



President proclaims National Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week

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Calling upon all Americans to join him in expressing thanks to the members of the National Guard and Reserve and their civilian employers, President Obama signed a proclamation declaring Aug. 21 through Aug. 27, 2016, as National Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week. [READ MORE](#)

Clinton, Trump agree to square off at a 'commander-in-chief forum' next month

The Washington Post

Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump will appear back-to-back Sept. 7 at a "commander-in-chief forum" devoted to national security, military affairs and veterans issues. The event is sponsored by the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America and will be broadcast live in prime time on NBC and MSNBC. [READ MORE](#)

Ham argues readiness woes are 'No Myth'

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Retired Army Gen. Carter Ham, president of the Association of the U.S. Army, took issue this week with the claim of retired Army Gen. David Petraeus that the U.S. military is in fairly good shape in terms of readiness. Ham said the services were struggling to prepare to meet new challenges while coping with the wear and tear of 15 years of war and constant deployments, compounded by years of budget uncertainty. [READ MORE](#)

DoD makes last-minute push for food donations in 'Feds Feed Families'

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"Every commissary that we have within the United States has donation boxes and serves as a collection point for every installation," said Randy Eller, deputy director of logistics for the Defense Commissary Agency. "This program is just fantastic -- it generates hundreds of thousands of pounds of donations every year, so we are proud to assist." [READ MORE](#)