

NGAUS Summary

FY27 HASC Markup



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BLUF: On June 4, 2026, the House Armed Services Committee (HASC) completed the Chairman's Markup for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) and passed out of committee by a vote of 44-12. The following report includes all National Guard equities included in the HASC NDAA.

On June 11, 2026, the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) completed the Chairman's Mark up for FY 2027 NDAA and passed out of committee by a vote of 18-9. Details of the bill are not publicly available.

NEXT STEPS: SASC will release a draft of the NDAA. The HASC and SASC drafts will go to their respective chambers for a floor vote.

National Defense Authorization Act Status

Chamber	Introduced	Reported	Passed	Resolved	Signed
House	26MAY26	05JUN26	-	-	-
Senate	-	-	-	-	-

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

OVERALL

- Conversion of all Dual Status Technicians to AGR or Title 5 by 2038.
- Report on duty status reform implementation barriers and cost analysis.
- Provides free TRICARE dental coverage for Reserve Component members E-1 through E4.
- Authorizes State Partnership Program two-year execution authority.
- Renames the Department of Defense to the Department of War.

End Strength

	ARNG: HASC FY27	ARNG: FY26 NDDA	ANG: HASC FY27	ANG: FY26 NDAA
End Strength	331,300	328,000 (+3,300)	107,400	106,300 (+1,100)
AGR	31,154	30,845 (+309)	25,533	25,982 (-449)
DST	21,294	21,294 (no change)	10,405	10,405 (no change)
ADOS	17,000	17,000 (no change)	16,000	16,000 (no change)

ARMY

- Directs SECARMY, in coordination with NGB, to brief HASC on the status and modernization needs of the National Guard's UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter fleet.
- Directs GAO to assess sustainment plans for the newest Army weapon systems, as well as sustainment challenges in the Air and Army National Guard.
- Requires an annual sustainment review of each major weapon system that does not meet material readiness objectives, to include an analysis of deficiencies and a corrective plan.
- Requires the services to integrate training on the operation of drones and Counter-unmanned aircraft system (C-UAS) protocols into regular military instruction.
- Authorizes 7 UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters.
- Authorizes 196 Armored Multi-Purpose Vehicles (AMPV).
- Authorizes 10 M88 Hercules Recovery Vehicles.
- Authorizes 20 M109A7 Paladin (PIM) Vehicles.

AIR

- Authorizes multiyear procurement of F-35 and F-15EX aircraft, initial spare parts, and alternate mission equipment.
- Directs the SECAF to outline a structured timeline and basing strategy to recapitalize aging ANG units with F-35 and F-15EX aircraft.
- Permits the Air Force to purchase more than 267 F-15EX aircraft.
- Prohibits retirement, divestment, place in storage, transfer to nonoperational status, or preparation for retirement of the MQ-9 Reaper.
- Prevents the reduction or divestment of C-130s and preserves a total aircraft inventory of 271 until October 1, 2028.
- Directs SECAF to prioritize assigning and retaining KC-135 aircraft to ANG installations that are located in strategic proximity to the USINDOPACOM AOR.

Select Provisions - Joint

- Implements National Guard Military Technician (Dual Status) Conversions and Phase Out (LP291).
- Reforms technical data and software rights to support competition, sustainment, and readiness.
- Provides free TRICARE dental coverage for Reserve Component members E-1 through E-4.
- Authorizes State Partnership Program two-year execution authority.
- Allows National Guard Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDT&E) activities to be reimbursed.
- Renames the Department of Defense to the Department of War.
- Includes the National Guard Relief Foundation as a military welfare society.
- Provides license portability for NG attorneys practicing in a Title 32 status in all U.S. jurisdictions.
- Clarifies the transfer of ANG personnel performing space missions to the U.S. Space Force was a limited, one-time transfer authority.
- Provides \$117M for National Guard Counterdrug Program.
- Provides \$9.6 for National Guard Counterdrug Schools.
- Raises the threshold from \$15,000 to \$25,000 for equipment procured under certain National Guard Counterdrug and drug interdiction activities.
- Raises the cap for DoD to support counterdrug small-scale construction projects of foreign partners.
- Authorizes a service ribbon for a member of the National Guard who performs homeland defense duty under 32 U.S. Code Chapter 9.
- Requires the FireGuard Program to be mandatory.
- Adds a \$1,000 funeral/burial benefit to the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) for those who elect participation on or after July 1, 2027, and are predeceased by their spouse beneficiary.
- Provides TRICARE coverage for fertility treatment to servicemembers and their dependents equal to the coverage that Members of Congress and their staff can receive.
- Requires TRICARE Effectiveness Evaluation.
- Directs SECDEF to conduct a 5-year pilot program treating pregnancy as a qualifying life event for the purpose of eligibility to enroll in TRICARE Select.
- Allows TRICARE beneficiaries to access physical therapy services without a prior referral.
- Requires DoD to revise policy on Defense Support of Civil Authorities to extend disaster immediate response authority from 72 hours to one week.
- Directs the ASD for Mission Capabilities to provide briefing by 1 December 2026 on the applicability of NITRO and required funding/authorities for NITRO.
- Requires a report on whether targeted investments in Puerto Rico's military infrastructure, ports, airfields, ranges, communications, and logistics nodes could expand rotational joint training opportunities.

