

CH-47F Block II Procurement

Army National Guard

Fiscal Year 2025 Requirements for the Army National Guard



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The Issue

Despite the Army's Special Operations continued procurement of MH-47G Block II's, there are no upgrades currently planned for the Army National Guard CH-47F Fleet. The ARNG consistently deploys in support of overseas combat operations performing the same missions as the Active Component and provides domestic emergency response. As the Army acquires new equipment and weapons platforms, those systems must be fielded to Active Component and Reserve Component units simultaneously and proportionally to ensure a fully interoperable and lethal Total Force. With eyes on the recent positive Army decision to move forward with Production of CH-47F Block II, ARNG is eager to better understand the Army's acquisition and fielding plans for those modernized Chinooks.

◀ CH-47 with the 111th Aviation Regiment Mississippi Army National Guard

Background

The ARNG has the oldest Chinook airframes in the Army fleet. Given the Army's renewed focus on Chinook Modernization with the advancement of Block II production, ARNG strongly recommends the Army designate procurement of at least 6 CH-47F Block II aircraft per year for the Army National Guard within the defense appropriations bill. With the vast majority of Army National Guard Chinook units consisting of six aircraft per state, this approach will ensure Army National Guard Chinook units are equipped simultaneously and proportionally to the Active Component for a modernized, fully interoperable, and lethal Total Force.

Recommendation

Seek approval for the CH-47F Block II program as soon as possible to schedule upgrades that will keep the CH-47F deployable with the Future Long Range Assault Aircraft (FLRAA) and Future Attack Reconnaissance Aircraft (FARA). The CH-47 Block II program will ensure the CH-47F and MH-47G are Multi-Domain Operational (MDO) capable aircraft.



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