

The FY26 NDAA delivers on President Trump's pledge to build a ready, capable, and lethal fighting force.

READY, CAPABLE, LETHAL FIGHTING FORCES

READY FIGHTING FORCE

The FY26 NDAA ensures American warfighters have the training, equipment, and support needed to fight tonight.

Improves Maintenance and Increases Readiness:

- ★ Mandates at least 90 days' worth of F-35 Joint Strike Fighter parts are available by September 30, 2028, and requires the F-35 contractor to validate sufficient inventories of F-35 parts.
- ★ Directs the Navy to establish an amphibious ship maintenance budget line, and mandates that amphibious ships receive a proportional share of ship maintenance appropriations.
- ★ Requires a separate budget activity in the President's budget request to increase transparency in the procurement of spares and repair parts for amphibious warships plagued with long maintenance periods.
- ★ Establishes a pilot program to incentivize public-private partnerships to increase production at Army arsenals.
- ★ Requires an independent review of parts shortages and how they contribute to the number of aircraft falling short of target mission-capable rates.

Ensures Critical Programs Meet Performance Requirements:

- ★ Maintains critical oversight of the F-35 acquisition program by renewing the Government Accountability Office's (GAO) mandate to evaluate the program and provide updates to Congress annually.
- ★ Requires GAO to audit deficiencies in cargo aircraft mission capable rates.
- ★ Limits funding to accept delivery of additional KC-46 aircraft until the Secretary of Defense submits a corrective action plan for all major deficiencies.

Enhances Military Training:

- ★ Encourages the procurement of additional training simulator systems for major defense acquisition programs.
- ★ Supports Air Force efforts to use new technologies to improve maintenance and logistics technical training.
- ★ Enhances warfighter performance while reducing training costs by promoting the use of synthetic training environments.
- ★ Directs GAO to review whether DoD is adequately training their personnel to defeat threats to United States personnel, facilities, and assets from uncrewed systems.

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CAPABLE FIGHTING FORCE

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Maintains Capability:

- ★ Prohibits the retirement of certain F-22, F-15E, A-10, C-130, and Grey Eagle aircraft.
- ★ Prohibits the closure of the E-7A Wedgetail production line.
- ★ Increases the minimum number of air refueling aircraft in DoD's inventory.

Improves Force Protection and Counter-Drone Defenses:

- ★ Fully funds President Trump's request for counter-unmanned aircraft systems (c-UAS).
- ★ Codifies and expands the responsibilities of the Joint Counter-Unmanned Aircraft Systems Office (JCO) with the responsibility for leading, advocating, and coordinating all DoD efforts to counter drones as a weapon of strategic influence.
- ★ Establishes a pilot program in the Air Force to integrate commercial data feeds to help better detect, identify, and track small UAS incursions at domestic military installations.
- ★ Requires DoD to brief Congress on the deployment of counter-drone systems to military installations, the development of new counter-drone technologies, and efforts to train servicemembers on counter-drone warfighting tactics.

Enables Energy Independence for Military Installations:

- ★ Codifies President Trump's Advanced Nuclear Energy EO by requiring DoD to designate an Executive Agent for nuclear energy and establish a Program of Record for military installation and operational nuclear energy.
- ★ Establishes an Advanced Nuclear Technologies Transition Working Group to coordinate the deployment of advanced nuclear technologies, such as portable nuclear reactors at military installations.
- ★ Adds nuclear energy and technologies as eligible investments for the DoD Office of Strategic Capital.
- ★ Establishes a pilot program to install propane-powered generators at military installations.

Restores Safety as a Culture:

- ★ Requires DoD rotary wing aircraft to automatically broadcast alerts to commercial aviation aircraft in the same vicinity to avoid air-to-air collisions.
- ★ Supports changes associated with the Army's Initial Entry Rotary Wing training program and requires a business case analysis to ensure the Army's revisions provide optimal initial entry pilot training.
- ★ Requires an assessment of head impact and hearing protection policies for aircraft maintenance personnel to prevent long-term hearing loss and minimize impact injuries.

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LETHAL FIGHTING FORCE

Shipbuilding:

- ★ Authorizes over **\$22 billion** in shipbuilding funding for the construction of:
 - o The third Columbia-class Ballistic Missile Submarine and advanced procurement for future submarines
 - o One Virginia-class submarine
 - o One DDG-51 Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer
 - o One Ford-class aircraft carrier
 - o One Tactical Auxiliary General Ocean Surveillance ship (TAGOS)

Aircraft:

- ★ Authorizes over **\$38 billion** for the development, procurement, or modification of aircraft, including:
 - o Full funding for the Air Force's F-47 and Navy's F/A-XX 6th Generation Aircraft programs
 - o 4 E-2D Hawkeye tactical airborne early warning aircraft
 - o 21 F-15EX tactical fighter aircraft
 - o 47 F-35 fighter aircraft
 - o 11 H-47 Chinook helicopters
 - o 12 H-53K King Stallion helicopters
 - o 14 T-7A trainer aircraft
 - o Full funding for the Air Force's fully autonomous Collaborative Combat Aircraft and the Navy's MQ-25 unmanned carrier-launched aircraft

Combat Vehicles:

- ★ Authorizes **\$4 billion** for the procurement and modification of wheeled and tracked combat vehicles, including:
 - o 86 Armored Multi-Purpose Vehicles
 - o 10 M109 Paladins
 - o 30 M1A2 Abrams tanks
 - o 91 Marine Corps Amphibious Combat Vehicles
 - o 44 Maneuver, Short Range Air Defense vehicles

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Munitions:

- ★ Authorizes over \$15 billion to restore America's arsenal of munitions, including the procurement of Precision Strike Missiles (PrSMs), Joint Air-to-Ground Missiles (JAGMs), Naval Strike Missiles, Javelins, Stingers, Joint Air-Surface Standoff Missiles, Tomahawks, Guided Multiple Launch Rocket Systems (GMLRS), Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAMs), Sidewinder, Standard Missile, Long Range Anti-Ship Missile (LRASM)s, Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missiles, Joint Direct Attack Munitions, MK-48 Torpedoes, and artillery rounds.

Emerging Technologies:

- ★ Authorizes \$142.6 billion for research, development, testing, and evaluation efforts to field the innovative new technologies our warfighters need to win on future battlefields. These include hypersonics; AI; quantum computing; autonomous aircraft, vessels, and vehicles; directed energy systems; and new space-based capabilities.