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NGB Public Affairs Update

Military-Wide News

The New York Times - August 7, 2026

Trump Administration Fast-Tracks Military Partnership With Colombia to Target Drug Traffickers

Colombia's new president campaigned on promises to crush his country's powerful drug traffickers with the help of the United States. He takes office Friday, but his plans to partner with U.S. forces are already underway and could make Colombia a centerpiece of the Trump administration's efforts to militarize the fight against drug trafficking across the region.#Department of Defense, #Pentagon#Department of Defense, #Pentagon

New York Post - August 7, 2026

Trump defends Pete Hegseth after report he lashed out at war secretary: 'One of my best'

President Trump expressed full-throated support for War Secretary Pete Hegseth Thursday – a day after a report claimed the president accused the Pentagon chief of misleading him about the state of America's arms stockpile. "I think he's actually one of my best," Trump said of Hegseth, in an interview with NBC News Thursday.#Hegseth, #Parnell, #Secretary of War, #Pentagon, #War Department, #US military#Hegseth, #Parnell, #Secretary of War, #Pentagon, #War Department, #US military

Newsweek - August 7, 2026

The Caspian Sea Monster Rises Again—in China

When nascent satellite imagery finally gave American analysts a clear look in August 1967, they were staring at the heaviest "aircraft" ever built: 600 tons and 300 feet from nose to tail. It was not, technically, an aircraft at all. It was a "surface-effect" craft known as an ekranoplan, designed to skim above the water and attack American shipping at high speed.#Pentagon#Pentagon

Military.com - August 7, 2026

Extreme Weather Is Forcing the Military to Rethink Training

Those in the Pentagon need to pay close attention, as military readiness depends on repetition. Units cannot simply postpone training indefinitely because conditions become unfavorable to their training and living situations. Recruits still have to qualify, combat teams still need to deploy, and this requires valuable training days.#Pentagon#Pentagon

The Economic Times - August 7, 2026

Suzlon Energy shares rise after US judge directs Pentagon to lift wind project freeze

Shares of Suzlon Energy rose nearly 2% on Friday to a day's high of Rs 48.99, after a U.S. judge on Thursday ordered the Pentagon to lift its freeze on reviewing proposed onshore wind projects.##

The Hill - August 6, 2026

Trump dismisses munitions shortage reports, says leakers 'being hunted down'

President Trump on Thursday dismissed reports of the U.S. military being low on munitions amid the war with Iran, saying his administration is determining who leaked the information to news outlets. "The U.S. has massive amounts of 'munitions,' especially of certain types," Trump wrote on Truth Social. "Additionally, large amounts are being manufactured and shipped to the U.S. as needed."#Pentagon, #Hegseth, #Defense Department#Pentagon, #Hegseth, #Defense Department

ABC News - August 6, 2026

A deal with Iran over the Strait of Hormuz may require a compromise from Trump

To reach a deal with Iran that reopens the economically vital Strait of Hormuz, President Donald Trump may need to do something out of character — compromise. Any concession would be tough for the Republican president, who has insisted there is no truth to his sagging poll numbers, the sluggish economy and the U.S. military's dwindling stockpiles of key weapons following the Iran war he launched with Israel more than five months ago.#Pentagon, #Hegseth#Pentagon, #Hegseth

National Guard News

The New York Times - August 7, 2026

Drought and Aging Pipes Plunge Puerto Rico Into Another Water Crisis

The Puerto Rico National Guard, mobilized by emergency declarations, has distributed nearly 600,000 gallons of water, mostly in the San Juan region. Officials are offering grants of up to $5,000 for small businesses to buy or rent water trucks or to buy bottled water, cisterns and tanks, among other equipment and services.#National Guard#National Guard

Idaho Statesman - August 6, 2026

Governors and lawmakers say they're getting serious about states' rights

The updated policy will address pressing issues such as artificial intelligence regulation - an ongoing state-federal conflict over jurisdiction - and the primacy of each state to control its own National Guard - an issue that sparked major concerns about state sovereignty last year.#National Guard#National Guard

