



THE FY26 NDAA: IMPLEMENTING PRESIDENT TRUMP'S PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH AGENDA

The FY26 NDAA carries out the President's Peace through Strength Agenda and fulfills his commitment to build a ready, capable, and lethal fighting force to deter our adversaries.

The FY26 NDAA codifies all or parts of 15 executive orders issued by President Trump, including:

- Restoring America's Fighting Force (EO 14185)
- Ending Radical and Wasteful Government Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Programs and Preferencing (EO 14151)
- Declaring a National Emergency at the Southern Border (Proclamation 10886)
- Securing Our Borders (EO 14165)
- Clarifying the Military's Role in Protecting the Territorial Integrity of the U.S. (EO 14167)
- Modernizing Defense Acquisitions and Spurring Innovation in the Defense Industrial Base (EO 14265)
- Building the Golden Dome for America (EO 14186)
- Deploying Advanced Nuclear Reactor Technologies for National Security (EO 14299)
- Restoring American Airspace Sovereignty (EO 14305)
- Unleashing American Drone Dominance (EO 14307)

The FY26 NDAA codifies 30 legislative proposals requested by the Trump Administration, including:

- Eliminating Statutory Provisions Relating to DEI in the Department of War
- Revising National Missile Defense Policy to Reflect Golden Dome for America Policy
- Extending Certain Expiring Bonus and Special Pay Authorities for One Year
- Authorizing DoW Authority for Joint Task Forces to Support Law Enforcement Agencies or Federal Agencies Conducting Counterterrorism and Counter-Transnational Organized Crime Activities
- Providing DoW Support to Federal Agencies to Protect United States Airspace, Maritime Domain, and Territory from Incursions by Foreign Powers
- Extending the Authority to Provide Assistance to Counter the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria

The FY26 NDAA: Conservative Wins

- **Codifies President Trump's efforts to end left-wing ideology, wokeism, and DEI in the military and restores focus on lethality, meritocracy, and accountability.**
- **Fully funds and provides additional authorities to DoW to support DHS border security efforts.**
- **Fundamentally reforms the DoW acquisition process, supporting President Trump's EO and speeding the delivery of innovative new technologies to the warfighter.**
- **Carries out President Trump's efforts to improve the quality of life for our servicemembers with a 3.8% pay raise and improved benefits for military families.**
- **Fully supports President Trump's top priorities, including the Golden Dome, F-47 fighter aircraft, submarines, warships, and autonomous systems.**
- **Authorizes, funds, and creates new authorities to meet President Trump's goal of revitalizing the defense industrial base, growing defense manufacturing jobs in America, and onshoring our defense supply chains.**
- **Includes new authorities to support President Trump's effort to force our allies to pay more for their own defense.**
- **Advances President Trump's efforts to revitalize American shipbuilding.**
- **Provides nearly \$20 billion in savings, including from DOGE-initiated reforms assumed in President Trump's budget request.**
- **Changes laws governing DoW civilians to carry out President Trump's civil service reforms.**
- **Includes new authorities and funding to support President Trump's efforts to prepare our military for a potential conflict in the Indo-Pacific.**
- **Extends authorities that President Trump uses to eliminate terrorists that threaten Americans.**
- **Codifies President Trump's EO to promote energy independence and utilize new nuclear power technologies.**



REFORMING ACQUISITION TO DELIVER FOR OUR WARFIGHTERS

To deter national security threats, our warfighters need to be equipped with the latest technology. But the defense acquisition system is broken and too slow, rigid, and bureaucratic to meet evolving threats. It can take more than a decade before new capabilities are finally deployed, and by then, the threat has changed, the technology is outdated, and the program is over budget.

The FY26 NDAA includes many of the transformative reforms proposed in the Streamlining Procurement for Effective Execution and Delivery (SPEED) Act and focuses defense acquisition on one primary objective: quickly equipping warfighters with needed capabilities in the most cost-effective manner practicable.

