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Gambling Alert - November 4, 2022



Defense Dept. Cashes In On Overseas Slot Machines While Problem Gambling Among Military Personnel Is Largely Undiagnosed

In August 2018, President Trump signed into law the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), to fund the nation's military operations for the 2019 fiscal year. It includes a provision that has been absent for about 15 years: required problem-gambling screening for members of the Armed Forces.

The **National Council on Problem Gambling** (NCPG) says about 56,000 active-duty military personnel are problem gamblers out of more than a million service men and women. The Department of Defense (DoD) reports about 120 active military sought treatment in 2017. About 10 percent of veterans using Veterans Affairs services are problem gamblers, according to the NCPG.

Members of the Armed Forces serving overseas don't have far to look to find ways to gamble. There are about 2,000 slot machines (not 3,000 as some have reported) on more than 60 overseas bases. The DoD generates \$100 million each year from active-duty military personnel playing on those slot machines.

None of the money goes toward problem-gambling treatment.

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