

**Airbus celebrates as A400M gets airborne**

Airbus Military's first A400M transport took off from San Pablo airport near Seville, Spain at 10:15 local time on its historic first flight, with the aircraft expected to remain airborne for up to 3h.

Flight Global

**Airbus A400M starts long-awaited maiden flight**

A new European military transport plane, the Airbus A400M, took to the skies on Friday in a boost to a 20 billion euro (\$29.45 billion) project threatened by soaring costs after a two-year development delay.

Reuters

**Debt limit to rise with U.S. Defense bill-Pelosi**

Legislation to increase the federal debt limit got a boost on Thursday when House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi said on Thursday that it would be combined with a must-pass military spending bill.

Reuters

**Brazil Defence Minister: Jet Fighter Winner Will Be Named in 2010**

Brazil's defense minister said Dec. 9 his government would in early 2010 choose the winner of a multibillion-dollar contract to build 36 jet fighters.

Defense News

**Oshkosh Corporation Logs Additional \$175 Million U.S. Army TACOM Order to Supply 400 M-ATVs**

Oshkosh Corporation has announced it has received an additional \$175 million order from the U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command Life Cycle Management Command (TACOM LCMC) to deliver 400 MRAP All Terrain Vehicles (M-ATV).

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**Russia's latest Bulava missile test unsuccessful**

The latest test launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile in the White Sea in northern Russia ended in failure, the Defense Ministry said on Thursday.

RIA Novosti

**2 GOP Defense Veterans Named to QDR Panel**

A former member of Congress known for his work on aerial transport and sealift issues and a Bush administration defense policy official will be part of an independent panel that reviews the Defense Department's Quadrennial Defense Review.

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