Ensures The Acquisition System Delivers For The Warfighter At Speed And Scale

- Creates a new, accelerated requirements process designed to rapidly seek innovative solutions from industry rather than prescribing exquisite systems to be built.
- Streamlines and speeds bureaucratic decision-making by centralizing management of acquisition programs under a single portfolio acquisitions executive (PAE).
- Ensures that life-cycle sustainment decisions are made early in the acquisition process to prevent costly readiness issues and long-term maintenance shortfalls.

Puts Commercial Solutions First

- Requires the Pentagon to look to commercial off-the-shelf solutions before embarking on costly programs to build exquisite systems.
- Removes costly compliance requirements on small businesses providing commercial solutions.
- Strengthens DoW's commercial solutions solicitation procedures to reach more businesses and new entrants.
- Removes barriers to subscription-based services such as private satellite imagery.
- Bridges the Valley of Death by establishing the Bridging Operational Objectives & Support for Transition (BOOST) Program within the Defense Innovation Unit (DIU) to align promising technologies with operational needs.

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Eliminates Costly Regulatory Burdens

- Exempts smaller acquisition programs from excessive regulatory burdens without sacrificing transparency on critical contracts.
- Implements long-overdue reforms to the Cost Accounting Standards (CAS) and directs the Secretary to streamline DoW's implementation of compliance with requirements associated with CAS.

Develops A Mission-Oriented Defense Acquisition Workforce

- Empowers the acquisition workforce to ensure it is prepared for modern challenges and strengthens acquisition professionals' career development.
- Ensures the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) educates and develops high-performing leaders.
- Strengthens the talent pipeline for DoW's acquisition workforce by improving the public-private talent exchange program and establishing a program to appoint members of the Defense Civilian Training Corps to civil service acquisition positions.
- Establishes a working group to address advanced manufacturing workforce shortages and recommend ways to increase employment of individuals with disabilities in this sector.

Reforms Foreign Military Sales

- Requires the Pentagon to establish a framework to improve processes and procedures for technology transfer and foreign disclosure policies.
- Mandates that combatant commands must hire qualified acquisition professionals to advise and assist the command on foreign military sales and other equipment transfers.
- Requires the Pentagon to establish an office to facilitate foreign partners' acquisition of equipment that is not a program of record for U.S. forces.
- Expedites and improves transparency of international arms transfers, including foreign military sales, by streamlining Pentagon bureaucracy.
- Requires the Secretary to ensure that the defense acquisition workforce is aware of foreign partner defense capacity-building priorities and coordinates with the security cooperation workforce to enhance responsiveness to partner requests.
- Requires the Secretary of State to conduct a biennial review to identify defense articles and services that should be eligible for transfer to foreign partners through the direct commercial sales process rather than foreign military sales.





REVITALIZING THE DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE

Over the last 30 years, America's defense industrial base has atrophied to the point where it can no longer support our warfighters in a sustained conflict. The FY26 NDAA provides DoW with new authorities and investment vehicles to revitalize and grow capacity in the defense industrial base.

Revitalizes The Defense Industrial Base

- Enables DoW to utilize its Industrial Base Fund to make long-overdue capacity investments in the defense industrial base, including investments in critical mineral mining and refining projects.
- Requires the Secretary of War to enter into multi-year procurement contracts for munitions and other high-demand systems to expand industrial capacity and deliver greater efficiency and cost savings for the taxpayer.
- Requires DoW to streamline the qualification and approval of parts made with advanced manufacturing methods such as 3D printing.
- Improves supply chain transparency and incentivizes contractors to assess and monitor their supply chains' strength against infiltration from China and other adversaries.
- Directs DoW to identify and eliminate regulatory barriers that discourage contractors from maintaining or expanding surge capacity.
- Establishes a collaborative forum for government, private-sector, academia, and non-profit entities to address parts obsolescence, supply chain fragility, and the urgent need to restore U.S. surge capacity.
- Creates a program to foster the maturation and expansion of robotic automation capabilities for munitions manufacturing.
- Requires DoW to establish a working group to examine the domestic small unmanned aircraft system (sUAS) industrial base and recommend investments or other actions to improve the domestic supplier base for sUAS systems and components.
- Requires the Pentagon to establish and maintain a security cooperation initiative to strengthen cooperation among the defense industrial bases of the United States and allied and partner countries in the Indo-Pacific region.



