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## FY26 National Defense Authorization Act Summary | 15 July 2025

**BLUF:** On July 15, 2025, the House Armed Services Committee marked up and passed out of the committee H.R. 3838 – *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026*. **Next Step:** The full House will consider its version of the NDAA.

### Bill Text

#### Defense Authorizations

President's Budget Release	House Committee NDAA (HASC)	Senate Committee NDAA (SASC)	Full House- passed NDAA	Full Senate- passed NDAA	Conference Committee	Signed Into Law
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#### Defense Appropriations

President's Budget Release	House Committee Approps. (HAC-D)	Senate Committee Approps. (SAC-D)	Full House- passed Approps. Bill.	Full Senate- passed Approps. Bill	Conference Committee	Signed Into Law
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*\*As of July 28, 2025*

*\*Funding levels and policies cited in this document are authorizations only.*

**Summary Funding:** The NDAA authorizes **\$848.2B** for the Department of Defense (DoD) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026.

### Army National Guard

- Authorized 328,000 soldiers for ARNG end strength (Subcommittee on Military Personnel Print). Consistent with PB Request and SASC NDAA, 3,000 increase from FY25 level
- Authorized 21,294 soldiers for ARNG Dual Status military technicians end strength (Subcommittee on Military Personnel Print). 21,294 increase from PB Request, 1,000 decrease from FY 25 level, and SASC NDAA
- \$8.6B for ARNG Operation and Maintenance, \$15M increase from PB Request, and \$1.52B increase from SASC NDAA
- \$91.66M for AH-64 Apache Block IIIA helicopters, \$90M increase from PB Request and SASC NDAA (Marked for ARNG)
- \$125.23M for AH-64 Mods, consistent with PB Request and SASC NDAA (Not clearly marked for ARNG)

- \$732.06M for UH-60M Black Hawk helicopters, consistent with PB Request and SASC NDAA (Marked for ARNG)
- \$33.65M for Utility Helicopter Mods, consistent with PB Request and SASC NDAA (Not clearly marked for ARNG)
- \$680.21M for CH-47 Helicopters, consistent with PB Request and SASC NDAA (Not clearly marked for ARNG)
- \$17.70M for CH-47 Helicopter Mods, consistent with PB Request and SASC NDAA (Not clearly marked for ARNG)
- \$12.35M for Gray Eagle Mods, consistent with PB Request and SASC NDAA (Marked for ARNG)
- \$554.67M for Armored Multi-Purpose Vehicle (AMPV), consistent with PB Request and SASC NDAA (Not clearly marked for ARNG)
- \$45.84M for Joint Light Tactical Vehicles (JLTV), consistent with PB Request, and \$34M decrease from SASC NDAA (Marked for ARNG)
- \$135.81M for Stryker Upgrades, consistent with PB Request and SASC NDAA (Not clearly marked for ARNG)
- \$752.52M for Abrams Upgrade Program, \$12M increase from PB Request and SASC NDAA (Not clearly marked for ARNG)
- \$250.23M for Paladin Integrated Management (PIM) Systems, consistent with PB Request and SASC NDAA (Marked for ARNG)
- \$4.68M for Bradley Fire Support Team (BSFIT) Vehicles, consistent with PB Request and SASC NDAA (Marked for ARNG)
- \$157.18M for Bradley Mods, consistent with PB Request and SASC NDAA (Not clearly marked for ARNG)

#### **Air National Guard**

- Authorized 106,300 Airmen for ANG end strength at 106,300 (Subcommittee on Military Personnel Print). Consistent with PB Request and SASC NDAA, 1,400 decrease from FY 25 level
- Authorized 10,405 Airmen for ANG Dual Status military technicians end strength (Subcommittee on Military Personnel Print). 10,405 increase from PB Request, 339 decrease from FY 25 level, and SASC NDAA
- \$7.2B for ANG Operation and Maintenance, \$80M decrease from PB Request, and \$475.3M increase from SASC NDAA

