



April is Month of the Military Child: Purple Up!

U.S. Department of Defense

Military children make up a very special part of our nation's population. Although young, these brave sons and daughters stand in steadfast support of their military parents. To honor their unique contributions and sacrifices on behalf of our country, each April is designated the Month of the Military Child. Show your support on Friday, April 15th by wearing purple [#PURPLE UP](#). [READ MORE](#)

Families ordered to leave Turkey begin arriving in U.S.

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Military dependents and their pets began arriving at Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport in Maryland yesterday, following an ordered departure of Defense Department dependents due to security concerns in some areas of Turkey. BWI airport authorities, the USO and the Red Cross assisted passengers as they traveled through the airport. [READ MORE](#)

Why are so many military families dealing with debt collectors?

NBC News

Are America's military families being targeted by aggressive debt collectors? Nearly half (46 percent) of the 19,000 complaints the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau received from servicemembers in 2015 dealt with debt collectors, according to a recent report. [READ MORE](#)

U.S. military suicides remain high for 7th year

MSN

The Pentagon reported Friday that 265 active-duty service members killed themselves last year, continuing a trend of unusually high suicide rates that have plagued the U.S. military for at least seven years. [READ MORE](#)

Panel weighs closing all VA health care: vets' groups raise conflict of interest

Military Times

A blue-ribbon panel created to evaluate the Veterans Affairs health system is weighing a radical proposal to eliminate all VA medical centers and outpatient facilities in the next 20 years and transition 9 million veterans to the private sector for health care. VA would become "primarily a payer," much like Medicare. VA officials and several veterans advocacy groups have expressed dismay at the proposal. [READ MORE](#)