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4/21/25	National Defense	Senior Military Leaders Speculate on Golden Dome's Possibilities	Senior U.S. military leaders, including Gen. Michael Guetlein at the McAleese Defense Programs Conference, said the “Golden Dome” missile-defense initiative will link existing systems into an integrated network to counter advanced missile threats.	LAURA HECKMANN
4/18/2025	National Defense	Over Five Years Into Modernization Campaign, Marines Highlight Successes	At the McAleese Defense Programs Conference, Gen. Paul Rock Jr. said the Marine Corps’ Force Design effort has shifted from concept to deployed capability, driving advances in command and control, mobility, unmanned systems, and sensing.	STEW MAGNUSON
3/19/25	FEDERAL NEWS NETWORK	Labor rallies in support of the federal workforce pop up across the country	Labor rallies have spread nationwide over federal workforce cuts, with unions pushing back as acquisition reform becomes a key focus at the McAleese conference. <i>(2026 NDAA will focus on acquisition reform - McAleese conference)</i>	MICHELE SANDIFORD
3/19/25	INSIDE DEFENSE	Defense tech execs predict at least one \$1B+ program will be killed by year's end	At the McAleese conference, defense industry leaders warned that the Trump administration’s cost-cutting team could cancel or scale back at least one \$1B+ Pentagon program by the end of 2025.	THERESA MAHER
3/18/25	INSIDE DEFENSE	Cotton wants more B-21s than currently planned	At the McAleese conference, Gen. Anthony Cotton said the Air Force should buy more than the planned 100 B-21 bombers, calling that number a minimum and urging higher production to meet strategic and industrial needs.	SHELLY K. MESCH
3/18/25	INSIDE DEFENSE	DOD 'finally on track' toward modernized energetics, but still behind, Wittman says	“We have seen a significant ramp-up in the emphasis on range and lethality, because we’re getting out-sticked by the Chinese,” Wittman told reporters at the annual defense conference hosted by McAleese and Associates.	DOMINIC MINADEO
3/18/25	INSIDE DEFENSE	Wittman calls on DOD to create 'sustainable demand' in munitions manufacturing	At the McAleese conference, Rep. Rob Wittman urged the Pentagon to send a more “sustainable demand” signal for munitions to rebuild depleted stockpiles and support long-term modernization.	DAN SCHERE
3/18/25	National Defense	JUST IN: Stratcom Commander Beats Drum for 45 More B-21 Bombers (Updated)	At the McAleese conference, Gen. Anthony Cotton urged increasing the B-21 buy from 100 to 145 to meet evolving threats.	STEW MAGNUSON
3/18/25	INSIDE DEFENSE	Wittman: New OMB director may be receptive to SAWS proposal	At the McAleese conference, Rep. Rob Wittman said the OMB director is receptive to a Navy–industry plan to boost shipyard wages and strengthen the industrial base.	NICK WILSON
3/18/25	AVIATION WEEK NETWORK	U.S. Air Force, Navy Brief Trump On Future Fighter Plans	Leadership of the U.S. Air Force and Navy have recently pitched to President Donald Trump their future fighter plans, as the Pentagon and the administration prepare to decide how to fund procurement of the aircraft.	BRIAN EVERSTINE

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3/18/25	DEFENSE DAILY	Wittman: Defense In Budget Reconciliation May ‘End Up’ Above \$100 Billion, Cites CR Impact	The vice chair of the House Armed Services Committee said Tuesday he believes the final defense topline for an eventual budget reconciliation bill will “end up somewhere north” of \$100 billion.	MATTHEW BEINART
3/18/25	DEFENSE DAILY	Wittman Says OMB Director Seems Open To SAWS-Type Shipbuilding Workforce Effort -	The vice chairman of the House Armed Services Committee this week said the new director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) seems open to a Navy and industry shipbuilding workforce proposal to increase wages.	RICH ABBOTT
