



President Obama Designates November as Military Family Month

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Noting that the selflessness of military families "tells a story of unfailing duty and devotion," President Barack Obama signed a proclamation declaring November as Military Family Month. "For more than two centuries, members of our Armed Forces have defended our country with unyielding courage. In our Nation's times of need, these brave patriots step forward to answer America's call, leaving behind everything they know and love. And as they help secure our freedom and democracy, their families sacrifice alongside them. During Military Family Month, we recognize every spouse, parent, sibling, child, and loved one who stands with our service members, and we reaffirm our solemn vow to serve these families as well as they serve us."

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Record Number of Female Vets Seek Congressional Seats

The Hill

Thirteen female veterans ran for Congress during the Midterm elections, including two incumbents, Reps. Tammy Duckworth, D-Ill., and Tulsi Gabbard, D-Hawaii. Both won their reelection by a wide margin. The Senate will have its first female combat veteran when Joni Ernst, R-IA is sworn in, joining a small group of women veterans now serving in the House. Ten female veterans received major party nominations in 2012.

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General Dempsey Highlights Importance of Hiring Veterans

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Veterans are brave and selfless, and they bring the best traits to employers, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said today. Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey spoke in New York at a symposium of Veterans on Wall Street, a group that helps veterans find business and career opportunities in the financial services industry. He thanked the employers in the room who have hired veterans, and said their employees who have served in the military will "make you a better organization."

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Nominations Open for Reserve-Component Employer Recognition

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Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, a Defense Department office, is now accepting nominations for the 2015 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. The Freedom Award is the nation's highest honor presented to civilian employers for exceptional support of their employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve. The Freedom Award recognizes employers who go beyond what the law requires in supporting members of the Guard and Reserve -- from continuing benefits and health care coverage during deployments to helping with home maintenance and sponsoring veteran-hiring initiatives.

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MOAA Honors Community Members for Troop Support

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Three individuals and a couple in the national capital region received the 2014 Military Officer Association of America Community Heroes Awards recently for their efforts to support service members, military families and veterans. "We are privileged to recognize some of the outstanding members of the Washington, D.C., metro area -- military and civilian communities who devote their time and energy to helping wounded service members," said retired Navy Vice Adm. Norb Ryan, MOAA's president.

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