

FY21 Senate Appropriations Committee Defense Appropriations Act

As of November 10th, 2020

Bill Status

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Executive Summary

This guide provides a short summary of the initial subcommittee markup for the Fiscal Year 2021 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 November 10, 2020, the Senate Appropriations Committee provided the FY21 Defense Appropriations Act without markup. The Senate has yet to pass the bill. The bill appropriates \$627.2 billion for base defense spending, \$68.7 billion for OCO, and \$153 million non-defense spending for a total of \$696 billion.

Highlights:

- Funds a 3.0% military pay raise
- Funds \$194.211M for National Guard Counter-Drug Program.
- Funds National \$25.511M for National Guard Counter-Drug Schools.
- Adds \$760M for eight C-130J aircraft for the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve
- Provides \$544M in NGREA funding for NGB (\$272M for ANG & ARNG)
- Adds \$50M for National Guard Youth Challenge Program
- Adds \$15M for STARBASE
- Adds \$11.287M to support Wildfire Training in the National Guard
- Adds \$6.092M for the Advanced Trauma Training Program
- Adds \$35M for PFAS remediation in O&M funding
- Adds \$4M for Tuition Assistance for ANG

National Guard Accounts Overview

(All Dollars in Thousands)

Army National Guard	FY21 President's Budget Request	FY21 HAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY21 SAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY21 Conference
ARNG Personnel	\$8,830,111	\$8,639,005	\$191,106	\$8,702,813	\$127,298	
ARNG Personnel OCO	\$195,314	\$195,314		\$195,314		
ARNG O&M	\$7,420,014	\$7,611,147	\$191,133	\$7,349,548	\$70,466	
ARNG O&M OCO	\$79,792	\$79,792		\$79,792		
NGREA		\$300,000	\$300,000	\$272,000	\$272,000	

Air National Guard	FY21 President's Budget Request	FY21 HAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY21 SAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY21 Conference
ANG Personnel	\$4,547,087	\$4,525,466	\$21,621	\$4,527,419	\$19,668	
ANG Personnel OCO	\$5,800	\$5,800		\$5,800	-1	
ANG O&M	\$6,753,642	\$6,853,942	\$100,300	\$6,784,996	\$31,354	
ANG O&M OCO	\$175,642	\$175,642		\$175,642		
NGREA		\$300,000	\$300,000	\$272,000	\$272,000	



Army National Guard Personnel

(All Dollars in Thousands)

ARNG Personnel Appropriation	FY21 President's Budget Request	FY21 HAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY21 SAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY21 Conference
PAY GROUP A TRAINING (15 DAYS & DRILLS 24/48)	\$2,711,190	\$2,711,190		\$2,711,190		
PAY GROUP F TRAINING (RECRUITS)	\$549,848	\$549,848		\$549,848		
PAY GROUP P TRAINING (PIPELINE RECRUITS)	\$45,649	\$45,649		\$45,649		
SCHOOL TRAINING	\$575,633	\$575,633		\$575,633	-	
SPECIAL TRAINING	\$817,826	\$832,326 ^{1,2}	\$14,500	824,3264	\$6,500	
ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT	\$4,052,288	\$4,052,288		\$4,052,288		
THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS	\$29,324	\$29,324		\$29,324		
EDUCATION BENEFITS	\$48,353	\$48,353		\$48,353		
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY 1 (BAC-01)	\$8,830,111	\$8,844,611	\$14,500	\$8,836,611	\$6,500	
UNDISTRIBUTED ADJUSTMENT		-\$207,140 ³	\$207,140	-\$135,332 ⁵	-\$135,332	
TRAUMA TRAINING		+\$1,534	\$1,534	+\$1,534	\$1,534	
TOTAL, ARNG PERSONNEL	\$8,830,111	\$8,639,005	\$191,106	\$8,702,813	\$127,298	

HAC-D Items

- 1. Program Increase State Partnership Program: \$13,500
- 2. Program Increase Critical Cybersecurity Skillsets: \$1,000
- 3. Historical Unobligated Balances: -\$207,140

SAC-D Items

- 4. Program Increase Wildfire Training: \$6,5005. Historical Unobligated Balances: -\$135,332

Army National Guard Personnel (Overseas Contingency Operations)