RESTORING LETHALITY & THE WARRIOR ETHOS

The FY26 NDAA delivers on President Trump's pledge to end wokeism and restore lethality and the warrior ethos in our military.

Prohibits Men In Women's Sports

- Permanently prohibits men from playing on women's sports teams at all military academies.

Restores Meritocracy

- Requires all military promotions, accessions, and command selections to be based on individual merit and demonstrated performance, rather than race, ethnicity, or sex.

Ends Diversity, Equity, And Inclusion (DEI) Programs At DoW

- Permanently repeals all existing DoW DEI offices, programs, training, activities, and authorities.
- Prevents any new DEI offices, training, and activities.
- Prohibits DoW from contracting with advertising firms like NewsGuard that blacklist conservative news sources.

Prevents A Military Green New Deal

- Executes President Trump's budget request to cut over \$1 billion in climate change-related programs at DoW.
- Does not authorize any climate change programs.

Expands Faith Providers

- Expands the number of servicemembers able to attend schools and seminaries necessary to serve as Chaplains in the Armed Services.



SECURING THE BORDER

Border security is national security. The FY26 NDAA delivers on President Trump's promise to secure America's borders.

Secures America's Borders

- Fully funds the deployment of National Guard and active-duty troops in support of Border Patrol activities at the southwest border.
- Fully funds the establishment and enforcement of National Defense Areas along the southwest border.
- Authorizes DoW to provide additional support to Customs and Border Protection (CBP) through the use of private contractors.
- Strengthens counterterrorism and counter-transnational organized crime activities by extending the authorization for DoW support for joint law enforcement task forces.
- Requires DoW to brief Congress on its border security activities.
- Authorizes over \$1 billion to fight drug trafficking, including:
 - \$398 million for DoW support of Counter Narcotics operations
 - \$216 million for National Guard Counter Drug programs, \$100 million over the budget request



BUDGET SAVINGS & REFORMS

The FY26 NDAA authorizes \$901 billion for national defense discretionary programs:

Account	FY26 NDAA
Procurement	\$162 billion
Research, Development, Test, & Evaluation	\$146 billion
Operation & Maintenance	\$291 billion
Military Personnel & Health	\$234 billion
Military Construction & Family Housing	\$20 billion
Defense Nuclear Programs	\$34 billion
Total Defense Discretionary	\$900.6 billion

Cost Savings

The FY26 NDAA saves taxpayers nearly \$20 billion. Savings include:

- \$40.5 million from eliminating DEI activities
- \$1.6 billion in cuts to climate change-related spending
- \$1.2 billion from retiring obsolete aircraft and ships
- \$6.8 billion from reductions in unnecessary Pentagon bureaucracy
- \$5.5 billion in cuts to consulting and service contracts
- \$3.7 billion in cuts to inefficient defense programs

DOW Civilian Workforce Reforms

The FY26 NDAA includes fundamental reforms of DoW's civilian workforce hiring and management practices to support President Trump's civil service reforms.

- Authorizes DoW to disregard time-in-grade requirements so promotions can be based on demonstrated skill and performance.
- Reforms the hiring process to allow DoW to use skills-based assessments to determine if candidates are qualified for open positions.

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Military Construction Reforms

Military Construction (MILCON) costs 35% more on average than equivalent commercial construction. The FY26 NDAA includes important reforms to increase efficiency and reduce costs for taxpayers.

- Accelerates construction and reduces costs for construction projects by granting military departments multiyear contracting authority.
- Authorizes the use of the accelerated design-build and progressive design-build contracting methods to cut costs and speed up military construction projects.
- Repeals outdated requirements that complicate construction planning and impose a cost premium on projects.
- Authorizes the use of Other Transaction Authority (OTA) for construction projects, enabling DoW to avoid costly and time-consuming federal contracting regulatory burdens.
- Eliminates the mandate to use the Army Corps of Engineers and the Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command as DoW construction agents.
- Provides the Navy with enhanced contracting flexibility to manage complex shipyard construction projects more efficiently and cost-effectively.
- Requires an annual report detailing any remaining factors contributing to the cost premium associated with the construction of military facilities, as well as recommendations to reduce costs.

