

## Trump mulls executive order that could affect SNAP

Politico

The White House last week began circulating a draft order to federal agencies aimed at making sweeping changes to welfare initiatives like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. The order is being floated at several agencies to elicit feedback, including at the USDA. It doesn't target any specific program, according to one of the officials who reviewed it, but instead calls for a high-level review of programs across federal agencies. [READ MORE](#)

## Pentagon says Trump's Afghan troop boost to cost \$1 billion

SF Gate

The U.S. military's top leaders told lawmakers Tuesday that the thousands of additional U.S. troops President Trump has ordered to Afghanistan will cost just over \$1 billion a year, bringing the total bill for fighting America's longest war to \$12.5 billion annually. [READ MORE](#)

## Veterans among victims of Las Vegas shooting, others fought to save lives

Stars and Stripes

In early July, months before he was gunned down in Sunday's massacre on the Las Vegas Strip, Navy combat veteran Christopher Roybal posted a haunting message on his Facebook page that began with the words "What's it like being shot at?" "A question people ask because it's something less than 1 percent of our American population will experience," the Afghanistan War veteran wrote. [READ MORE](#)

## Congress needs to take responsibility to address veteran suicide for those at risk

The Hill

It's tough to put your life back together when you feel ostracized, battling post-traumatic stress disorder, and your discharge disqualifies you from critical transition benefits such as the GI Bill. Yet, this is the status quo for the tens of thousands of veterans with PTSD and related mental-health conditions whose discharges lead them to a denial of healthcare at the VA. [READ MORE](#)

## MOAA military spouse professional development symposium attendees hear from White House advisers

Chron

More than 260 spouses took part in the day-long symposium including a panel discussion titled "National Focus on Military Spouse Careers," which featured Ivanka Trump, adviser to the president, and Kellyanne Conway, counselor to the president. White House deputy director for the Office of Public Liaison, Jennifer Korn, moderated the panel. [READ MORE](#)

## Special report: The annual combined federal campaign

U.S. Department of Defense

Department of Defense (DoD) employees worldwide can support their favorite charities from Oct. 2, 2017 to Jan. 12, 2018 by participating in the 2017 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). CFC is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign with 36 CFC Zones located everywhere federal employees work. Last year, military and civilian employees contributed more than \$167 million to almost 20,000 local, national and international charities. [READ MORE](#)