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President Trump's Executive Order 'For All Americans' on Banking Discrimination and De-Banking

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services previously denied; and
(iii) within 120 days of the date of this order, identifies all potential clients denied access to payment processing services provided by the financial institution or any subsidiaries through a politicized or unlawful debanking action in violation of a statutory or regulatory requirement under section 7(a) of the Small Business Act or any requirement in a Standard Operating Procedures Manual or Policy Notice related to a program or function of the Office of Capital Access, and provides notice to each victim advising of the denied access and the renewed option to engage in such services previously denied.
Sec. 5. Scrutinizing Politicized or Unlawful Debanking. (a) Within 180 days of the date of this order, the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, shall develop a comprehensive strategy for further measures to combat politicized or unlawful debanking activities of financial regulators and financial institutions across the Federal Government, including consideration of legislative or regulatory options to eliminate such debanking.
(b) Within 120 days of the date of this order, each Federal banking regulator shall conduct a review to identify financial institutions subject to its jurisdiction that have had any past or current, formal or informal, policies or practices that require, encourage, or otherwise influence such financial institution to engage in politicized or unlawful debanking and to take appropriate remedial action, to the extent authorized and consistent with applicable law, including levying fines, issuing consent decrees, or imposing other disciplinary measures against any financial institution

The SBA shall, within 60 days of the date of this order, give notice to all financial institutions with which it guarantees loans under its lending programs, requiring that each financial institution that is subject to the SBA's jurisdiction and supervision...

subject to the jurisdiction of such Federal banking regulator that such Federal banking regulator finds has engaged in politicized or unlawful debanking that violates applicable law (including section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 45), section 1031 of the Consumer Financial Protection Act (12 U.S.C. 5531), and the Equal Credit Opportunity Act).
(c) Within 180 days of the date of this order, the Federal banking regulators shall review their current supervisory and complaint data to identify any financial institution that has engaged in unlawful debanking on the basis of religion and, if such financial institution is unable to obtain compliance within the meaning of 15 U.S.C. 1691 and 1691e(g), refer such matters to the Attorney General for an appropriate civil action, as appropriate.
Sec. 6. General Provisions. (a) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect:
(i) the authority granted by law to an executive department or agency, or the head thereof; or
(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budgetary, administrative, or legislative proposals.
(b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable law and subject to the availability of appropriations.
(c) This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.
(d) The costs for publication of this order shall be borne by the Small Business Administration.

DONALD J. TRUMP
THE WHITE HOUSE,
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200 days of impact as Fort Bliss assumes new role in homeland defense to let service members defend nation

By C. Todd Lopez
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August 8, 2025 - This week marks 200 days since President Donald J. Trump and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth assumed their roles as the top two leaders of the U.S. military.

"In 200 days, the department has made an unprecedented impact not only for our warfighters, but in strengthening the United States military to be the most lethal fighting force in the world," said Pentagon Press Secretary Kingsley Wilson during the department's Weekly Sitrep video.

"Under the steadfast leadership of President Trump and Secretary Hegseth, recruitment is soaring, the department is prioritizing American drone dominance, we're refocused on standards and the United States military remains unmatched in its capabilities," Wilson said.

Fort Bliss, home to more than 90,000 soldiers and family members across over 1,700 square miles in El Paso, Texas, will soon assume a new role in defending the homeland.

"Secretary Hegseth approved access and use of the land at Fort Bliss, Texas — where DOD is focused on developing the detention center at Fort Bliss," Wilson said. "Once completed, this will be the largest federal detention center in history for this critical mission, the deportation of illegal aliens."

Construction of the detention facility began in July. It is expected to have an initial capacity of 1,000 detainees, and Wilson stated that it would be expanded to accommodate about 5,000 at a later date.

In Washington, the Reconciliation Monument, first erected in Arlington National Cemetery in 1917 and later removed in December 2023, will now return to its original location.

"Secretary Hegseth ... announced that Moses Ezekiel's beautiful and historic sculpture ... will be rightfully returned to Arlington National Cemetery near his burial site," Wilson said. "Like the secretary said, 'We don't believe in erasing American history — we honor it.'"

Ezekiel, who died in 1921, was buried in Arlington National Cemetery near the monument he created. Earlier this week, Wilson referred to him as "a true artist and an incredible person."

The Army expects to reinstall the sculpture in 2027 after it has undergone complete refurbishment.

Service members who plan to leave the military but still feel compelled to serve their country have a new option for that service at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

"For service members transitioning out of the military, your mission to protect the homeland can continue," Wilson said. "We'd like to introduce you to DOD SkillBridge, which is a program for service members to continue serving through civilian work at ICE and CBP. Your skills are needed to carry out the president's vision to protect the border and protect Americans here at home."

Under recent guidance from the secretary, military departments will encourage service members considering participation in the SkillBridge program to seek internships, apprenticeships or on-the-job training with either ICE or CBP.

As part of SkillBridge, service members can spend up to 180 days before their separation from service to learn job skills in nearly 10,000 areas, helping them prepare for civilian employment. In many cases, the same business or agency may offer the service member a job upon completion of their participation in the program.

By encouraging participation in SkillBridge with ICE and CBP, the Defense Department provides those agencies with access to its most valuable asset: its people. It also provides DHS with the opportunity to recruit the best and brightest personnel, who may one day, after completing their SkillBridge training and separating from the military, find employment within DHS and be available to support the southern border mission.

Wilson said service members interested in SkillBridge can visit the program's website at skillbridge.osd.mil.

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This week, the nation and the Defense Department commemorated Purple Heart Day.

"Here at the department, we honor the courage and sacrifice of all Purple Heart recipients," Wilson said. "The Purple Heart is the nation's oldest military award, and we reflect on the valor of the men and women who have given so much for our freedom. We continue to honor their legacy and extend our gratitude for their unwavering service."

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Finally, earlier this week, five soldiers were shot during an at-

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