



Shutdown ending with another continuing resolution that military hates

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The US House of Representatives voted 266-150 to pass the spending bill to fund the government until Feb. 8, 2018. The three-day government shutdown was ending Monday with yet another stopgap spending deal that Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and the Joint Chiefs maintain will wreak havoc on the military. [READ MORE](#)

Another continuing resolution leaves the military in limbo

Military Officers Association of America

Monday afternoon, the Senate and then the House passed a bill that will fund federal government operations through Feb. 8. This is the fourth continuing resolution in as many months. Congressional dysfunction has forced DoD to spend at least the first four months of the fiscal year under the previous year's funding levels, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service. Since 2010, DoD has spent an average of 125 days under a continuing resolution. [READ MORE](#)

Congress is ending the shutdown and turning the lights back on....Now what?

National Military Family Association

Congress is set to reopen the government and many military families are breathing a sigh of relief...for now. The short-term funding bill that was passed will only fund the government through February 8. That means Congress has less than three weeks to pass an appropriations bill in order to avoid another government shutdown; essentially "kicking the can down the road". [READ MORE](#)

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Military leaders are looking for the best ways to recruit the next generation of troops amid a growing divide between the military and civilians. About 80 percent of new military recruits come from families with a history of service, but that number is shrinking. According to the Defense Department, 15 percent of young adults have a parent who served, a drop from 40 percent in 1995. [READ MORE](#)

After impasse, senators to restart negotiations on VA Choice reform

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With an assist from the White House, senators are expected to restart negotiations about how to overhaul the flawed program veterans use to receive medical care in the private sector. Congress has been negotiating reform to the Veterans Choice program for about a year, and Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin urged lawmakers to agree on changes by the end of 2017 – a deadline that came and went without consensus. [READ MORE](#)