3/18/25	DEFENSE DAILY	HASC To Emphasize Acquisition Reform In Next NDAA, Vice Chair Says	The House Armed Services Committee will emphasize acquisition reform in its work crafting the next defense policy bill, the panel’s vice chair said Tuesday.	MATTHEW BEINART
3/18/25	DEFENSE DAILY	USAF Wants to ‘Stop the Bleeding’ in Sustainment Accounts	One top U.S. Air Force priority is bolstering sustainment and flying hours funding, as the service moves to an envisioned fleet of cheaper to maintain, unmanned Collaborative Combat Aircraft (CCA) in the coming years.	FRANK WOLFE
3/18/25	INSIDE DEFENSE	'More tooth, less tail': Air Force wants to ditch excess infrastructure to meet Trump administration objectives	Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David Allvin said a key step in strengthening deterrence is addressing the costly burden of excess infrastructure that drains readiness and resources.	VANESSA MONTALBANO
3/18/25	AVIATION WEEK NETWORK	Pentagon Expects New Budget Rollout In May	The Pentagon will likely roll out its fiscal 2026 budget sometime in May as the new Trump administration reviews the spending plan left behind by the prior Biden administration and more officials get confirmed.	BRIAN EVERSTINE
3/18/25	BREAKING DEFENSE	5 Chinese satellites practiced ‘dogfighting’ in space, Space Force says	At the McAleese and Associates Defense Programs Conference, Space Force Vice Chief of Space Operations Gen. Michael Guetlein told the audience that U.S. space situational awareness data showed five Chinese satellites maneuvering in coordinated proximity operations.	THERESA HITCHENS
3/18/25	DEFENSE DAILY	U.S. Air Force and Navy Brief Trump and Congress on NGAD	At the McAleese conference, the Air Force and Navy briefed leaders on NGAD, with Rep. Rob Wittman saying the update showed strong support for advancing the program.	FRANK WOLFE
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3/18/25	DEFENSE NEWS	China demonstrated ‘satellite dogfighting,’ Space Force general says	At the McAleese conference, the Space Force’s vice chief said five Chinese satellites were seen conducting “dogfighting-like” maneuvers in orbit, signaling growing military space capabilities.	COURTNEY ALBON

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3/18/25	DEFENSE ONE	China is practicing ‘dogfighting’ in space, Space Force says	At the McAleese conference, the Space Force’s vice chief said China has conducted “dogfighting-like” satellite maneuvers in orbit, signaling growing military space capabilities.	AUDREY DECKER
3/18/25	AIR & SPACE FORCES MAGAZINE	STRATCOM Chief: Air Force Needs 145 B-21s and More New Strategic Systems	At the McAleese conference, Gen. Anthony Cotton urged expanding the B-21 fleet to about 145 and strengthening systems like the LRSO to meet growing threats.	JOHN A. TIRPAK
3/18/25	DEFENSE NEWS	US Army rapidly ridding itself of old weapons requirements	The U.S. Army is quickly eliminating hundreds of outdated weapons requirements using a new review process to cut bureaucracy and redirect funds toward modern capabilities, a shift highlighted at the McAleese Defense Programs Conference.	JEN JUDSON
3/18/25	INSIDE DEFENSE	'Replenishment' funds can plug yearlong CR holes, senior Army official says	At the McAleese conference, Gen. Michael Guetlein said five Chinese satellites were observed conducting “dogfighting” maneuvers in space, highlighting the need for stronger U.S. space warfighting capabilities.	DOMINIC MINADEO
3/18/25	AIR & SPACE FORCES MAGAZINE	Allvin: Air Force Needs ‘High-End Penetrating Capability’ in Future Combat	At the McAleese conference, Gen. David Allvin said the Air Force urgently needs a high-end penetrating capability that can operate in contested environments and team with autonomous drones.	CHRIS GORDON
