

NGAUS on the Hill January 2021 Update

FY22 Congressional Cycle Update*

President's Budget Release	HASC NDAA	SASC NDAA	House- passed NDAA	Senate- passed NDAA	Conference Committee	Signed Into Law
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President's Budget Release	HAC-D Approps.	SAC-D Approps.	House- passed Approps.	Senate- passed Approps.	Conference Committee	Signed Into Law
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Congress passed and President Trump signed into law H.R. 133 - Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 into law on 27 December 2020. H.R. 133 is an omnibus appropriations that includes: Division C – Department of Defense (DoD) Appropriations Act, 2021 legislation, Division J – Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2021 and Division M – Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021.

Division C – DoD Appropriations included:

- \$950.0 million for the National Guard and Reserve Equipment Account (NGREA), includes \$285.0 million for ARNG and \$285.0 million for ANG
- Funding for major weapons platforms for the Army, includes specific ARNG designations to procure UH/HH-60M Black Hawks, modernized UH-60V Black Hawks, modernized AH-64 Apaches, and Joint Light Tactical Vehicles (JLTVs)
- \$100.0 million for the ARNG HMMWV modernization program
- **\$265.5 million** for C-130 modernization, includes \$180.0 million for NP2000 propeller upgrades and \$79.0 million for T-56 engine Series 3.5 upgrades
- \$75.0 million for F-16 Viper Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) radars for ANG
- \$760.0 million to procure 8 C-130J Super Hercules aircraft including \$570.0 million for 6 C-130Js specifically designated for ANG
- \$56.9 million for C-130 modernization, includes \$55.0 million for NP2000 propeller upgrades

Division J – Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies included:

• \$15.0 million for construction of a National Guard Readiness Center on Peterson AFB, Colorado

FY21 Spending Overview

Account	House Proposal	Senate Proposal	House & Senate Proposal Difference	Final FY21 Levels
DoD Base Appropriations	\$626.2B	\$627.2B	\$1.0B	\$627.3B
DoD OCO Appropriations	\$68.4B	\$68.7B	\$300.0M	\$68.6B
DoD Base Authorization	\$635.5B	\$636.4B	\$900.0M	\$635.5B
DoD OCO Authorization	\$69.0B	\$69.0B	\$0.0	\$69.0B
DoD MILCON Appropriations	\$10.1B	\$8.1B	\$2.0B	\$8.0B
National Guard MILCON	\$503.1M	\$385.6M	\$117.5M	\$413.6M

Legislative Update

NGAUS Legislative staff remains engaged with Congress, despite closure of Congressional office space to the public, and the Trump administration as the COVID-19 national emergency continues.

The House of Representatives also passed an updated version of the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act on 1 October. As a result of NGAUS advocacy, the legislation includes:

- Authorization for National Guard and Reserve servicemembers to receive mental health care at Veteran Centers for those who have deployed more than 14 days in support of COVID-19 response missions.
- Veteran survivor benefit eligibility for National Guard servicemembers who respond and later die due to responding to COVID-19.
- Additional funding to procure personal protective equipment across all military services.

Significant standalone legislation recently introduced includes:

- H.R.8449, The Veterans' Sentinel Act, introduced by Reps. Jason Crow (D-Colo.) and Trent Kelly (R-Miss.). This legislation would respond to suicides by veterans at VA facilities by improving data collection accuracy and enhancing Congressional oversight.
- **S.4743**, introduced by Sen. Mike Rounds (R-S.D.). This legislation would allow Non-commissioned Officers and Warrant Officers to work on civil works in U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) districts; a priority of the NGAUS Army Engineer Task Force.

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