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Executive Summary

This guide provides a short summary of the Fiscal Year 2019 Defense Appropriations Act. To obtain a complete understanding of any particular provision, users are encouraged to review the actual legislative language. Bill text and report language can be found on the LL website:

www.nationalguard.mil/ll.

Status:

On September 13th, 2018, the Senate and House released the conference report and joint explanatory statement for H.R. 6157, *Department of Defense and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act, 2019 and Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019*. The bill appropriates \$606.5 billion for base defense spending and \$67.9 billion for OCO, for a total of \$674.4 billion.

Highlights:

- Funds an end-strength of 343,500 for the ARNG and 107,100 for the ANG
- Adds \$11.7M for State Partnership Program
- Adds \$30.1M for Youth Challenge
- Adds \$7M for wildfire training
- Adds \$100M for NG Counterdrug Program and \$25M for schools
- Adds \$74M for C-130 engines, \$55M for C-130 propellers, and \$30M for C-130 modernization
- Appropriates \$168M for 6 AH-64 Apaches for the ARNG and designates 6 others from the PB request to the ARNG for a total of 12
- Appropriates \$56M for 8 UH-40M Black Hawks for the ARNG for a total of 15
- Appropriates \$640M for 8 C-130Js for the ANG
- Appropriates \$421M each for ARNG and ANG for NGRE
- Appropriates \$120M for ARNG HMMWV Ambulances
- Adds legislative language making available \$20M of Air Force and Air National Guard O&M funds for PFOS/PFOA remediation.

National Guard Accounts Overview

(All Dollars in Thousands)

Army National Guard	FY19 President's Budget Request	FY19 HAC-D Mark	FY19 SAC-D Mark	FY19 Conference	Delta from Request
ARNG Personnel	\$8,744,345	\$8,589,785	\$8,650,645	\$8,600,945	-\$143,400
ARNG Personnel OCO	\$195,283	\$195,283	\$195,283	\$195,283	-
ARNG O&M	\$7,399,295	\$7,329,771	\$7,261,295	\$7,118,831	-\$280,464
ARNG O&M OCO	\$110,729	\$110,729	\$110,729	\$110,729	-
NGREA	-	\$421,000	\$291,500	\$421,000	+\$421,000

Air National Guard	FY19 President's Budget Request	FY19 HAC-D Mark	FY19 SAC-D Mark	FY19 Conference	Delta from Request
ANG Personnel	\$3,725,380	\$3,707,240	\$3,718,780	\$3,699,080	-\$26,300
ANG Personnel OCO	\$5,460	\$5,460	\$5,460	\$5,460	-
ANG O&M	\$6,427,622	\$6,438,162	\$6,433,697	\$6,420,697	-\$6,925
ANG O&M OCO	\$15,870	\$15,870	\$15,870	\$15,870	-
NGREA	-	\$421,000	\$291,500	\$421,000	+\$421,000



Army National Guard

Army National Guard Personnel

(All Dollars in Thousands)

ARNG Personnel Appropriation	FY19 President's Budget Request	FY19 HAC-D Mark	FY19 SAC-D Mark	FY19 Conference	Delta from Request
PAY GROUP A TRAINING (15 DAYS & DRILLS 24/48)	\$2,805,051	\$2,786,051	\$2,805,051	\$2,786,051 ¹	-\$19,000
PAY GROUP F TRAINING (RECRUITS)	\$575,310	\$565,310	\$575,310	\$565,310 ²	-\$10,000
PAY GROUP P TRAINING (PIPELINE RECRUITS)	\$43,618	\$43,618	\$43,618	\$43,618	-
SCHOOL TRAINING	\$554,644	\$551,644	\$554,644	\$554,644	-
SPECIAL TRAINING	\$695,097	\$707,337	\$698,697	\$707,997 ^{3,4,5}	+\$12,900
ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT	\$3,925,593	\$3,925,593	\$3,925,593	\$3,925,593	-
THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS	\$55,530	\$55,530	\$55,530	\$55,530	-
EDUCATION BENEFITS	\$89,502	\$89,502	\$89,502	\$89,502	-
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY 1 (BAC-01)	\$8,744,345	\$8,724,585	\$8,747,945	\$8,728,245	-\$16,100
UNDISTRIBUTED ADJUSTMENT	-	-\$136,000	-\$99,500	-\$134,000 ^{6,7,8,9}	-\$134,000
TRAUMA TRAINING	-	+\$1,200	+\$1,200	\$1,200	+\$1,200
WILDFIRE TRAINING	-	-	+\$1,000	\$5,500	+\$5,500
TOTAL, ARNG PERSONNEL	\$8,744,345	\$8,589,785	\$8,650,645	\$8,600,945	-\$143,400

Conference Items

1. Excess growth -\$19,000
2. Excess to requirement -\$10,000
3. Program increase – SPP +\$3,600
4. Program increase – CPTs +\$1,300
5. Program increase – training and operational support of the southwest border +\$8,000

