

American Legion National Commander calls for U.S. leadership and strength after Brussels attacks

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"America cannot continue to shrink military end strength and restrict funding for the Department of Defense on the basis of a federal budget that's gone awry. In a time of war, and we are in just such a time, America cannot simply stand on the sidelines and watch because the budget won't balance," stated American Legion National Commander Dale Barnett. [READ MORE](#)

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While extending his condolences and support to the people of Belgium, VFW National Commander John A. Biedrzycki Jr. also called yesterday's terrorist attack another wakeup call to an America that remains ill prepared to defend against similar attacks. "America is also weakened by a Congress that still refuses to eliminate sequestration, which takes a meat cleaver to the budgets of national defense, intelligence and homeland security," said Biedrzycki. [READ MORE](#)

US military family among wounded in Islamic State-claimed Brussels attack

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A U.S. military family was among the scores wounded in a series of bombings in Brussels Tuesday claimed by the Islamic State group that killed more than 30 people, U.S. European Command said. Defense Secretary Ash Carter said the United States is working to account for all U.S. civilians and servicemembers in Belgium. [READ MORE](#)

Eucom implements travel restrictions to Brussels

U.S. Department of Defense

As a precautionary measure to keep personnel and families safe in light of the attacks, U.S. European Command has implemented travel restrictions to Brussels, Belgium. This Eucom policy applies to military personnel, Defense Department civilian employees, contractors and command-sponsored dependents and family members. [READ MORE](#)

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Washington Post

A deal with the Philippines will establish a bigger US presence on five Philippine bases as tensions simmer over China's moves in the South China Sea. The Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement will allow the US to deploy conventional forces to the Philippines' Antonio Bautista, Basa, Fort Magsaysay, Lumbia and Mactan-Benito Ebuena bases. [READ MORE](#)