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Date	Publication	Title	Topic	Author/POC
12/19/2022	Air & Space Forces Magazine	L3 Harris to Buy Aerojet Rocketdyne for 4.7 billion	While L3Harris is one of the Pentagon's six biggest defense contractors, it does not have a major foothold in the growing tactical missile, strategic missile, hypersonic weapons, missile defense, or space propulsion markets, noted Jim McAleese, a defense industry analyst.	Chris Gordon
12/19/2022	Defense News	Experts forecast smooth path for L3Harris-Aerojet Acquisition	L3Harris would gain a rocket motor supplier amid an "explosion in missile production demand," driven by aid to Ukraine's fight to repel Russia, U.S. arms transfers to NATO allies and Taiwan, and increase in Army, Navy and Air Force spending on long-range fires in a potential China fight, analyst Jim McAleese, of McAleese and Associates, said in a note Monday.	Joe Gould
12/5/2022	GovCon Wire	GovCon Expert McAleese Presents Analysis of Defense Sector Q3 Results	A new McAleese & Associates report shows defense prime contractors recorded a 3 percent increase in sales during the third quarter of 2022 and sector operating margin of 11 percent.	Jane Edwards
9/26/2022	Bloomberg	Pentagon Isn't Backing Off Covid Payments for Contractors Even as Pandemic Declared Over	Analysis of Pentagon Covid-Era Contractor Payments	Anthony Capaccio
9/20/2022	ExecutiveGov	GovCon Expert Jim McAleese Offers Analysis of DoD's FY2022 Investment Account Outlays	A McAleese & Associates report says the Department of Defense's investment account outlays for fiscal year 2022, which include \$147 billion in DOD procurement funds and \$119 billion in research, development, test and evaluation funds, are -9 percent behind schedule.	Jane Edwards
8/22/2022	GovCon Wire	GovCon Expert McAleese Offers Analysis of Defense Primes' Q2 2022 Financial Results	A new McAleese & Associates report shows major defense prime contractors posted sector operating margins of approximately 11 percent in the second quarter of 2022, reflecting limited impact from the current 8.5 percent inflation.	Jane Edwards
7/12/2022	GovCon Wire	Frank Kendall: US Air Force Must Reorient to Out-Pace China	GovCon Expert Jim McAleese offered an in-depth analysis of the Air Force and Space Force FY23 budget requests during an exclusive video interview with Executive Mosaic Going forward, as the Department of the Air Force prepares for the future and works to retain its competitive advantage, Secretary Kendall emphasized the importance of not only speed, but accuracy as well. "We need to move fast but in the right direction," he urged.	Summer Myatt

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6/21/2022	GovCon Wire	GovCon Expert Jim McAleese Observes Defense Stock Gain, Investor Expectations	<p>A new McAleese & Associates report indicates that defense stock prices have spiked 18 percent to 20 percent year-to-date and outperformed the S&P 500 as sector investors react to the Russian invasion of Ukraine.</p> <p>Jim McAleese, founder of McAleese & Associates and a three-time Wash100 winner, noted investors see a 10 percent spike in Department of Defense investment accounts for the 2022 and 2023 fiscal years.</p>	Mary-Louise Hoffman
5/31/2022	ExecutiveGov	GovCon Expert Jim McAleese Offers Analysis of DoD's FY2023 Budget Request, Funding Growth	<p>McAleese & Associates has released a report outlining "big picture issues" that will be addressed in the upcoming markup of the fiscal year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act by the House and Senate Armed Services Committees in June and one of those is the abrupt shifting of defense resources for the "looming 2027-2030 China fight."</p> <p>Jim McAleese, founder of McAleese & Associates and a three-time Wash100 winner, said that shift is now "highly visible" in the combined Department of Defense funding for FY 2022 and FY 2023.</p>	Jane Edwards
5/16/2022	GovCon Wire	GovCon Expert McAleese: Kathleen Hicks Shares Insights on FY23 DOD Budget Request, National Defense Strategy	<p>Consulting firm McAleese & Associates has released a report outlining key takeaways from the speech of Deputy Defense Secretary Kathleen Hicks on fiscal year 2023 budget request and the National Defense Strategy at the Reagan Institute.</p>	Jane Edwards
4/12/2022	GovCon Wire	McAleese Report Breaks Down US Military Budget Request for Fiscal 2023	<p>In a new report, GovCon Expert and three-time Wash100 winner Jim McAleese shares his analysis of individual budget requests by U.S. military branches as part of the \$773 billion Department of Defense spending plan for fiscal year 2023.</p> <p>President Biden submitted a \$773 billion DOD budget request to Congress in March, up 5 percent from the enacted FY 2021 levels and 4 percent above the 2022 figures.</p>	Mary-Louise Hoffman

