



## Keeping our covenant with America's veterans

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President Obama gave his final major address as President at the 95<sup>th</sup> Disabled American Veterans National Convention. "I believe that our nation has a sacred covenant with our veterans – that just as you served to protect us, we have a moral obligation to take care of you and your families when you come home," he stated. [READ MORE](#)

## Congress' four female combat veterans are speaking up on military issues

The Washington Post

There are now four female combat veterans in Congress and they have something to say about the changing face of the Armed Forces, which is officially open to women joining combat units across the board. In a short period of time, the women have become go-to authorities in a legislative arena traditionally dominated by men – and especially male veterans. [READ MORE](#)

## As traditional veterans groups lose members, search for community continues

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Veterans returning home face new challenges when they get back: hassles with healthcare and benefits, adjusting to a new routine. For the last century, groups such as the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars have helped vets with their needs and gave them a place to feel comfortable. Membership in these groups has been dropping, though, as elderly members pass away and younger veterans choose not to join. [READ MORE](#)

## Spouses struggle for jobs: Less than 16 percent have the jobs they want

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It won't come as a surprise to anyone who has married into the military that their spouse's career has a lasting and dramatic impact on their own. Recent research by Blue Star Families, a nonprofit run by veteran and active-duty spouses, has found that only nine to 15 percent of military spouses who want to work are doing so to the degree to which they are trained. [READ MORE](#)