**From:** The American Legion
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] - How the government shutdown impacts veterans
**Date:** Thursday, October 2, 2025 12:42:03 PM

Here is how VA services, DoD operations and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security are affected by the shutdown created when Congress did not approve a spending bill.

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] - Celebrating the Navy"s 250th
**Date:** Monday, October 6, 2025 10:20:43 AM

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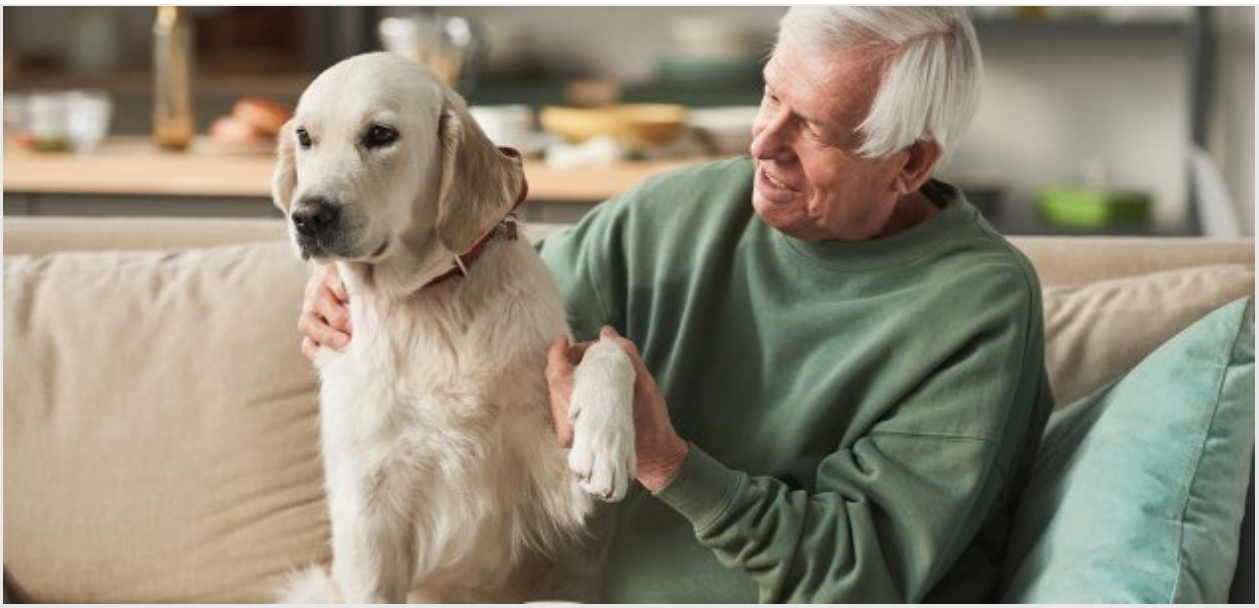

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] - Congress must do its job, national commander demands
**Date:** Thursday, October 9, 2025 11:52:34 AM

Commander Wiley calls on Congress to solve budget impasse, encourages Legion Family members to do Buddy Checks during difficult time and more during Fall Meetings address.

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] - Trump orders troops to be paid during shutdown
**Date:** Monday, October 13, 2025 9:16:49 AM

Federal government shutdown continues, Hamas releases final 20 hostages and Trump tells Russia he may send Tomahawk missiles to Ukraine are all among the stories in today's top 5.

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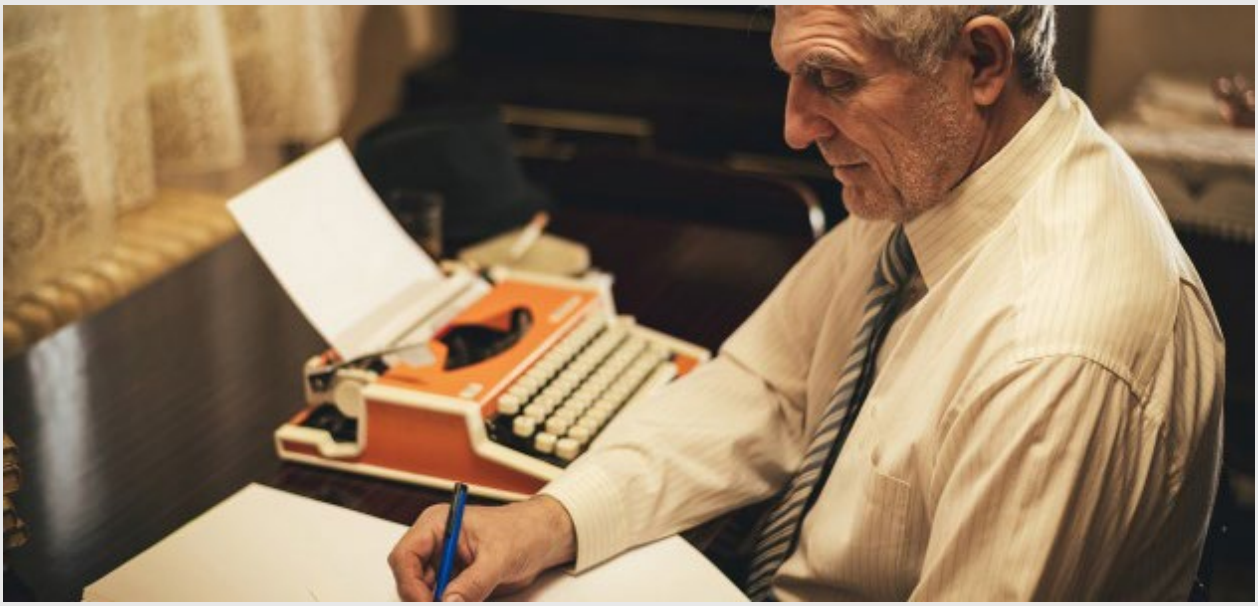