6. Blended retirement overestimation -\$29,000
7. Historical unobligated balances -\$68,000
8. Revised estimate -\$30,000
9. Rate adjustments -\$7,000

Army National Guard Personnel (Overseas Contingency Operations)

ARNG Personnel (OCO) Appropriation	FY19 President's Budget Request	FY19 HAC-D Mark	FY19 SAC-D Mark	FY19 Conference	Delta from Request
PAY GROUP A TRAINING (15 DAYS & DRILLS 24/48)	\$47,114	\$47,114	\$47,114	\$47,114	-
SCHOOL TRAINING	\$2,939	\$2,939	\$2,939	\$2,939	-
SPECIAL TRAINING	\$135,655	\$135,655	\$135,655	\$135,655	-
ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT	\$9,575	\$9,575	\$9,575	\$9,575	-
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY 1 (BAC-01)	\$195,283	\$195,283	\$195,283	\$195,283	-
TOTAL ARNG PERSONNEL	\$195,283	\$195,283	\$195,283	\$195,283	-

Army National Guard Operation & Maintenance

ARNG O&M Appropriation	FY19 President's Budget Request	FY19 HAC-D Mark	FY19 SAC-D Mark	FY19 Conference	Delta from Request
MANEUVER UNITS	\$810,269	\$776,495	\$790,269	\$776,495 ^{1,2,3}	-\$33,774
MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES	\$193,402	\$185,402	\$193,402	\$185,402 ⁴	-\$8,000
ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE	\$753,815	\$755,815	\$753,815	\$755,815 ⁵	+\$2,000
THEATER LEVEL ASSETS	\$84,124	\$84,124	\$84,124	\$84,124	-
LAND FORCES OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$31,881	\$31,881	\$31,881	\$31,881	-
AVIATION ASSETS	\$973,874	\$973,874	\$973,874	\$973,874	-
FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$784,086	\$785,586	\$765,286	\$766,786 ^{6,7,8,9}	-\$17,300
LAND FORCES SYSTEMS READINESS	\$51,353	\$51,353	\$51,353	\$51,353	-
LAND FORCES DEPOT MAINTENANCE	\$221,633	\$221,633	\$221,633	\$221,633	-
BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$1,129,942	\$1,114,942	\$1,108,942	\$1,108,942 ^{10,11}	-\$21,000
FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION, & MODERNIZATION	\$919,947	\$999,947	\$919,947	\$919,947	-
MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL HQ	\$1,010,524	\$1,002,059	\$1,010,524	\$1,002,059 ^{12,13}	-\$8,465
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY ONE (BAC-01)	\$6,964,850	\$6,983,111	\$6,905,050	\$6,878,311	-\$86,539
SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION	\$10,017	\$10,017	\$10,017	\$10,017	-
ADMINISTRATION	\$72,746	\$75,686 ¹²	\$76,546	\$76,546 ¹⁴	+\$3,800
SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS	\$83,105	\$83,105	\$83,105	\$83,105	-
MANPOWER MANAGEMENT	\$10,678	\$10,678	\$10,678	\$10,678	-
RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING	\$254,753	\$254,753	\$254,753	\$254,753	-
OTHER CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT AND REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT	\$3,146	\$3,146	\$3,146	\$3,146	-
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY FOUR (BAC-04)	\$434,445	\$437,385	\$438,245	\$438,245	+\$3,800
UNJUSTIFIED GROWTH	-	-	-\$88,000	-\$88,000	-\$88,000
WILDFIRE TRAINING	-	-	+\$6,000	\$1,000	+\$1,000
RESTORE READINESS	-	+\$20,000	-	-	-
HISTORICAL UNOBLIGATION	-	-\$110,725	-	-\$110,725	-\$110,725
TOTAL, ARNG O&M	\$7,399,295	\$7,329,771	\$7,261,295	\$7,118,831	-\$280,464

Conference Items

1. Program decrease not properly accounted -\$20,000
2. Training excess growth -\$11,169
3. Transportation excess growth -\$2,605
4. Program decrease not properly accounted -\$8,000
5. Program increase- training and operational support of the southwest border +\$2,000
6. Program increase – CPTs +\$500

7. Program increase – expanded training environment +\$1,000
8. Program decrease not properly accounted -\$20,000
9. Program increase – advanced trauma training +\$1,200
10. Program decrease not properly accounted -\$25,000
11. Program increase – ARNG preventative mental health program +\$4,000
12. FY18 decrease not properly accounted -\$5,000
13. Excess growth -\$3,465
14. Program increase – SPP +\$3,800

Army National Guard Operation & Maintenance (Overseas Contingency Operations)

