



## **Survey Shows Overwhelming Opposition to DoD Budget Cuts...**

A recent survey conducted by Military.com showed overwhelming opposition to the Pentagon's recommendations to curb personnel costs by reducing military benefits to include pay, housing, commissaries, and health care. The survey, which garnered responses from more than 8,400 service members, their spouses, veterans and retirees, confirmed that:

- 96 percent of respondents disagreed with suggestions from military leaders that troops understand the need to reduce benefits in order to pay for equipment and training.
- 81 percent of active-duty troops disagreed with reducing subsidies for commissaries.
- 9 in 10 junior enlisted personnel disagreed with reducing subsidies for commissaries.

**[Survey: 9 in 10 Troops Oppose Cuts to Pay, BAH](#)** About nine in 10 active-duty service members oppose the Defense Department's proposals to reduce their pay raises and basic allowances for housing, according to a new survey by Military.com. [Read More](#)

## **Coalition and Valued Associates Advocacy and Actions...**

Military.com also hosted a National Spouse Summit on May 6. Save Our Benefit, Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), National Military Family Association, and Blue Star Families participated as part of a discussion on "The Affect Sequestration May Have on Your Military Life." The event was moderated by Terry Howell, Military.com Director of Strategic Alliances and Outreach. Each expert discussed what they see as the major issue or benefit that will suffer under the Department of Defense (DoD) proposed FY15 budget cuts. The event was attended by nearly 300 military spouses, as well as staff members for the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission, who were interested in hearing the discussion.

**[Commission Could Decide Future Pay and Benefits](#)** While Pentagon leaders tell Congress it must cut pay and benefits to maintain readiness at a time of lean budgets, the commission with the actual task of recommending changes to compensation is preparing an interim report due in June. [Read More](#)

The Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on military compensation was also held on May 6. The full roster of the Joint Chiefs of Staff appeared before the committee, as well as military service associations to include: the Association of the United States Army (AUSA), Air Force Association (AFA), Association of the United States Navy (AUSN), and the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA).

To view the archived hearing, visit: <http://www.armed-services.senate.gov/hearings/14-05-06-military-compensation>.