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7/2/2024	GovCon Wire	GovCon Expert Jim McAleese Breaks Down Senate Armed Services Committee’s \$875B FY 2025 NDAA	A new McAleese & Associates report indicates that the Senate Armed Services Committee’s \$875 billion annual defense policy bill reflects a 3 percent increase, or \$25 billion, from the White House’s proposed \$850 billion budget for the Department of Defense.	Jane Edwards
6/25/2024	GovCon Wire	GovCon Expert Jim McAleese Offers Analysis of \$833B FY25 House Defense Appropriations Bill	A new McAleese & Associates report indicates that the House Appropriations Committee’s \$833 billion defense appropriations bill includes \$294.3 billion for the Department of Defense’s operations and maintenance initiatives and \$165.3 billion for procurement efforts in fiscal year 2025.	Jane Edwards
3/20/2024	GovCon Wire	GovCon Expert Jim McAleese Details Components of \$850B FY25 Defense Budget Request	A McAleese & Associates report on President Joe Biden’s proposed \$850 billion budget for the Department of Defense offers a look at how much funding will go to service branches and programs in fiscal year 2025.	Jane Edwards
3/15/2024	AUSA.org	National Guard to Add 6 New Partners in 2024	In remarks before defense and industry leaders participating in the McAleese Defense Programs Conference in Washington, D.C., Hokanson announced that Finland, Palau, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Sweden and Tanzania will be added to the program in 2024.	U.S. Army National Guard/Sgt. Noah Moroski
3/13/2024	Federal News Network	DoD pushing Congress to give more budget flexibilities	“One of the things in the Department of the Air Force we’ve really been striving for is the ability to have a little bit more agility and how we spend the money. We see opportunities in front of us, but we’re in the wrong part of the budget cycle. By the time you do it, you get it in the system, and you see it three years later,” Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David Allvin said during the McAleese Defense Conference on March 7.	Anastasia Obis
3/12/2024	DefenseNews	Air Force budget backs Raytheon hypersonic, no Lockheed missile funds	Andrew Hunter, the Air Force’s assistant secretary for acquisition, technology and logistics, told reporters at the McAleese & Associates conference on March 7 that the results of ARRW’s final test will help the Air Force determine the program’s maturity and identify the mix of hypersonic capabilities it will need.	Stephen Losey
3/12/2024	Air & Space Forces Magazine	Air Force’s 2025 Budget Lags Inflation But Is ‘Acceptable’ Within New Constraints	Air Force Secretary Frank Kendall hinted as much March 7 at the McAleese defense programs conference when he told attendees there was “no real growth” in the budget.	John A. Tirpak

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3/11/2024	DefenseScoop	Army seeks more than \$400M in fiscal 2025 for systems to counter small drones	“One of the big things that we are focused on with this new Army structure document is how are we going to have to fight in the future ... We know we’re going to need more counter-UAS batteries and more counter-UAS inside of our formation. So we are focused on that,” he said at the McAleese event.	John Harper
3/9/2024	NationalGuard.mil - Transcript	McAleese Defense Programs Conference: General Daniel Hokanson	(Army Gen. Daniel Hokanson, chief of the National Guard Bureau, spoke to industry leaders, military leaders, and elected officials March 7, 2024, during the 15th Annual McAleese Defense Programs Conference in Washington, D.C.)	Army Gen. Daniel Hokanson – Transcript of Conference Speech
3/9/2024	Air & Space Forces Magazine	Air Force, Space Force Leaders Warn of ‘Unsatisfying’ 2025 Budget	Secretary of the Air Force Frank Kendall, senior acquisition executive Andrew P. Hunter, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David W. Allvin, and Vice Chief of Space Operations Gen. Michael A. Guetlein all spoke at the annual McAleese defense programs conference on March 7, and while none laid out specific numbers ahead of the budget request rollout, each acknowledged that the Air Force and Space Force did not get all they wanted or needed.	Greg Hadley
3/8/2024	United States Space Force - USSF	DAF leaders talk budget, reoptimizing the force	Just days before releasing the proposed defense budget for fiscal year 2025, Department of the Air Force senior leaders emphasized the need for on-time appropriations and provided their perspective on the priorities and needs current and future budgets must fulfill during the 15th Annual McAleese Defense Programs Conference on March 7.	Tech. Sgt. William A. O’Brien Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs
3/8/2024	Defense News	Missile Defense Agency won’t brief public on budget request	Air Force Lt. Gen. Heath Collins, the agency’s director, said March 7 at the McAleese & Associates conference that the agency was told by the Pentagon it would not conduct its usual briefing as part of Monday’s formal rollout. He referred questions to the Defense Department.	Jen Judson
3/8/2024	Politico Pro	The State of the Union (for Defense)	Politico Pro – “Morning Defense” – featuring Jim McAleese, #DPC2024	Joe Gould
3/8/2024	Aviation Week	TR-3 Software Delay Could Force DOD To Combat-Code F-35s	The U.S. Air Force may have to convert some Lockheed Martin F-35s with outdated avionics to combat roles due to the ongoing, “deeply concerning” delays with software certification for a major cockpit upgrade, a key lawmaker said on March 7	Steve Trimble