Congressional Oversight Of DoW Spending And Audit

The FY26 NDAA continues strong oversight of DoW spending and efforts to fully pass an audit.

- Improves Congressional oversight of DoW audit results.
- Fully funds DoW Inspector General audit activities.
- Requires DoW to submit quarterly reports to Congress on the status of balances and activities carried out using funds provided by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act.





IMPROVING SERVICEMEMBER QUALITY OF LIFE

The FY26 NDAA continues to improve the quality of life for servicemembers and their families.

Boosts Compensation

- Supports the Trump Administration's 3.8% pay raise for all servicemembers.
- Reauthorizes and expands military bonuses and special pays.
- Increases Family Separation Allowance for deployed servicemembers.
- Expands convalescent leave.
- Requires a study to improve the calculation of Basic Allowance for Housing to ensure it keeps up with rising rental costs.

Reforms Military Food Programs

- Authorizes over \$131 million for the construction of new dining facilities.
- Makes it easier for servicemembers to access food on base with their Common Access Cards.
- Improves administration, transparency, and Congressional oversight of military food program budgets to ensure Basic Allowance for Subsistence is being used to provide food to our servicemembers.

Upgrades Servicemember Housing

- Authorizes over \$1.5 billion for new construction of barracks and family housing.
- Mandates that DoW deliver a plan to meet their unfulfilled legal obligations on health, safety, and environmental hazards in military housing.
- Requires an independent evaluation of military housing conditions, resident support gaps, and private company performance.
- Improves contract terms for military families living in privatized housing.

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Expands Access To Healthcare

- Authorizes over \$335 million to renovate military hospitals and build new medical facilities.
- Increases access to specialty care by lowering the threshold for travel reimbursement for medical appointments from 100 miles to 75.
- Prevents DoW from reducing the number of uniformed healthcare billets to prevent staffing shortages at Military Treatment Facilities.
- Ensures National Guard and reserve servicemembers with medical licenses can continue to treat servicemembers when called to active duty.
- Expands military medical cooperation, licensure, and interoperability between the U.S. and its closest allies.
- Enhances partnerships between military and civilian healthcare providers to support the National Disaster Medical System.
- Improves availability of care for veterans at DoW medical facilities.
- Expands access to sexual assault forensic kits at military installations abroad.
- Improves servicemember access to mental health services by:
 - Requiring an assessment of mental health staffing levels, average wait times for appointments, availability of telehealth services, and DoW's plan to improve mental health services.
 - Directing DoW to prioritize the development and incorporation of artificial intelligence to keep pace with the constantly evolving nature of mental health needs across the force.
 - Expanding mental health services to meet the unique needs of the Cyber Mission Force.
- Requires the following studies to address healthcare issues unique to military service:
 - A study of long-term health effects within the Special Forces community.
 - A study of cancer rates among military rotary craft crews.
 - A report on Traumatic Brain Injuries among active-duty pilots exposed to high-speed maneuvers, catapult launches, and/or other repetitive actions potentially harmful to the brain.
 - A study on the psychological effects and mental health impacts of combat remotely piloted aircraft operations.
- Requires a study on accreditation of military dental treatment facilities.



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Increases Access To Childcare

- Authorizes over \$491 million to design and build new childcare centers.
- Extends the Child Care in Your Home pilot program, which helps offset the cost of in-home full-time childcare.
- Authorizes a pilot program to increase childcare financial assistance in high-cost areas.
- Requires an annual review of childcare financial assistance to ensure it maintains pace with growing childcare costs.
- Requires child development centers to immediately notify parents of any suspected neglect or abuse of a child in their care.

Improves DoW Schools

- Authorizes over \$206 million to build new schools for children of servicemembers.
- Allows National Guard and reserve members called to active duty to enroll their children in DoW schools.
- Authorizes \$50 million in Impact Aid assistance to public schools with military dependent students and an additional \$20 million in assistance to local schools teaching children with severe disabilities.
- Prevents the closure of DoW schools without a detailed analysis and at least one school-year notification to parents.
- Authorizes students in DoW high schools to take college-level classes at local colleges or universities.
- Allows DoW schools to limit or ban students' cell phone use.

