

## Chief: Readiness to determine family program funding

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Funding for Army family programs will be based on readiness needs, the Army's top officer said. "I view support to soldiers, family, civilians and taking care of their needs entirely through the prism of readiness," said Gen. Mark Milley, the service's chief of staff. "This is not an altruistic organization doing things just because it's nice to do and we want to take care of people, just because we love Army families. That's not why we do it." Milley, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel Dailey and Army Secretary Eric Fanning spoke on Wednesday during a family forum at the annual AUSA conference. [READ MORE](#)

## Unpredictability is the biggest threat facing America's Army

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"Unpredictable threats and unpredictable resources will be at the heart of many discussions when the Association of the U.S. Army's 2016 Annual Meeting and Exposition begins on Monday," stated retired Army Gen. Carter Ham, AUSA president and CEO. [READ MORE](#)

## Military family advocates see either VP candidate as a potential ally

Military Times

Military families have had one of their biggest advocates living in the vice president's mansion for the last eight years. And regardless who wins in November that should continue for four more. Both vice presidential candidates this year are the fathers of active-duty Marines, a distinction that advocates say is important in an era where few Americans have a direct connection with the military. [READ MORE](#)

## Secretary of Defense hosts 36th Annual Disability Awards ceremony

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Secretary of Defense Ash Carter awarded 18 DoD employees and five DoD components or military departments the Outstanding DoD Service Members and Civilians with a Disability Award – the highest honor the department gives to recognize the contributions of disabled employees. Congratulations to Hiromi N. Allen, AAFES, Spokane, Washington and Jacqueline Spiller, DeCA, Kansas City, Missouri for being among the awardees. [READ MORE](#)

## South Carolina, Florida Guard prepare for Hurricane Matthew

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As Hurricane Matthew barrels toward the southeastern United States today, additional National Guard members in South Carolina and Florida are assisting in disaster-relief preparations and plans for recovery. [READ MORE](#)