



BLUF: The FY21 NDAA Conference Committee released its report on 3 December. The Full House of Representatives considered and passed the NDAA with a veto-proof majority on 8 December. **Next step:** Full Senate considers FY21 NDAA Conference Report.

Defense Authorizations

President's Budget Release	HASC NDAA	SASC NDAA	House-passed NDAA	Senate-passed NDAA	Conference Committee	Signed Into Law
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Defense Appropriations

President's Budget Release	HAC-D Approps.	SAC-D Approps.	House-passed Approps.	Senate-passed Approps.	Conference Committee	Signed Into Law
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Policies and funding levels cited below are authorizations approved by the FY21 NDAA Conference Committee only.

Summary Funding: The Conference Committee authorizes \$731.6B (in line with FY21 budget request) in total national defense funding, includes:

- \$635.5B in Department of Defense (DoD) base and discretionary funding
- \$69B in Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) funding

Army National Guard

- Authorizes ARNG end strength at 336,500 soldiers (500 more than FY20 levels)
- \$725.3M for 36 UH-60 Black Hawk M model helicopters for the Army
 - Consistent with FY21 DoD request
- \$172.8M for 24 UH-60 Black Hawk L and V model helicopters for the Army
- \$792M for 50 AH-64 Apache Block IIIA helicopters for the Army
- \$894.4M Joint Light Tactical Vehicles (JLTVs) for the Army
 - Consistent with FY21 DoD request
- \$110.5M for modernization of AH-64 Apache Block IIIA helicopters for the Army
- \$296.75M for 11 CH-47 helicopters for the Army
 - Authorizes an additional 5 helicopters and \$136M above the DoD request for advanced procurement of CH-47F Block II
- \$5.9M for the High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV) Recapitalization Program for the Army

Air National Guard

- Authorizes ANG end strength at 108,100 airmen (400 more than FY20 levels)
- Requires Secretary of Defense to conduct a study determining whether Space National Guard is the organization best suited to discharge space missions before establishing a Space National Guard (SEC. 931)
 - Prohibits Secretary of the Air Force from transferring personnel to the Space Force until the study is conducted
 - Prohibits Secretary of the Air Force from relocating assets or dissolving any elements of the Air National Guard performing the space mission
- Authorizes required minimum inventory of tactical airlift aircraft of not less than 287 aircraft (SEC. 134)
 - Constrains Secretary of the Air Force from reducing tactical airlift aircraft solely from National Guard inventory
- \$140M for C-130H modernization, includes:
 - \$79M for engine upgrades
 - \$55M for propeller replacements
- \$5.28B for 60 F-35A Lightning II aircraft for the Air Force
- \$1.24B for 12 F-15EX aircraft for the Air Force
- \$2.7B for 15 KC-46A Pegasus aircraft for the Air Force
- \$692.1M for 7 C-130J Super Hercules aircraft for the Air Force

Joint-Personnel

- Authorizes transitional health care benefits (section 1145 of title 10, USC) to members of the National Guard serving in full-time duty status in response to COVID-19 Pandemic (502(f) of title 32, USC) (SEC. 733)
- Amends authorities related to the National Guard Bureau
 - Authorizes the Chief of the National Guard Bureau to submit a list of unfunded priorities to Congress to support National Guard responsibilities for the homeland defense and civil support missions (SEC. 1006)
 - Requires the Joint Requirements Council to seek and strongly consider the views of the Vice Chief of the National Guard Bureau regarding non-Federalized National Guard capabilities in support of homeland defense and civil support missions (SEC. 906)
- Authorizes Care and Readiness Enhancement (CARE) for Reservists Act of 2020
 - Expansion of eligibility for readjustment counseling and related outpatient services to members of the National Guard (SEC. 762)
 - Inclusion of members of the National Guard in mental health programs administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (SEC. 764)
- \$94.2M for the National Guard Counter-drug Program

- \$5.5M for National Guard Counter-drug schools
- Additional \$15M for STARBASE

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