



TFRW Military & Homeland Defense Liaison

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As TRFW Military Affairs Chairperson, I would like your input as which military issues are of most concern to Board members, local club presidents and their club members. Here are a few possible topics that may be of interest:

- **The Jihad, Historical Security Perspective and Future Objectives**
- **Homeland Defense**
- **Family Assistance Programs (Ways we can help families while their loved one is deployed.)**
- **Veterans Disability Benefits**
- **Armed Forces: Increase vs. Decrease (Personnel, Weapon Systems and Equipment, Active Component and Reserve/Guard)**
- **Retirement Services for Military Personnel**
- **Troop cuts in Iraq and Afghanistan**
- **Tricare (Proposed cuts: Saving money vs. Forgetting the promise to our veterans.)**

Many of these topics can be "Texas-specific." For example, Homeland Security can focus on Texas and the mission of the Texas National Guard. Again, in the area of "Family Assistance," clubs can help families in Texas through an already established program ran by the Texas National Guard and the Texas State Guard.

Let me know what topics your clubs would require for presentations or local newsletter articles. Your club may want to actively influence the vote in Congress by writing letters to Representatives, Senators, and Committee Chairpersons.

I look forward to helping you help our veterans and active soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines. REMEMBER, because of them, we have and maintain the freedom we love.

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