ARNG O&M (OCO) Appropriation	FY19 President's Budget Request	FY19 HAC-D Mark	FY19 SAC-D Mark	FY19 Conference	Delta from Request
MANEUVER UNITS	\$42,519	\$42,519	\$42,519	\$42,519	-
MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES	\$778	\$778	\$778	\$778	-
ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE	\$12,093	\$12,093	\$12,093	\$12,093	-
THEATER LEVEL ASSETS	\$708	\$708	\$708	\$708	-
AVIATION ASSETS	\$28,135	\$28,135	\$28,135	\$28,135	-
FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$5,908	\$5,908	\$5,908	\$5,908	-
BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$18,877	\$18,877	\$18,877	\$18,877	-
MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS	\$956	\$956	\$956	\$956	-
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY ONE (BAC-01)	\$109,974	\$109,974	\$109,974	\$109,974	-
SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS	\$755	\$755	\$755	\$755	-
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY FOUR (BAC-04)	\$110,729	\$110,729	\$110,729	\$110,729	-
TOTAL, ARNG O&M (OCO)	\$110,729	\$110,729	\$110,729	\$110,729	-



Air National Guard

Air National Guard Personnel

(All Dollars in Thousands)

ANG Personnel Appropriation	FY19 President's Budget Request	FY19 HAC-D Mark	FY19 SAC-D Mark	FY19 Conference	Delta from Request
PAY GROUP A TRAINING (15 DAYS & DRILLS 24/48)	\$989,368	\$989,368	\$989,368	\$989,368	-
PAY GROUP F TRAINING (RECRUITS)	\$85,771	\$85,771	\$85,771	\$85,771	-
PAY GROUP P TRAINING (PIPELINE RECRUITS)	\$8,113	\$8,113	\$8,113	\$8,113	-
SCHOOL TRAINING	\$334,293	\$334,293	\$334,293	\$334,293	-
SPECIAL TRAINING	\$167,411	\$168,671	\$171,011	\$171,011 ¹	+\$3,600
ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT	\$2,099,045	\$2,098,045	\$2,099,045	\$2,099,045	-
THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS	\$25,177	\$25,177	\$25,177	\$25,177	-
EDUCATION BENEFITS	\$16,202	\$16,202	\$16,202	\$16,202	-
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY 1 (BAC-01)	\$3,725,380	\$3,725,640	\$3,728,980	\$3,728,980	+\$3,600
UNDISTRIBUTED ADJUSTMENT	-	-\$20,200	-\$12,000	-\$32,200 ^{2,3,4}	-\$32,200
TRAUMA TRAINING	-	+1,800	\$1,800	\$1,800	+\$1,800
WILDFIRE TRAINING	-	-	\$450	\$500	+\$500
Total, National Guard Personnel, Air Force	\$3,725,380	\$3,707,240	\$3,718,780	\$3,699,080	-\$26,300

Conference Items

1. Program increase – SPP +\$3,600
2. Blended retirement overestimation -\$17,000
3. Historical unobligated balances -\$13,200
4. Rate adjustments -\$2,000

Air National Guard Personnel (Overseas Contingency Operations)

ANG Personnel (OCO) Appropriation	FY19 President's Budget Request	FY19 HAC-D Mark	FY19 SAC-D Mark	FY19 Conference	Delta from Request
SPECIAL TRAINING	\$5,460	\$5,460	\$5,460	\$5,460	-

Air National Guard Operation & Maintenance

ANG O&M Appropriation	FY19 President's Budget Request	FY19 HAC-D Mark	FY19 SAC-D Mark	FY19 Conference	Delta from Request
AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS	\$2,619,940	2,579,940	\$2,533,940	\$2,539,940 ¹	-\$80,000
MISSION SUPPORT OPERATIONS	\$623,265	623,805	\$631,540	\$631,540 ^{2,3,4,5,6,7}	+\$8,275
DEPOT MAINTENANCE	\$748,287	\$748,287	\$748,287	\$748,287	-
FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION	\$303,792	343,792	\$309,292	\$309,292 ⁸	+\$5,500
CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND SYSTEM SUPPORT	\$1,061,759	\$1,061,759	\$1,061,759	\$1,061,759	-
BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	\$988,333	\$988,333	\$1,023,633	\$1,004,633 ^{9,10}	+\$16,300
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY ONE (BAC-01)	\$6,345,376	\$6,345,916	\$6,308,451	\$6,295,451	-\$49,925
ADMINISTRATION	\$45,711	\$45,711	\$45,711	\$45,711	-
RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING	\$36,535	\$36,535	\$36,535	\$36,535	-
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY FOUR (BAC-04)	\$82,246	\$82,246	\$82,246	\$82,246	-
RESTORE READINESS	-	+\$10,000	-	-	-
DECREASE UNACCOUNTED FOR	-	-	-\$18,000	-\$18,000	-\$18,000
BUYBACK 3 PMAI JSTARS AIRCRAFT	-	-	+61,000	\$61,000	+\$61,000
TOTAL, AIR NATIONAL GUARD O&M	\$6,427,622	\$6,438,162	\$6,433,697	\$6,420,697	-\$6,925

