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Addressing The Veterans Of Foreign Wars, President Bush Highlights Policies To Fight The War On Terror, Defend America, Expand Freedom, And Care For Our Military And Veterans

Today, President Bush spoke at the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Convention in Orlando, Florida. He thanked them for working closely and effectively with his Administration on behalf of America's veterans, and shared our Nation's many accomplishments so far in waging the War on Terror. The United States became a Nation at war on September 11, 2001. In this war, we are using all assets of national power to keep the pressure on the enemy and the American people safe from harm. The War on Terror will be won on the offense – and that is where America's fight against terrorism must remain.

We Are Taking The Fight To The Enemy In This War

In Afghanistan, we removed a dangerous regime that harbored the terrorists who plotted the attacks of 9/11. Because we acted, the Afghan people have been liberated, and a nation that was once a training ground for terrorists has become an ally in the war on terror. We built a strong coalition of nations, including every member of the NATO Alliance, to help the Afghan people defend their young democracy. We will ensure Afghanistan never again becomes a safe haven for terrorists seeking to launch attacks on America or our allies.

In Iraq, an international coalition removed a brutal dictator who murdered his own people, paid the families of suicide bombers, invaded his neighbors, and repeatedly defied U.N. resolutions. In 2006, the situation in Iraq was deteriorating, so the President ordered a surge of forces into Iraq. Since the surge began violence in Iraq has dropped, civilian deaths and sectarian killings are down, and political and economic progress is taking place. Iraq is a rising democracy, and an ally in the cause of peace. Our troops have begun to come home under our policy of return on success.

We Have Modernized The Military To Reflect The Needs Of The Global War On Terror

To ensure we have the capabilities to prevail in Iraq, Afghanistan, and wherever the terrorists