

President salutes families of fallen service members

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President Barack Obama saluted the sacrifices of the mothers and families of America's fallen service members, as he proclaimed Sept. 25 as Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day. "Less than one percent of our Nation wear the uniform, but all of us have an obligation to acknowledge the losses endured by Gold Star Mothers and Families. We must strive to support these families -- not just with words, but with actions." [READ MORE](#)

5 defense issues that Clinton and Trump did not discuss during their debate

The Washington Post

"Veterans issues are national security issues," Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA) chief executive Paul Rieckhoff said in a statement released after the debate. "Both candidates missed an incredible opportunity tonight to devote at least some portion of their time to focus on our nation's veterans." [READ MORE](#)

DoD's Feds Feeds Families Campaign breaks record to fight hunger

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Defense Department military and civilian members participated in a worldwide campaign that resulted in the donation of nearly 3.3 million pounds of perishable and nonperishable food to fill local food banks that provide food for families in need. With 155 commissaries serving as donation drop-off points, the Defense Commissary Agency's contributions alone totaled about 1,101,852 pounds, roughly a third of DoD's total donations. [READ MORE](#)

Military failed to conduct background checks on civilians in base housing, putting troops at risk

Military Times

Military officials have been taking an "unnecessary safety and security risk to military personnel, their dependents ... and assets" by not properly screening civilian tenants who apply to live in privatized housing on base, the Defense Department Inspector General has found. [READ MORE](#)

Absentee voter tips for military, overseas citizens

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With less than two months until the general election on Nov. 8, absentee voters are beginning to receive their state ballots. During Absentee Voting Week, Sept. 26 through Oct. 3, the Federal Voting Assistance Program reminds military and overseas citizens to submit their ballot as soon as possible, and follow up to ensure it is received by their election office. [READ MORE](#)

New USO center opening at Incirlik Air Base in Turkey

Yahoo Finance

It's official, USO Incirlik is now open and providing much needed support to our service members at the tip of the spear in Turkey. After the Dept. of State issued an order to depart all dependents from the base, U.S. military leadership turned to the USO to provide the comfort, connection, and support our service members and their families desire in difficult times of separation. [READ MORE](#)