

The Blue Star Families annual Military Family Lifestyle Survey

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Today is the last day to take the Military Family Lifestyle Survey. Make your voice heard and make a difference for your military family! Contribute to a leading resource that is used to understand the issues facing military families. Survey open to active duty service members, veterans, and military families. [READ MORE](#)

Commission eyes converting military to a salary system

Military Update

By year's end the Department of Defense expects to launch its 13th Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation (QRMC), which will assess the pros and cons of converting service members from traditional basic pay and tax-free allowances to a single, civilian-like salary system. [READ MORE](#)

Air Force introduces Gold Star ID card

Military.com

Immediate family members of fallen troops now can receive long-term access cards for Air Force bases thanks to a program launched this month. The Gold Star Base Access ID program was implemented servicewide May 15. The ID cards allow only base access and are not good for entrance into MWR activities, medical facilities, exchange or commissary services, officials said. Widows and minor dependents already have base access through the dependent ID card system. [READ MORE](#)

Heather Wilson sworn in as 24th Air Force secretary

Air Force Times

Heather Wilson, a former representative from New Mexico and Air Force Academy graduate, was sworn in Tuesday as the 24th secretary of the Air Force. Defense Secretary Mattis lauded Wilson's accomplishments, including being one of the first women to graduate from the Academy, being a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University in England, and serving as director for European defense policy and arms control on the National Security Council. Wilson is the first service secretary to take office in the Trump administration. [READ MORE](#)

President, First Lady welcome military moms to White House

U.S. Department of Defense

In honor of Mother's Day, President Donald J. Trump and First Lady Melania Trump welcomed active-duty troops, their spouses and mothers to the White House, today. "To every military service member, mother and spouse here today, I want you to know you have my complete and total support ... [and] the White House, this administration and this government stands fully behind you," the president said. [READ MORE](#)

Lawmakers move to establish new VA office ordered by Trump

The Hill

The bipartisan Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act "will establish in law this newly created office," which would allow VA Secretary David Shulkin to more easily dismiss poorly performing employees and protect whistleblowers, according to the bill's announcement. President Trump late last month signed an executive order to create the office. [READ MORE](#)