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] - End the shutdown now, VSOs demand
**Date:** Thursday, October 16, 2025 11:48:16 AM

American Legion executive director tells Congress to set aside politics and reopen the federal government.

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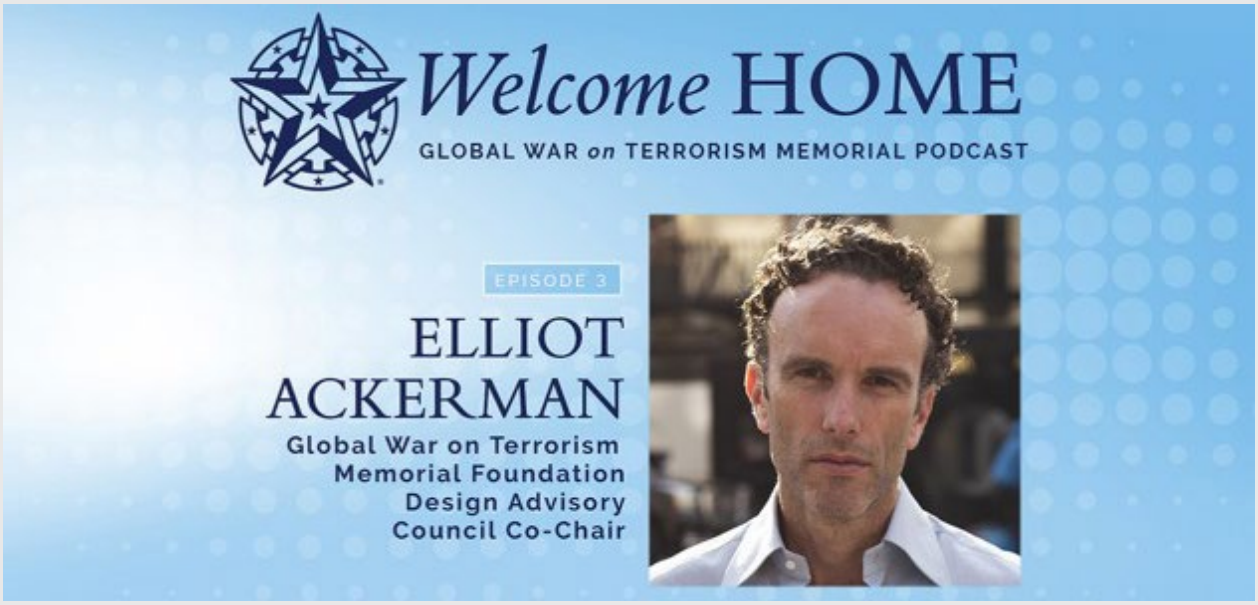


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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] - Why did this soldier die?
**Date:** Monday, October 20, 2025 8:50:37 AM

Army investigates cause of death of 101st Airborne Division soldier injured in training accident, Israel launches series of attacks and Houthi rebels conduct raid at U.N. facility. All this and more in today's top 5.

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] - Pearl Harbor MIA finally comes home
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] - Why did Navy jet, helicopter crash near China?
**Date:** Monday, October 27, 2025 10:33:06 AM

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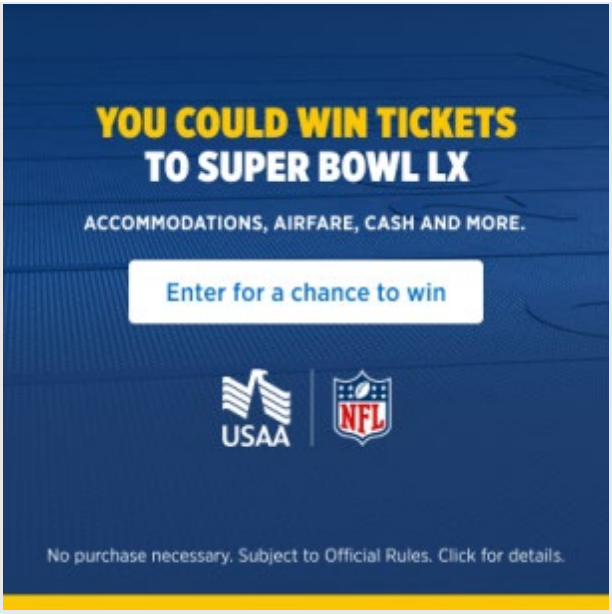


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**Date:** Thursday, October 30, 2025 11:58:57 AM

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