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**National Military and Veterans Alliance Commends Congress for Commitment to  
Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria that Pose an Urgent Threat to U.S. Military**

WASHINGTON—The National Military and Veterans Alliance (NMVA), a nonpartisan policy and advocacy organization composed of military associations and veterans organizations, applauds the U.S. Congress for passing legislation that will take aim at the growing threat of antibiotic-resistant bacteria. Superbugs are infecting our service members, veterans, and fellow citizens at an alarming rate, and pose a unique threat to our wounded warriors. Yet, we increasingly do not have drugs to effectively treat them.

Thanks to leadership from champions such as Representatives John Shimkus (R-Ill) and Gene Green (D-TX) and Senators Orrin Hatch (R-UT) and Michael Bennet (D-CO), the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act passed by both chambers of Congress, includes several provisions important to the fight against superbugs. Notably, the bill includes policies that will help spur the innovation of antibiotics desperately needed by patients with serious and life-threatening infections that don't response to currently available treatments.

Through the creation of a new, Limited-Population Antibacterial Drug pathway, the Food and Drug Administration will now have a mechanism to review and approve antibacterial drugs that address unmet medical needs for specific, limited populations of patients at highest risk. This targeted approach will make antibiotic development more feasible, and help ensure that soldiers, who survive combat wounds, don't ultimately face the atrocity of succumbing to a resistant infection after returning home.

The Alliance members below are proud to have endorsed previous appeals urging the Congress to make antibiotic development an urgent priority, and offer their thanks to policymakers who voted for this critical legislation.

American Military Retirees Association  
American Military Society  
American Retirees Association  
Association of the United States  
Navy Korean War Veterans Foundation  
The Flag and General Officers Network  
Military Order of the Purple Heart  
National Association for Uniformed Services  
National Defense Committee  
Society of Military Widows  
The Retired Enlisted Association  
Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors  
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