

# The Delray Democrat

## Commander-in-Cheat<sup>1</sup>

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President Trump has often touted his administration for “rebuilding our military” but that is yet another lie to the American people and all the military families he has let down. Although it is accurate that Congress has increased the military budget in recent years, that was on a bipartisan basis. The Obama administration had not sought cuts to military spending, but rather it was the Congressionally mandated sequestration, brought on by the GOP Tea Party extremists, that forced the budget cuts and harmed military readiness. As a military senior leader in those days I can attest to the inability to conduct proper training, obtain much needed resources, as well as dealing with other consequences of significant budget uncertainty. Thank you, Republicans...

Although Congress has increased military spending, Trump and his corrupt administration have directed much of the money to expensive contracts to defense contractors who just happened to be Trump supporters. He can make all the phony claims he wants, but the money was not going to support the needs of military personnel or their training. In fact, Trump cancelled essential military exercises such as in South Korea. He literally stole money from service members and their families to pay for his bogus border wall, construction of which has not even begun as he approaches three years in office. Trump and Defense Secretary Esper abruptly and callously cancelled critical military construction projects that had been planned for ten years. They even raided their retirement fund and stole that, too!

Trump is the worst Commander-in-Chief in history, at least modern history. He routinely abuses the military with phony missions along the border that served only to disrupt holidays and reset periods between lengthy deployments. The money people believe is going to support the military is actually being spent in the private sector on incredibly expensive weapons systems, many of which the Pentagon neither wants nor needs. He has proven he cannot be trusted with our national security, supporting our adversaries over our own interests. When Trump talks about his support for the military, it is unfortunately just another Trump con game.

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