- \$4.08B for F-35 aircraft, including \$531.24M in Advanced Procurement (AP), consistent with PB Request, and \$989.4M decrease from SASC NDAA (Not clearly marked for ANG)
- \$380.33M for F-35 Mods, consistent with PB Request and SASC NDAA (Not clearly marked for ANG)
- \$1.07B for F-35 Continuous Capability Development and Delivery (C2D2), \$103.2M decrease from PB Request, and SASC NDAA (Not clearly marked for ANG)
- \$448.11M for F-16 Mods, consistent with PB Request, and SASC NDAA (Marked for ANG)
- \$977.52M for F-22A Aircraft, consistent with PB Request, and SASC NDAA (Marked for ANG)
- \$2.49BB for KC-46A Major Defense Acquisition Program (MDAP), \$300M decrease from PB Request, and SASC NDAA (Not clearly marked for ANG)
- \$144.04M for C-130 Aircraft, consistent with the PB Request, and SASC NDAA (Marked for ANG)
- \$9.15M for HH-60W Mods, consistent with PB Request, and SASC NDAA (Not clearly marked for ANG)
- \$365.08M for HC/MC-130 Mods, consistent with PB Request, and SASC NDAA (Marked for ANG)
- \$12.89M for MQ-9 Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, consistent with PB Request, and SASC NDAA (Not clearly marked for ANG)
- \$100.92M for MQ-9 Mods, consistent with PB Request, and SASC NDAA (Not clearly marked for ANG)

### Joint-Personnel

- \$249.64M for ARNG MILCON (Sec. 4601), \$61M increase from PB Request, and \$1.51B decrease from SASC NDAA
- \$303.68M for ANG MILCON (Sec. 4601), \$151.8M increase from PB Request, and \$1.15B decrease from SASC NDAA
- \$110.1M for National Guard Counter-Drug Program, consistent with PB Request, and \$185M decrease from SASC NDAA
- \$6.35M for National Guard Counter-Drug Schools, consistent with PB Request, and SASC NDAA
- \$211M for National Guard Youth Challenge Program, \$211M increase from PB Request, and SASC NDAA
- \$50M for STARBASE, \$50M increase from PB Request, and SASC NDAA

- Provide no-cost dental coverage under Tricare for members of the Reserve Component (Sec. 701 of the Military Personnel Subcommittee Print)
- Extends the in-home childcare pilot program for members of the Armed Forces till December 31, 2029 (Sec. 561 of the Military Personnel Subcommittee Print).
- Allows the State Active Duty (SAD) utilization of Active Guard and Reserve (Sec. 513), included in SASC NDAA

### **Subcommittee Print Sections:**

Sec. 122. Extends the prohibition on Reduction of C-130 Aircraft assigned to the National Guard until September 30, 2026 (Sea Power and Projection Subcommittee Print, pg. 24).

Sec. 1075. Establish a budget line and provide adequate funding for the annual National Guard Bureau Northern Strike Exercise (Readiness Subcommittee Print, pg. 114).

Sec. 2601. Authorized Army National Guard Construction and Land Acquisition Project for a total of \$191.8M (Readiness Subcommittee Print, pg. 157):

Sec. 2604. Authorized Air National Guard Construction and Land Acquisition Projects for a total of \$200.5M (Readiness Subcommittee Print, pg. 160).

Sec. 2606. Authorization of Appropriations, National Guard and Reserve (Readiness Subcommittee Print, pg. 162).

Sec. 414. Maximum Number of Reserve Personnel Authorized to be on Active Duty for Operational Support: 17,000 for ARNG; and 16,000 for ANG (Military Personnel Subcommittee Print, pg. 8):

Sec. 354. Establishment of Center for the Study of the National Guard (Readiness Subcommittee Print, pg. 72).

### **Directive Report Language:**

Chairman Mark; Page 340. Report on rationale for recapitalizing Active Duty units before Air National Guard units from F-15C/D to F-15EX, and an operational risk assessment of interrupting the homeland defense mission for each unit assigned to the aerospace control and air sovereignty alert mission during the transition.

Chairman Mark; Page 351 & 352. Report on challenges in fielding Counter-UAS authorities and capabilities to Army and Air National Guard installations, and on the DoD's efforts to evaluate, approve, develop, and deploy Counter-UAS systems to protect DoD U.S. facilities and assets.

Tactical Air and Land Subcommittee Print; Page 28. Brief on feasibility and strategic impact of integrating Future Long-Range Assault Aircraft Medevac into National Guard and Active Duty Army.

