



Fiscal Year 2018 Military Construction Appropriations Act

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



As of August 1st, 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> July 13, 2017				

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 July 13, the Senate Appropriations Committee passed its FY18 Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs bill. The bill includes \$88.9 billion in FY2018 discretionary funding, \$6.1 billion above the FY2017 level. In addition to funding 8 ARNG MILCON projects and 10 ANG MILCON projects, the bill also includes \$83.5 million for ARNG and \$24 million for ANG unfunded priorities.



Army National Guard

(All Dollars in Thousands)

Army National Guard	FY18 President's Budget Request	HAC Mark	Delta from FY18 Request	SAC Mark	Delta From FY18 Request	Final Bill	Delta From FY18 Request
Total	\$210,652	\$210,652	-	\$210,652	-		
Minor Construction	\$16,731	\$16,731	-	\$16,731	-		
Planning & Design	\$16,271	\$16,271	-	\$16,271	-		
Sec. 125	-	\$56,000	\$56,000	\$83,500	\$83,500		



Air National Guard

(All Dollars in Thousands)

Air National Guard	FY18 President's Budget Request	HAC Mark	Delta from FY18 Request	SAC Mark	Delta From FY18 Request	Final Bill	Delta From FY18 Request
Total	\$161,491	\$161,491	-	\$161,491	-		
Minor Construction	\$17,191	\$17,191	-	\$17,191	-		
Planning & Design	\$18,000	\$18,000	-	\$18,000	-		
Sec. 125	-	\$41,900	\$41,900	\$24,000	\$24,000		

Senate Provisions of Interest

Sec. 104— None of the funds made available in this title may be used to begin construction of new bases in the United States for which specific appropriations have not been made.

Sec. 107— None of the funds made available in this title for minor construction may be used to transfer or relocate any activity from one base or installation to another, without prior notification to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

Sec. 113— The Secretary of Defense shall inform the appropriate committees of both Houses of Congress, including the Committees on Appropriations, of plans and scope of any proposed military exercise involving United States personnel 30 days prior to its occurring, if amounts expended for construction, either temporary or permanent, are anticipated to exceed \$100,000.

Sec. 124— For the purposes of this Act, the term “congressional defense committees” means the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate, the Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate, and the Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

Sec. 125— For an additional amount for the accounts and in the amounts specified, to remain available until September 30, 2022: “Military Construction, Army”, \$68,800,000; “Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps”, \$110,100,000; “Military Construction, Air Force”, \$127,300,000; “Military Construction, Army National Guard”, \$83,500,000; “Military Construction, Air National Guard”, \$24,000,000; “Military Construction, Army Reserve”, \$30,000,000; “Military Construction, Air Force Reserve”, \$35,100,000:

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: 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.

Sec. 128— Notwithstanding any other provision of law, none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this or any other Act may be used to consolidate or relocate any element of a United States Air Force Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineer (RED HORSE) outside of the United States until the Secretary of the Air Force (1) completes an analysis and comparison of the cost and infrastructure investment required to consolidate or relocate a RED HORSE squadron outside of the United States versus within the United States; (2) provides to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress (“the Committees”) a report detailing the findings of the cost analysis; and (3) certifies in writing to the Committees that the preferred site for the consolidation or relocation yields the greatest savings for the Air Force: Provided, that the term “United States” in this section does not include any territory or possession of the United States.

Senate Report Language of Interest

Federal, State and Local Intelligence Collaboration

The Committee is aware that several States utilize National Guard facilities for intelligence fusion centers according to their respective State authorities. These centers allow Federal, State, local, and tribal law enforcement officials to collaborate and share intelligence and threat information, and co-locating them with National Guard facilities offers opportunities for cost savings. Therefore, the Committee urges the Department, the services, and the National Guard Bureau to prioritize needed workplace replacement projects, including Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility [SCIF] projects to conduct State and Federal intelligence analysis, in the fiscal year 2019 and future budget submissions.

Remotely Piloted Aircraft and Joint Use Military/Civilian Airports

The Committee is concerned that many existing Airport Joint Use Agreements [AJUA] were not written to accommodate the increasing use of remotely piloted aircraft [RPAs]. In some instances, a long term AJUA may need significant modifications to allow for the use of RPAs and to calculate the appropriate Federal compensation. Therefore, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to conduct a review of the authorities needed to update AJUAs and associated compensation for airfields impacted by a transition to RPA missions, and to report such findings to the congressional defense committees no later than March 30, 2018.

Special Operations Command Training Opportunities

Abandoned mine land and surface reclamation projects throughout the Nation can provide a unique environment for military training and range capabilities, to include mobility and irregular warfare opportunities for the Special Operations Command [SOCOM]. The Committee urges SOCOM to work with the National Guard Bureau and the States on the development of such sites to meet its unique training requirements.

Military Construction Funding Initiatives

The bill includes funding for military construction initiatives to address important unfunded priorities included in the Department of Defense's unfunded priority lists provided to Congress. The Committee notes that in recent years the military construction budget requests have been at historically low levels. Amounts budgeted for facility sustainment, restoration, and modernization are similarly low. The infrastructure initiatives in unfunded priority lists would ordinarily appear as part of the annual budget request, but were not included as the military construction budget remains severely constrained.

For this reason, the Committee includes an additional \$68,800,000 for the Army, \$110,100,000 for the Navy and Marine Corps, \$127,300,000 for the Air Force, \$83,500,000 for the Army National Guard, \$24,000,000 for the Air National Guard, \$30,000,000 for the Army Reserve, and \$35,100,000 for the Air Force Reserve. All additional funding is reserved for projects that were included in the unfunded priority lists submitted to Congress.

Army National Guard Readiness Center Transformation Plan

The Committee remains concerned by the deteriorating condition of the Army National Guard Readiness Center national portfolio and the Army's lack of an implementable investment plan to address it. In April 2017, the Army submitted a report on a plan to implement the National Guard's "Affordable Readiness" Transformation Plan, as required by last year's Committee report. However, the Army failed to include any meaningful investment strategy for closing the gap between the resources required by the "Affordable Readiness" scenario's 15-year implementation timeline and the resources currently budgeted by the Department over the same period. Therefore, the Committee directs the Army to provide a report no later than March 30, 2018 on such an investment strategy, including detailed estimates of the annual resources, activities, and possible budgetary tradeoffs required to make progress toward the "Affordable Readiness" scenario. Further, the Committee encourages the Department to use the National Readiness Portfolio to prioritize investment in facilities with low readiness ratings, and to examine where efficiencies and cost-sharing can be achieved by co-locating Readiness Centers with other public facilities.



Army National Guard Project List

(All Dollars in Thousands)

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



Air National Guard Project List

(All Dollars in Thousands)

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