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### **Military Family Advisory Network Announces New Military Housing Roundtable To Tackle Ongoing Housing Inadequacies**

*Initial Military Housing Roundtable meeting set for January 2020*

WASHINGTON — Today, in an ongoing effort to make sure military families have access to healthy, safe, and affordable housing options, the Military Family Advisory Network (MFAN) announced the creation of the Military Housing Roundtable. The launch comes after [two MFAN surveys in 2019](#) indicated widespread problems within privatized military housing, ranging from slow or inadequate maintenance responses, mold, filth in homes upon move-in, structural issues, leaks and vermin infestations.

“Military families are asked to sacrifice and to be resilient in the face of the challenges that come with service,” said Shannon Razzadin, executive director of MFAN. “It is not right that their health and safety are put at risk when they come home at the end of the day, simply by living in military housing.

“MFAN recognizes that the shortfalls and challenges exposed by its research are not going to be an easy fix. Improving military housing will require a sustained effort from all involved.”

The Military Housing Roundtable, sponsored by Wells Fargo, will bring together organizations and federal agencies with an interest in military housing to share ideas, lessons learned, best practices, challenges and opportunities to better serve their communities and to respond to evolving needs. The roundtable will address concerns in both on-base privatized housing and off-installation housing.

“The lack of supply and the cost burden of housing is taking a toll on far too many veterans and military families in communities across the U.S.,” said Jerry Quinn, head of Military & Veteran Initiatives at Wells Fargo and a U.S. Army reservist. “We look forward to engaging with the Military Housing Roundtable to bring our problem-solving mindset, financial resources and business expertise to this great effort as we work together with community stakeholders to create more housing affordability solutions for veterans and military families.”

The Military Housing Roundtable will meet for the first time in January 2020.

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**About MFAN:** The Military Family Advisory Network is the authentic voice of the modern military family and the bridge that connects military families to the resources, people and information they depend on to successfully navigate all phases of military life. To learn more about MFAN, visit [www.militaryfamilyadvisorynetwork.org](http://www.militaryfamilyadvisorynetwork.org).