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THE MILITARY COALITION

Professional Military Associations

Today's Topics

- What is The Military Coalition?
- How Does the TMC Work?
- Why Does the TMC Matter?
- How Can You Play a Role?



The Military Coalition (TMC)

- 33 Member Organizations
- Supporting all Services
 - Active, Guard, Reserve
- Dedicated to Past, Present, and Future Military
 - Quality of Life
 - Benefits
 - Operations
 - Technology
- Two Bear the Air Force Name



How Does the TMC Work?

- 501 (c) Non-Profits
 - AFA: 501 (c) 3
 - Goal: Aerospace Superiority
 - AFSA: 501 (c) 19
 - Goal: Pay, Benefits, Quality of Life
- Educate Congress' 535 Members
 - 17% Have Military Experience
 - Share Your Story
 - Work With DoD
- TMC Wears a Different Uniform



Why Does the TMC Matter?

- Over 5.5 Million Members
- TMC Represents Votes
- TMC is the “Voice of Reason”
 - “Sequester: Latin for Stupid as Hell” Representative Tim Walz from Minnesota!
 - US Faces a \$17.2 Trillion Debt—US Military is a Target
 - TA Cut-Off: Reversed
 - 1% COLA Freeze: Reversed



Legislation: The “Big Rocks”

- Pay: Potential Freezes
- Retirement: Top Target
 - 60 to 55 is the Right Thing for ANG and AF Reserve
 - Protect Promises to those Serving Today!
- Education: Maintain the Post 911 GI Bill assistance “Smartly”
- Commissary and BX: Protect the Privilege
- TRICARE: Preserve benefits—prevent massive increases/Co-Pays, etc.
 - Ensure VA remains receptive to needs



TMC in Action



- Urged Congress to “Pay the Troops” during 2013 government shutdown
- Educated Congress on critical issues caused by Government Worker furloughs—Congress acted!
- Shared readiness issues with Congress in effort to broker a solution to the shutdown—protect the military became a theme!
- Acted to overturn the 1% COLA Freeze
- Maintained “Reasonable” Healthcare Rates



What is On the Horizon

- DoD Search for Cuts to Satisfy Current Proposed Administration Budget
- Joint Congressional Committee “Exploring” potential budget reductions
 - “Military is not off-limits.”
- We will continue to educate—but need your help!
- Join 1, 2, or More as Your Means Allow
 - BE A VOICE!!

How Can You Play a Role?

- Be a Part of a Professional Military Association!
 - Join more than one if you can—but join one!
 - AFI 36-2618
- You Have a Local AFSA Chapter!
- TMC Provides the “Vector”—Your Membership Provides the “Thrust”
- QUESTIONS PLEASE!



THANK YOU