Tactical Air and Land Subcommittee Print; Page 30. Brief on TITAN systems procurement schedule and field plan for National Guard, Reserve, Special Operations, and Active Duty Army.

Readiness Subcommittee Print; Page 271. Report on Army's strategy for prioritizing and addressing infrastructure deficiencies at NGB and Reserve installations

Readiness Subcommittee Print; Page 260. Brief on National Guard Bureau's efforts to integrate these Private, Nonprofit, and Public Sector sources and capabilities into the FireGuard program.

Readiness Subcommittee Print; Page 251. Brief on feasibility of establishing a Domestic Operations C130J Tactics Training Center co-located with the Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Center, an assessment of training requirements, and the potential impact on readiness, response timelines, facility, staffing, and resourcing.

**Proposed Passed Amendments:**

Chairman Mark En Block 2; Log 5413. \$5M increase for Air National Guard O&M Facilities, Sustainment, Restoration, and Modernization. (Rep. Graves)

Chairman Mark En Block 2; Log 5214. Reduces \$5M from Contractor Logistics Support and System Support under O&M, Air National Guard, in section 4301 of Division D. (Rep. Fallon)

Sea Power and Project Forces En Block 1; Log 5320. Brief on Air Force plans to recapitalize Air National Guard tankers and air refueling, including strategy and methods for selecting KC-46 main operating bases. (Rep. DesJarlais)

Tactical Air and Land Forces En Block 1; Log 4761. Report on F-16 Electronic Warfare Modernization, and comparative assessment of alternatives for Air National Guard's F-16. (Rep. Wittman)

Chairman Mark En Block 4; Log 4811. Report on the Replacement of time division multiplexing lanes at armories of the Air National Guard and Army National Guard. (Rep. Kelly)

Tactical Air and Land Forces En Block 1; Log 5077. Brief on integration potential and value of Group 4 or larger hybrid-electric VTOL UAS for Army and Air National Guard mission sets. (Rep. Schmidt)

Military Personnel En Block 1; Log 4913. No-cost mechanism to retain quality commissioned and warrant officers and maintain increased levels of National Guard personnel readiness. (Rep. Goodlander)

Military Personnel En Block 1; Log 5121. Allows National Guard servicemembers to continue supporting intelligence operations after a specified end date. (Rep. Messmer)

Chairman Mark En Block 3; Log 5118. Allows National Guard Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Activities to be reimbursed. (Rep. Messmer)

Chairman Mark En Block 3; Log 5566. Creates Eastern Range Regional Complex for multi-domain operations and autonomous systems training, testing, and experimentation. Activities will be coordinated with State National Guard Commands and other partners. (Rep. Mace)

Military Personnel En Block 2; Log 5201. Expands health care license portability for National Guard health care providers for duty and training purposes from 502(f) status to all duty statuses under Title 32 USC. (Rep. Norcross)

Readiness En Block 2; Log 5632. Extension of Authority of 2023 MILCON funding for the following National Guard bases for a total of \$200.5M. (Rep. Bergman)

Military Personnel En Block 2; Log 5495. Quality of Life Conditions Report for National Guard Personnel at Joint Forces Training Base - Los Alamitos, following June 2025 federalization. (Rep. Tran)

Readiness En Block 1; Log 4995. Directs DoD to accelerate PFAS cleanup at military sites (including National Guard facilities). (Rep. Bergman)

Tactical Air and Land Forces En Block 1; Log 4792. Brief on improving training against advanced Integrated Air Defense Systems, by utilizing low-cost, mobile, and expendable emitters. (Rep. Scott)

#### **Proposed Failed Amendments:**

Log 5176 R1. Prevents funds authorized to be appropriated for the DoD from being used for a hiring freeze for various categories, including Dual Status Military Technicians. (Rep. Sorensen, 27-30)

Log 5628 R1. Prohibits the DoD from using funds to deploy Armed Service members in support of Civilian immigration enforcement (Rep. Jacobs, 27-30)

Log 5455. Requirement of consent of a state's Chief Executive Officer for certain full-time National Guard Duty to be performed in a State, Territory, or the District of Columbia. (Rep. Sherrill, 27-30)