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3/31/2022	GovCon Wire	GovCon Expert Jim McAleese Offers Analysis of White House's 5.8T FY23 Budget Request	A McAleese & Associates report says President Joe Biden's \$5.8 trillion budget request for fiscal year 2023 suggests that the federal government now accounts for 23 percent of the U.S. gross domestic product valued at approximately \$25.6 trillion. Jim McAleese, founder of McAleese & Associates and a three-time Wash100 winner, said the proposed \$1.6 trillion discretionary budget for FY 2023 favors domestic funding growth over increase in defense funding by a ratio of 2:1.	Jane Edwards
3/29/2022	Breaking Defense	Air Force Ditches Plans to Buy First Hypersonic ARRW Missile in FY23	"ARRW still has to prove itself," Kendall said at the McAleese and Associates conference earlier this month. "So, we need to do that, and we also need to take a larger look at what's the right mix for the future. What are the things that will need investment?"	Valerie Insinna
3/24/2022	Business Insider	The 'Kamikaze' Drone the US is sending Ukraine is a 'Pretty Powerful' Tool for Troops, Top Marine General Says	These drones give infantrymen "the power of an air wing in your hands," Marine Corps Commandant Gen. David Berger said at the McAleese and Associates defense conference in Washington, DC, on March 9.	Abbie Shull
3/23/2022	Eurasian Times Desk	First Time Ever? US Military Fires Patriot Missile from THAAD Air Defense System Amid Growing Regional Threats	"We're wrapping up that urgent operational need and we'll get that out the door soon," Vice Adm. Jon Hill, MDA director, said on March 9 at the McAleese & Associates defense conference in Washington. "We're pretty stoked about that."	Eurasian Times Desk
3/18/2022	Breaking Defense	2023 Budget Drops on March 28, but Details Will Be Missing	A week later, Pentagon Comptroller Mike McCord told attendees at the McAleese and Associates conference that defense spending was likely to expand at a "similar vector impact" as European allies such as Germany.	Valerie Insinna
3/15/2022	ExecutiveBiz	4 Major Factors at Play in US Hypersonic Tech Development	The Air Force's Air-launched Rapid Response Weapon program conducted three tests in 2021, yet all failed due to issues that arose during the launch process. Kendall said during the McAleese Defense Programs Conference on Wednesday that the ARRW program "still needs to prove itself." He added that the Air Force recently met with Lockheed Martin, which is currently in the planning phase of another test.	Summer Myatt

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3/14/2022	GovCon Wire	McAleese FY2023 Defense Programs Conference Offers Glimpse into Defense Department, Military Priorities	More than 20 of the Defense Department's top leaders gathered on Wednesday during the McAleese FY2023 Defense Programs Conference to discuss the current defense priorities, realigned military strategies and new initiatives that work together to defend the U.S. and ensure the nation's competitive advantage. Hosted by Jim McAleese, principal and founder of McAleese and Associates, GovCon Expert and a three-time Wash100 Award recipient, the conference served as a platform for DoD officials to communicate their messages, needs and goals to industry partners, sister organizations and the general public.	Summer Myatt
3/14/2022	Federal News Network	Congress Taps Brakes on DoD Project to Reform IT Funding	Last week's passage of an omnibus spending bill eliminated the threat of a full-year continuing resolution and gave the Defense budget a nearly 4.7% spending increase. But lawmakers were less generous when it came to the matter of expanding a program meant to test major reforms to how DoD funds technology modernization. The final agreement rejected the Pentagon's request to significantly expand what's known as the Software and Digital Technology Pilot Program in 2022. The pilot, in short, lets major IT programs fund development using a single "color of money," rather than trying to wedge their budgets into the R&D, procurement and operations accounts that were originally designed for major weapons systems.	Jared Serbu
3/11/2022	Sea Power Magazine	Russian Air Defenses Working Well When Operated by Ukrainians, ACC Chief Says	Air Force Gen. Mark D. Kelly, who leads Air Combat Command, was asked about the capabilities of Russia's air defense systems since the beginning of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. "They're operating pretty well when they're operated by Ukrainians," he said. Kelly was one of the presenters at the McAleese & Associates conference in Washington on Wednesday, March 9. Generally speaking, Kelly said Russia does not have an air base defense challenge.	Edward Lundquist

