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FY26 Defense Appropriations NGAUS Summary | 5 August 2025

BLUF: On July 31, 2025, the Senate Appropriations Committee advanced S.2572 – *Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2026*, with a 26-3 vote. Next Step: The bill will be sent to the full Senate for consideration.

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 August 5, 2025

Funding levels and provisions cited below are proposed by the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee and are subject to change.

Summary Funding: The bill appropriates **\$851.7B** for the Department of Defense (DoD) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026.

Transfer of Air National Guard (ANG) units to United States Space Force (USSF): This bill directs the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (ASECAF) to provide quarterly reports to the Congressional Defense Committees on actions taken to implement Title 17 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for FY24 (Public Law 118-31) and Section 514 of NDAA FY25.

Army National Guard

- \$10.4B for ARNG Personnel
 - \$78.5M decrease from the PB Request
- Supports ARNG end strength at 328,000
 - Consistent with the PB Request
- \$8.7B for ARNG Operations and Maintenance
 - \$15.5M increase from the PB Request
- \$3M for Degraded Visual Environment (DVE) – Designated for the ARNG
 - \$3M increase from the PB Request

- \$360M for 12 AH-64 Apache Block IIIA Aircraft
 - \$360M increase from the PB Request
- \$125.2M for AH-64 Mods
 - Consistent with the PB Request
- \$746.1M for 24 UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopters
 - \$14M increase from the PB Request
- \$618.8M for 11 CH-47 Helicopters
 - Consistent with the PB Request
- \$17.7M for CH-47 Mods
 - Consistent with the PB Request
- \$12.4 for Gray Eagle Mods
 - \$12.4M increase from the PB Request
- \$37.7M for Utility Helicopter Mods
 - \$4M increase from the PB Request
- \$0 for High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWV) modernization
 - Consistent with the PB Request
- \$45.8M for Joint Light Tactical Vehicles (JLTV)
 - Consistent with the PB Request
- \$415.3M for Armored Multi-Purpose Vehicles (AMPV)
 - \$139.4M decrease from the PB Request
- \$4.7M for Bradley Fire Support Team (BFIST) Vehicles
 - Consistent with the PB Request
- \$157.2M for Bradley Mods
 - Consistent with the PB Request
- \$28.6M for the Stryker Upgrade Program
 - \$107.3M decrease from the PB Request
- \$98.7M for 5 Paladin Integrated Management (PIM) Systems for the Army
 - \$153.5M decrease from the PB Request
- \$939.4 for the Abrams Upgrade Program for the Army
 - \$198.9M increase from the PB Request

Air National Guard

- \$5.8B for ANG Personnel
 - \$149.1M decrease from PB Request
- Supports ANG end strength at 106,300

- Consistent with the PB Request
- \$7.3B for ANG Operations and Maintenance
 - \$11.9M decrease from the PB Request
- \$4.5B for 24 F-35 Aircraft
 - \$3.6M decrease from PB Request
- \$277.3M for F-35 Mods
 - \$103.1M decrease from PB Request
- \$102.2M for F-15 Aircraft
 - \$17.9M decrease from the PB Request
- \$206.7M for the Eagle Passive Active Warning Survivability System (EPAWSS)
 - \$45.9M decrease from the PB Request
- \$632.3M for F-16 Mods
 - \$184.2M increase from the PB Request
- \$880.8M for F-22A Aircraft
 - \$96.8M decrease from the PB Request
- \$1.7B for 9 C-130J Aircraft – 8 Designated for the ANG
 - \$1.7B increase from the PB Request
- \$307.5M for Combat Rescue Helicopters
 - \$200M increase from PB Request
- \$9.2M for HH-60W Mods
 - Consistent with the PB Request
- \$15M for C-130J Mods
 - \$15M increase from the PB Request
- \$101M for MQ-9 Mods
 - Consistent with the PB Request
- \$2.8B for the KC-46A Major Defense Acquisition Program (MDAP)
 - \$89.7M decrease from the PB Request ‘
- \$265.6M for Special Training, including:
 - Advanced Trauma and Public Health Direct Training Services
 - Exercise Northern Strike
 - Mobile Armed Forces Advanced Trauma Training

Joint-Personnel

- \$350M for the National Guard and Reserve Equipment Account (NGREA), including:
 - \$108.5M for the ARNG
 - \$105M for the ANG

- \$210.1M for the National Guard Counter-Drug Program
 - \$100M increase from the PB Request
- \$50M for National Guard Youth ChalleNge Program
 - \$50M increase from the PB Request
- \$20M for STARBASE
 - \$20M increase from the PB Request
- \$16.4M for National Guard Counter-Drug Schools
 - \$10M increase from the PB Request

Additional Provisions

CH-47 Chinook – Directs Secretary of the Army (SECARMY) to provide a report to the Congressional Defense Committees, no later than 90 days after the enactment of this act, detailing its assessment of the current CH-47 fleet structure, including:

- Aircraft by block configuration and operational status a comprehensive investment plan for CH-47 modernization and sustainment through fiscal year 2030
- An updated fielding schedule and procurement timeline for CH-47 Block II aircraft
- A list of capability gaps and operational limitations identified in recent assessments relevant to the Indo-Pacific
- An analysis of how CH-47 modernization aligns with broader Army Transformation Initiative (ATI) efforts and joint force lift requirements.

Antilock Brake System/Electronic Stability Control (ABS/ESC) – Directs the SECARMY to provide a briefing to the Congressional Defense Committees no later than 90 days after the enactment of this act on:

- Total number of High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWV), in the active and reserve component inventory that are currently not equipped with ABS/ESC as of January 01, 2025
- An updated force structure requirement for the HMMWV based on ATI
- A plan and timeline to accelerate retrofit efforts
- Estimated funding requirements to fully address retrofitting HMMWVs without ABS/ESC.

In addition, the Committee directs the SECARMY to provide annual reports to the congressional defense committees on the status of ABS/ESC retrofit execution, to include contracting actions, production output, and vehicle installation progress.

High Priority Items – Directs the Secretary of Defense (SECDEF) to ensure that the National Guard and Reserve Equipment (NGREA) is executed by the Chief of the National Guard (CNGB) and reserve components with priority consideration given to the following items:

- Construction equipment systems
- Ballistic and multi-band laser eye protection
- Human performance wearable technology
- Heavy dump trucks

- National Security Agency Compliant
- Multiple network configurable
- Secure tactical voice bridge
- Man-portable radiological nuclear detection systems

Classic Associations – There are ANG units that operate under classic associations with their active-duty counterparts. While these ANG units do not own aircraft, they are operationally integrated into the active unit that maintains operational control of the mission set. The *Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2024* (Public Law 118047) directed Secretary of the Air Force (SECAF) to pursue a memorandum of agreement to formally recognize the informal agreement between active and guard units providing backup aircraft. The Committee directs SECAF to provide a briefing on the status of these agreements no later than 90 days after the enactment of this bill.

General Provisions: The Senate Appropriations Committee recommends inclusions of several proposals which have been incorporated in previous appropriations acts, provisions requested for included by the Department of Defense, and new provisions.

Sec. 8046 – Prohibits the reduction of authorized positions for military technicians (dual status) of the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, Army Reserve, and Air Force Reserve, unless such reductions are a direct result of a reduction in military force structure.

Sec. 8053 – CNGB may permit the use of equipment of the National Guard Distance Learning Project available on a reimbursable basis. CNGB shall establish the amount of reimbursement for such use on a case-by-case basis.

Sec. 8059 – Permits National Guardsmen serving full-time under 32 USC § 502(f) to perform duties in support of the ground-based elements of the National Ballistic Missile Defense System.