

# Military, Law, and more ...

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## Military health care increases force lethality and readiness and cannot be ‘secondary’

By MHS Communications

April 14, 2025 - For the Military Health System, readiness is a strategic imperative to ensure warfighter dominance, survivability and resilience, said Stephen Ferrara, performing the duties of the assistant secretary of defense for health affairs. "Readiness cannot be secondary," he said. "You cannot do readiness at the last minute. You cannot cram for readiness. When it comes to mission success, readiness is everything." Ferrara, appointed in January 2025, has delivered that message at speaking engagements, visits to military hospitals and clinics, town hall forums and interviews. "We are the only U.S. health care system that goes to war," said Ferrara, who deployed four times when he served as an active-duty

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Staff listens to sage advice on military readiness. (Photo/Courtesy: MHS and DOD)

the world," he said. "That is the trust that we have. That's something that our adversaries don't always have, and it gives us an incredible strategic edge." Ferrara said his priorities for the Military Health System are increasing the lethality of the warfighter, sustaining the skills of the medical force and ensuring accessible, high-quality and sustainable care. "We have to support the warfighter, sustain our skills and strengthen our chain," he said,

adding that the chain is the continued evolution and modernization of the health care system to improve access, quality and safety. "If we support, sustain and strengthen, that is how we build a system that will fight and win because fundamentally, this is what our job is: to fight and win," Ferrara said. "We do this by having a ready medical force so we can provide strong battlefield care and keep guns in the fight." Referring to readiness as both a

medical and moral imperative, Ferrara noted that part of his role is conveying to Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth how the MHS is aligned with his priority of force lethality. He said the MHS optimizes warfighter performance by sustaining the readiness of the military force and those charged with their care and recovery. This year, the Defense Health Program budget is approximately \$61 billion, about 7% of the Pentagon's topline budget. Ferrara

said he uses that budget to make the force more lethal and more "fit to fight and win." "It starts with maintaining the ready medical force," he explained. "We must ensure that every member of the team — from the surgeon who wields a scalpel, to the logistician who procured the scalpel; from the nurse who transfuses the blood, to the team who runs the blood bank — is at the top of their game. A team ready to go downrange to fight and win."

*Although the relocation's full extent is unclear, and the US has not announced a complete exit from Poland, moving forces from such a symbolic location raises questions about the sustainability and framework of US involvement in Central and Eastern Europe.*

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## Brownells renews Second Amendment Foundation partnership to Gold level; Donates 2A Day proceeds

BELLEVUE, Wash. — April 15, 2025 — The Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) announced Brownells has renewed their corporate partnership at the Gold level. In addition to the partnership renewal, the company also generously donated proceeds from their 2A Day celebration to benefit SAF's legal efforts.

"The Second Amendment Foundation fights where it matters most, the courts," said Brownells President and Chief Executive Officer Pete Brownell. "Their legal battles protect and secure our rights for future generations.



Brownells is proud to support SAF in defending the Second Amendment as a Gold corporate sponsor."

This year's 2A Day event started with great deals on gear and a giveaway through the Brownells website and culminated with a celebration at select ranges across the country. Turnout this year exceeded expectations and was the largest 2A Day atten-

dance since the event began. "We are extremely grateful for Brownells' continued support," said SAF Executive Director Adam Kraut. "Their annual 2A Day event not only brings awareness to the Second Amendment but also allows Brownells to showcase their support of our work by contributing a portion of the proceeds generated. As legal challenges against our Constitu-

tional rights continue, the support of companies like Brownells is vital to ensure the Second Amendment remains protected for future generations."

Now in its fourth year, Brownells' 2A Day aims to raise awareness and support of the fundamental right to keep and

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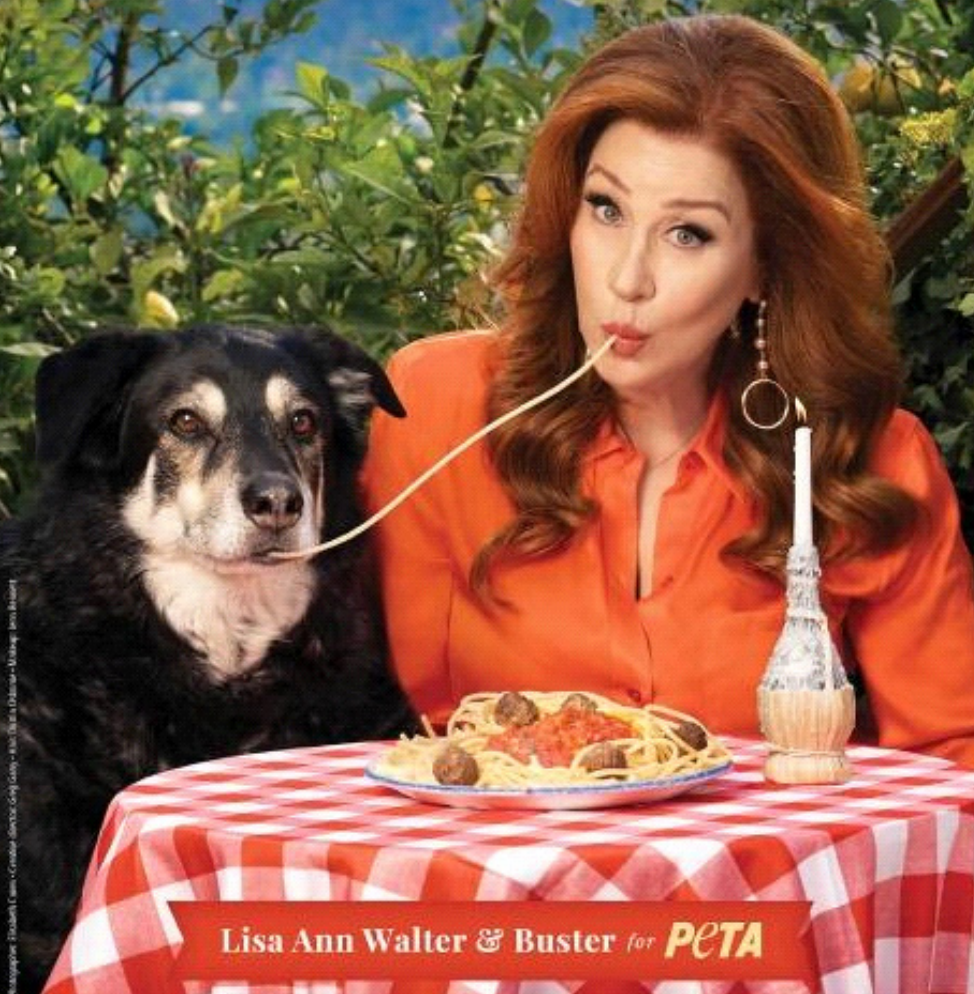
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