



## More paternity leave, higher commissary prices proposed

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Lawmakers have bypassed a commissary price increase pilot program, and have instead given the Defense Department's grocery system the OK to mark up goods systemwide, provided officials still can meet savings benchmarks. The legislation also gives commissary officials the OK to contract with experts to help with the change. [READ MORE](#)

## Blue Star Families releases annual Military Family Lifestyle survey

Blue Star Families

Blue Star Families conducted its 7th annual Military Family Lifestyle Survey with over 8,300 respondents including military spouses, active duty service members, veterans, and their immediate family members. The Military Family Lifestyle Survey's response rate makes it the largest and most comprehensive survey of active duty, veterans, and their families, and offers crucial insight and data to help inform national leaders, local communities, and philanthropic actors. [READ MORE](#)

## Silent sacrifice: Military spouse unemployment in America

New America

While veteran unemployment has improved recently, and is now down to single digits, military spouse unemployment continues to hover near 20% (about four times the general unemployment rate). The cost to military families is significant because they cannot reliably depend on a second income, nor expect the spouse to earn what they would in civilian life. When policymakers debate cuts to military compensation and benefits this reality should be a key consideration. [READ MORE](#)

## Why recruiting 80,000 new soldiers is tough for U.S. Army

The Arizona Republic

The Army is having trouble recruiting the 80,000 new soldiers it needs this fiscal year because most people don't meet the requirements to join or are misinformed about the military. "The biggest challenge right now is the fact that only three in 10 can actually meet the requirements to actually join the military," said Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Snow, commanding general of United State Army Recruiting Command. [READ MORE](#)

## Chief of naval operations honors Pearl Harbor survivors, WWII veterans

U.S. Department of Defense

On the eve of the 75th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack, Navy Adm. John M. Richardson, chief of naval operations, paid tribute to World War II veterans and the men and women who serve around the globe today. "I am inspired by the brave sailors who gave their lives on [the battleship USS] Arizona, by the heroes that fought in the Pacific and witnessed the peace treaty signed on [the battleship USS] Missouri, and by all those who raise their right hand and take an oath to serve our country." [READ MORE](#)