USA Today - August 6, 2026

Watch: Washington National Guard battles 53,000-acre wildfire from the sky

The Spokane Complex fires — including the Old Trails, Autumn Lane and Fairview fires — have become among the biggest wildfire concerns in Washington, destroying hundreds of homes and other structures and forcing tens of thousands of evacuations. More than 1,400 firefighters and over 100 Washington National Guard members have been assigned to the response as crews work to strengthen containment lines.##

Military Times - August 6, 2026

North Carolina National Guard settles lawsuit over blocking Facebook critic

The North Carolina National Guard settled a federal lawsuit with a former guardsman who alleged the service violated his First Amendment rights by blocking him on Facebook for criticizing its leadership. Under the settlement agreement, NCNG agreed to restore Timothy Stanhope's access to its Facebook page and make reasonable efforts to unhide his comments.##

Army News

Stars and Stripes - August 7, 2026

2nd Cavalry dethroned as short-handed Best Squad engineer team wins in Germany

A small team of Army engineers proved they really do lead the way after winning the U.S. Army Europe and Africa Best Squad Competition on Thursday, ending the 2nd Cavalry Regiment's four-year reign as champions.#soldier, #Soldier#soldier, #Soldier

Stars and Stripes - August 7, 2026

New commander of Army's 25th Infantry Division returns to where it all began

On Thursday, Maj. Gen. Jeffrey VanAntwerp took command of the entire division. "What's truly remarkable about Jeff is his connection to this division on the field to the front," Lt. Gen. Matthew McFarlane, commander of I Corps, said during a ceremony at Schofield Barracks during which VanAntwerp assumed command from Maj. Gen. James Bartholomees.#brigade combat team#brigade combat team

Fox News Channel - August 6, 2026

Extortion 17's heroes died once. America must never let them die twice

Thirty-one Americans, including Navy SEALs, Air Force special operators and Army aviation soldiers, alongside their Afghan commando counterparts, boarded a CH-47 Chinook helicopter to answer a call for support. The helicopter was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade in Afghanistan's Wardak province, killing everyone aboard. In an instant, they were gone. But their stories remain.#soldier#soldier

Military.com - August 7, 2026

15 Military Photos With Stories You'll Never Forget

Five brothers pose aboard a Navy cruiser. Women sort packages in a crowded warehouse. A pilot stands among children near an airfield. At first glance, photographs could be routine snapshots of military life, but once you learn the story that led up to or followed the camera click, you'll realize they're anything but. Each image carries a story of survival, loss, courage or deception that the photograph alone cannot explain. Once you know these stories, it becomes impossible to see the picture the same way again.#Soldier, #airborne#Soldier, #airborne

Air Force News

Stars and Stripes - August 7, 2026

Pitch Black drills in Australia test how 21 nations integrate combat airpower
She said the U.S. contingent included six F-35A Lightning IIs from the 354th Fighter Wing at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska; two KC-135 Stratotankers from the 18th Wing at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa; and a C-130J Super Hercules from the 374th Airlift Wing at Yokota Air Base, Japan.#Air Force Base, #Air Base#Air Force Base, #Air Base

Stars and Stripes - August 7, 2026
7th Air Force gets new commander with deep experience on Korean Peninsula
A former Kunsan fighter wing commander took on one of the U.S. military's biggest jobs in Korea on Friday, assuming command of 7th Air Force and becoming deputy commander of U.S. Forces Korea.
Lt. Gen. David Shoemaker succeeded Lt. Gen. David Iverson during a change-of-command ceremony in a weapons-load training hangar at Osan.#AIR BASE, #Air Base#AIR BASE, #Air Base

Air Force Times - August 6, 2026
An Air Force robot made the C-17 part no vendor would
A C-17 Globemaster III that was facing two years out of service is airborne again after the U.S. Air Force built a replacement part itself, using a robot.#Air Force Base#Air Force Base

The Hill - August 6, 2026
Pentagon says no white phosphorus leak at South Korea air base
A U.S. military investigation found that there was no white phosphorus leak at an American military base in South Korea late last month, an episode that prompted local authorities to briefly order civilians to evacuate the immediate area.#Air Base, #air base#Air Base, #air base

Air Force Times - August 6, 2026
Boeing wins first production contract for jet-powered JDAM
The U.S. Air Force has committed $75 million to an initial production run of a jet-powered guided bomb that can fly more than 300 nautical miles, Boeing said Wednesday.#Air Force Base#Air Force Base

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