ARNG Personnel (OCO) Appropriation	F21 President's Budget Request	FY21 HAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY21 SAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY21 Conference
PAY GROUP A TRAINING (15 DAYS & DRILLS 24/48)	\$62,718	\$62,718		\$62,718		
SCHOOL TRAINING	\$3,752	\$3,752		\$3,752		
SPECIAL TRAINING	\$107,242	\$107,242		\$107,242		
ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT	\$21,602	\$21,602		\$21,602		
TOTAL ARNG PERSONNEL (OCO)	\$195,314	\$195,314		\$195,314		

Army National Guard Operations & Maintenance

ARNG O&M Appropriation	FY21 President's Budget Request	FY21 HAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY21 SAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY21 Conference
MANEUVER UNITS	\$769,449	\$769,449		\$781,449 ⁹	\$12,000	
MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES	\$204,604	\$204,604		\$204,604		
ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE	\$812,072	\$812,072		\$812,072		
THEATER LEVEL ASSETS	\$103,650	\$101,150 ¹	\$2,500	\$93,650 ¹⁰	\$10,000	
LAND FORCES OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$32,485	\$32,485		\$32,485		
AVIATION ASSETS	\$1,011,142	\$1,011,142		\$995,142 ¹¹	\$16,000	
FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$712,881	\$713,414 ²	\$533	\$716,915 ^{12,13,14}	\$4,034	
LAND FORCES SYSTEMS READINESS	\$47,732	\$47,732		\$47,732		
LAND FORCES DEPOT MAINTENANCE	\$265,408	\$263,908 ³	\$1,500	\$265,408		
BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$1,106,704	\$1,154,304 ⁴	\$47,600	\$1,122,704 ^{15,16,17}	\$16,000	
FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION, & MODERNIZATION	\$876,032	\$1,064,032 ⁵	\$188,000	\$876,032		
MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL HQ	\$1,050,257	\$1,050,257		\$1,050,257		
CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES - CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS	\$7,998	\$8,998 ⁶	\$1,000	\$7,998		
CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES - CYBERSECURITY	\$7,756	\$7,756		\$7,756		
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY ONE (BAC-01)	\$7,008,170	\$7,241,303	\$233,133	\$7,014,204	\$6,034	
SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION	\$8,018	\$8,018		\$8,018		
ADMINISTRATION	\$74,309	\$78,309 ^{7.8}	\$4,000	\$74,309		
SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS	\$66,140	\$66,140		\$66,140		
MANPOWER MANAGEMENT	\$9,087	\$9,087		\$9,087		
RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING	\$251,714	\$251,714		\$248,214 ¹⁸	\$3,500	
REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT	\$2,576	\$2,576		\$2,576		
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY FOUR (BAC-04)	\$411,844	\$415,844	\$4,000	\$408,344	\$3,500	
HISTORICAL UNOBLIGATION		-\$5,000	\$5,000			
RESTORE READINESS		+\$103,000	\$103,000			
OVERESTIMATION OF CIVILIAN FTE TARGETS		-\$50,000	\$50,000			

UNDISTRIBUTED REDUCTION – EXCESS TO NEED		-\$94,000	\$94,000	-\$73,000	\$73,000	
TOTAL, ARNG O&M	\$7.420.014	\$7.611.147	\$191.133	\$7.349.548	\$70,466	

HAC-D Items

- 1. Insufficient Justification: -\$2,500
- 2. Program Increase Advanced Trauma Training Program: \$533
- 3. Insufficient Justification: -\$1,500
- 4. Program Increase PFAS Remediation: \$47,600
 5. Program Increase: \$188,000
- 6. Program Increase Cyber Security Training Center: \$1,000
- Program Increase State Partnership Program: \$3,500
 Program Increase State Partnership Virtual Language: \$500

SAC-D Items

- 9. Program Increase Exercise NORTHERN STRIKE: \$12,000
- 10. Unjustified Growth: -\$10,000
- 11. Unjustified Growth: -\$16,000
- 12. Program Increase Corrosion Control: \$2,000
- 13. Program Increase Wildfire Training: \$1,500
- 14. Program Increase Advanced Trauma Training Program: \$534
- 15. Remove One-Time FY20 Cost: -\$7,000 16. Program Increase PFAS Remediation: \$20,000
- 17. Program Increase Warrior Resiliency and Fitness: \$3,000
- 18. Remove One-Time FY20 Cost: -\$3,500

Army National Guard Operations & Maintenance (Overseas Contingency Operations)

