

The Department of Defense announced today that Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird is building a wood-paneled meditation room in the Pentagon. The announcement said, "Secretary Laird, a regular visitor to the prayer room on Capitol Hill, strongly believed there was a similar need for a non-denominational place for meditation in the Pentagon. Accordingly, he ordered renovation of a small area."

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AP comments, "Religion is getting a boost from high-level defense officials these days," .....

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