



Military officers have a wish list for the next President

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Many of the men and women who choose to become officers pledge their entire careers to military service. And so Task & Purpose reached out to the Military Officers Association of America, the largest association for military officers across the country, to find out what they expect from their civilian counterparts — those that will make decisions that can have a lasting impact on the armed forces. [READ MORE](#)

McMorris Rodgers hosts Military Family Summit

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“A big topic of discussion at our summit was spouse unemployment,” said U.S. Rep Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA), co-founder of the bipartisan Congressional Military Family Caucus. “According to a 2016 report by Blue Star Families, the unemployment rate for military spouses is 18 percent, compared to their nonmilitary counterparts at 4.4 percent.” [READ MORE](#)

Change the conversation and hire spouses

National Military Family Association

There are many reasons to hire a largely untapped pool of military spouse potential. Military spouses are resilient, flexible, able to adapt to command structures and are extremely loyal. Yet, a recent study by the Institute for Veterans and Military Families and Prudential on military spouse unemployment found that not only are military spouses facing higher unemployment, when they find a job, they make 38 percent less than their civilian counterparts. [READ MORE](#)

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Defense Department employees worldwide have the opportunity to give to their favorite charities from Sept. 1 to Dec. 15, through the annual Combined Federal Campaign. In his letter, Defense Secretary Ash Carter expressed his unwavering support for the campaign and strongly encourages members of the workforce to participate in any way they can. [READ MORE](#)