

Note from AFA President – Debt, Friedman, Heroes

AFA Members, Congressional Staffers, Civic Leaders, DOCA members, a while back I wrote, in concern, about my worries over the rising national debt. That this is a national security issue is without question. Last fiscal year, the interest on our \$12 trillion debt was over \$380 B. As the debt and interest rates rise, it will squeeze defense spending. A very good editorial on this can be found on our website at:

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB20001424052748704429304574467071019099570.html>

Secondly, this week Tom Friedman's editorial in the NY Times was a bit unusual. In it he recommends what President Obama should say at his Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech ... and he pays tribute to the great men and women who are defending our freedom. The editorial can be found at:

[http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/11/opinion/11friedman.html?\\_r=1&em](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/11/opinion/11friedman.html?_r=1&em)

Finally, a small piece in the NY Post caught my attention. It pays tribute to two of our fallen warriors, who gave their last full measure. It turns out they were not killed in Iraq or Afghanistan ... but in the Philippines ... by Abu Sayyaf, an ally of Al Qaeda. This should remind us all of the global nature of terrorism ... and what the stakes are in battling this scourge. You can find the article on our website at:

[http://www.nypost.com/p/news/opinion/editorials/american\\_heroes\\_EjJqzluXBnll6MqVHJNwuL](http://www.nypost.com/p/news/opinion/editorials/american_heroes_EjJqzluXBnll6MqVHJNwuL)

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