

Administration failing our military in these areas:



FINANCES

- President rejected proposal to increase military pay by 3.5% and blocked effort to increase combat and family separation pay
- 1,300 battle-wounded or deceased soldiers required to repay service bonuses
- VA has located 1,500+ homeless Iraq, Afghanistan veterans; 1 in 4 homeless persons are veterans



DEPLOYMENTS since 2001



- 15 month tours in Iraq and Afghanistan longest combat tours for the Army since WWII
- 13 of the Army's 43 brigades serving third tour in either Iraq or Afghanistan, and 5 brigades serving fourth tour in either theater since 2001



MEDICAL CARE 36,000 wounded troops since 2001

- 30% of Iraq troops battle with depression, anxiety, or PTSD; soldiers with repeated deployments are 50% more likely to suffer from PTSD
- 2006 marked the highest suicide rate in the Army in 26 years; since 2001, the Army's suicide rate has nearly doubled
- Until recently, primary care managers have out numbered patients 1200 to 1 In some major facilities. Current ratio near 200:1



FAMILY LIFE

- Divorce rates in the military nearly doubled between 2001 and 2004 and rose steadily afterward
- 42% of service members said they felt like "a guest in their own home"
- Army surveys find that family problems and PTSD reinforce each other

Life in the Military

Dangerous Trends

29% of active duty troops, veterans, and their families believe the Bush administration is doing a good job handling their needs.

—Bloomberg News, 12/08/07

MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE

