



## Fort Bragg temporarily closing 3 gyms to cope with ongoing federal hiring freeze

Stars and Stripes

Fort Bragg is temporarily closing three physical fitness centers due to staffing shortages caused by the ongoing federal hiring freeze imposed by President Trump. The installation's Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) announced the closings via its Facebook page Thursday. [READ MORE](#)

## Defense lawmakers take aim at fixing the widow's tax

Military Times

Republican defense lawmakers want the government to stop shortchanging military widows and widowers of their benefits, but they'll need help from budget planners to do it. Veterans groups have pushed for a solution to the problem for almost three decades, calling it an unfair practice that strips thousands of dollars in benefits payouts from veterans' survivors without good justification. [READ MORE](#)

## USAA launches new online calculator to assist with changes from DoD's new Blended Retirement System

Navy Time

USAA has made its Military Retirement Comparison Tool available to all service members, following changes to the Department of Defense's retirement plan. The aim of the new tool is to help military families make informed financial decisions based upon their retirement plan. [READ MORE](#)

## Guard members aid first responders during east coast storm

U.S. Department of Defense

The Virginia National Guard has nearly 200 personnel staged and ready for duty today at key locations across Northern Virginia to assist with the state's multi-agency response to possible heavy snow. And, nearly 1,700 National Guardsmen are deployed in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, according to the National Guard Bureau. [READ MORE](#)