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**National Military and Veterans Alliance Urges Senate Action on
Antibiotic Development for Drug Resistant Infections**

On October 26th, the National Military and Veterans Alliance (NMVA), a nonpartisan policy and advocacy organization composed of military associations and veterans organizations, wrote to Senate leaders McConnell and Reid and to Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Murray of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions urging them to move quickly to pass legislation that will help address the urgent and growing threat of antibiotic resistance. Given the serious and urgent threat that multi-drug-resistant infections pose to our military and all of our citizens, we are pleased to announce that twelve member organizations of the NMVA endorsed the letter.

NMVA has long advocated on behalf of legislation aimed at reducing anti-drug resistant infections and in 2012 Congress passed the Generating Antibiotic Incentives Now (GAIN) act to encourage the development of new antibiotics to treat serious and life threatening infections. The Senate now has an opportunity to expand the measures they have already taken by passing the Promise for Antibiotics and Therapeutics for Health (PATH) Act. The House passed similar legislation by an overwhelming bipartisan majority in July 2015, as part of its 21st Century Cures legislation.

PATH provides a mechanism for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to review and approve new antibacterial drugs that address unmet medical needs for specific, limited populations of patients — those with serious and life-threatening bacterial infections that are resistant to current treatments. This targeted approach would make antibiotic development more feasible, and help bring urgently needed antibiotics to patients.

The Alliance members below are proud to have endorsed the letter urging Senate leadership to make anti-biotic development an urgent priority for the remainder of the year.

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
Vietnam Veterans of America

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The National Military and Veterans Alliance (NMVA) was founded in 1996 as an open umbrella group of military associations and veterans organizations in order to advance common goals and to secure common interests. NMVA offers its association members a forum to discuss its membership's interests and ensure Alliance understanding and support. www.nmva.us