REPORTS / BRIEFINGS

- Requires Government Accountability Office (GAO) study on Reserve Component dental readiness and the adequacy of current TRICARE dental benefits.
- Requires a report on duty status consolidation implementation barriers and cost savings or burden to the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Directs a briefing on the feasibility of establishing a National Guard Museum of the United States.
- Directs a briefing on digital hygiene training and cybersecurity readiness for National Guard.
- Directs a briefing on the operations and strategic trajectory on the Irregular Warfare Center, including the integration of National Guard personnel.
- Directs a briefing on equipment maintenance, repair challenges, and training resources that affect the readiness of National Guard units.

MILCON

ARNG Project	Cost	ANG Project	Cost
FL: Camp Blanking	\$28M	AK: Eielson Air Force Base	\$16M
GU: Barrigada	\$20M	MI: Selfridge ANG Base	\$425M
ID: Orchard Training Area	\$27M	MO: Rosecrans ANG Base	\$63M
IL: Peoria	\$8M	TX: Naval Air Station JRB Fort Worth	\$27M
LA: Abbeville Readiness Center	\$23M		
MA: Camp Edwards	\$43M		
OK: Tulsa Army AV Support Facility	\$18.5M		
WA: Yakima Training Center	\$18M		
WV: Martinsburg Readiness Center	\$20M		
WI: Black River Falls	\$20M		

Select Provisions - Army**Aviation**

- Directs SECARMY, in coordination with NGB, to brief HASC on the status and modernization needs of the National Guard's UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter fleet.
- Prohibition and limitation on use of funds to deactivate Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigades (ECABs), requires the Army to restore the ECABs to pre-deactivation status.
- Authorizes an increase of \$35M for Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigades
- Authorizes full funding for the Improved Turbine Engine Program (T901) to no less than \$100M.
- Directs the Army to submit plans and funding requirements to equip all medical evacuation helicopters with commercial off-the-shelf technology that eliminates the need for a tagline when conducting hoists.
- Directs SECDEF to brief HASC on Health and Usage Monitoring Systems (HUMS).
- Directs SECARMY to provide a briefing regarding vibration mitigation for rotary wing aircraft.
- Authorizes 7 UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters.

Fire Support and Missile Defense

- Directs the SECARMY to submit a report on artillery production scalability and manufacturing modernization.
- Directs SECDEF to brief HASC security-by-design strategy for homeland air and missile defense system.

Ground Combat

- Directs USARMY to brief on plans to assign requirements ownership and acquisition responsibility for vehicle-mounted auxiliary power units supporting ground combat vehicles and next-generation command post operations.
- Directs SECARMY to submit a report on the NGC2 transport layer.
- Inserts new line for HMMWV ABS/ESC Rollover Mitigation with an increase of \$100M in authorized funding.
- Authorizes 196 Armored Multi-Purpose Vehicles (AMPV).
- Authorizes 10 M88 Hercules Recovery Vehicles.
- Authorizes 20 M109A7 Paladin (PIM) Vehicles.

