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## FY26 National Defense Authorization Act NGAUS Summary | 19 December 2025

**BLUF:** On Thursday, December 18, 2025, President Donald J. Trump signed S. 1071 – *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026* into law. This bill authorizes **\$901B** for the Department of Defense (DoD).

### 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
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

#### 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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Current Point

*\*As of December 19, 2025*

This bill **DOES** include Sec. 112, authorizing SECARMY to enter one or more multi-year contracts for UH-60 Blackhawk Aircraft procurement beginning FY27.

This bill **DOES** include Sec. 144, authorizing SECAF, in consultation with DANG and AFRC, to submit a plan to recapitalize and modernize the ANG's fighter fleet.

This bill **DOES NOT** include Sec. 516 from the Senate bill that would allow state reimbursement payments following a SAD mission to be sent directly to NGB, instead of the U.S. Treasury.

### Army National Guard

End Strength	FY26 PBR	Conference	Delta from PBR
ARNG	328,000	328,000	0
AGR	30,845	30,845	0
DST	21,294	21,294	0
ADOS	17,000	17,000	0

Program	FY26 PBR	Conference	Delta from PBR
AH-64 Apache Block IIIIA Helicopters	\$1.7M	\$91.7M	+90M
AH-64 Mods	\$125.2M	\$125.2M	0
UH-60M Blackhawk Helicopters	\$732.1M	\$732.1M	0
Utility Helicopter Mods	\$33.7M	\$33.7M	0
CH-47 Helicopters	\$618.8M	\$618.8M	0

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CH-47 Helicopters (AP)	\$61.4M	\$61.4M	0
CH-47 Helicopter Mods	\$17.7M	\$17.7M	0
Gray Eagle Mods	\$12.4M	\$12.4M	0
Armored Multi-Purposed Vehicles (AMPV)	\$554.7M	\$554.7M	0
Joint Light Tactical Vehicles (JLTV)	\$45.8M	\$45.8M	0
Stryker Upgrades	\$135.8M	\$135.8M	0
Abrams Upgrade Program	\$752.5M	\$752.5M	+\$12M
Paladin Integrated Management (PIM) Systems	\$250.2M	\$250.2M	0
Bradley Fire Support (BSFIT) Vehicles	\$4.7M	\$4.7M	0
Bradley Mods	\$157.2M	\$157.2M	0

### Air National Guard

End Strength	FY26 PBR	Conference	Delta from PBR
ANG	106,300	106,300	0
AGR	25,171	25,982	+811
DST	10,485	10,405	-85
ADOS	16,000	16,000	0

Program	FY26 PBR	Conference	Delta from PBR
F-35 Aircraft	\$3.6B	\$3.6B	0
F-35 Aircraft (AP)	\$531.2M	\$531.2M	0
F-35 Mods	\$380.3M	\$380.3M	0
F-15 Aircraft	\$120M	\$120M	0
F-15 EPAWSS	\$252.6M	\$252.6M	0
F-16 Mods	\$448.1M	\$448.1M	0
F-22A Aircraft	\$977.5M	\$977.5M	0
KC-46A MDAP	\$19.3M	\$19.3M	0
C-130J Aircraft	\$0	\$200M	+200M
Combat Rescue Helicopters	\$107.5M	\$107.5M	0
HH-60W Mods	\$9.2M	\$9.2M	0
HC/MC-130 Mods	\$365.1M	\$365.1M	0
MQ-9 Mods	\$100.9M	\$100.9M	0

### Joint-Personnel

#### Operations and Maintenance

Program	FY26 PBR	Conference	Delta from PBR
ARNG – O&M	\$8.6B	\$8.4B	-264.7M
ANG – O&M	\$7.333.6B	\$7.331.7B	-821K

#### Military Construction

Program	FY26 PBR	Conference	Delta from PBR
ARNG – MILCON	\$151.9M	\$430.2M	+\$278.4M
ANG – MILCON	\$188.6M	\$810.8M	+\$622.1M

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## Counterdrug

Program	FY26 PBR	Conference	Delta from PBR
National Guard Counter-Drug Program	\$110M	\$210.1M	+100M
National Guard Counter-Drug Schools	\$6.4M	\$6.4M	0

## Civil Military Programs

Program	FY26 PBR	Conference	Delta from PBR
National Guard Youth Challenge Program	\$0M	\$100M	+100M
STARBASE	\$0	\$50M	+50M

## Additional Provisions:

Sec. 111. SECARMY shall submit a report on the Army Tactical Wheeled Program.

Sec. 113. Permits SECARMY to enter contracts, in advance of full-rate production, for the procurement of Future long-range assault aircraft (FLRAA).