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3/11/2022	DefenseNews	This Summer, the US Army will Make a Production Contract for a Light Tank	When asked about the status of the MPF program and the possible elimination of BAE Systems' offering from the competition, Doug Bush, the Army's acquisition chief, said he was satisfied with the MPF competition. "You always end up with one at some point. [There are] not two people making Abrams tanks," he told a group of reporters at the McAleese & Associates defense conference in Washington on March 9.	Jen Judson
3/11/2022	Potomac Officers Club	DoD Spending on Space Programs to Rise Amid Growing Threats	Speaking at the McAleese & Associates' annual defense programs conference, McCord said the advancement of space capabilities has become a higher priority in the face of threats from China, Russia, or any other sophisticated potential adversary. It was noted that the DOD has become increasingly dependent on space assets for communications, navigation data and even to provide early warning of missile launches.	Michael Hill
3/11/2022	Breaking Defense	Top American Generals on Three Key Lessons Learned from Ukraine	The expanse of the Indo-Pacific region and layered Chinese defensive systems have put a premium on systems that can hold an adversary hostage from a distance. However, there is no substitute for positioning some forces close to an enemy, Marine Corps Commandant Gen. David Berger said during the McAleese conference on Wednesday. By utilizing its intelligence and surveillance assets in Eastern Europe, the United States was able to build a picture of Russia's movements and strategically release information about Russia's plans, Berger said. "I would offer to you this validates the need for a stand-in force to be forward all the time, collecting [information] against the adversary," Berger said during the McAleese conference on Wednesday. "If we back up and cede that space, things are going to happen in there [and] we will be surprised. So, winning the reconnaissance/counter-reconnaissance fight early on [is] critical, absolutely critical."	Valerie Insinna
3/10/2022	Quick Telecast	Biden's Ukraine Aid Package is Getting Super-Sized by Congress	At the McAleese and Associates conference Wednesday, Pentagon Comptroller Mike McCord expressed gratitude to Congress for augmenting the package. Congress's "big move" was to increase Biden's presidential drawdown authority to send weapons from U.S. military stocks to Ukraine.	Daniel Shaw

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3/10/2022	Milwaukee News Hub	Missile Defense Agency Fires Patriot Missile from THAAD System	THAAD System – Patriot Missile	Tony Beasley
3/10/2022	Air Force Magazine	Russia, China Developments Ending Debate over Nuclear Modernization	Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, along with China’s threatening moves toward Taiwan and its new campaign to build up its strategic nuclear forces, likely signal an end to debate about modernizing the full nuclear triad, according to Air Force Secretary Frank Kendall. “I think that sort of removes some of the arguments that maybe we should have a smaller nuclear deterrent, maybe without as many legs of the triad, Kendall said at the annual McAleese conference March 9. “I think those arguments are pretty well put to bed now, given what China’s doing.”	Jon A. Tirpak
3/10/2022	Air Force Magazine	Kendall, Brown, Raymond Outline Changes Necessary to Defend the Nation, The Need to Go Fast and Succeed	Speaking separately at an influential gathering two blocks from the White House March 9, the Department of the Air Force’s highest-ranking civilian and military leaders offered emphatic variations on a similar theme – the need to modernize faster, think faster, and nurture the cultures needed to confront potential threats and adversaries. “I am focused on modernization,” Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall said during a keynote address closing the 13th Annual Defense Programs Conference staged by McAleese and Associates.	Charles Pope
3/10/2022	Defense One	Why the US Won’t Give Patriot Interceptors to Ukraine	“The Russian air defense units ... operated by the Ukrainians, they’re pretty capable systems,” Gen. Mark Kelly, the head of the U.S. Air Force’s Air Combat Command, said Wednesday at the McAleese and Associates Defense Programs conference in Washington.	Tara Copp and Marcus Weisgerber
3/10/2022	US Navy	SECNAV Delivers Remarks at McAleese Defense Programs Conference	As I begin today’s discussion, let me first share with you why the Navy-Marine Corps team is more relevant today than it has ever been. First, we protect our nation’s commerce. The oceans are indeed the lifeblood of the global economy. 5.4 trillion dollars of annual U.S. commerce, and more than 31 million American jobs depend on ocean-going trade. Each year, 11 billion tons of goods traverse the oceans. The over 400 underwater fiber optic cables that crisscross the oceans carry 97 percent of international communications and over a trillion dollars of financial transactions every day.	Carlos Del Toro