Enhances The Career Transition Assistance Program (TAP)

- Allows retiring servicemembers to immediately move into careers in the defense industrial base and medical profession.
- Establishes a pilot program for spouses to ensure a comprehensive transition for military families.
- Permits DoW to develop metrics to track TAP participation to ensure retiring servicemembers have timely access to information and resources that support their transition to civilian life.



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Strengthens Military Recruitment

- Extends military recruitment bonuses.
- Requires uniform guidance on DoW's medical accession standards.
- Increases meaningful access to secondary schools and institutions of higher learning for all military recruiters.
- Permits military recruiters to provide information on service in the Defense Industrial Base for those who do not qualify for military service.
- Increases the number of Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps units and broadens instructor qualifications to allow for a wider pool of qualified applicants.
- Grants the Secretary of War temporary authority to administer bonuses to Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps instructors in hard-to-fill positions.

Returns Our Fallen And Preserves Military History

- Expands authorities and increases funding for DoW to conduct more investigations and return the remains of American POW/MIA servicemembers.
- Creates a centralized registry of U.S. government personnel missing in action.
- Permits updates and the continued preservation of Chaplain memorials in Arlington National Cemetery.





READY, CAPABLE, LETHAL FIGHTING FORCE

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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 that 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.
- Mandates that amphibious ships receive a proportional share of ship maintenance appropriations.
- Increases transparency of long maintenance periods for warships by requiring the President's budget request to include information on the cost of amphibious warship spare and repair parts.
- Establishes a pilot program to incentivize public-private partnerships and increase production at Army arsenals.
- Establishes a pilot program using commercially available artificial intelligence to improve maintenance of ground vehicles.
- Requires an independent review of parts shortages and how they contribute to the number of aircraft falling short of target mission-capable rates.
- Fills personnel gaps in the maritime workforce needed to man critical Naval Sealift vessels by improving compensation for civilian mariners.

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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 annually evaluate the program and provide updates to Congress.
- Requires the Secretary of War to develop a plan for the acquisition and integration of open-mission systems architecture into F-35 aircraft.
- Requires GAO to audit deficiencies in cargo aircraft mission-capable rates.
- Limits funding to accept delivery of more than 188 KC-46 aircraft until the Secretary of War 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.
- Establishes an Eastern and Western Regional Range in the United States to expand multi-domain operations and robotic autonomous systems training, testing, and experimentation.
- Establishes a pilot program to expand generative artificial intelligence and spatial computing for performance training and proficiency assessment.

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CAPABLE FIGHTING FORCE

The FY26 NDAA ensures American warfighters have the foundation needed to operate in today's evolving and complex global threat environment.

Maintains Capability

- Prohibits the retirement of certain F-15E, A-10, C-130, E-3, RQ-4, and Grey Eagle aircraft.
- Prohibits the closure of the E-7A Wedgetail production line.
- Increases the minimum number of air refueling aircraft in DoW's inventory.
- Expedites Virginia-class submarine construction by providing advance procurement authority for critical components.
- Provides multi-year procurement authority for UH-60 Blackhawk Aircraft.

Improves Force Protection And Counter-Drone Authorities

- Reauthorizes and strengthens DoW counter-drone authorities to protect more military bases and improve coordination with federal, state, and local authorities.
- Enhances the Department of Energy's ability to protect nuclear laboratories and facilities from unmanned aerial systems (UAS).
- Establishes the Joint Interagency Task Force (JIATF) 401 with the responsibility for leading, advocating, and coordinating all DoW efforts to counter drones as a weapon of strategic influence.
- Better detects, identifies, and tracks small UAS incursions at domestic military installations by establishing a pilot program in the Air Force to integrate commercial data feeds.

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Enables Energy Independence For Military Installations

- Codifies President Trump's Advanced Nuclear Energy EO by requiring DoW 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 Transition Working Group to coordinate the deployment of advanced nuclear technologies, such as portable nuclear reactors, on military installations.
- Adds nuclear fission and fusion technologies as eligible investments for the DoW Office of Strategic Capital.
- Requires the Department of the Navy to initiate a nuclear energy pilot program for the use of small modular reactors or mobile reactors.
- Provides for commercial use of legacy plutonium material while ensuring the federal government retains control over the material necessary to meet national defense requirements.