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3/7/2024	Inside Defense	MDA told to stay home on budget day	Missile Defense Agency Director Lt. Gen. Heath Collins revealed today the agency had no role in the decision to break a more-than-two-decade-long tradition of publicly discussing a new spending request as part of the Pentagon's annual budget rollout. "I was told that MDA wasn't briefing," Collins said at the McAleese conference in Washington today. "Any other questions on why will have to go to the [Defense Department.]"	Jason Sherman
3/8/2024	Janes	USN Secretary Underscores Combat System and Directed Energy Weapons Developments	USN Secretary Underscores Combat System and Directed Energy Weapons Developments	Michael Fabey
3/8/2024	Inside Defense	Allvin: Air Force FY-25 request likely to be 'unsatisfying'	The Air Force's fiscal year 2025 budget request that will be announced Monday will be "unsatisfying," Chief of Staff Gen. David Allvin said today, as the service looks to modernize for what it calls "great power competition" amid congressional calls for fiscal moderation. The Air Force's priorities haven't changed since last year, when the service began putting together the FY-25 request, Allvin said at the McAleese Defense Programs Conference, but the actions of countries that "aren't behaving" and economic factors...	Shelley K. Mesch
3/8/2024	The Mirage	Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro spoke at the McAleese Defense Programs Conference in Washington, D.C., March 7.	Secretary Del Toro focused his remarks on enhancing strategic partnerships and strengthening maritime dominance. "My primary responsibility includes ensuring we have the essential tools-ships and weapons-our Sailors and Marines need to fight and win our nation's wars," said Del Toro.	U.S. Navy
3/7/2024	DVIDS	Hokanson announces new State Partnership Program nations for 2024	"Freedom and democracy are American values—but we can't uphold them alone," Hokanson said during his address to the McAleese Defense Programs Conference. "Instead, we must tend to our networks, nurture our alliances and invest in the partnerships that may one day make the difference between chaos and stability, authoritarianism and democracy, or victory and defeat," he said.	Sgt. 1st Class Zach Sheely – National Guard Bureau

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3/7/2024	DefenseScoop	Air Force needs more software developers for modernization efforts, acquisition chief says	“I see a lot of challenges in our software development,” Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Andrew Hunter said Thursday during the McAleese Defense Programs Conference. “That’s a case where it’s not necessarily just a matter of time and we’re suddenly going to find all the software experts that we need to do the sophisticated, very complicated software development we need for some of these really advanced capabilities.”	Mikayla Easley
3/7/2024	Air & Space Forces Magazine	Allvin: CCA Will Redefine How USAF Counts Its Fighters	The Air Force’s ambitious plans to start producing and fielding autonomous, unmanned Collaborative Combat Aircraft are prompting big picture questions about the fighter fleet, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David Allvin said March 7. The number of each aircraft type is less important than how effective CCA prove to be as force multipliers, Allvin told defense leaders at the McAleese Defense Conference in Washington.	Greg Hadley
3/7/2024	Air & Space Forces Magazine	Acquisition Boss: Spending Caps Forced USAF to Trim 2025 Budget Request	Spending caps set under the Fiscal Responsibility Act shaved around two percent from the topline of the Air Force’s planned fiscal 2025 budget, and that reduction will have an outsized impact given constraints on what accounts can bear the cuts, Air Force acquisition executive Andrew Hunter said March 7. Speaking to reporters at the annual McAleese defense conference in Washington, D.C., Hunter said the Air Force’s budget will take a cut “on the order of a couple of percent” from its previously anticipated topline due to the FRA. The law, passed last summer, came into force when the services had already largely figured out their budget submissions for fiscal 2025, he noted.	John A. Tirpak
3/7/2024	Breaking Defense	Space Force vice chief says failure on continuing resolution could cost service up to \$3.9B	“It is to be seen when the CRA [Continuing Resolution Appropriations Act] is finally lifted how big that impact is going to be. That impact could be as big as \$3.9 billion of Space Force TOA [total obligation authority] under a \$30 billion budget. That’s about 14 percent of my buying power,” Guetlein told the annual McAleese Defense Programs Conference today.	Theresa Hitchens

