

HMMWV Modernization

(High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicle)



NGAUS

Fiscal Year 2022 Requirements for the Army National Guard



▲ Soldiers of 40th Infantry Division test new High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV) modification kits in the field.

Background

The Army National Guard has over 43,000 HMMWVs in its inventory, and more than half of those HMMWVs are beyond their useful life. The severe aging of the mission critical HMMWV fleet continues to be problematic due to the Army's plan to retain the HMMWV as a key dual use piece of equipment for the Army National Guard through at least 2045.

In April 2018, General John M. Murray, then the Army Deputy Chief of Staff (G-8) and now the Commander of Army Futures Command, testified before Congress that HMMWVs will comprise 50% of the Army's light tactical vehicle fleet and "will be with us for a long time into the future." Since the HMMWV will be in Guard formations for another 25 years at least, NGAUS seeks prioritized funding for the sustainment and modernization of the Guard HMMWV fleet. This will ensure a capable National Guard is ready at a moment's notice to provide emergency support at home and to deploy for combat missions around the world.

Older, less capable HMMWV models are not meeting the National Guard's readiness needs. They have limited payload, less efficient powertrains, lower electrical load capability, an inability to be up-armored, limiting the range of military, homeland security, and state emergency missions they can perform. On the other hand, modernized HMMWVs are more cost-effective and reliable and enhance the ability of the Guard troops they carry to aid their fellow citizens in response to an emergency.

In FY2013, Congress established a multi-year program to modernize the rapidly aging National Guard HMMWV fleet. Since its inception, over 3,800 HMMWVs have been modernized, and many more vehicles are ready to be modernized as soon as funding becomes available. The process delivers brand new or like-new, zero hours and zero miles vehicles and enables the Guard to successfully meet the dual mission of protecting the homeland and training for future missions around the globe.

These modernized vehicles have had an immediate, positive impact on readiness in Guard units across the country, but a significant shortfall remains to be addressed. Therefore, additional funding in FY2022 is critical to ensuring this important modernization program can continue.

Recommendation

\$100 million in appropriations 

The National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) strongly urges Congress to appropriate \$100 million for the National Guard HMMWV modernization program in FY2022.

Importance

- HMMWV modernization is the #1 priority of the NGAUS Army Sustainment Task Force
- HMMWV modernization has consistently been a top National Guard equipment modernization funding priority for the past eight years
- HMMWV modernization has been identified by the Director of the Army National Guard as a top Army Guard equipment modernization priority

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