



How a government shutdown could affect troops, veterans, and their families

Military Officers Association of America

Congress has three more days to pass a budget to fund federal programs through the rest of FY 2017 before portions of the government begin shutting down on Saturday. If Congress can't agree on a deal, troops, veterans, and their families could face a government shutdown similar to the one they experienced in 2013. A shutdown could leave some DoD personnel without paychecks and access to some on-base services. [READ MORE](#)

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Government Executive

When lawmakers return to Washington next week, they will have only a few days to approve a spending measure in order to avert a government shutdown beginning April 29. It remains unclear whether Congress and the White House can come to an agreement on a continuing resolution to fund the government in time, or if they will allow appropriations to lapse. [READ MORE](#)

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There's a lot of optimism in Congress that when it returns from recess on Monday, it can quickly reach a budget deal, averting both a partial shutdown and a long-term stop-gap budget that would vex defense interests. Military leaders have called on lawmakers to avoid a long-term continuing resolution and pass the supplemental spending request for defense. [READ MORE](#)

President signs bill to extend Veteran's Choice Health Care Law

U.S. Department of Defense

President Donald J. Trump signed the Veterans Choice Program Extension and Improvement Act on April 18, so military veterans can continue receiving health care in the civilian sector when care is not easily accessible from a Veterans Affairs Department provider. "This new law is a good start, but there is still much work to do," Trump said. [READ MORE](#)