



# ARNG HMMWV Modernization

## FY27 Requirements for the Army National Guard



### Issue

The Nation relies heavily on the ARNG's HMMWV fleet to respond to the homeland and be ready to deploy. These missions are accomplished with a fleet that averages 25 years old - beyond the expected useful life of the vehicle.

Despite the average age, the HMMWV remains a key mission enabler and modernizing the fleet has been a top priority of the ARNG and the NGAUS Sustainment Task Force.

Florida Army National Guard Soldiers with Bravo Troop, 1-153rd Cavalry Regiment use armored HMMWVs to perform dry fire combat maneuver training during an Exportable Combat Training Capability exercise.

### Background

The High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV) has been the backbone of the Army's Light Tactical Vehicle fleet for over 40 years. The Army National Guard has over 43,000 HMMWVs in its inventory, playing a critical role in the National Guard's readiness to deploy overseas and respond to the needs of the homeland.

A majority of the ARNG's HMMWV fleet is beyond the expected useful life and are, on average, older than the Guardsmen tasked with operating this critical piece of equipment. With an average age of 25 years, ARNG HMMWVs struggle to meet Operational Readiness rates.

These older and less capable models are not meeting the National Guard's needs because of limited payload, less efficient powertrains, lower electrical load capability, and an inability to be armored when the mission requires increased protection. This is problematic because the HMMWV is an enduring platform for the total Army which will have a significant role in the fleet for the foreseeable future.

Congress, understanding the challenges of a rapidly aging fleet, established a multi-year program to modernize the National Guard's fleet. Thanks to Congress, the National Guard has received over 14,500 brand new or like new HMMWVs since the programs inception in FY2013.

Despite the Army's Transformation Initiative laying out an unclear future for the Army's Light Tactical Vehicle fleet while taking aim at the HMMWV and truncating procurement of the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle, the HMMWV will comprise the vast majority of the Army's fleet long into the future.

NGAUS seeks prioritized funding for the sustainment and modernization of the Guard HMMWV fleet. They are proven to be cost-effective and reliable. Modernized HMMWVs have an immediate impact on National Guard readiness and are the vehicles the Guard needs when the Nation needs the Guard.

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### Recommendation

NGAUS strongly urges Congress to appropriate \$200 million for the ARNG HMMWV Modernization Program in FY2027.



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