ARNG O&M (OCO) Appropriation	FY21 President's Budget Request	FY21 HAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY21 SAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY21 Conference
MANEUVER UNITS	\$25,746	\$25,746		\$25,746		
MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES	\$40	\$40		\$40		
ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE	\$983	\$983		\$983		
THEATER LEVEL ASSETS	\$22	\$22		\$22		
AVIATION ASSETS	\$20,624	\$20,624		\$20,624		
FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$7,914	\$7,914		\$7,914		
BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT	\$24,417	\$24,417		\$24,417		
SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS	\$46	\$46		\$46		
TOTAL, ARNG O&M (OCO)	\$79,792	\$79,792		\$79,792		



Air National Guard

Air National Guard Personnel

(All Dollars in Thousands)

ANG Personnel Appropriation	FY201Presi dent's Budget Request	FY21 HAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY21 SAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY21 Conference
PAY GROUP A TRAINING (15 DAYS & DRILLS 24/48)	\$949,382	\$949,382		\$949,382		
PAY GROUP F TRAINING (RECRUITS)	\$97,078	\$97,078		\$97,078		
PAY GROUP P TRAINING (PIPELINE RECRUITS)	\$7,829	\$7,829		\$7,829		
SCHOOL TRAINING	\$361,527	\$361,527		\$361,527		
SPECIAL TRAINING	\$245,500	\$252,177 ^{1,2}	\$6,677	\$248,2154	\$2,715	
ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT	\$2,857,955	\$2,857,955		\$2,857,955		
THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS	\$14,675	\$14,675		\$14,675		
EDUCATION BENEFITS	\$13,141	\$13,141		\$13,141		
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY 1 (BAC-01)	\$4,547,087	\$4,553,764	\$6,677	\$4,549,802	\$2,715	
UNDISTRIBUTED ADJUSTMENT		-\$30,540 ³	\$30,540	-\$24,625 ⁵	\$24,625	
TRAUMA TRAINING		+\$2,242	\$2,242	+\$2,242	\$2,242	
Total, National Guard Personnel, Air Force	\$4,547,087	\$4,525,466	\$21,621	\$4,527,419	\$19,668	

HAC-D Items

- 1. Program Increase State Partnership Program \$4,677
- 2. Program Increase Critical Skillsets Crosstraining: \$2,000
- 3. Historical Unobligated Balances: -30,540

SAC-D Items

- 4. Program Increase Wildfire Training: \$2,715
- 5. Historical Unobligated Balances: -\$24,625

Air National Guard Personnel (Overseas Contingency Operations)

ANG Personnel (OCO) Appropriation	FY21 President's Budget Request	FY20 HAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY21 SAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY21 Conference
SPECIAL TRAINING	\$5,800	\$5,800		\$5,800		
TOTAL, NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL, AIR FORCE (OCO)	\$5,800	\$5,800		\$5,800		

Air National Guard Operations & Maintenance

ANG O&M Appropriation	FY21 President's Budget Request	FY21 HAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY21 SAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY21 Confer ence
AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS	\$2,476,205	\$2,464,205 ¹	\$12,000	\$2,476,205		
MISSION SUPPORT OPERATIONS	\$611,325	\$615,125 ^{2,3,4}	\$3,800	\$628,679 ⁹⁻¹³	\$17,354	
DEPOT MAINTENANCE	\$1,138,919	\$1,118,919 ⁵	\$20,000	\$1,138,919		
FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION	\$323,605	\$433,605 ⁶	\$110,000	\$323,605		
CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES	\$16,380	\$16,380		\$16,380		
CYBERSPACE SUSTAINMENT	\$27,028	\$27,028		\$27,028	-1	
CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND SYSTEM SUPPORT	\$1,100,828	\$1,100,828		\$1,100,828	1	
BASE OPERATING SUPPORT	\$962,438	\$978,938 ⁷	\$16,500	\$977,438 ¹⁴	\$15,000	
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY ONE (BAC-01)	\$6,656,728	\$6,755,028	\$98,300	\$6,689,082	\$32,354	
ADMINISTRATION	\$48,218	\$48,218		\$37,218 ¹⁵	\$11,000	
RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING	\$48,696	\$45,696 ⁸	\$3,000	\$48,696	1	
TOTAL, BUDGET ACTIVITY FOUR (BAC-04)	\$96,914	\$93,314	\$3,000	\$85,914	\$11,000	
HISTORICAL UNOBLIGATION		-\$10,000	\$10,000			
RESTORE READINESS		+\$100,000	\$100,000	+\$70,000 ¹⁶	\$70,000	
OVERESTIMATION OF CIVILIAN FTE TARGETS		-\$25,000	\$25,000			
UNDISTRIBUTED REDUCTION – EXCESS TO NEED		-\$60,000	\$60,000	-\$60,000	\$60,000	
TOTAL, O&M, AIR NATIONAL GUARD	\$6,753,642	\$6,853,342	\$100,300	\$6,784,996	\$31,354	

