

Legislative Updates

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Appropriations

The President signed into law on 20 Dec 2019 The National Defense Authorization Act - S.1790 for FY2020. appropriations and sets forth policies for Department of Defense (DOD) programs and activities, including military personnel strengths.
www.congress.gov

Defense Budget

On the eve of a government shutdown the President signed into law a set of FY2020 spending bills. The bills consisted of \$738 billion for military purposes and \$623 billion for non- defense agencies. This was a combined \$49 billion increase from FY2019. Updated 20 Dec 2019. Read at
www.govexec.com

U.S. Space Force

Under the National Defense Authorization Act signed on 20 Dec 2019 the U.S. Space force became the 6th independent military branch. It has been over 70 years since a new military branch has been established.
 Read at www.military.com

Today:

Vice President Mike Pence swore in Gen. John “Jay” Raymond as the first official member and leader of the U.S. Space Force spacenews.com 14 Jan 2020 | Space News | By Sandra Erwin

Other News:**VA drops its star rating for hospitals**

www.militarytimes.com 2 Jan 2020 | Militarytimes.com | By Patricia Kime

Veterans with Veteran Health ID Card can shop at Military Exchange starting Jan. 1

www.af.mil 5 Dec 2019 | af.mil | By U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Continuing TRICARE Health Coverage after Retirement (UPDATE)

tricare.mil 20 Dec 2019 | Tricare.mil | By TRICARE

Wright-Patterson becomes first active-duty purple heart base

www.airforcetimes.com 11 Dec 2019 | AirForceTimes.com | By The Associated Press

New entrance to open at Wright-Patterson AFB (Now Open)

www.airforcetimes.com 17 Nov 2019 | AirForceTimes.com | By The Associated Press

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Explanation of terms used for Ohio Senate and House Bills:

Continued – Bill remains in its assigned committee to await further hearings, amendments, etc.

Reported – The committee has voted the bill out of committee and recommends its passage on the House or Senate floor

Referred – A newly introduced bill is assigned to a committee

Introduced – A new bill that has recently been assigned a number

Scheduled but not heard – A bill that was supposed to have a hearing in committee, but was passed over due to sponsor/chair request

Cancelled - Awaiting a new hearing date

Enacted - A bill that has passed both House and Senate and has been signed by the Governor