



## Women take helm of two major veterans organizations

Stars and Stripes

The American Legion, a 99-year-old organization representing 2 million veterans, elected its first female national commander at the conclusion of its annual convention. Denise Rohan, an Army veteran living in Wisconsin, now leads what President Donald Trump just called “a very powerful organization.” Disabled American Veterans elected its first female commander, Army veteran Delphine Metcalf-Foster, on Aug. 1.

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## American military community in Singapore rallies to support McCain sailors/families

U.S. Navy

The American military community in Singapore rallied to support the crew of USS John S. McCain (DDG 56) Aug. 21-25, through donations, volunteer work and food distribution. Community support will continue while McCain is moored in Singapore. [READ MORE](#)

## Guard units from other states join Harvey response in Texas

U.S. Department of Defense

One day after Texas Gov. Greg Abbott called up the entire 12,000-member Texas National Guard to assist civilian authorities with the epic flooding resulting from Hurricane Harvey, several other state Guard units are in the hard-hit areas to offer manpower, and support. [READ MORE](#)

## Building healthy military communities pilot seeks to improve force wellness, readiness

U.S. Department of Defense

The Defense Department has launched the Building Healthy Military Communities pilot program to connect service members with resources and improve readiness across the military population. The pilot aims to address gaps between on-the-ground resources and geographically dispersed service members and their families, and in doing so, help improve community health and readiness. [READ MORE](#)

## DoD's one-stop child care portal now available worldwide

Army Times

The online gateway designed to make it easier for military parents to find child care has finished rolling out to all Army, Air Force, Marine and Navy installations worldwide, officials said. The last seven locations, all Air Force bases, came on board MilitaryChildCare.com on Aug. 10. DoD provides child care each day for about 180,000 children ranging in age from birth to 12 years. [READ MORE](#)

## How VA turns survey data into better veteran health care

Nextgov

A new system can flag veterans at risk of suicide based on the surveys they answer about Veterans Affairs Department services they receive. A veteran filling out a feedback form about VA care might describe symptoms of suicidal thoughts or behaviors that put them at risk of homelessness. The system can then direct those patients to VA task forces specializing in preventing and mitigating those issues. [READ MORE](#)

## 2018 Dole caregiver fellowships accepting applications

The Elizabeth Dole Foundation

The Elizabeth Dole Foundation is now accepting applications for its 2018 class of Dole Caregiver Fellows. The program provides military and veteran caregivers with the opportunity to advise national leaders through the Foundation's network of public, private, and nonprofit organizations. [READ MORE](#)