Conference Items

1. Projected underexecution -\$80,000
2. Program increase – SPP +\$675
3. Program decrease not properly accounted -\$15,000
4. Program increase – disaster relief mobile kitchen trailers +\$7,800
5. Program increase – ANG readiness ranges +\$9,000
6. Program increase – advanced trauma training program +\$1,800
7. Program increase – ANG preventative mental health program +\$4,000
8. Program increase – KC-46A emergent requirements +\$5,500
9. ANG-requested transfer for environment projects from Environmental Restoration, Air Force Account +\$11,000
10. Program increase – cold weather aviation systems +\$5,300

Air National Guard Operation & Maintenance (Overseas Contingency Operations)

ANG O&M (OCO) Appropriation	FY19 President's Budget Request	FY19 HAC-D Mark	FY19 SAC-D Mark	FY19 Conference	Delta from Request
MISSION SUPPORT OPERATIONS	\$3,560	\$3,560	\$3,560	\$3,560	-
BASE SUPPORT	\$12,310	\$12,310	\$12,310	\$12,310	-
TOTAL, ANG O&M (OCO)	\$15,870	\$15,870	\$15,870	\$15,870	-

Legislative Provisions

SEC. 8004. No more than 20 percent of the appropriations in this Act which are limited for obligation during the current fiscal year shall be obligated during the last 2 months of the fiscal year: Provided, that this section shall not apply to obligations for support of active duty training of reserve components or summer camp training of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

SEC. 8042. None of the funds available in this Act may be used to reduce the authorized positions for military technicians (dual status) of the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, Army Reserve and Air Force Reserve for the purpose of applying any administratively imposed civilian personnel ceiling, freeze, or reduction on military technicians (dual status), unless such reductions are a direct result of a reduction in military force structure.

SEC. 8044. Funds appropriated in this Act for operation and maintenance of the Military Departments, Combatant Commands and Defense Agencies shall be available for reimbursement of pay, allowances and other expenses which would otherwise be incurred against appropriations for the National Guard and Reserve when members of the National Guard and Reserve provide intelligence or counterintelligence support to Combatant Commands, Defense Agencies and Joint Intelligence Activities, including the activities and programs included within the National Intelligence Program and the Military Intelligence Program provided that nothing in this section authorizes deviation from established Reserve and National Guard personnel and training procedures.

SEC. 8054. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau may permit the use of equipment of the National Guard Distance Learning Project by any person or entity on a space-available, reimbursable basis. The Chief of the National Guard Bureau shall establish the amount of reimbursement for such use on a case-by-case basis. (b) Amounts collected under subsection (a) shall be credited to funds available for the National Guard Distance Learning Project and be available to defray the costs associated with the use of equipment of the project under that subsection. Such funds shall be available for such purposes without fiscal year limitation.

SEC. 8062. Notwithstanding section 12310(b) of title 10, United States Code, a Reserve who is a member of the National Guard serving on full-time National Guard duty under section 502(f) of title 32, United States Code, may perform duties in support of the ground-based elements of the National Ballistic Missile Defense System.

SEC. 8064. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, or his designee, may waive payment of all or part of the consideration that otherwise would be required under section 2667 of title 10, United States Code, in the case of a lease of personal property for a period not in excess of 1 year to any organization specified in section 508(d) of title 32, United States Code, or any other youth, social, or fraternal nonprofit organization as may be approved by the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, or his designee, on a case-by-case basis.

SEC. 8142. Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Defense under the heading "Operation and Maintenance, Air National Guard", not more than \$20,000,000 shall be available to the Secretary of the Air Force for payments to a local water authority located in the vicinity of an Air National Guard base, or to a state in which the local water authority is located, for the treatment of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and perfluorooctanoic acid in drinking water from the wells owned and operated by the local water authority undertaken to attain the United States Environmental Protection Agency Lifetime Health Advisory level for such acids:

Provided, that the applicable Lifetime Health Advisory shall be the one in effect on October 1, 2017:

Provided further, that the local water authority must have requested such a payment from the National Guard Bureau in fiscal year 2018:

Provided further, that the elevated levels of such acids in the water was the result of activities conducted by or paid for by the Department of the Air Force:

Provided further, that such funds may be expended without regard to existing contractual provisions in agreements between the Department of the Air Force or the National Guard Bureau, as the case may be, and the state in which the base is located relating to environmental response actions or indemnification:

Provided further, that, in order to be eligible for payment under this section, such treatment must have taken place after January 1, 2017, but prior to the date of enactment of this act, and the local water authority or state, as the case may be, must waive all claims for treatment expenses incurred before such date of enactment:

Provided further, that any payment under this section may not exceed the actual cost of such treatment resulting from the activities conducted by or paid for by the Department of the Air Force:

Provided further, that the Secretary may enter into such agreements with the local water authority or state as may be necessary to implement this section:

Provided further, that the Secretary may pay, utilizing the Defense State Memorandum of Agreement, costs that would otherwise be eligible for payment under that agreement were those costs paid using funds appropriated to the Environmental Restoration Account, Air Force, established under section 2703(a)(4) of title 10, United States Code.