Sustainment/Readiness

- Directs GAO to assess sustainment plans for the newest Army weapon systems, as well as sustainment challenges in the Air and Army National Guard.
- Requires an annual sustainment review of each major weapon system that does not meet material readiness objectives, to include an analysis of deficiencies and a corrective plan.
- Strategy for Use of Low-cost and Attritable Group 4 and 5 Unmanned Aircraft Systems in Contested Logistics Operations.
- Directs a briefing on the Army's plan to accelerate development, experimentation, and transition of autonomous external cargo handling capabilities for contested and austere environments.
- Requires briefing on changes to First Army's structure, alignment, and personnel.

Land Use

- Authorizes SECARMY to transfer 15 acres of unused federal land inside Camp Williams to the UTNG.
- Milan Training Site Land Transfer for TNNG.

Select Provisions - Air

Fighter Air Forces

- Multiyear Procurement Authority for F-35 and F-15EX aircraft beginning in FY27.
- Report on readiness of identified bases to host F-15EX aircraft.
- Requires a report on the advisability of delivery of F-15EX to Air National Guard installations.
- Extends the minimum fighter-aircraft inventory levels until October 1, 2035.
- Authorizes SECAF to increase F-15EX procurement beyond the current 267 aircraft program.
- Directs a briefing to review whether F-35 sustainment can transition to the military services by 2027, focusing on ODIN integration, legacy logistics gaps, data integrity, auditability, and readiness risks.
- Report on whether surplus A-10 aircraft could be transferred to eligible foreign partners or maintained in recoverable status to support security cooperation.
- Develops an experimentation plan to encourage autonomous replacement and modernization of the A-10.
- Requires SECAF to support training, testing, sustainment, and maintenance activities of the A-10 enterprise through 2030.
- Requires that any A-10 aircraft considered for retirement through 2030 be evaluated by SECDEF for potential transfer to another military department.
- Directs a report on the A-10's combat employment, recent operational relevance, lessons for future force design, and modernization options that could improve the return on continued sustainment of the program.
- Extends the retirement prohibition on the F-22 Raptor from October 1, 2027 until September 31, 2032.

Mobility Air Forces

- Prevents the reduction of C-130s and preserves a total aircraft inventory of 271 until October 1, 2028.
- Assessment of the feasibility of restarting the production line of the C-17.
- Directs SECAF to provide a report no later than March 1, 2027 on the feasibility, requirements, and operational implications associated with redesignating the Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Center (AATTC) as the Advanced Mobility Tactics and Survivability Center and expanding its mission, including the following:
 - 1) An assessment of the feasibility and advisability of redesignation;
 - 2) Potential of expanding AATTC's curriculum to include integrated C-130 and KC-135 tactics, survivability training, and contested logistics operations in degraded and high-threat environments;
 - 3) Resource requirements necessary to support such expansion, including instructor billets, modeling and simulation capabilities, infrastructure investments, and any associated force structure adjustments; and
 - 4) An evaluation of how a redesigned AATTC could support combatant command contested logistics training requirements, including those associated with operations in the Indo-Pacific theater.

- Report language notes the requirement to maintain the total aircraft inventory for air refueling tanker aircraft of 504 and encourages SECAF to prioritize the distribution and retention of KC-135 aircraft to USAF and ANG installations located in strategic proximity to the INDOPACOM theater and installations that support the nuclear mission.
- Requires a briefing on the status of the ANG units converting to Contingency Response Group (CRG) units.

Mission Support

- Directs SECAF to provide a briefing to HASC no later than March 27, 2027, detailing a comprehensive strategy and implementation plan to modernize the training aircraft maintenance, logistics readiness, and munitions and missile maintenance career fields, including:
 - 1) An assessment of gaps in current USAF aircraft maintenance, logistics readiness, and munitions and missile maintenance manpower organizational constructs, equipment, infrastructure, and technologies relative to global mission requirements and Agile Combat Employment (ACE);
 - 2) A description of the service's plan to incorporate lessons learned from identified capability gaps into technical training curriculum, including enhancements that increase depth of instruction, hands-on training opportunities, and the integration of advanced simulation and commercially available digital technologies;
 - 3) Identification of the physical and technical infrastructure required to support comprehensive training modernization, including military construction needs and the acquisition of leading commercially available technologies at Air Education and Training Command installations; and
 - 4) A detailed description of policy, technology, manpower, and infrastructure requirements, including cost estimates and investment strategy, necessary to address identified capability gaps.