

Service secretaries say quality of schools, reciprocity of licenses should be considered in future basing decisions

U.S. Department of Defense

A letter signed by all three military service secretaries outlining ways state leadership can better support service members was sent to the National Governors Association on Friday, Feb. 23. The letter encouraged state leadership to look at the quality of schools near bases and if reciprocity of professional licenses is available for military families. [READ MORE](#)

This school voucher plan is not the answer for military families

National Military Family Association

Military families most often do not have control over many aspects of military life, such as the number of PCS moves they will make over time, the length or frequency of military deployments and sometimes, whether or not their child will be in a desirable school district. A recent proposal through the Heritage Foundation attempts to promote school choice for military families by turning Federal Impact Aid funds into a voucher system they refer to as Education Savings Accounts (ESA). [READ MORE](#)

Facing fitness crisis, Army leaders look to change culture

The Fayetteville Observer

Officials from U.S. Army Forces Command and U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command said they are working to fundamentally change the culture of fitness within the Army. Their efforts will impact everyone from the nation's newest recruits to its longest-serving soldiers. Outside of the military, officials are tackling an even greater fitness challenge with what some have called a "looming national security crisis." [READ MORE](#)

Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services Releases 2017 annual report

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The Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services released its [2017 annual report](#) on matters relating to women serving in the armed forces of the United States, according to a DoD news release. DACOWITS provides the Defense Department with advice and recommendations on matters and policies relating to women in the armed forces. [READ MORE](#)

2 women commanding vets' groups say their historic roles haven't meant big challenges

Military Times

This week, for the first time ever, two women are testifying before Congress as the top officials at major veterans organizations, helping to set the national agenda on a host of care and program issues. Disabled American Veteran National Commander Delphine Metcalf-Foster and American Legion National Commander Denise Rohan said they see historic significance in their roles, but also emphasized their gender really hasn't meant many differences than past leaders' work on veterans issues. [READ MORE](#)

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Military Officers Association of America

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Military Times

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