Conference Report Language

Reprogramming Guidance for Operation and Maintenance Accounts

The Secretary of Defense is directed to submit the Base for Reprogramming (DD Form 1414) for each of the fiscal year 2019 appropriation accounts not later than 60 days after the enactment of this Act. The Secretary of Defense is prohibited from executing any reprogramming or transfer of funds for any purpose other than originally appropriated until the aforementioned report is submitted to the House and Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittees.

The Secretary of Defense is directed to use the normal prior approval reprogramming procedures to transfer funds in the Services' operation and maintenance accounts between 0-1 budget activities, or between sub-activity groups in the case of Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, in excess of \$15,000,000. In addition, the Secretary of Defense shall follow prior approval reprogramming procedures for transfers in excess of \$15,000,000 out of the following readiness sub-activity groups:

Army:

- Maneuver units
- Modular support brigades
- Land forces operations support
- Aviation assets
- Force readiness operations support
- Land forces depot maintenance
- Base operations support
- Facilities sustainment, restoration, and modernization
- Specialized skill training

Navy:

- Mission and other flight operations
- Fleet air training
- Aircraft depot maintenance
- Mission and other ship operations
- Ship depot maintenance
- Facilities sustainment, restoration, and modernization

Marine Corps:

- Operational forces
- Field logistics
- Depot maintenance
- Facilities sustainment, restoration, and modernization

Air Force:

- Primary combat forces
- Combat enhancement forces
- Depot purchase equipment maintenance
- Facilities sustainment, restoration, and modernization
- Contractor logistics support and system support
- Flying hour program

Air Force Reserve:

- Primary combat forces

Air National Guard:

- Aircraft operations

Additionally, the Secretary of Defense is directed to use normal prior approval reprogramming procedures when implementing transfers in excess of \$15,000,000 into the following budget sub-activities:

Operation and Maintenance, Army:

- Recruiting and advertising

Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard:
Other personnel support/recruiting and advertising

Environmental Restoration, Air Force

The agreement provides \$365,808,000, an increase of \$69,000,000 above the budget request, for Environmental Restoration, Air Force. An increase of \$80,000,000 is provided to address costs associated with remediating contamination caused by perfluorinated chemicals. The adjustment also includes a transfer of \$11,000,000 to Operation and Maintenance, Air National Guard for execution.

National Guard and Reserve Equipment

The conference agreement provides \$1,300,000,000 for National Guard and Reserve Equipment. Of that amount \$421,000,000 is designated for the Army National Guard; \$421,000,000 for the Air National Guard; \$180,000,000 for the Army Reserve; \$65,000,000 for the Navy Reserve; \$13,000,000 for the Marine Corps Reserve; and \$200,000,000 for the Air Force Reserve.

This funding will allow the reserve components to procure high priority equipment that may be used for combat and domestic response missions. Current reserve component equipping levels are among the highest in recent history, and the funding provided by the agreement will help ensure component interoperability and sustained reserve component modernization.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to ensure that the account be executed by the Chiefs of the National Guard and reserve components with priority consideration given to the following items: acoustic hailing devices; active electronically scanned array radars; arctic sustainment packages; cold weather and mountaineering gear and equipment; commercial off-the-shelf training systems and simulation devices; crashworthy, ballistically tolerant auxiliary fuel systems for ground and air; digital radar warning receivers for F-16s; fifth generation certified wireless mobile mesh self-healing tamper-proof network systems; HMMWV rollover mitigation; joint threat emitters; modular small arms ranges and simulation; MQ-9 deployable launch and recovery element mission support kits; personal dosimeters; radiac sets; secure voice, text, and data communications for joint response and operations; sense and avoid systems; small unit support vehicles; and unstabilized gunnery trainers and upgrades.

SAC-D Report Language

Advanced Battle Management System

The fiscal year 2019 President's budget request supports the Air Force's new approach to battle management, the Advanced Battle Management System [ABMS]. The Committee understands that the ABMS will be a decentralized network of platforms and sensors that will integrate battlefield surveillance information. The Committee is supportive of the Air Force's new approach given the changing threat environment and need for resilient and survivable networks against near peer competitors. However, the Committee is concerned with the near-term risks in cancelling the Joint Surveillance and Target Attack Radar System [JSTARS] recapitalization program and time required to operationalize these new capabilities.

As a result, the Committee fully funds the budget request for ABMS and recommends an additional \$375,000,000 to address near-term risks, to include procurement funding for additional MQ-9 Reaper unmanned aerial vehicles and support of the battlefield airborne communications node mission; research, development, test and evaluation funding for radar and agile communications development; and operation and maintenance in the Air National Guard funding to continue to operate and sustain the legacy E-8 JSTARS fleet. Further, the Committee directs the Secretary of the Air Force to submit a report to the congressional defense committees not later than 90 days after enactment of this act on a revised ABMS plan and execution strategy, updated costs and schedules of each activity within the ABMS plan, and a gap and threat assessment of both the ground moving target indicator and battle management command and control mission areas.

