



New Wounded Warrior Project CEO expects layoffs during restructuring

The Washington Post

The new chief executive of the Wounded Warrior Project, one of the nation's largest veterans charities, said he anticipates laying off an undisclosed number of employees and cutting the amount of financing it provides smaller veterans groups amid a restructuring that follows scrutiny of the nonprofit organization's spending. [READ MORE](#)

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Federal News Radio

VA Secretary Bob McDonald has described 2016 as a "make or break year" for the department. The outcome largely depends on whether Congress can pass major legislation. "It's comprehensive and it's sweeping...it's not going to be the easiest thing in the world to ever pass," Senate Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Johnny Isakson (R-Ga.) said during the annual Disabled American Veterans national convention. [READ MORE](#)

When blue stars turn gold

National Military Family Association

I think it's important for people to know the stories of Gold Star Families. Our country has become numb after years of war. It's important for us to remember that our fallen are not just a number on the news. They all had lives, and people who loved them. Their loss stretches across our Nation and causes a ripple effect around the world. [READ MORE](#)

How a gold star became a symbol of the ultimate sacrifice

Los Angeles Times

The gold star denoting a family member who died in combat dates back to World War I, but before the recent controversy, the phrase "Gold Star family" wasn't as widely known as it was during World War II. But how and when did the gold star become a symbol of the ultimate sacrifice? [READ MORE](#)