

Army families pepper top leaders with questions

Association of the United States Army

The Army's top leaders reaffirmed their deep commitment to the well-being of soldiers and their families, and answered questions this week on a variety of topics during a packed Association of the U.S. Army Meeting and Exhibition town hall meeting concerning Army families. Chief among the messages delivered by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley was his ironclad assertion that Army readiness cannot happen if soldiers' families are not taken care of. [READ MORE](#)

Army surgeon general: Opioid use has decreased among soldiers

Defense News

Opioid use among active-duty soldiers dropped more than 3 percentage points from 2012 to 2016, according to the Army surgeon general, thanks in part to the Army's efforts to find alternate methods of pain management. "This addiction problem recognizes no distinction between those who wear the uniform and those who don't," said Lt. Gen. Nadja West, speaking at a family forum during the Association of the U.S. Army's annual conference in Washington, D.C. [READ MORE](#)

Newman's Own awards 5 groups \$200K to help service members, vets, families

U.S. Department of Defense

The Newman's Own Foundation awarded \$200,000 to five organizations serving service members, veterans and their families during ceremonies at the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes. Navy Vice Adm. Kevin D. Scott, the Joint Staff's director of joint force development, thanked Newman's Own and the five organizations for their dedication and their passion to help others. Also participating in the ceremony were the Fisher House Foundation and Military Times. [READ MORE](#)

Camp's outreach to military families with sick children leads Newman's Own Award winners

Military Times

For Marine Staff Sgt. Anthony Jefferis and his wife, Melissa, their 5-year-old son Taylor's life-threatening cancer is a reality they live with every minute, while juggling work, parenting and medical appointments, and continually working to provide the best quality of life possible for both their children. [READ MORE](#)

Shanahan: DoD 'always in the front' for giving to Combined Federal Campaign

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The Defense Department is traditionally the largest contributor in the Combined Federal Campaign, Deputy Defense Secretary Pat Shanahan said today at a Pentagon event to kick off the 2017 CFC campaign season. Addressing DoD CFC campaign volunteers, managers, coordinators, executives, captains and keyworkers representing 24 teams, Shanahan said DoD's goal this year is to raise \$9.1 million for charitable and nonprofit organizations. [READ MORE](#)

Puerto Rico response continues with more than 13,000 personnel

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The Defense Department continues to respond to deadly hurricane damage in Puerto Rico, with 13,229 personnel now on the island and medical support operations ongoing aboard the Navy hospital ship USNS Comfort near San Juan, Pentagon spokesman Army Lt. Col. Jamie Davis reported today. [READ MORE](#)

The Navy Turns 242

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