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Military spouses talk employment woes with key Senator

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A group of military spouses met with an influential U.S. senator Monday near Washington, D.C., to discuss ways to reduce the high level of unemployment in their community. Gathering around a table with Sen. Tim Kaine, a Democrat from Virginia and a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, the spouses spoke of the challenges associated with trying to keep a job or land a new one as their husbands or wives advanced in their military careers. **READ MORE**

USecAF talks modernization during aviation week symposium

U.S. Air Force

Under Secretary of the Air Force Matthew Donovan discussed the importance of rapid modernization and innovation during the 2017 Aviation Week Program Excellence Symposium in Washington, D.C., Oct. 23, 2017. "When it comes to innovation, the Air Force is looking for new ways to do business, accelerating the transfer of ideas from the lab to the field, and putting the latest capabilities in Airmen's toolkits as quickly as possible," Donovan said. **READ MORE**

Lawmakers unveil planned VA health reforms, but department leaders want more Military Times

House lawmakers are looking to dramatically increase the number of veterans who can seek medical care outside the Veterans Affairs system, but department officials want them to go even further. They're arguing in favor of an even more radical shift in traditional veterans' medical care, opening community care options to nearly any veteran and allowing free walk-in care at local doctor's offices for routine appointments. **READ**MORE

Joint Base Charleston becomes supply center for Hurricane Maria recovery

U.S. Department of Defense

Joint Base Charleston has been established as the central hub and reception area for disaster relief supplies

as part of sustained efforts in rebuilding Puerto Rico in the wake of Hurricane Maria. Joint Base Charleston was chosen because it's one of the few Defense Department installations with sea and aerial port facilities.

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Servicewomen gather at Arlington for memorial's 20th anniversary

U.S. Department of Defense

Nearly 40 Oklahoma Air and Army National Guard women gathered here Oct. 21 with hundreds of active duty, retired and reserve service members from all branches of the military to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the dedication of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial. **READ MORE**