



SERVING THE MILITARY

Site provides resources for service members and vets

Friday is Veterans Day. Even though the United States hasn't been in an officially declared war since World War II, it's managed to keep its men and women in uniform busy plying their deadly trade.

Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon, Iraq I and II, Afghanistan and many other hot spots around the world have seen our military engaged in hostilities since the end of World War II. It's only right to have a day to honor the brave soldiers, sailors and airmen who risked everything in service to their coun-

try. You may disagree with the reasons for a particular military action, but you can't deny the honor and bravery of the people sent to do the fighting.

Military.com is a website dedicated to supporting active and former military personnel from all service branches. Created and staffed mostly by veterans, it provides an insider's view of what military people are interested in.

The site covers a wide range of topics. The home page features a photo slider at the top containing featured articles. The topics range from breaking news to military research and innovation, politics, travel, pop culture and more.

Beneath that is a collection of military headlines that cover big military stories in the mainstream media, such as the National Guard

bonus repayment story or Turkey rejecting the U.S. plan for the Raqqa offensive in Syria, as well as stories focused more on "insider" service issues, such as a two-star general's suicide or the results of an investigation into a Navy jet crash on an aircraft carrier.

Some of the articles carried on the site are written by Military.com correspondents, while others are picked up from wire services, such as the Associated Press. Editorial and opinion columns are mixed in with news articles.

More than just news

It's not strictly news on the site though. There are sections on military benefits, health care, finances, family issues, retirement and more. Each branch of the service has a section devoted to it, but you must register to access some areas.

There are many good articles on health and fitness, including specific

regimens to follow if you want to try out for special forces. Since the site is aimed at people who may find themselves in combat, there are articles on self defense, weapons and specialized gear.

A large collection of videos shows many aspects of military life. There's deadly serious combat video of aircraft taking out enemy combatants, recruitment-minded footage of high-tech military hardware in action, training sessions and lighter scenes of service members goofing off during down time.

Military.com is professionally done with good writing, images and video. The design is functional and easy to use. The content provides a good resource for current and former members of the military.

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