Restores Safety As A Culture

- Requires DoW rotary wing aircraft to automatically broadcast alerts to commercial aviation aircraft in the same vicinity to avoid air-to-air collisions in the National Capitol Region.
- Requires the Secretary of the Army to complete a proof-of-concept plan before the Army awards a contract for its Initial Entry Rotary Wing training program.
- Establishes blast safety officers to help prevent, mitigate, and treat blast-related injuries.
- Expands motorcycle safety training requirements.

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LETHAL FIGHTING FORCE

The FY26 NDAA ensures American warfighters have the capabilities they need to remain the most lethal military force in the world.

Shipbuilding

- Authorizes \$26 billion in shipbuilding funding for the construction and support of:
 - The third Columbia-class Ballistic Missile Submarine and advanced procurement for future submarines
 - 1 Virginia-class Submarine and advanced procurement for future submarines.
 - Advanced procurement for future DDG-51 Arleigh Burke-class Destroyers
 - Full funding for the Ford-class Aircraft Carrier program
 - 1 anti-submarine warfare auxiliary ship
 - 2 Ship to Shore Connector landing craft

Aircraft

- Authorizes over \$38 billion for the development, procurement, or modification of aircraft, including:
 - Full funding for the Air Force's F-47 and Navy's F/A-XX 6th Generation Aircraft programs
 - Full funding for the B-21 Raider strategic bomber
 - 4 E-2D Hawkeye tactical airborne early warning aircraft
 - 47 F-35 fighter aircraft
 - 24 UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters
 - 11 H-47 Chinook helicopters
 - 13 H-53K King Stallion helicopters
 - 14 T-7A trainer aircraft
 - Full funding for the Air Force's fully autonomous Collaborative Combat Aircraft and the Navy's MQ-25 unmanned carrier-launched aircraft



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Combat Vehicles

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

Munitions

- Authorizes over \$25 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
 - Artillery rounds

Emerging Technologies

- Authorizes \$145.7 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; artificial intelligence (AI); quantum computing; autonomous aircraft, vessels, and vehicles; directed energy systems; and new space-based capabilities.





STRATEGIC DETERRENCE, MISSILE DEFENSE, & NATIONAL DEFENSE SPACE CAPABILITIES

The FY26 NDAA supports President Trump's Golden Dome for America initiative to defend the nation against hypersonic, ballistic, and cruise missile attacks. It enhances America's nuclear deterrent and accelerates the delivery of space capabilities to deter rapidly expanding Chinese and Russian nuclear arsenals and space capabilities.

Builds The Golden Dome

- Updates U.S. national missile defense policy to reflect the goals of President Trump's Golden Dome initiative.
- Furthers Golden Dome's development by requiring DoW to submit a plan to achieve the President's goals outlined in Executive Order 14186.
- Authorizes additional funding for air and missile defense development and testing, including full funding for procurement of Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD), SM3-IIA, and Patriot missile defense systems.
- Authorizes the Missile Defense Agency to partner with the Department of Transportation to recapitalize aging missile instrumentation and range safety vessels.

Grows Space Capabilities

- Encourages the growth and development of Space Force Guardians to support the acquisition of highly technical and complicated space platforms that will be required by both the Space Force and the Joint Force to fight and win in space.
- Supports the continued development of the Tactical Surveillance, Reconnaissance, and Tracking program (TacSRT) to provide combatant commands with space products from commercial providers.
- Allows DoW to use a commercial-style payment model for commercial satellite communication services, giving flexibility to military users and making more efficient use of scarce funds.

