

What happens if there's an attack on your base?

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What should military families living on base do if there's a serious threat or actual attack? About 30 percent of the military's more than 2.7 million spouses and family members live on bases worldwide, experts say. While it's ultimately up to the commander of each base how their emergency system works, officials with the Pentagon's U.S. Northern Command, which manages force protection issues, said every base is instructed to have a plan that can adapt to any threat. [READ MORE](#)

Ivanka Trump spotlights military spouses' employment challenges

CNN

When American service members deploy both domestically and abroad, their spouses are faced with challenges of their own, including finding and retaining employment, as well as interrupting their educational and career development. The Trump administration is looking to make things a little easier for the men and women behind those who serve, holding a listening session Wednesday with a group of military spouses led by senior adviser Ivanka Trump. [READ MORE](#)

The warrior caste

Slate

The U.S. military is comprised today of a large number of families who serve generation after generation. While the service and sacrifice of these families over the years are undeniable, the extent to which fighting America's wars has become a family business should give us pause. Despite the near-constant engagement of the U.S. military overseas, the everyday welfare and lives of most Americans are unaffected. [READ MORE](#)

Do families of the fallen deserve to be notified first?

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As a military family member who has sat wondering "is it us?" while waiting for that terrible knock, I know how awful those hours can be between "someone was killed" and knowing just who. During my husband's 2009 deployment over 20 families received those notifications in just four short months. But would eliminating that first initial confirmation had made a big difference? [READ MORE](#)

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When wounded, ill, or injured service members are no longer able to perform their military duties, their medical conditions are evaluated to determine appropriate pay and benefits. This process is intended to fulfill the armed forces' primary obligation to maintain combat readiness by removing unfit troops, while simultaneously ensuring fair compensation for veterans' disabilities. [READ MORE](#)

Does the U.S. military need a space corps?

The Atlantic

The U.S. military hasn't added a new uniformed service in 70 years, when the Air Force was created in the aftermath of World War II. If Congress gets its way, that will soon change. In a bipartisan vote last month, the House of Representatives approved legislation that would direct the Defense Department to build a new "space corps" within the Air Force. [READ MORE](#)