

ANG Fighter Recapitalization

Air National Guard



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FY24 & FY25 Requirements for the Air National Guard



The Issue

The Air National Guard fighter fleet continues to deteriorate and requires modernization and recapitalization with new equipment to effectively support and meet the readiness and lethality requirements of the National Defense Strategy.

◀ Lt. Col. Richard "Tac" Turner and Lt. Col. Jacob "Duke" Lindaman deliver the first F-15EX to its new home station, Eglin AFB, Florida.

Background

The Air National Guard combat air forces consist of 25 wings across the US with 19 wings primarily operate aging legacy F-15C/Ds and pre-block F-16s. The age of the legacy fleet coupled with additional wear on airframes due to increased mission requirements result in platforms which are extended past their serviceable life. Without replacement, 12 Air National Guard fighter squadrons are at risk of losing their airframes and flying missions in the next five years. The remaining seven wings are slated to transition to post-block F-16s transferred to the Air National Guard from the active component. Each of these units are at risk of divestment as the total Air Force continues to divest legacy aircraft.

The Air National Guard has a unique dual mission, serving as the primary combat reserve for the Air Force and performing the vital mission of defending the homeland. Over the last 30 years, the Nation has relied on the Air National Guard to shift from a strategic reserve to an operational force meeting the high operational tempo of continuous redeployments abroad. Air National Guard fighter units represent 21% of the total Air Force, 30% of USAF combat power, and 94% of homeland defense. Despite the increased operational tempo ANG fighter units only take up 7% of the total Air Force's budget.

The Air Force has not provided a reliable recapitalization plan to replace Air National Guard legacy aircraft, risking divestment of these wings and losing combat power of the total Air Force. Loss of critical fighter capacity significantly decreases the Nation's ability to deter strategic attacks and aggression against the United States, Allies, and Partners. The total Air

Recommendation

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- FY24, language requiring SECDEF provide a roadmap for recapitalization before the closure of Air National Guard units and prevent loss of any ANG fighter force structure.
- FY24, request plan and design MILCON funding to modernize ANG facilities to accommodate recapitalized platforms.
- FY25, language requiring recapitalization of Air National Guard units at a one-for-one rate as units divest legacy combat aircraft to ensure no gaps in mission.
- FY25, funding for 40 fighter aircraft (F-35A and F-15EX) annually for the next ten years to fully recapitalize legacy-equipped Air National Guard units.

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Force will lose highly skilled and experienced pilots and sustainment personnel with the permanent loss of Air National Guard fighter units, impacting our nation's surge-to-war capabilities.

To maintain combat capacity and retention of highly experienced pilots and sustainment personnel, there must accelerated recapitalization of all ANG Fighter units with new-build fighters. NGAUS recommends including language in the FY24 NDAA to prohibit the divestiture of ANG fighter aircraft with subsequent language and defense appropriations requests in FY25 seeking one-for-one platform replacement.

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F-15C/D, F-16, F-22, F-35A, A-10 States & Units

F-15C/D

CA: 144th FW, Fresno
FL: 125th FW, Jacksonville
LA: 159th FW, New Orleans
MA: 104th FW, Westfield
OR: 142nd FW, Portland
172nd FW, Klamath Falls

F-16

AL: 187th FW, Montgomery
AZ: 162nd FW, Tucson
CO: 140th FW, Aurora
DC: 113th FW, Joint Base Andrews
IN: 122nd FW, Fort Wayne
MN: 148th FW, Duluth
NJ: 177th FW, Atlantic City
OH: 180th FW, Toledo
OK: 138th FW, Tulsa
SC: 169th FW, Eastover
SD: 114th FW, Sioux Falls
TX: 149th FW, San Antonio
WI: 115th FW, Madison

F-22

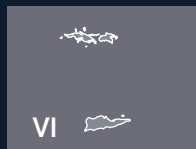
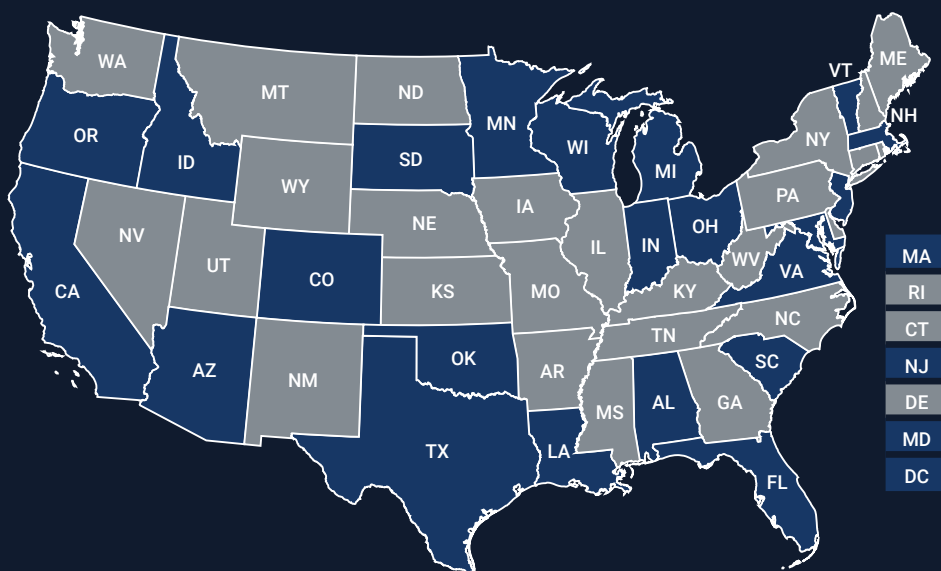
HI: 154th FW, Honolulu
VA: 192nd FW, Hampton

F-35A

AL: 187th FW, Montgomery
VT: 158th FW, South Burlington
WI: 115th FW, Truax Field

A-10

ID: 124th FW, Boise
MD: 175th W, Baltimore
MI: 127th W, Selfridge



States Impacted



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