3/18/25	DEFENSE ONE	The Army wants AI to take physical risk off of its soldiers	At the McAleese conference, Gen. James Rainey said the Army is using AI and robotics to reduce risk to soldiers, handling dangerous tasks, rather than replace them.	MEGHANN MYERS
3/18/25	INSIDE DEFENSE	Rainey: Army must avoid spending money on equipment that is neither 'exquisite' nor cheap	At the McAleese conference, Gen. James Rainey said the Army should avoid costly “middle-tier” systems and focus instead on either top-end capabilities or low-cost, mass-produced equipment.	DAN SCHERE
3/18/25	SPACE NEWS	Space Force prepared to divest legacy systems in favor of market-ready solutions	At the 2025 McAleese conference, Space Force leaders said they will shed some legacy systems and rely more on commercial solutions to cut costs and accelerate capability delivery.	SANDRA ERWIN
3/18/25	SPACE NEWS	Space Force prepared to divest legacy systems in favor of market-ready solutions	At the March 2025 McAleese conference, Gen. Michael Guetlein said the Space Force plans to shed some legacy systems and rely more on commercial solutions to cut costs and speed capability fielding.	SANDRA ERWIN
3/18/25	AIR & SPACE FORCES MAGAZINE	China Practicing ‘Dogfighting in Space,’ US Space Force Says	At the McAleese conference, Gen. Michael Guetlein said Chinese satellites were observed conducting “dogfighting” maneuvers in orbit, underscoring the need for greater U.S. investment in space warfighting and control.	CHRIS GORDON
3/18/25	DOD NEWS	National Guard Seeks Reform, Innovation, Increased Lethality	At the McAleese conference, Gen. Steven Nordhaus said the National Guard must accelerate reform and innovation, redirecting funds and leveraging guardsmen’s ingenuity to stay ahead of near-peer threats.	DAVID VERGUN

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3/18/25	DOD NEWS	Stratcom Focuses on Nuclear Triad Modernization	At the McAleese conference, Gen. Anthony Cotton said a modernized nuclear triad and command-and-control system are essential to U.S. power, urging rapid delivery of Sentinel, Columbia-class subs, and B-21 bombers.	DAVID VERGUN
3/18/25	NATIONALGUARD.MIL	Opening Remarks by Gen. Steve Nordhaus, Chief, National Guard Bureau, at the McAleese Defense Programs Conference (As Prepared)	At the March 2025 McAleese conference, Gen. Steve Nordhaus urged the National Guard to speed up innovation and reform acquisition to stay ahead of near-peer threats.	PRESS RELEASE
3/18/25	BREAKING DEFENSE	DoD should use likely \$100B-plus reconciliation money on downrange needs: Wittman	At the McAleese and Associates Defense Programs Conference, Rep. Rob Wittman (R-Va.) said that if over \$100 billion in defense funding becomes available through budget reconciliation, the Pentagon should prioritize delivering funds quickly to downrange and operational needs.	VALERIE INSINNA AND MICHAEL MARROW
3/12/25	EXECUTIVEBIZ	2025 Edition of McAleese Defense Programs Conference Set for March 18	The 16th annual McAleese Defense Programs Conference, held March 18, 2025, in Arlington, brought together senior defense leaders and industry experts to discuss great-power competition and U.S. modernization.	JERRY PETERSEN
3/10/25	GOVCON WIRE	GovCon Expert McAleese Analyzes House's 6 Month Continuing Resolution	Jim McAleese, McAleese and Associates, said the House’s proposed six-month continuing resolution would largely hold DoD funding at FY24 levels while allowing limited flexibility, about \$8 billion in new Pentagon funding and expanded transfer authority, without major structural budget changes.	JANE EDWARDS
1/7/2025	GOVCON WIRE	GovCon Expert McAleese Offers Analysis of 3-Month Continuing Resolution	Jim McAleese said a continuing resolution that funds federal operations through March 14 includes about \$110 billion for disaster relief, with roughly 5 percent, about \$5.1 billion, allocated to the Department of Defense and military construction, and also extends key agricultural and public health programs.	JANE EDWARDS