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Subject: [EXTERNAL] - Acting with resilience and persistence for veterans
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Date: Monday, May 5, 2025 11:43:33 AM

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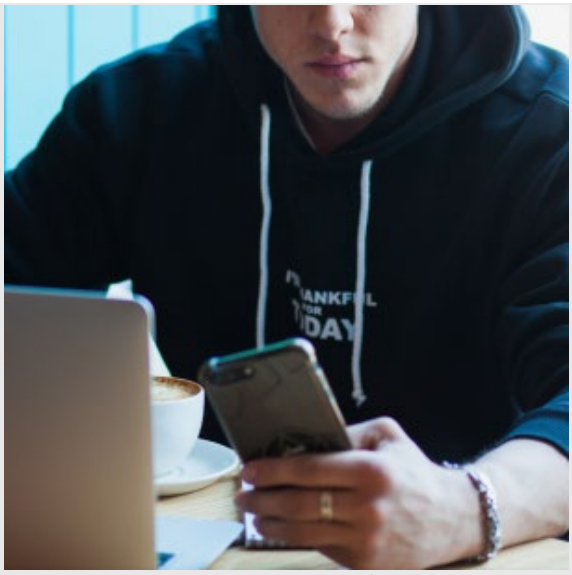

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Date: Thursday, May 8, 2025 11:59:57 AM

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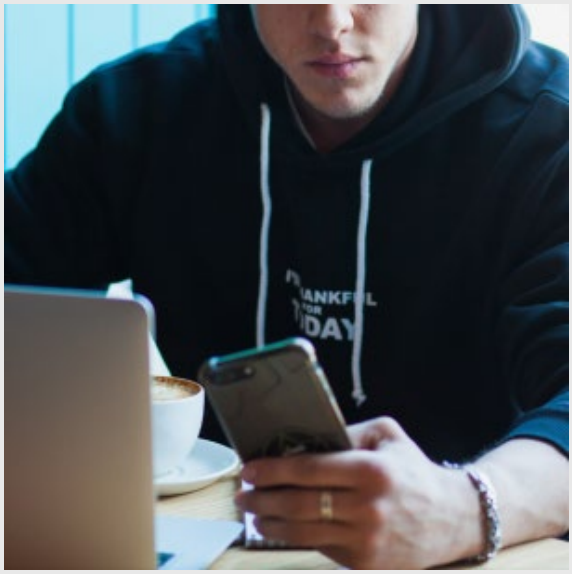

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North Korea says its support of Russia is aimed against countering U.S. influence, pope calls for peace in Ukraine and congressional budget hearings focus on operations at sea. All this and more in today's top 5.

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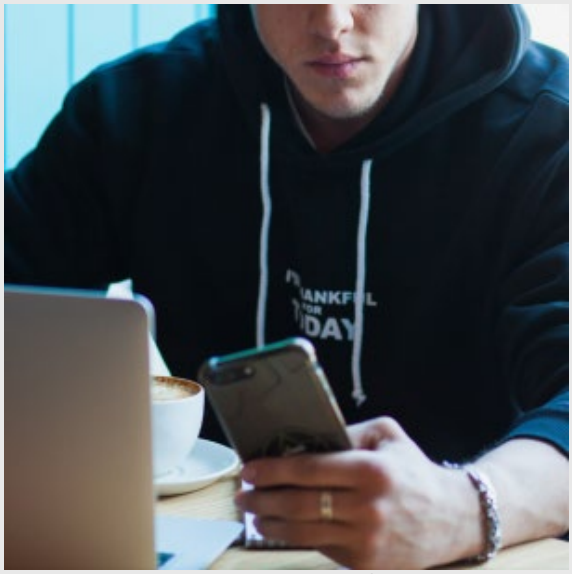

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Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025 9:07:03 AM

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] - Cease-fire in Ukraine?
Date: Monday, May 19, 2025 10:05:20 AM

President Trump optimistic about phone calls today with Putin and Zelenskyy, confusion clouds POW benefit claims and Congress departs with unanswered budget questions. All this and more in today's top five.