Reserve Component Budget Reporting

The Committee continues its requirement for the Department to provide a semi-annual detailed report to the congressional defense committees showing transfers between sub-activities within the military personnel appropriation. Reports shall be submitted not later than 30 days following the end of the second quarter and 30 days following the end of the fiscal year.

Advanced Trauma Training Program for National Guard and Reserve

The Committee recognizes the valuable support universities, hospitals, and other military partners provide by offering civilian- based emergency response trauma training and critical care training including public health, bio-environmental, and biomedical instruction to sustain medics' and medical providers' capabilities of the National Guard Enhanced Response Forces Packages [CERFP], National Guard Homeland Response Forces [NGHRF], the Army Reserve Consequence Management Response Forces [CCMRF] and other National Guard and Reserves medical conversion/readiness requirements. The Committee encourages the National Guard and Reserves to continue pursuing state-of-the-art trauma training with these civilian partners, thus maintaining unit medical readiness postures at optimum levels as military healthcare providers in CERFPs, NGHRFs, and CCMRFs maintain their individual skills to respond effectively to emergency incidents on the homeland. Furthermore, in order to minimize the civilian-military operational gaps in the event of a catastrophic incident, the Committee also encourages the development of enhanced medical and critical care preparedness medical training programs focusing on public health curriculums and the epidemiology of public health diseases, mass casualty triage, advanced disaster life support, advanced hazardous material life support, emergency dental, and psychological health by increasing civilian-based advanced trauma expertise gained through day-to-day experiences and medical research programs.

Report on Guard and Reserve Benefits and Compensation

The Committee recognizes that additional active duty service requirements are being asked of currently serving members of the National Guard and Reserve in order to enhance the readiness of the force. The Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the congressional defense committees not later than 90 days after the enactment of this act that includes proposals for compensation, allowances, and benefits for members of the reserve components who perform additional periods of active duty service for non-contingency operations that exceed the standard duty obligations required of service in a reserve component. These proposals should provide for compensation, allowances, and benefits commensurate with the additional duties assigned.

National Guard Cyber Protection Teams

The Army National Guard currently has 11 Cyber Protection Teams [CPT] with a plan to reach Full Operational Capability by fiscal year 2022. The Committee recognizes the National Guard's unique authority to provide cyberspace operations support to State and local agencies for domestic operations, supports additional CPTs and encourages the Army to investigate the viability of a CPT in each State's Guard.

Properly Budgeting for Full Requirements

During the review of the fiscal year 2018 President's budget request, the Air Force revealed to the Committee that it starts each fiscal year with nearly \$1,000,000,000 in programmatic shortfalls in its operation and maintenance account for must-pay mission bills. The increases in readiness funding provided by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 have allowed the Air Force to close that gap; however, the Committee continues to discover examples of the Air Force not programming or budgeting for the full amount of known requirements.

This is not only evident in the larger programs such as Operational Support Airlift or Base Operations Support, but also very specific smaller programs such as the operational funding for the C-130H Weapons Instructor Course and the Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Center hosted by the 139th Airlift Wing with the Missouri Air National Guard. The Committee understands that the 139th Airlift Wing requirements have historically been sourced exclusively during the year of execution at the expense of other funded programs. Failure to properly budget resources for known requirements places unnecessary burdens on smaller programs, increases the probability of reprogramming requests, and often leads to an application of a tax against mission accounts to cover under-programmed requirements. The Committee recognizes the efforts

made to improve the operation and maintenance budget formulation process to match historical execution and directs the Secretary of the Air Force to continue to emphasize properly programming resources in order to fully fund known requirements for the active, guard and reserve components.

Air Force Associate Units

The Committee recognizes the importance of Total Force Integration within the Air Force and certain Air National Guard units who have a critical role in construction and engineering. This integration ensures cross-component interoperability to fill current and future mission requirements. The Committee encourages the Air Force to continue placing an increased focus on actively managing associate units between the Air National Guard and the active duty component and to establish robust memorandum of agreements to ensure units are not left without equipment when the active component deploys.

Advanced Turbine Engine Army Maintenance [ATEAM]

The ATEAM is a military special repair activity located on Fort Riley, Kansas. The ATEAM provides rebuilt-AGT 1500 engines and X1100 transmissions in support of the Army National Guard, Army Material Command, the United States Marine Corps, the Tank and Automotive Command [TACOM], as well as foreign military partners.

