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FY16 Military Construction Appropriations Act

Summary H.R. 2029

*Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill for
Fiscal Year 2016*



As of 21 May, 2015

Bills Status

	Passed in Committee	Passed in Chamber	Agreement	Final Passage	Signed into Law
House	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> April 22, 2015	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> April 30, 2015			
Senate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> May 21, 2015				

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Executive Summary

This guide provides only a short summary and analysis of the many provisions in the bill. To obtain a complete understanding of any particular provision, users are encouraged to review the actual legislative language. The bill and accompanying report are available on the NGB-LL web page at

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House:

On April 14th, the House appropriations subcommittee on military construction and veterans affairs released its fiscal 2016 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs appropriations measure (HR 1735) that totals \$76.6 billion. That's \$4.6 billion above the 2015 enacted spending level yet \$1.2 billion less than President Barack Obama sought.

Military construction and family housing funding would total \$7.7 billion, or \$904 million above the fiscal 2015 enacted level but \$755 million below the request.

The bill includes \$512 million for construction or alteration of Guard and Reserve facilities in 28 states, an increase of \$85 million above the fiscal year 2015 enacted level. However, the measure does not support two ARNG administration requested projects in Delaware and Washington.

The House passed the measure on Thursday, April 30th with a vote of 255-163.

Senate:

The Senate Appropriations Committee on May 21st passed its fiscal 2016 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs appropriations measure.

Below you will find a detailed analysis of the Army and Air National Guard accounts.



Army National Guard

(All Dollars in Thousands)

Army National Guard	FY16 President's Budget Request	HAC-MILCON Mark	Delta from FY16 Request	SAC Mark	Delta From FY15 Request	Final Bill	Delta From FY16 Request
Total	\$197,237	\$167,437	-\$29,800	\$197,237			
Unspecified Minor Construction	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000			
Planning & Design	\$20,337	\$20,337	\$0	\$50,337			



Air National Guard

(All Dollars in Thousands)

Air National Guard	FY16 President's Budget Request	HAC-MILCON Mark	Delta from FY16 Request	SAC Mark	Delta From FY16 Request	Final Bill	Delta From FY16 Request
Total	\$138,738	\$138,738	\$0	\$138,738			
Unspecified Minor Construction	\$7,734	\$7,734	\$0	\$7,734			
Planning & Design	\$6,104	\$6,104	\$0	\$6,104			

House Provisions of Interest

Military Construction, Army National Guard

For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilitation, and conversion of facilities for the training and administration of the Army National Guard, and contributions therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, 12 United States Code, and Military Construction Authorization Acts, \$167,437,000, to remain available until September 30, 2020:

Provided, That of the amount appropriated, not to exceed \$20,337,000 shall be available for study, planning, design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law, unless the Director of the Army National Guard determines that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor.

Military Construction, Air National Guard

For construction, acquisition, expansion, rehabilitation, and conversion of facilities for the training and administration of the Air National Guard, and contributions therefor, as authorized by chapter 1803 of title 10, United States Code, and Military Construction Authorization Acts, \$138,738,000, to remain available until September 30, 2020:

Provided, That of the amount appropriated, not to exceed \$5,104,000 shall be available for study, planning, design, and architect and engineer services, as authorized by law, unless the Director of the Air National Guard determines that additional obligations are necessary for such purposes and notifies the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the determination and the reasons therefor.

House and Senate Report



Army National Guard Project List

(All Dollars in Thousands)

State	ARNG Military Construction Project Description	President's Budget Request	HAC-MILCON Mark	SAC Mark	Final Bill
CO	Camp Hartnell – Ready Building CST-WMD	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000	
DE	Dagsboro – NG Vehicle Maintenance Shop	\$10,800	\$0	\$10,800	
FL	Palm Coast – NG Readiness Center	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	
IL	Sparta – Basic 10M-225M Firing Range	\$1,900	\$1,900	\$1,900	
KS	Salina – Automated Combat Pistol/MP Firearms Qual Cour	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	
KS	Salina - Modified Record Fire Range	\$4,300	\$4,300	\$4,300	
MD	Easton – NG readiness center	\$13,800	\$13,800	\$13,800	
NV	Reno – NG Vehicle Maintenance Shop Add	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	
OH	Camp Ravenna – Modified Record Fire Range	\$3,300	\$3,300	\$3,300	
OR	Salem – NG/Reserve JFHQ	\$16,500	\$16,500	\$16,500	
PA	Ft. Indiantown Gap – Training Aids Center	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	
VT	North Hyde Park – NG Vehicle Maintenance Shop Addit	\$7,900	\$7,900	\$7,900	
VA	Richmond – NG JFQH	\$29,000	\$29,000	\$29,000	
WA	Yakima – Enlisted Barracks, Transient Training	\$19,000	\$0	\$19,000	
	Unspecified Minor Construction	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	
	Planning & Design	\$20,337	\$20,337	\$20,337	
	Total FY16 Program Request	\$197,237	\$167,437	\$197,237	



