Congressman Allen West

Representing the 22nd District of Florida

Allen's eNewsletter

Dear Patriot,

Greetings to our constituents, fellow Floridians, and all Americans. Before I get started on my weekly review, I wanted to take a moment to explain why I do this weekly update. Back when I was serving in the United States Army, at week's end you always had to submit what we called a SITREP (Situation Report) to your next higher Commander. I consider my constituents as if they are "commanders." Therefore, I consider it my duty and obligation to report back to each of you. I hope that you and many others have found these "SITREPs" helpful in giving you a complete window and insight into my weekly activities!

We had our first hearing of the Subcommittee on Military Personnel of the House Armed Services Committee this week and the news is not good. The Obama administration's proposed defense budget calls for military families and retires to pay sharply more for their healthcare, while leaving unionized civilian defense workers' benefits untouched. As well, we are looking at cutting close to 130,000 uniformed troops, but cutting only 7,000 Department of Defense civilians.
In addition, the Obama administration is looking to create a BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) commission to examine changing the military retirement system. If you do the analysis, you find that less than one percent of the American adult

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