

Winning the war means more sacrifices for military families

National Military Family Association

The longest war in American history will get even longer. “The American people are weary of war without victory. Nowhere is this more evident than with the war in Afghanistan,” President Trump said Monday evening in front of more than 2,000 service members at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. Without a target end-date, service members and the families who support them have no choice but to expect more uncertainty. [READ MORE](#)

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The military’s money malaise

Military Officers Association of America

Imagine if 90 percent of federal spending went to defense. Could the military satisfy all of its readiness and wartime needs with nearly 3 trillion *more* dollars than it currently gets in a fiscal year? At one point in time, that level of defense spending was a reality. While the example of World War II is not an appropriate benchmark for defense spending today, it demonstrates a stark contrast in fiscal realities during wartime, then and now. [READ MORE](#)

Trump signs bill expanding college assistance for veterans

Washington Post

President Donald Trump signed into law an updated veterans’ education bill that marks the largest expansion of college assistance for military veterans in a decade. The Forever GI act immediately removed a 15-year time limit on the use of GI benefits. The measure also increases financial assistance for thousands serving in the National Guard and Reserve, building on a 2008 law that guaranteed veterans a full-ride scholarship to any in-state public university, or a similar cash amount to attend private colleges. [READ MORE](#)

Starbucks creates list of questions for non-military members to ask veterans

PR Week

Starbucks has launched a campaign encouraging the public to get to know veterans and ask them “better questions.” Fewer Americans today know veterans than ever before, as less than 1% of the general population have served in the military. To help bridge the gap between those who have and haven’t served, Starbucks is rolling out 30 and 60-second spots featuring veteran employees talking with co-workers. [READ MORE](#)