



## The number of veterans in Congress will likely drop again next year

Military Times

The overall number of veterans serving in Congress will likely drop again next session, even as the number of lawmakers who fought in the recent wars continues to rise. An analysis from the nonpartisan Veterans Campaign shows that for the first time in 70 years, Congress could boast fewer than 100 veterans in the House and Senate in 2017. [READ MORE](#)

## Carter pledges commitment to troops, describes challenges at 'Stand Up for Heroes'

U.S. Department of Defense

In remarks at the 10th annual VIP reception for "Stand Up for Heroes," Defense Secretary Ash Carter lauded service members, veterans and families for their sacrifices and announced new Force of the Future outreach efforts to attract and retain the best talent in the nation. "I'm doing everything I can to support the strength and the readiness of today's fighting force, investing in the right training, the right force size, the right compensation and benefits that our troops deserve." [READ MORE](#)

## Presidential Proclamation -- Military Family Month, 2016

The White House

"During Military Family Month, we salute the families of those who proudly are a part of our Nation's unbroken chain of patriots for their unwavering devotion, and we renew our sacred vow to uphold our promise to our troops, our veterans, and their families," stated President Barack Obama. [READ MORE](#)

## Special Report: Military family support

U.S. Department of Defense

In proclaiming November as Military Family Month, President Barack Obama noted that "our extraordinary military families -- our heroes on the home front -- stand alongside our patriots in uniform, and in their example we see the very best of our country's spirit." The Defense Department joins the nation in honoring the commitment, sacrifices and contributions families of service members make every day in support of the military and the nation. [READ MORE](#)

## NMFA military spouse scholarships

National Military Family Association

The National Military Family Association scholarship program is now accepting applications from any military spouse interested in advancing their education and/or career. The application period is open early this year to give military spouses more time to complete their application. Awards are given to more than 500 spouses in a range of education and professional pursuits. [READ MORE](#)