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3/9/2022	CNBC – Squawk on the Street (VIDEO)	Under Secretary of Defense Michael McCord Breaks Down the Defense Spending Budget	Michael McCord, Under Secretary of Defense Comptroller and CFO, and principal advisor to the Secretary of Defense on all budgetary and financial matters, joins 'Squawk on the Street' to discuss details behind the budget for the State Department and Department of Defense and the future of U.S. defense spending.	Morgan Brennan
3/9/2022	CNBC – Squawk on the Street (VIDEO)	Things Could Get Worse Before They Get Better in Ukraine, says the U.S. Army's Christine Wormuth	Christine Wormuth, 25th Secretary of the U.S. Army and former director of the International Defense and Security Center at RAND Corporation, joins 'Squawk on the Street' to discuss how she assesses the situation on the ground in Ukraine, what U.S. military services are doing in Europe and modernization efforts she's seeing in the U.S. Army.	Morgan Brennan
3/9/2022	CNBC – Squawk on the Street (VIDEO)	The Invasion of Ukraine Is a Violation of Human Rights, says Navy Secretary Carlos Del Toro	Carlos Del Toro, secretary of Navy, joins CNBC's Morgan Brennan on 'The Exchange' to discuss the ongoing Russian invasion of Ukraine.	Morgan Brennan
3/9/2022	CNBC – Squawk on the Street (VIDEO)	Space Force General 'Jay' Raymond: It's very clear that space has become a war-fighting domain	General John 'Jay' Raymond, U.S. Space Force, joins 'TechCheck' to discuss details of what the Space Force does, what the U.S. Space Force is prepared to handle and what the organization's focus on resiliency means.	Morgan Brennan
3/9/2022	CNBC – Squawk on the Street (VIDEO)	China Remains the Longer-Term Threat, says Frank Kendall, U.S. Air Force Secretary	CNBC's Morgan Brennan reports on interviews with top U.S. military officials from the McAleese Conference.	Morgan Brennan
3/9/2022	Breaking Defense	Air Force Can't Buy Its First Hypersonic ARRW as planned, following Budget Cut	While hypersonic weapons were a major priority of the Trump-era Pentagon, Air Force Secretary Frank Kendall has called into question whether the service has done enough analysis to ensure it is optimally investing in the technology. Asked about the cuts to ARRW at the McAleese and Associates conference this afternoon, Kendall made clear that the ARRW program is not yet out of the woods.	Valerie Insinna

3/9/2022	Defense News	Construction of Aegis Ashore in Poland Nearing Completion	<p>“When you go to a country like Poland and you set contracts to do military construction, you don’t have total control over that,” Hill said March 9 at the McAleese & Associates defense conference in Washington.</p> <p>“It’s really an Army Corps thing. We could have done a couple of things here, right? I could have stood up here and thrown the Army Corps under the bus but I’m not going to do that. They are our partners and we’re doing a really hard thing out there with Aegis Ashore.”</p>	Jen Judson
3/9/2022	Defense One	Pentagon Could Need More Cash if Ukraine Support, NATO Border Mission Drags On	<p>The Pentagon could need more than the extra \$5 billion it already asked Congress to approve if its mission supporting the Ukrainian military with weapons and equipment and helping secure NATO’s border in Eastern Europe continues, a top defense official said.</p> <p>“I do believe that we will probably need additional funding at DOD for this,” Pentagon Comptroller Mike McCord said Wednesday at the McAleese and Associates defense programs conference in Washington.</p>	Marcus Weisgerber
3/9/2022	Breaking Defense	Next US Defense Budget will get a Boost Due to Ukraine Invasion: Pentagon Comptroller	<p>US defense spending is likely to increase given Russia’s ongoing war with Ukraine, the Pentagon’s comptroller said today.</p> <p>The boost to US defense budgets is unlikely to be as “dramatic” as Germany’s recent pledge to increase modernization funds for its military by €100 billion (\$110 billion), Mike McCord said during remarks at the McAleese and Associates conference today.</p>	Valerie Insinna
3/9/2022	Space News	Space Programs Moving Up on DoD’s Budget Priority List	<p>Pentagon funding for space programs will grow in the coming years as the U.S. military increasingly relies on satellites to conduct operations, the Defense Department’s comptroller Mike McCord said March 9.</p> <p>“Space is probably emerging in our internal reviews as the most important foundational area for everything that we are doing and everything that we need to be doing,” McCord said at the McAleese & Associates’ annual defense programs conference.</p>	Sandra Erwin
3/9/2022	Air Force Magazine	Kelly: Russian Air Defenses Work Well for Ukraine	<p>Speaking at a McAleese and Associates conference in Washington, D.C., Kelly said Russian S-300 and S-400 air defense systems are “operating pretty well, operated by Ukrainians.”</p> <p>Unconfirmed reports indicate dozens of Russian aircraft have been shot down in the week-old invasion of Ukraine. Russia has also bogged down due to “logistical challenges [and] morale challenges,” Kelly said.</p>	Jon A. Tirpak