The Committee is encouraged that the U.S. Army, National Guard Bureau, TACOM and Kansas National Guard are establishing a Memorandum of Agreement to facilitate the contracting of parts and equipment when workload obligations exceed the capacity of the Kansas National Guard. However, authorities for Title 32 Federal technicians are not well defined as it relates to work on foreign military sales contracts specifically, such as Full Up Power Pack repairs. The unclear policies have hampered the ability of the ATEAM to meet obligations and maintain workload.

Therefore, the Chief, National Guard Bureau, in coordination with the Secretary of the Army, is directed to conduct a review and establish policies that clearly define ATEAM authorities to fulfill obligations. The review shall inform a report addressing the following: (1) the duties and responsibilities of the U.S. Army, National Guard Bureau, TACOM and the Kansas National Guard for the ATEAM to meet obligations; (2) an ATEAM workforce transition plan and policies for work on foreign military sales contracts; and (3) a justification from the Chief, National Guard Bureau, in coordination with the Kansas National Guard, that certifies any change in the workforce of the ATEAM will not adversely affect the ATEAM's ability to meet existing and future obligations of the U.S. Army and foreign military sales contracts. The report and a briefing on its findings to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees shall be completed not later 60 days after the enactment of this act.

AH-64 Apache Block IIIB New Build

The Committee recommendation includes \$1,184,687,000 for the procurement of AH-64 Apache Block IIIB New Build aircraft, an increase of \$720,000,000 above the budget request. The Secretary of the Army is encouraged to increase readiness by addressing the shortfall of aircraft in the Army National Guard Apache battalions.

UH-60 Black Hawk

The Committee recommendation includes \$1,308,310,000 for the procurement of 64 UH-60M Black Hawk aircraft, an increase of \$319,500,000 and 15 aircraft above the budget request. Of the 64 aircraft funded within the fiscal year 2019 President's budget request, 15 are designated only for the Army National Guard.

High-Priority Items

The Committee directs that the National Guard and Reserve Equipment account shall be executed by the Chiefs of the National Guard and reserve components with priority consideration given to the following items: Acoustic Hailing Devices, Arctic Sustainment Package, Cold Weather and Mountaineering Gear and Equipment, Commercial Off-the-Shelf Simulation Devices, Detect and Avoid Systems for MQ-9 Aircraft, Digital Radar Warning Receivers for F-16s, MQ-9 Deployable Launch & Recovery Element Mission Support Kits, Radiac Sets, and Small Unit Support Vehicles.

Commercial Off-the-Shelf Simulation Devices

The Committee commends the Army National Guard for its innovative approach to acquiring commercial off-the-shelf simulation devices. Utilizing COTS training devices enables the Guard to provide high quality, timely simulation training at an affordable cost. The Committee encourages the Guard to continue utilizing COTS simulation training devices and to consider a service and support business model for simulation training in order to maximize the benefits of modern, realistic training scenarios.

Behavioral and Mental Health Care for National Guard and Reserve

The Committee recognizes that the men and women of the National Guard and Reserve components need greater access to care if they are to maintain a high state of medical readiness to support regularly occurring deployments. It also recognizes that the suicide rate in the reserve components is consistently higher than the suicide rate for both the active duty military and the civilian population. Therefore, the Committee encourages the Department to better ensure that periodic health assessments are followed by medical treatment to address any behavioral or mental health conditions that could impact a servicemember's ability to deploy, even if such care falls outside of the pre-deployment window. This practice would allow for a more medically ready, deployable force and would expand access to behavioral and mental healthcare for reserve component servicemembers.

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Trauma Training Program

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Suicide Prevention and Outreach

The Committee is concerned by the number of suicides among servicemembers. The Committee recognizes programs like the National Guard Bureau's national counseling and suicide prevention peer-to-peer outreach programs are vital to reducing the number of suicides among guardsmen. The Committee encourages the Chief of the National Guard Bureau to continue supporting such programs.

Restoring Readiness

The Committee recommends additional readiness funds for the Services within the operation and maintenance accounts. This funding shall be used only to improve military readiness, including increased training, depot maintenance, and base operations support. None of the funding provided may be used for recruiting, marketing, or advertising programs. The readiness funding provided is a congressional special interest item. The Secretary of Defense and the Service Secretaries are directed to submit a detailed spend plan by sub-activity group not less than 30 days prior to the obligation of these funds.

PFOS/PFOA Exposure Assessment

The Committee continues to be concerned about potential perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) contamination on military installations. The Committee recommends \$7,000,000 for an exposure assessment, which shall be limited to current or former domestic military installations known to have PFOS/PFOA contamination in drinking water, ground water, and any other sources of water and relevant exposure pathways. The Committee directs the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Energy, Installations, and Environment) to provide a report to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees not later than 30 days after the enactment of this Act on the Department's strategy to execute this funding.

