

Defense News Sequestration Report

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[CNO: Deep cuts would hurt quality of life in Navy](#)

(Navy Times) Billions in looming cuts threaten sailors' quality of life starting next year, unless lawmakers reach a deficit deal, the Navy's top officer said Aug. 22. .

[Amos: Sequestration's effects on Corps 'disproportionate'](#)

(Marine Corps Times) Speaking Tuesday at the National Press Club, Amos said that although sequestration would result in blanket cuts of about 10 to 11 percent across the Defense Department in manpower, acquisitions and other accounts, it would be felt more in the Corps.

[Budget impasse clouds F-35's future](#)

(Las Vegas Review-Journal) Plans to deliver the first F-35 Joint Strike Fighter jets to Nellis Air Force Base early next year hinge on uncertain defense budget cuts and potential layoffs at the manufacturer, Lockheed Martin.

[Sequestration cuts hit agencies to tune of \\$39B in 2013](#)

(Washington Technology) The overall civilian budget is expected to take a \$39 billion hit in fiscal 2013 if sequestration takes effect on Jan. 3. The only agency not expected to see a significant cut is Veterans Affairs, which was protected in the Budget Control Act that set up sequestration, according to an analysis by the Professional Services Council.

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Romney slams Obama for defense cuts

(Washington Post) On the day before he formally accepts the Republican presidential nomination, Mitt Romney slammed President Obama in a speech here Wednesday for military budget cuts that he said would devastate the country's already beleaguered economy.

Cuts in military spending would hit home in Erie County

(Erie Times-News) Whether you support or reject those spending cuts -- estimated at \$55 billion, or about 7 percent of the Department of Defense budget -- one conclusion is hard to ignore: Some of those cuts will likely hit close to home in Erie County, where dozens of companies have won more than \$430 million in defense contracts over the past decade

How to avoid imminent fiscal disaster and long-term decline

(Wall Street Journal) While we will certainly witness a vigorous debate between now and November about the proper roles of the federal government, there should at least be agreement that two of its primary ones are encouraging a strong economy and ensuring a robust national defense.

Automatic cuts threaten more than military, progressives say

(Macon Telegraph) The so-called fiscal cliff of \$1.2 trillion in automatic federal budget cuts that could be triggered in January is an unquantified threat not just to the military, but to industry and social services as well, say progressives.