



Fiscal Year 2018 Military Construction Appropriations Act

*Summary of House Appropriations Committee's
Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill for
Fiscal Year 2018*



As of August 3rd, 2017

Bill Status

	Passed in Committee	Passed in Chamber	Agreement	Final Passage	Signed into Law
House	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> June 15, 2017	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> July 27, 2017			
Senate					

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 www.nationalguard.mil/ll.

Summary:

On Thursday, June 15, 2017 the House Appropriations Committee passed its version of the FY18 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill. In total, the legislation provides \$88.8 billion in discretionary funding – \$6 billion above the fiscal year 2017 level.

The bill includes \$372.1 million for construction or alteration of National Guard facilities in 18 states, a decrease of \$4.7 million below the fiscal year 2017 enacted level. Of this, \$210.7 million is provided for Army National Guard military construction and \$161.5 million for Air National Guard military construction – both at requested levels.

However, Section 125 authorizes additional funding for the Army National Guard (\$56 million) and Air National Guard (\$41.9) million for projects on the Services Unfunded Priority lists.

The House passed the FY18 MILCON/VA appropriations bill on July 27 as part of a four-bill minibus.



Army National Guard

(All Dollars in Thousands)

Army National Guard	FY18 President's Budget Request	HAC-M Mark	Delta from FY18 Request	SAC-M Mark	Delta From FY17 Request	Final Bill	Delta From FY18 Request
Total	\$210,652	\$210,652	-				
Minor Construction	\$16,731	\$16,731	-				
Planning & Design	\$16,271	\$16,271	-				
Sec. 125	-	\$56,000	\$56,000				



Air National Guard

(All Dollars in Thousands)

Air National Guard	FY18 President's Budget Request	HAC-M Mark	Delta from FY18 Request	SAC-M Mark	Delta From FY17 Request	Final Bill	Delta From FY18 Request
Total	\$161,491	\$161,491	-				
Minor Construction	\$17,191	\$17,191	-				
Planning & Design	\$18,000	\$18,000	-				
Sec. 125	-	\$41,900	\$41,900				

House Provisions of Interest

Sec. 125- For an additional amount for the accounts and in the amounts specified, to remain available until September 30, 2022: “Military Construction, Army”, \$43,800,000; “Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps”, \$126,900,000; “Military Construction, Air Force”, \$70,300,000; “Military Construction, Army National Guard”, \$56,000,000; “Military Construction, Army Reserve”, \$56,000,000 “Military Construction, Air National Guard”, \$41,900,000; and “Military Construction, Air Force Reserve”, \$44,100,000: Provided, That such funds may only be obligated to carry out construction projects identified in the respective military department’s unfunded priority list for fiscal year 2018 submitted to Congress by the Secretary of Defense: Provided further, That such projects are subject to authorization prior to obligation and expenditure of funds to carry out construction: Provided further, That not later than 30 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the military department concerned, or his or her designee, shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expenditure plan for funds provided under this section.

Rural Airfields—The Committee recognizes that the active components, as well as the National Guard and reserve components, often use rural airfield facilities for refueling and training missions. This permits larger, urban airports to avoid overutilization during busy times. Additionally, rural airfields are often used by the military for emergency evacuations and staging areas. The Committee believes it is important to keep these regionally and nationally significant airfields secure and in a state of good repair. The Committee encourages the Secretary of Defense to invest in improving and updating rural airfield facilities where able, that are frequently used by the military Services and National Guard for training exercises and emergency operations.

Basing of KC-46 aircraft—The Committee is concerned that the Department of the Air Force has not appropriately prioritized funding for the military construction of infrastructure necessary for the Air Force’s aerial refueling recapitalization strategy. It has come to the attention of the Committee that a number of emergent construction requirements necessary for effective basing of the KC-46 at Pease Air National Guard Base and Seymour Johnson Air Base could create delays in fielding the KC-46. The Committee urges the Department of the Air Force to prioritize funding for these emergent requirements to ensure the fielding of the KC-46s without delays and the successful completion of the aerial refueling recapitalization strategy.

House Report Language of Interest

Enforcement of border security—Recognizing the need to bolster resources for the enforcement of border security, the Committee urges 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.



Army National Guard Project List

(All Dollars in Thousands)

State	ARNG Military Construction Project Description	President's Budget Request	HAC-M Mark	SAC-M Mark	Final Bill
DE	New Castle – Combined Support Maintenance Shop	\$36,000	\$36,000		
ID	Orchard Training Area – Digital Air/Ground Integration Range	\$22,000	\$22,000		
ME	Presque Isle – National Guard Readiness Center	\$17,500	\$17,500		
MD	Sykesville – National Guard Readiness Center	\$19,000	\$19,000		
MN	Arden Hills – National Guard Readiness Center	\$39,000	\$39,000		
NM	Las Cruces – Readiness Center Addition	\$8,600	\$8,600		
VA	Fort Pickett – Training Aids Center	\$4,550	\$4,550		
WA	Turnwater – National Guard Readiness Center	\$31,000	\$31,000		



Air National Guard Project List

(All Dollars in Thousands)

State	ANG Military Construction Project Description	President's Budget Request	HAC-M Mark	SAC-M Mark	Final Bill
CA	March AFB – TFI Construct RPA Flight Training Unit	\$15,000	\$15,000		
CO	Peterson AFB – Space Control Facility	\$8,000	\$8,000		
CT	Bradley IAP – Construct Base Entry Complex	\$7,000	\$7,000		
KY	Louisville IAP – Add/Alter Response Forces Facility	\$9,000	\$9,000		
MO	Rosecrans Memorial Airport – Replace Communications Facility	\$10,000	\$10,000		
NY	Hancock Field – Add to FTU, Building 641	\$8,600	\$8,600		
OH	Toledo Express Airport – NORTHCOM – Construct Alert Hangar	\$15,000	\$15,000		
OR	Klamath Falls IAP – Construct Corrosion Control Hangar	\$10,500	\$10,500		
SD	Joe Foss Field – Aircraft Maintenance Shops	\$12,000	\$12,000		
TN	McGhee-Tyson Airport – Replace KC-135 Maintenance Hangar and Shops	\$25,000	\$25,000		