AH-64 Apache

The Committee is aware that the Army is reviewing a decision to increase the size of the four Army National Guard AH-64 Apache battalions from 18 to 24 aircraft, and that as a result, the acquisition objective for Apache aircraft will increase. The Committee supports such an increase to maximize the operational availability and lethality of the Army's Apache fleet. The Committee further notes that the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018, fully funded the Army's pre-existing acquisition objective for new build Apache aircraft. The fiscal year 2019 request, which was submitted prior to the final appropriation for fiscal year 2018, included a request for 12 new build aircraft. The Committee recommends an increase of six aircraft above the budget request and designates 12 of the 18 total aircraft for the Army National Guard in order to accelerate the enhancement of the Guard's Apache battalions. The remaining six aircraft are available to the Army for fleet management and replacement of recent operational losses. The Committee directs the Secretary of the Army to provide a report to the congressional defense committees on its plans with respect to increasing the size of Army National Guard Apache battalions not later than September 30, 2018.

UH-60M Black Hawk

To accelerate the recapitalization of the Army National Guard's UH-60A fleet, the Committee recommends an increase of eight UH-60M Black Hawk aircraft above the budget request of 50, and designates not fewer than 15 of the 58 total aircraft for the Army National Guard.

National Guard and Reserve Equipment

The Committee recommends \$1,300,000,000 for National Guard and Reserve Equipment. Of that amount, \$421,000,000 is for the Army National Guard; \$421,000,000 is for the Air National Guard; \$180,000,000 is for the Army Reserve; \$65,000,000 is for the Navy Reserve; \$13,000,000 is for the Marine Corps Reserve; and \$200,000,000 is for the Air Force Reserve to meet urgent equipment needs that may arise in the coming fiscal year.

This funding will allow the National Guard and reserve components to procure high priority equipment that may be used by these units for both their combat missions and their missions in support of State governors. The funding within this account is not to be used to procure equipment that has been designated as high density critical equipment, major weapon systems, aircraft, and other equipment central to a unit's ability to perform its doctrinal mission. The funding within this account is not to be used to procure equipment that should be purchased by the senior Service, to expand or accelerate current Service procurement plans, to purchase expendable items, or to purchase facilities or equipment for any requirement that can be satisfied elsewhere.

The Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to ensure that the National Guard and Reserve Equipment account is executed by the Chiefs of the National Guard and reserve components with priority consideration given to the following items: acoustic hailing devices; active electronically scanned array radars; crashworthy, ballistically tolerant auxiliary fuel systems for ground and air; fifth generation certified wireless mobile mesh self-healing tamper-proof network systems; HMMWV rollover mitigation; joint threat emitters; modular small arms ranges/simulation; personal dosimeters; secure voice, text, and data communications for joint response and operations; sense and avoid systems; training systems and simulators; and unstabilized gunnery trainers and upgrades.

Improved Turbine Engine Program

The Committee understands the Army is advancing research and development of the Improved Turbine Engine Program and is exploring ways to accelerate the development and fielding of this program. The Improved Turbine Engine Program is intended to develop a more fuel efficient and powerful engine for the current UH-60 Black Hawk and AH-64 Apache helicopter fleets. This new engine will increase operational capabilities in high and hot environments, increase range, and improve fuel efficiency while reducing the Army's logistics footprint, and operational and support costs.

The Committee recommends fully funding the Improved Turbine Engine Program in fiscal year 2019 and encourages the Secretary of the Army to ensure that the program is funded appropriately in future years budget submissions.

Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System Recapitalization. The fiscal year 2019 budget request proposes to terminate the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System (JSTARS) recapitalization program and removes all funding for the program from the future years defense plan. The Committee strongly supports the continuation of the JSTARS recapitalization program and notes that the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018, provided \$405,451,000 for JSTARS recapitalization and prohibited the Secretary of the Air Force from reprogramming or otherwise utilizing these funds for any purpose other than the JSTARS recapitalization program of record.

The Committee further notes that the House-passed version of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 would limit the use of certain funds until the Secretary of the Air Force certifies that a contract has been awarded for JSTARS recapitalization.

The Committee believes that should the Secretary of the Air Force decide to continue the JSTARS recapitalization program and award a contract, the funding previously appropriated is sufficient through fiscal year 2019 based on previous Air Force budget estimates.

However, since the Air Force removed funding for the program in the future years defense plan and is in the process of formulating its fiscal year 2020 budget request, the Committee recommends an additional \$623,000,000 to support potential continuation of the JSTARS recapitalization program and designates this funding as a congressional special interest item. In addition, the Committee recommendation includes a provision that would prohibit the divestment of more than one legacy E-8C JSTARS aircraft unless the Secretary of the Air Force certifies to the congressional defense committees that funds have been obligated pursuant to a contract award for continuation of the JSTARS recapitalization program.

The Committee further directs the Secretary of the Air Force to submit a report to the congressional defense committees not later than September 30, 2018, that provides options for continuing the JSTARS recapitalization program with an acquisition objective for fewer than 17 aircraft but which can still fulfill known combatant commander requirements. The report shall include estimated cost and schedule impacts, available options for accelerating the delivery of new JSTARS aircraft, and the timeline for achievement of initial operating capability.