

## Armed Forces "Selfless Service"

America is great because our servicewomen and servicemen protect and promote our fundamental freedoms of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Those that wear the uniform and their family members are our heroes and heroines. They are valuable and are honorable.

It is in the nations forefront to engage in diplomacy. We seek to negotiate, expand the lines of communication, gather and share intelligence, and implement foreign policy that benefits stakeholders. We seek to continue to beat the drum of freedom and champion democracy. We seek to respect individuals and commit to increasing opportunity for every human being. America has a mission to transform futures in a positive way and playing a prominent role on the world stage. With our current and future allies, we can obtain the unfathomable. We can make peace and put back together pieces.

If those things fail, we will employ further diplomatic and military faculties. All phases of U.S. military operations are designed to provide safety and security to citizens and institutions both domestic and abroad. At times, our country must take direct action against terrorist targets within our borders and internationally in areas of active hostilities. Only when there is an imminent threat, the nation will engage in armed conflict. When those days arise, we have Solutions. They are, but not limited to:

- Develop a comprehensive plan to identify domestic terrorist
- Increase intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) systems on the contemporary battlefield
- Conduct antiterrorism awareness training with civic leaders

- Implement and promote a regional, national, and global peace movement
- Formulate a committee to implement a peace plan
- Increase information sharing across each of the armed forces branches
- Renovate barracks on all military bases
- Improve safety and security protocols for soldiers during Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training (AIT)
- Implement a weight and strength training program as a component of the physical fitness test for each of the armed forces branches
- The United States continue its agreement as a member of the 1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty (INF)
- Deduce United States military presence in nations the country were once at war with (i.e., Germany and Japan)
- Eliminate the usage of military-grade weaponry by local police forces
- Prioritize and expedite applications for individuals seeking naturalization through military service
- Construct and implement an international educational curriculum that promotes peace, inclusivity, diversity, and tolerance
- All school districts officially observe Veterans Day by having no school on the holiday
- Students are to use the observance of Veterans Day as a day of service at local Veterans Administration Hospitals, interview family members or friends in military, visit nursing home or school campus, participate in a parade, evidence of a kind deed for a veteran, collect donations to give to former members of the armed forces, and/or to a project-based learning and literacy exercise
- Instill a regional and national movement that is committed to peaceful protest and conflict resolution
- Construct and implement a local and state educational curriculum that seeks to eradicate racism, sexism, homophobia, xenophobia, transphobia, classism, ageism, and other forms of oppression and prejudice

- Create and strategically implement a vision to end war both domestic and foreign
- Reduce and ultimately terminate airstrike campaigns in Southwest Asia, North Africa, and Middle East nations
- Advising and coordinating with foreign forces and providing training, equipment, communications support, intelligence support, and other support to select elements for security forces
- Reduce involvement in foreign conflict using a calculated and methodical plan
- Increase transparency with the public on the status and circumstances of its use of military force overseas
- Close Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp and transport all detainees to facilities in the United States
- Expand marriage equality rights for servicemen and servicewomen and their spouses
- Remove all barriers to transgender individuals serving in the military
- Mandatory service for federal elected officials' children; minimum one (1) child. If child is seventeen (17) years old, he or she must attend Basic Training the summer prior to senior year. If child is under eighteen, a contractual commitment must be made that is adhered to while parent is either in office or after departure. Child must serve one (1) tour of duty on deployment. While child is on deployment, he or she must go "outside the wire" to the battlefield.
- If federal elected official does not have a child, the official must complete Basic Training, Advanced Individual Training (AIT), and register with the Selective Service
- Reduce the size of the military in a strategic and timely way
- Offer higher severance pay for those that seek early termination of military contract
- With intentionality, stop incidental civilian casualties

- Publicly report civilian casualties in foreign battlefield areas and domestic hostile areas
- Increase transparency to the public on billions of dollars in foreign military assistance
- Holistically, implement a victim advocacy, harassment, sexual assault prevention program that is consistent across each branch of the armed forces
- Provide subsidized medical cost to members of the armed forces using self-selected physicians
- Provide college education benefits for retired service members and expand benefits for active service members (Benefits should cover cost of attendance from junior college through graduate and professional school)
- Construct mixed housing, rehabilitation, and employability facilities for homeless veterans. Create an attainable and sustainable plan to eradicate veteran homelessness.
- Eliminate VA Home Loan Funding Fee (Phase out in a 3-5 year span)
- VA Home Loan may be used for second home or investment purchases

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