

HMMWV Modernization

Army National Guard

Fiscal Year 2026 Requirements for the Army National Guard



NGAUS



Importance

- HMMWV modernization is the #1 priority of the NGAUS Army Sustainment Task Force
- HMMWV modernization has consistently been a top National Guard equipment modernization funding priority for the past eight years
- HMMWV modernization has been identified by the Director of the Army National Guard as a top Army Guard equipment modernization priority

California National Guardsmen stand watch on the Pacific Coast Highway with smoke from the Palisades Fire behind them in Los Angeles.

Background

The National Guard is critical to the national security of the United States, both here at home and abroad. To be effective, the Guard must be ready to respond to domestic emergencies at a moment's notice or deploy worldwide for contingency operations. Part of this readiness includes having the most modern and best equipment to accomplish their mission. The Army National Guard has over 43,000 HMMWVs in its inventory that are critical to their mission, and more than half of those are beyond their useful life. This is problematic because the HMMWV is an enduring platform for the total Army which will have a significant role in the fleet for the foreseeable future. By 2030, the average age of the Army's HMMWV fleet will be 20 years and the oldest trucks in the inventory will be 40 years old. Most of these trucks suffer from poor Operational Readiness rates and are in fact older than their drivers.

The Army has made clear that HMMWVs will comprise 50% of the Army's light tactical vehicle long into the future. The HMMWV is critical to the Guard's mission and will be in its formations for another 25 years. Because of this, NGAUS seeks prioritized funding for the sustainment and modernization of the Guard HMMWV fleet. This funding will ensure the National Guard is ready at a moment's notice to provide emergency support at home and to deploy for combat missions around the world.

Older, less capable HMMWV models are not meeting the National Guard's readiness needs. These vehicles have limited payload, less efficient powertrains, lower electrical load capability, and an inability to be armored when the mission requires increased protection. Modernized HMMWVs are the vehicles the National Guard needs when the Nation needs the Guard. They are more cost-effective and reliable, and they enhance the ability to carry aid to their fellow citizens in response to an emergency.

In FY2013, Congress established a multi-year program to modernize the rapidly aging National Guard HMMWV fleet. Since its inception, over 4,500 HMMWVs have been modernized, and many more vehicles are ready to be modernized as soon as funding becomes available. This process delivers brand new or like-new, zero hours and zero miles vehicles. And while the consistent funding is welcome and has built readiness in Guard, it has not kept pace with higher production cost and the growing need to replace a larger number of aging vehicles.

Modernized HMMWVs have an immediate and positive impact on readiness in Guard units across the country, but a significant shortfall remains to be addressed. Therefore, additional funding in FY2026 is critical to ensuring this important modernization program can continue.

Recommendation

\$200 million in appropriations



The National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) strongly urges Congress to appropriate **\$200 million** for the National Guard HMMWV modernization program in FY2026.



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