Sec. 141. Modifies minimum inventory requirements for Air Refueling Tankers. Total number of aircraft remains:

- A minimum of 466 aircraft FY26
- A minimum of 478 aircraft in FY27
- A minimum of 490 aircraft in F28
- A minimum of 502 aircraft in FY29

Sec. 142. Prohibits SECAF from retiring F-15E Aircraft as follows:

- FY26: Prohibits any retirement
- FY27: Caps retirement at 21 F-15E Aircraft
- FY28: Caps retirement at 30 F-15E Aircraft

Sec. 145. Prohibits the reduction of C-130 Aircraft assigned to the ANG and requires SECAF to submit a report detailing the following:

- Number and variant types of C-130 aircraft in the AF
- Any planned retirements, divestments, or reductions to the fleet
- Modernization and recapitalization efforts, including block updates and procurement schedules
- Planned basing actions for fielding C-130J aircraft to replace C-130H aircraft

Sec. 147. Modification to minimum inventory requirement for A-10 Aircraft:

- Designates 93 A-10 aircraft as primary mission aircraft inventory until October 1, 2026
- SECAF may not decrease the total aircraft inventory below 103
- SECAF shall provide a briefing to HASC/SASC on the status of A-10 aircraft inventory and the proposed plan for divesting all A-10 aircraft prior to FY29

Sec. 151. SECAF shall submit a comprehensive roadmap detailing the planned force structure, basing, modernization, and transition strategy for the bomber aircraft fleet for the Air Force through FY40, including a strategy for integrating units of the ANG Guard and Reserve into B-21 bomber aircraft operations.

Sec. 152. SECAF shall submit a comprehensive roadmap detailing the strategic plan for the development, acquisition, modernization, and integration of intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities of the Air Force.

Sec. 153. SECAF shall submit a report on the F-47 advanced fighter aircraft program, including a strategy for integrating units of the ANG and Reserve into F-47 fighter aircraft operations.

Sec. 154. Travel expenses appropriated in FY26 for SECAF may not exceed more than 80 percent until the Secretary, in consultation with the Commander of the United States Strategic Command, submits a report on the acquisition strategy of the AF to maintain the Airborne Command Post (ACP) capability.

Sec. 165. SECDEF to develop a plan to implement a government-controlled Open Mission Systems (OMS) computing environment on the F-35 aircraft.

Sec. 166. The Comptroller General of the United States shall complete a review of the F-35 program.

Sec. 314. Requirement to support National Guard training on wildfire prevents and response.

Sec. 511. Authorizes ARNG and ANG officers to transfer from the active to inactive Army and Air National Guard.

Sec. 512. Authorizes Governors, with consent from SECDEF, to direct AGR personnel to perform duties, in response to, or in preparation for a disaster emergency for up to 14 days.

Sec. 513. SECDEF shall submit a report evaluating the impact of existing equipment shortfalls on the National Guard's ability to execute homeland defense operations.

Sec. 514. CNGB, in consultation with SECDEF, shall submit a report on National Guard sexual assault prevent and response training.

Sec. 515. SECDEF shall submit a report addressing how the amount of time a Reserve Component member has served, or been on active duty, is considered when determining whether to order that member to active duty, as well as the feasibility of allowing Reserve Component members to waive the limitation on release from active duty under 10 U.S.C. § 12686(b).

Sec. 549. Authorizes accreditation the National Guard Marksmanship Training Center, located at Robinson Maneuver Training Center, Arkansas, as a U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Institution.

Sec. 613. SECDEF shall submit an evaluation of Aviation Incentive Pay Evaluation (AvIP) under 37 U.S.C. §334 by June 1, 2026.

Sec. 614. SECDEF, in coordination with each military department shall commence a review of all areas designated under 37 U.S.C. § 351, to determine whether the servicemember is subject to imminent danger or physical injury due to existing conditions.

Sec. 1206. Directs SECDEF to make changes to DoDI 5111.20 to consider the number of current partnerships in the State Partnership Program (SPP), and the capacity of partnerships in each state.

Sec. 1535. Directs SECDEF to establish a steering committee on artificial general intelligence which membership includes the VCNGB.

Sec. 1544. Directs a report in coordination with the CNGB on the integration of the reserve components into the cyber mission force with a particular focus on the National Guard and authorities under Title 32.

Sec. 2601. Authorizes ARNG construction and land acquisition projects for the following:

<b>State</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Guam	Joint Forces Headquarters – Guam	\$55M
Indiana	Shelbyville Armory	\$55M
Iowa	Waterloo Armory	\$13.8M
New Hampshire	Plymouth Training Center	\$26M
New York	Albany	\$90M
North Carolina	Salisbury Training Center	\$69M
Oregon	Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility Boardman	\$16M
South Dakota	Watertown Training Center	\$28M

Sec. 2602. Authorizes ANG construction and land acquisition projects for the following:

<b>State</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Alaska	Eielson Air Force Base, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson	\$15M
Georgia	Savannah Hilton Head International Airport	\$46M
Iowa	Sioux Gateway Airport	\$220M
Massachusetts	Otis Air National Guard Base	\$31M
New Hampshire	Pease Air National Guard Base	\$16M
New Jersey	Atlantic City Air National Guard Base	\$68M
Oregon	Klamath Falls Airport, Portland International Airport	\$145M
Wisconsin	Volk Air National Guard Base	\$8.4M

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