HAC-D Items

- 1. Insufficient Justification: -\$12,000
- 2. Program Increase Trauma Training Program: \$1,800
- 3. Program Increase State Partnership Program: \$1,500
- 4. Program Increase State Partnership Virtual Language: \$500
- 5. Unjustified Increase: -\$20,000
- 6. Program Increase: \$110,000
- 7. Program Increase PFAS Remediation: \$16,500
- 8. Insufficient Justification: -\$3,000

SAC-D Items

- 9. Program Increase Joint Terminal Attack Controller Training: \$8,000
- 10. Program Increase Tuition Assistance: \$4,000
- 11. Program Increase Advanced Trauma Training Program: \$1,782
- 12. Program Increase Wildfire Training: \$572
- 13. Program Increase Warrior Resiliency and Fitness: \$3,000
- 14. Program Increase PFAS Remediation: \$15,000
- 15. Overestimation of Civilian FTEs: -\$11,000
- 16. Restore A-10: \$70,000

Air National Guard Operations & Maintenance (Overseas Contingency Operations)

ANG O&M (OCO) Appropriation	FY21 President's Budget Request	FY21 HAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY21 SAC-D Mark	Delta from Request	FY21 Conference
MISSION SUPPORT OPERATIONS	\$3,739	\$3,739		\$3,739		
DEPOT MAINTENANCE	\$61,862	\$61,862		\$61,862		
CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND SYSTEM	\$97,108	\$97,108		\$97,108		
BASE SUPPORT	\$12,933	\$12,933		\$12,933		
TOTAL, ANG O&M (OCO)	\$175,642	\$175,642		\$175,642		

Legislative Provisions

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.

In this fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, funds appropriated 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. 8053.

(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. 8060.

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. 8062.

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.

Report Language/Items of Interest

Readiness -

The Committee recommends an additional \$3,519,472,000 in title VIII and \$2,400,000,000 in title IX of this act to be transferred to the operation and maintenance accounts and be divided proportionately among the services and the National Guard and reserve components. 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 funding provided is a congressional special interest item. The Secretary of Defense and the Service Secretaries are directed to submit a detailed spending plan by sub-activity group to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees not less than 30 days prior to the obligation of these funds. These transfers may be implemented 30 days after congressional notification unless an objection is received from either the House or Senate Appropriations Committees.

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 subactivities 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.

Reprogramming Guidance for Operation and Maintenance Accounts (Including Base and Overseas Contingency Operations Funding) –

The Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit the Base for Reprogramming (DD Form 1414) for each of the fiscal year 2021 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 Appropriations Committees. The Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to use the normal prior

approval reprogramming procedures to transfer funds in the services' operation and maintenance accounts between O–1 budget activities, or between subactivity groups in the case of Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, in excess of \$10,000,000. In addition, the Secretary of Defense shall follow prior approval reprogramming procedures for transfers in excess of \$10,000,000 out of the following readiness sub-activity groups:

Air National Guard: Aircraft Operations (Other sub-activity groups within the other Branches listed in text)

Additionally, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to use normal prior approval reprogramming procedures when implementing transfers in excess of \$10,000,000 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

Operation and Maintenance Budget Execution Data -

The Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to continue to provide the congressional defense committees with quarterly budget execution data. Such data should be provided not later than 45 days after the close of each quarter of the fiscal year, and should be provided for each O–1 budget activity, activity group, and subactivity group for each of the active, defense-wide, reserve, and National Guard components. For each O–1 budget activity, activity group, and sub-activity group, these reports should include the budget request and actual obligation amount, the distribution of unallocated congressional adjustments to the budget request, all adjustments made by the Department in establishing the Base for Reprogramming (DD Form 1414) report, all adjustments resulting from below threshold reprogrammings, and all adjustments resulting from prior approval reprogramming requests.

Uncontaminated Water for Agricultural Purposes -

Congress has provided new authority to the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Air Force in section 343 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92) in order to promptly address perfluorooactanoic acid [PFOA] and perfluorooctane sulfonate [PFOS] contamination in agricultural water resources and prevent further spread and damage. While the Office of the Secretary of Defense recently issued implementation guidance for this new authority, the Committee is concerned that it does not direct remediation of contaminated water above the Lifetime Health Advisory issued by the Environmental Protection Agency as stated in section 343, but rather through the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act process. The Committee urges the Air Force to act expeditiously to implement this new guidance to prevent further harmful PFOA and PFOS contamination on agricultural lands.