STRATEGIC DETERRENCE, MISSILE DEFENSE, & NATIONAL DEFENSE SPACE CAPABILITIES

Strengthens Nuclear Deterrence

- Authorizes full funding for ongoing efforts to modernize the nuclear triad, as well as the scientific capabilities and nuclear command, control, and communications (NC3) architecture that support our nuclear deterrent.
- Authorizes additional funding to accelerate key modernization activities, including the development of the next-generation Sentinel intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) and the nuclear sea-launched cruise missile (SLCM-N).
- Modernizes the sea-based leg of the nuclear deterrence triad by procuring the 3rd Columbia-class Ballistic Missile Submarine and providing block buy authorities for up to five ships.
- Prohibits DoW from reducing the nation's ICBM fleet below 400 or reducing the responsiveness or alert status of the force.
- Strengthens the Air Force's focus on nuclear operations by codifying the roles and responsibilities of the Air Force Global Strike Command.
- Further improves the effectiveness of DoW's management of nuclear activities by continuing to streamline and consolidate bureaucracy.

Improves The Department Of Energy Nuclear Security Enterprise

- Establishes a new Rapid Capabilities Program within the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) to enhance the nuclear enterprise's ability to respond to growing nuclear threats from China and Russia.
- Codifies the two-site strategy for restoring U.S. capabilities to produce plutonium pits.
- Reallocates funding to support the continuation of ongoing NNSA construction projects.
- Enhances the Department of Energy's ability to protect nuclear laboratories and facilities from unmanned aerial systems.



INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY

Countering emerging threats requires equipping our warfighters with cutting-edge technologies. The FY26 NDAA is focused on rapidly deploying innovative, new technologies that our warfighters need to prevail on future battlefields.

Expedites Innovation To The Warfighter

- Accelerates DoW's Authority to Operate (ATO) process to enable rapid software and information technology adoption.
- Authorizes the Office of Strategic Capital to collect fees to help improve the speed of application reviews.
- Establishes an initiative for Special Operations Command to test and procure innovative technologies and equipment that enhance the operational capabilities to meet emerging requirements.
- Requires DoW to review the standards, guidance, and policies that inform the use of digital engineering across the military services to help accelerate program design, development, and testing.
- Expedites program design and development by establishing a digital test and evaluation environment.
- Integrates modern software practices at DoW by establishing a pilot program to leverage commercial software innovations for test and evaluation.
- Mandates a framework to assess, track, and manage technical debt across DoW systems.

Prioritizes Biotechnology Development

- Requires DoW to develop a biotechnology strategy to govern the national security implications of emerging biotechnologies
- Fosters the development, acquisition, and sustainment of biotechnology capabilities across DoW by establishing a Biotechnology Management Office.
- Ensures military requirements allow the integration of biobased products.
- Codifies biotechnology programs that expand DoW's biomanufacturing capacity and support biotechnology innovation across the military services

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Capitalizes On Commercial Capabilities

- Fast-tracks promising technologies by small businesses and fosters R&D and the commercialization of innovative technologies.
- Incentivizes contracting managers to look for commercial off-the-shelf solutions before entering into costly new contracts.
- Harmonizes cybersecurity requirements in defense contracts to reduce regulatory burdens on the defense industrial base.
- Improves cybersecurity and maintenance by demonstrating real-time monitoring capabilities on weapon systems.

Spurs Emerging Technologies

- Advances department-wide efforts to develop and deploy virtual environments to support artificial intelligence experimentation, training, familiarization, and development.
- Authorizes the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering to conduct developmental prototyping and provide direction to the services on research, development, testing, and evaluation (RDT&E).
- Requires the Secretary of War to explore additional hypersonic testing corridors in the continental United States to expand access to hypersonic tests.
- Establishes an alternative test and evaluation pathway for new warfighting capabilities.
- Requires a strategy from DoW on the readiness of cryptographic systems to adopt quantum-resistant cryptographic algorithms and practices to protect DoW information and networks.

Strengthens The Innovation Workforce And Research Partnerships

- Allows the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) to continue expanding its talent pool by extending the authority to temporarily assign employees from nontraditional defense contractors to the Agency.
- Expands the reach of the Defense Innovation Unit (DIU) by authorizing regional outreach centers to be established either domestically or internationally.
- Codifies a program that establishes partnerships between operational Army units and national research universities, including soldiers in the early-stage problem identification process.
- Fosters collaboration between academia, industry, and DoW by developing a strategy to establish incubator programs for secure facilities and networks at select universities across the United States.



