DOD#Department of Defense, #DOD

National Guard News

CBS News - August 5, 2026
How to watch: Minnesota officials to give update on state's wildfire conditions
Nearly a month after a lightning strikes sparked wildfires in northern Minnesota, officials said Wednesday that conditions have started to ease and they are starting to focus efforts towards recovery. Gov. Tim Walz and other public safety officials said there is no need to extend the peacetime emergency that is set to expire Tuesday as the flames that have razed 65,000 acres of forest in Minnesota are no longer spreading.#National Guard#National Guard

Stars and Stripes - August 5, 2026
Air National Guard summer incentive includes $7,500 bonuses
The Air National Guard has launched a “Summer Surge Incentive,” offering $7,500 bonuses as part of its strategy to transform recruiting and retention. “It is all part of an effort to continue reaching individuals seeking purpose, growth and the opportunity to make a lasting impact,” Air Force Col. Mark Williams, director of recruiting and retention for the Air National Guard, said in a statement. “As the Air National Guard recapitalizes and modernizes its force to meet the needs of tomorrow, we must also evolve how we recruit and retain the talent our missions require.”#Air National Guard#Air National Guard

KCCI-TV - August 5, 2026
One year into Trump's National Guard deployment, is crime down in DC?
Brigadier General Leland Blanchard, interim commanding general of the D.C. National Guard, pointed to benefits beyond crime data in a roundtable with reporters on Monday. He said, over the course of the last year, guardsmen have provided 788 medical assists, ranging from administering CPR to applying tourniquets for gunshot victims. He said the team has administered Narcan to 325 individuals and reunited 43 lost children with their families.#National Guard#National Guard

Idaho Statesman - August 5, 2026
Spokane-area wildfires enter sixth day. See containment percentages
A day earlier, Washington National Guard Maj. Gen. Gent Welsh said there were more than 100 National Guard members serving on Spokane streets. "Every one of those National Guard members is a volunteer and everyone of them is here to assist you," Welsh said during a news conference.#National Guard#National Guard

Army News

CBS News - August 5, 2026
Gov. Kemp orders Georgia flags lowered Friday for soldier Tyler Feehan, killed in Jordan
Georgia will honor a fallen soldier this week as family, friends and fellow service members gather to say goodbye.
Gov. Brian Kemp has ordered U.S. and Georgia flags to be flown at half-staff on all state buildings and grounds Friday, Aug. 7, the day First Lt. Tyler James Feehan is laid to rest at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton.#soldier#soldier

The Hill - August 5, 2026
Hegseth’s choice for top Army role faces GOP resistance in Senate
Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth’s choice for the top uniformed Army job is at risk of not getting confirmed over objections from both sides of the aisle. Gen. Christopher LaNeve, who has been the acting Army chief of staff since April, needs unanimous support from GOP senators to advance out of the Senate Armed Services Committee.#Airborne#Airborne

Military.com - August 5, 2026
Korean War Veteran's Remains Returned 70 Years After He Went Missing
U.S. Army Cpl. Normal Ronald Levesque, who went missing aged 18, will be returned by state and local police on Wednesday after police identified his remains last year, according to The Boston Globe. There will be a procession in the city to honor him in addition to an Aug. 14 graveside service, where Levesque will be laid to rest with full military honors.#soldier, #Soldier#soldier, #Soldier

New York Post - August 5, 2026
US Army tested the AI future of warfare in the California desert — but all didn’t go according to plan
The Army’s push to modernize comes as military leaders monitor conflicts overseas and prepare for future threats from countries

including Russia and China while trying to avoid the failures of previous modernization efforts that never reached widespread deployment.##

Military.com - August 5, 2026

Army Cracks Down on Drug Cartels With New Task Force: 'Changing the Game'

The force will coordinate military operations with partner nations across Latin America and the Caribbean, integrating intelligence and surveillance capabilities, working on maritime interdiction operations, overseeing planning between numerous nations, and expanding joint military training with nations it partners with. It also can coordinate humanitarian and disaster response assistance.##

Air Force News

CBS News - August 5, 2026

Georgia's Robins Air Force base filling 600 jobs in "Full Throttle Hiring" effort

The Air Force Base, located in Houston County, is trying to fill at least 600 positions that range from entry-level to experienced as part of an effort military officials is calling "Full Throttle Hiring." The Air Logistics Complex said the positions range from sheet metal, aircraft, and electronic mechanics to aviation industry logistics business professionals.#Air Force Base, #Air Force base#Air Force Base, #Air Force base

ABC News - August 5, 2026

Duckworth bill targets Pentagon's confusing accounting of Iran war casualties

Senate Democrats, led by Sen. Tammy Duckworth, D-Ill., are set to introduce legislation Thursday that aims to prevent the Pentagon from resetting a war's casualty count by reclassifying the dead and wounded under new operational labels. The move comes after the Pentagon revised how it accounts for U.S. casualties in the ongoing war with Iran.#Air Force Base#Air Force Base

Stars and Stripes - August 5, 2026

Air Force doctor’s mobile app helps troops from all branches meet fitness standards

An Air Force physician has developed a mobile app that combines physical fitness standards across the armed forces, allowing service members to calculate scores, track progress and build training plans from a single platform.#Air Base, #AIR BASE#Air Base, #AIR BASE

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Boeing’s Air Force One losses hit $3.1 billion as delivery slips

The Air Force has separately moved forward with a modified 747-8 intended to bridge the period before Boeing’s permanent VC-25Bs arrive. According to an official Air Force update, that aircraft completed modification and flight testing and was being painted ahead of a planned summer rollout. The service has also used other 747-8 aircraft to support pilot qualification, maintenance training and parts planning.

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CBS

The National Transportation Safety Board and Federal Aviation Administration are looking into why airport traffic wasn't halted when Marine One departed the White House Tuesday afternoon with President Trump on board.

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