



## President presents Medal of Honor to Army captain

U.S. Department of Defense

President Obama presented the Medal of Honor to retired Army Capt. Florent A. Groberg during a ceremony at the White House last week. Capt. Groberg became the 10th living service member to receive the medal for selfless actions on the battlefield in Iraq or Afghanistan. Capt. Groberg and Army Sgt. Andrew Mahoney identified and tackled a suicide bomber, saving the lives of the brigade commander and several others.

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## Obama: Everyone has role to play in serving veterans

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Everyone has a role to play to ensure veterans have the opportunities and support they deserve, said President Barack Obama in his weekly address. Less than 1 percent of Americans are serving in uniform, Obama noted, so most don't see and appreciate the skills and assets that veterans offer. But every American should know that the nation's veterans are some of the most talented, capable people in the world.

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## TAPS founder Bonnie Carroll to receive highest civilian honor

Military Times

Bonnie Carroll, founder of the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, will receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom for her longstanding efforts to provide support to the families of fallen service members. Carroll founded TAPS after her husband, Army Brig. Gen. Tom Carroll, died in an Army C-12 plane crash in Alaska in 1992, and she found few resources for surviving families. TAPS, a Coalition valued associate member, now enrolls more than 60,000 survivors.

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## DoD announces France travel ban

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U.S. military personnel, dependents and all Defense civilian contractors and employees may not travel to France thanks to a newly instituted travel ban announced by the Defense Department after a wave of terrorist attacks rocked the country last week leaving 129 people dead. The ban prohibits all DoD personnel and their command-sponsored dependents and family from unofficial travel within the country.

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