A look at the numbers...

The US accounts for **43% of total global military expenditures** annually, which is more than 7 times what China spends, the next biggest spender.

- **43%**
  - Global Military Expenditures
  - Percentage less Britain and France spend per capita than the US on their military budgets, while still maintaining robust and able military forces with the most modern equipment.

- **50%**
  - Amount that could be saved over 10 years by implementing the Sustainable Defense Task Force’s recommended spending cuts.

- **$1 trillion**
  - The unemployment rate for veterans aged 18 to 24 is 21.1%, compared to 16.6% for that age group as a whole.

- **25%**
  - Percentage of new hires in 2010 that were veterans. 8% of new hires were disabled veterans.

- **7,000**

- **150,000**
  - Civilians killed in Iraq and Afghanistan between 2001 and 2010.

- **76 years**
  - Length of time that the concept of a federal Department of Peace has been considered, with more than 90 pieces of legislation introduced during that time.

- **392**
  - Number of US bases and outposts located in Japan and Germany, countries with their own modern militaries.

- **200–300**
  - Number of military bases that Donald Rumsfeld acknowledged that could easily be closed, saving at least $12 billion annually.

- **71**
  - Current members of the US House of Representatives who support the creation of a Department of Peace.