3/9/2022	Defense Daily	F-35 Sustainment Contract to Pay Bonuses for Improved MC Rates	In a brief interview after his presentation at the McAleese & Associates defense conference on March 9, Air Force Lt. Gen. Eric Fick, the F-35 program executive officer, said that although 2021 had seen a worrying fall in F-35 MC rates, the MC rate last year was comparatively higher for combat-coded F-35As.	Frank Wolfe
3/7/2022	GovCon Wire	Frank Kendall, Lt. Gen Neil Thurgood, John Raymond Among DoD Leaders to Speak at McAleese's 13th Annual Defense Conference	A roster of renowned leaders from the Department of Defense will convene on Wednesday during McAleese and Associates' "FY2023 Defense Programs" Conference to discuss the top programs and initiatives the department is prioritizing currently and in the future.	Summer Myatt
2/27/2022	Defense One	Defense Firms Brace for Billions of Dollars in New Taxes, and Hope for Congressional Relief	There's "strong industry optimism that Congress will take corrective action sometime in 2022," Jim McAleese, who runs the Virginia-based McAleese and Associates consulting firm, said in a Feb. 19 note to clients.	Marcus Weisgerber
2/22/2022	GovCon Wire	GovCon Expert Jim McAleese Analyzes 2021 Financial Results of Defense Primes	A new McAleese & Associates report says most defense prime contractors recorded a 2 percent to 3 percent increase in sales during 2021. Jim McAleese, founder of McAleese & Associates and a three-time Wash100 winner, presented an analysis of the fourth-quarter and full-year 2021 financial performance of Boeing (NYSE: BA), General Dynamics (NYSE: GD), L3Harris Technologies (NYSE: LHX), Lockheed Martin (NYSE: LMT), Northrop Grumman (NYSE: NOC), Raytheon Technologies (NYSE: RTX) and Huntington Ingalls Industries (NYSE: HII).	Jane Edwards
2/16/2022	ExecutiveGov	GovCon Expert Jim McAleese: Secretary Frank Kendall on Air Force's 7 Operational Imperatives	Consulting firm McAleese & Associates has issued a report outlining key takeaways from a discussion with Frank Kendall, secretary of the Air Force and a three-time Wash100 Award winner, during the Air Force Association's Mitchell Institute podcast.	Jane Edwards
2/10/2022	ExecutiveGov	GovCon Expert Jim McAleese: Secretary Christine Wormuth on Army's Priorities	Consulting firm McAleese & Associates has issued a report on the U.S. Army's priorities as discussed by Army Secretary Christine Wormuth at a virtual fireside chat event Tuesday. Wormuth noted that the Army should be put "on a sustainable path" to implement multidomain operations and must be "data-centric" because "data will be the new ammunition on the battlefield," Jim McAleese, founder of McAleese & Associates and a three-time Wash100 winner, reported.	Jane Edwards

1/21/2022	Defense News	Defense Industry Frets as Funding Talks Crawl	Meanwhile, a full-year CR would yield \$11 billion of lost growth, while 7% inflation would mean another \$50 billion in lost buying power, according to defense consultant Jim McAleese, the founder of McAleese & Associates.	Joe Gould
1/19/2022	ExecutiveGov	GovCon Expert McAleese on Full-Year Continuing Resolution's Impact on Pentagon's Buying Power	A McAleese & Associates report says the Department of Defense could expect a cumulative impact of about 8 percent or a drop of about \$60 billion in purchasing power under a full year continuing resolution for fiscal year 2022.	Jane Edwards
1/6/2022	ExecutiveGov	GovCon Expert McAleese Expects Compromise of up to 7% Rise in FY2022 DoD Funding	A McAleese & Associates report forecasts that Congress will reach a final compromise of 5 percent to 7 percent increase in fiscal year 2022 defense funding in late February or early March. Jim McAleese, founder of McAleese & Associates and a three-time Wash100 winner, reported the compromise could increase the Department of Defense's FY 2022 funding by \$36 billion to \$46 billion to hit \$740 billion to \$750B, up from the enacted funding level of \$704 billion in FY 2021.	Jane Edwards