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## **Drop of proposed TRICARE fee increase lauded; COLA decrease opposed by Legion**

WASHINGTON (Dec. 12, 2013) – The following statement was issued today by Daniel M. Dellinger, National Commander of The American Legion:

“While The American Legion applauds the proposed National Defense Authorization Act’s prohibition against new TRICARE user fees and its limitations on raising existing fees, we strongly oppose any decrease in the annual cost of living allowance for veterans, retirees -- who are also veterans -- or their dependents and families. The men and women who have served our country honorably and well deserve to be treated in like fashion once they have hung up their uniforms. Few sacrifice as much as servicemembers, most especially those who have devoted their careers at great personal cost to the safety and welfare of our nation.”

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