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3/7/2024	DVIDS	CNO Franchetti Speaks at McAleese Defense Programs Conference	WASHINGTON (March 7, 2024) - Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Lisa Franchetti delivers remarks during the McAleese and Associate’s 15th Annual Defense Programs Conference in Washington, D.C., March 7. Franchetti spoke about America’s Warfighting Navy and how we need to put more ready players on the field. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Michael B. Zingaro)	Petty Officer 1st Class Michael B Zingaro
3/7/2024	Defense One	Army to launch deep sensing cross-functional team and equip units with experimental tech	As a major Army technology experiment rolls along in California, top leaders speaking at the McAleese annual defense forum Thursday teased other measures intended to help the service acquire new technology.	Sam Skove
3/7/2024	USNI News	SECNAV Del Toro Tells U.S. Shipyards ‘Invest More’, Encourages Foreign Investment Sam LaGrone	On Thursday, Del Toro told an audience at the McAleese Defense Programs Conference that U.S. yards could learn from the Pacific yards in how to retain their workforces. “What I took away from this visit was that we must explore any and all opportunities to expand our own shipbuilding capability, through competition through innovation and industrial capacity,” Del Toro said.	Sam Lagrone
3/7/2024	Navy.mil	TRANSCRIPT – SECNAV Delivers Remarks at 2024 McAleese Defense Programs Conference	It is wonderful to be here with you all today for the Fiscal Year 2025 McAleese Defense Programs Conference. Thank you, Jim, for that kind introduction, for the opportunity to discuss the challenges our Navy and Marine Corps face today, and to highlight how our major acquisitions programs support our mission.	SecNav Carlos Del Toro – TRANSCRIPT OF SPEECH
3/7/2024	Defense One	Today in Washington, A Veritable Who’s-Who Ensemble of Top Pentagon Leaders is Gathering	DEFENSE ONE ‘THE D BRIEF’, - MCALEESE DEFENSE PROGRAMS CONFERENCE 2024 HIGHLIGHTS	Ben Watson & Bradley Peniston
3/7/2024	Defense One	Air Force warns of cuts to planned buys in upcoming budget	As the Pentagon prepares for the imminent rollout of the fiscal 2025 budget proposal, Bloomberg reports the Defense Department’s fiscal 2025 topline will be \$849.8 billion—about \$10 billion less than forecasted, because of Congress’s cap on defense spending. The cap forced officials to cut the number of F-35 jets it buys next year, from 83 to 70. “The Fiscal Responsibility Act did drive a need to cut,” Andrew Hunter, the Air Force’s top weapons buyer, said Thursday at the McAleese defense conference in Washington, D.C.	Audrey Decker

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3/7/2024	U.S. Department of Defense – DoD News	Pentagon Official Underscores Imperative of On-Time Defense Appropriation	Michael J. McCord, undersecretary of defense, comptroller and chief financial officer, said operating under a series of stopgap spending measures year after year poses risks to the defense industrial base and to the military's ability to meet its mission throughout the globe. "As we all know delayed funding means delayed contracting, means delays in training and means delays in delivery of new capabilities," he said during the McAleese Defense Programs Conference in Washington.	Joseph Clark
3/7/2024	U.S. Department of Defense – DoD News	DOD Acquisition Official Underscores Importance of Production in Keeping U.S. Edge	William A. LaPlante, undersecretary of defense for acquisition and sustainment, said that while anticipating future requirements remains essential, the ability to prepare for rapidly emerging threats is critical. "You can predict all you want; you need to predict, but you also have to be prepared that something, overnight, can just change," LaPlante said during the McAleese Defense Programs Conference in Washington.	Joseph Clark
3/7/2024	Washington Examiner	Close call underscores Zelensky call for more air defense for Ukraine	Close call underscores Zelensky call for more air defense for Ukraine	Jamie McIntyre
2/29/2024	GovCon Wire	Top DOD Leaders to Speak at McAleese’s 15th Annual Defense Programs Conference	McAleese and Associates is hosting its 15th Annual Defense Programs Conference on March 7 to convene renowned leaders from across the Department of Defense and Congress for a discussion on the top defense priorities and programs.	Naomi Cooper