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In this March 5, 2013 file photo, then-Marine Gen. James Mattis, commander of the U.S. Central Command, testifies before the House Armed Services Committee in Washington. President-elect Donald Trump says he will nominate Mattis to lead the Defense Department. (AP Photo/Chris Vucci, File)

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[Trump to nominate retired Gen. James Mattis to lead Pentagon](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Donald Trump says he will nominate retired Gen. James Mattis to be his defense secretary. Mattis, 66, is a Marine Corps general who retired in 2013 after serving as the commander of the U.S. Central Command.

Command. Trump made the announcement Thursday night at a post-election victory rally in Cincinnati.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Retired Marine Gen. James Mattis, President-elect Donald Trump's pick for defense secretary, must have more than the usual Senate confirmation before being able to take office. U.S. law states that a nominee for defense secretary must have been out of the active-duty military for seven years. Mattis, 66, retired after serving as the commander of the Central Command.

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In this Sept. 22, 2016 file photo, Defense Secretary Ash Carter testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington. The Obama administration, less than two months from term's end, has announced its support for requiring women to register for the military. The administration has been deliberating for roughly a year about whether to back such a change to the Selective Service Act. (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)



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