Feasibility of Language and Cultural Competency Training for State Partnership Program Through the Defense Language and National Security Education Office [DLNSEO], the Department of Defense provides critical language training and cultural competency to DoD personnel. The Secretary of Defense is directed to submit a feasibility study for a pilot of a language skills and cultural competency program through existing DLNSEO contracts to benefit the State Partnership Program [SPP] between National Guard units and partner governments. The pilot should look at multiple partnerships to provide insight into program design, curriculum, and utilization of accredited universities local to National Guard units

State Partnership Program -

to improve SPP interactions.

The State Partnership Program [SPP] has been successfully building relationships for over 25 years by linking a State's National Guard with the armed forces or equivalent of a partner country in a cooperative, mutually beneficial relationship. It includes 78 unique security partnerships involving 84 nations around the globe. The Committee recognizes the importance of SPP and encourages continued robust support of this important partnership program.

LC-130H Recapitalization -

The Committee notes that the Air National Guard operates the Department of Defense's LC–30H fleet, which is a ski-equipped version of the C–130 cargo plane. This unique capability provides the Department of Defense with access to remote polar regions, otherwise inaccessible with traditional aircraft. Under Presidential Decision Memorandum 6646, the Department also provides reimbursable transportation services to the National Science Foundation for its efforts at McMurdo Station, Antarctica. The Committee believes that recapitalizing this fleet to the newer J model aircraft will ensure continued access to these polar regions in the future, a vital capability to preserving our national interests in the region. Therefore, the Committee directs the Chief of the National Guard Bureau to provide a report to the congressional defense committees, not later than 120 days after enactment of this act, on the plan for managing and modernizing the existing LC–130H fleet. This plan should include, at a minimum, an analysis of the current fleet force structure and capabilities requirements, a modernization roadmap, and a list of the fleet's unfunded priorities. Further, the Committee encourages the Secretary of the Air Force to program and budget for recapitalization of the LC–130H in future year's budget cycles.

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 urges 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.

Military Personnel -

The Committee recommends a total of \$4,602,593,000 for pay, allowances, and other personnel costs for Active, Reserve, and Guard troops activated for duty in Afghanistan and other contingency operations. This recommendation includes funding for subsistence, permanent change of station travel, and special pays including imminent danger pay, family separation allowance, and hardship duty pay.

National Guard and Reserve Equipment –

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$850,000,000. This is \$850,000,000 above the budget estimate. The appropriation includes direction for the component commanders of the Army Reserve, Marine Forces Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Army National Guard and Air National Guard to submit to the congressional defense committees a detailed assessment of their component's modernization priorities, not later than 30 days after enactment of this act.

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; Cold Weather and Mountaineering Gear and Equipment, including Small Unit Support Vehicles; Counter-UAS Systems; Crashworthy, Ballistically Tolerant Auxiliary Fuel Systems; Detect and Avoid Systems for MQ–9 Aircraft; HMMWV Modernization; MQ–9 Deployable Launch & Recovery Element Mission Support Kits; Solar Mobile Power Systems; KC–135 Aircraft Forward Area Refueling/Defueling Stations; Radiological isotope identification/detection equipment; Modular Small Arms Ranges and Simulation; ALR–69A Digital Radar Warning Receivers: and AN-PDR-75A Radiac sets.

Special Victims' Counsel Program -

The Committee remains concerned with the level of sexual assault in the military and supports the Department's continuing efforts to strengthen its sexual assault prevention and response program. The needs of victims of sexual assault for legal advice and guidance are particularly acute. To ensure that the Department continues to make progress in protecting victims' confidentiality and ending alienation during the investigation and prosecution of their case, the Committee recommends \$35,000,000 for implementation of the Special Victims' Counsel Program across the services.

Sexual Assault Prevention Plan of Action -

The Committee recommends an additional \$7,500,000 for the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office for continued implementation of the Prevention Plan of Action and to fund prevention efforts throughout the services. The Committee acknowledges that the release of the Department of Defense Sexual Assault Prevention Plan of Action in April 2019 is a positive step toward preventing instances of sexual assault, but additional resources are needed to address the high rates of sexual assault across the force. The Director of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office is directed to brief the House and Senate Appropriations Committees on the plans for the execution of the \$7,500,000 not later than 90 days after the enactment of this act.