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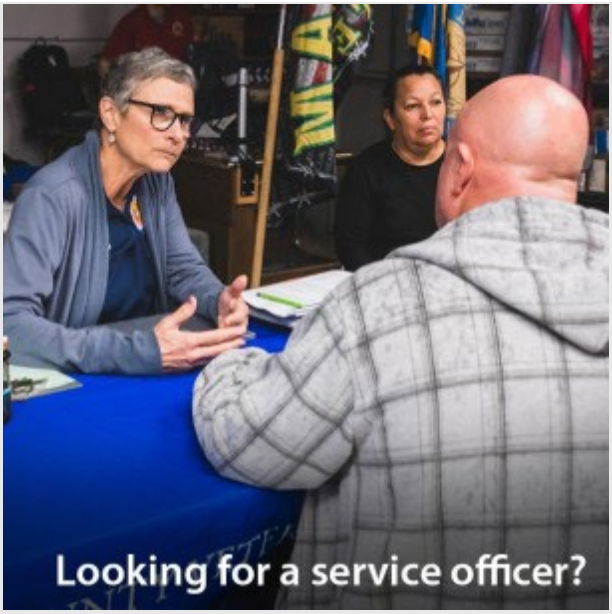

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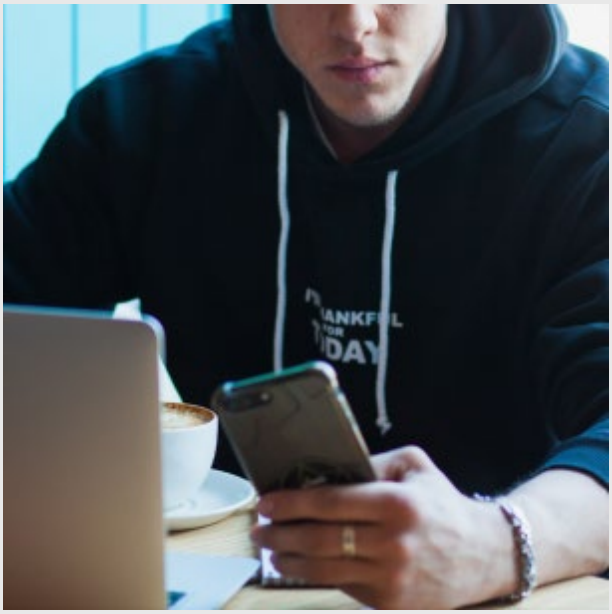

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] - Memorial Day tributes in Europe
Date: Monday, May 26, 2025 8:45:26 AM

ABMC conducts overseas Memorial Day commemorations, Trump calls Putin ‘crazy’ after massive drone attack on Ukraine, and just how much the U.S. spent recruiting and retaining servicemembers in the past three years. All this and more in today's top five.

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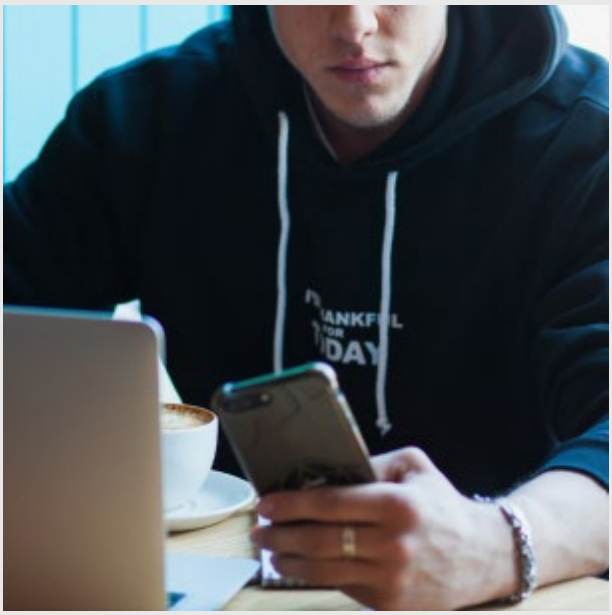

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