

Senators push to end 'Discrepancies' in enlisted pay

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Two senators on Wednesday introduced a bill aimed at boosting pay rates for enlisted personnel by requiring presidents to go by the Employment Cost Index in recommending raises. The bill proposed by Sens. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, and Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., both members of the Senate Armed Services Committee, would also correct what they called "discrepancies" resulting in different pay rates for senior enlisted personnel of the same rank and equal responsibilities. [READ MORE](#)

Defense experts call on Congress to allow military base closures

The Hill

Forty-five leading defense experts, think tank leaders and advocacy group officials are calling on Congress to allow the Pentagon to close excess military bases. "The time to act is now," they wrote in an open letter to the House and Senate Armed Services committees. "Congress should grant our military the authority to eliminate waste and ensure that vital defense resources flow to where they are most needed." [READ MORE](#)

5 things you need to know about military spouse employment problems

National Military Family Association

"Military spouse employment issues don't just impact the families—they're critical to our troops, our military strategy and our national security," Former Second Lady Jill Biden explained. "And right now, our limited progress is endangering all three. It's simply unacceptable." [READ MORE](#)

Feds Feed Families campaign kicks off

U.S. Department of Defense

The feds Feed Families campaign is in full swing. The campaign officially began June 1 and will run through Aug. 31. Last year, we "beat our best" in the Defense Department by donating more than 3.2 million pounds to local food banks and charities to feed individuals who are food insecure. [READ MORE](#)

Lost in translation: The civil-military divide and veteran employment

Center for New American Security

Both employers and veterans benefit from the recent spotlight on the business case for hiring veterans. There is a great opportunity for business to leverage the training and talent found among veterans for an improved bottom line. However, progress in veteran hiring and retention has, at times, been stymied by the civil-military divide, characterized by a growing gap between the public and those who serve (or have served) in the military. [READ MORE](#)