Air National Guard Project List

State	ANG Military Construction Project Description	President's Budget Request	HAC-MILCON Mark	SAC Mark	Final Bill
AL	Dannelly Field – TFI Replace Squadron Operations Facility	\$7,600	\$7,600	\$7,600	
AR	Ft. Smith MAP – Consolidated SCIF	\$15,200	\$15,200	\$15,200	
CA	Moffett Field – Replace Vehicle Maintenance Facility	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	
CO	Buckley AFB – ASE Maintenance and Storage Facility	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$5,100	
GA	Savannah/Hilton Head IAP- C-130 Squadron Operations Facility	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	
IA	Des Moines MAP – Air Operations GRP/Cyber Beaddown-Reno BLG 430	\$6,700	\$6,700	\$6,700	
KS	Smokey Hill ANG Range – Range Training Support Facility	\$2,900	\$2,900	\$2,900	
LA	New Orleans – Replace Squadron Operations Facility	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	
ME	Bangor IAP – Add to and alter fire crash/rescue station	\$7,200	\$7,200	\$7,200	
NH	Pease – KC-46A ADAL Flight Sim	\$2,800	\$2,800	\$2,800	
NG	Atlantic City IAP – Fuel Cell and Corrosion Control Hangar	\$10,200	\$10,200	\$10,200	
NY	Niagara Falls IAP – RPA beddown	\$7,700	\$7,700	\$7,700	
NC	Charlotte/Douglas IAP – Replace C-130 Squadron Operations Facility	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	
ND	Hector IAP – Intel Targeting Facilities	\$7,300	\$7,300	\$7,300	
OK	Will Rogers – Medium Altitude Manned ISR Beddown	\$7,600	\$7,600	\$7,600	
OR	Klamath Falls IAP – Replace Fire Crash/Rescue Station	\$7,200	\$7,200	\$7,200	
WV	Yeager Airport – Force Protection, Relocate Coonskin road	\$3,900	\$3,900	\$3,900	
	Unspecified Minor Construction	\$7,734	\$7,734	\$7,734	
	Planning & Design	\$6,104	\$6,104	\$6,104	
	Total FY16 Program Request	\$138,738	\$138,738	\$138,738	

House Report

Department of Defense (DOD) excess facilities capacity

DOD is facing long term challenges in maintaining its extensive portfolio of facilities and reducing unneeded infrastructure. The Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) has made some improvements, but the military departments' use of their databases to identify consolidation opportunities is still in need of improvement. During the fiscal year 2016 Hearing on Installations, Environment, and BRAC Senior DOD officials testified that DOD continues to have excess infrastructure and that an additional BRAC round is necessary to make further reductions and achieve future cost savings. With BRAC authorization not under the jurisdiction of this Committee, the Committee therefore, directs each Services Assistant Secretary for Installations, Energy and Environment to provide a strategic plan to manage DOD's excess real property efficiently and what opportunities there are to consolidate unutilized or underutilized facilities subsequently reducing operation and maintenance costs for maintaining those facilities. This report shall be submitted no later than 90 days after enactment of this Act.

Enforcement of Border Security—Recognizing the need to bolster resources for the enforcement of border security, the Committee instructs the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard to explore public-private partnerships with state and local governments, to design, and construct facilities adjacent to our southwestern border that will support National Guard activities and house and support assets used by Customs and Border Protection and other law enforcement agencies for the terrestrial, maritime, and aerial surveillance of those borders, to include aircraft hangars suitable for unmanned aerial systems and report back to the Committee 180 days after the enactment of the this Act.

Senate Report

Defense Access Roads and Entry Control Points.-The Committee remains concerned about the impact of military construction funding constraints on the prioritization of essential Defense Access Roads and Entry Control Points at a number of U.S. military installations. Of particular concern are growth installations that serve primarily as host commands for a wide array of military services and agencies, and bases that have experienced significant population growth as a result of base realignment activities.

Adding to the urgency of this problem, the U.S. Northern Command on May 8, 2015, raised the force protection level for all military installations in the continental United States to the second highest alert level, Bravo, which applies when an increased or more predictable threat of terrorist activity exists. According to the Defense Department, the security order affects 3,200 sites, including bases, National Guard facilities, recruiting stations and health clinics. As a result of this action, there will be more comprehensive checking of those entering military installations, which could have

National Guard Military Construction.-Declining military construction investments resulting from current budget constraints are negatively impacting all branches of the Department of Defense. However, for the National Guard, securing military construction funding is further inhibited by the need for the respective States to acquire land for a project before the project can be programmed for funding. While this is rooted in past

instances in which project execution was jeopardized because of issues in acquiring a site, the result is that a State has to acquire and hold land before the Guard can request military construction funding for a project. This requirement often results in a disconnect in the availability of State and Federal funding for a National Guard project, making it more difficult for the Guard to prioritize future project funding. Therefore, within 120 days following enactment of this act, the Director of the National Guard Bureau is directed to report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on ways in which the process for National Guard military construction funding can be streamlined and more efficiently coordinated with the availability of land for a project so that Guard projects remain competitive in the Future Years Defense Program.