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Accelerates Safe, Mission-Driven AI Adoption

- Bolsters DoW workforce cybersecurity skills by adding artificial intelligence-related content into mandatory training.
- Establishes artificial intelligence sandbox environments to accelerate experimentation, training, and development across DoW.
- Requires a proactive policy framework for evaluating, adopting, governing, and mitigating risks of advanced AI systems, including artificial general intelligence.
- Directs DoW to develop a policy protecting against threats unique to artificial intelligence and machine learning.

Fortifies The Nation's Cyber Defenses

- Prohibits individuals in covered nations from accessing sensitive DoW cloud computing systems.
- Establishes secure telecommunications for senior leaders and personnel conducting sensitive national security missions.
- Directs a comprehensive study on how to impose costs and reduce incentives for adversaries targeting defense-critical infrastructure in cyberspace.

Modernizes And Protects America's Cyber Warfighting

- Codifies U.S. Cyber Command's responsibilities within the Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution (PPBE) system.
- Restricts changes to the authorities of the Commander of U.S. Cyber Command unless specific conditions are met.
- Studies options for integrating reserve components into the Cyber Mission Force.



DETECTING CHINA

The FY26 NDAA builds and maintains the overmatch we need to deter China.

Counters The Threat From China

- Extends the Pacific Deterrence Initiative (PDI) to enhance U.S. posture in the Indo-Pacific region.
- Increases funding for innovative new technologies needed to deter the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), including hypersonics, AI, autonomous systems, cyber, mobile micronuclear reactors, and high energy lasers.

Removes China From Our Defense Supply Chains

- Prohibits the federal government from acquiring biotechnology equipment and services from companies owned or controlled by China and other adversaries.
- Prohibits the acquisition of critical minerals, including molybdenum, gallium, and germanium from China and other adversaries.
- Incentivizes contractors to use supply chain illumination tools to actively monitor their supply chains and promptly disclose findings of items that do not comply with sourcing restrictions.
- Requires DoW to establish and maintain a publicly available online repository to ease industry compliance with supply chain sourcing requirements.
- Prohibits DoW from providing loan or grant funds to entities that do business with companies owned or controlled by China.
- Prohibits DoW from directly or indirectly acquiring computers or printers manufactured by Chinese entities.
- Prohibits DoW from procuring additive manufacturing machines produced by Chinese entities.
- Requires DoW to implement strategies to eliminate DoW's reliance on China for computer displays and optical glass and optical systems, such as night vision goggles.
- Supports ongoing efforts by DoW to mitigate dependencies on China for rare earth magnets.

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- Closes loopholes in current law to ensure DoW does not procure goods and services from Chinese-owned or controlled entities operating in third-party countries.
- Prohibits the acquisition of solar panels from companies owned or controlled by China and other adversaries.
- Directs DoW to develop a strategy and implementation plan to mitigate the risks of DoW contractors' use of certain light detection and ranging (LIDAR) technology.
- Prohibits DoW from allowing Chinese-owned or controlled entities to operate concessions or other businesses on military installations.

Ensures Mission Success In The Indo-Pacific

- Authorizes over \$2.7 billion in essential military construction projects and expands logistics capabilities in the Indo-Pacific to ensure our forces can sustain the fight.
- Requires DoW to develop additive manufacturing facilities closer to the point of use to support Indo-Pacific deployments.

Bolsters Taiwan's Defense

- Fully funds the Taiwan Security Cooperation Initiative at \$1 billion.
- Authorizes funding for U.S. forces to continue training Taiwan and other partner nations in resisting China's aggression and malign influence.
- Requires the Pentagon to seek to establish a joint program with Taiwan to field uncrewed systems and counter-uncrewed systems.

Supports Indo-Pacific Allies And Partners

- Fully funds President Trump's budget request for military exercises with our allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific to counter China's growing reach.
- Strengthens the U.S. security relationship with the Philippines by authorizing \$1.5 billion in new security assistance.
- Requires DoW to implement a strategy to expand basing agreements, intelligence sharing, command and control coordination, and multilateral military exercises with Australia, Japan, and the Philippines.



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Counters China's Malign Influence

- Fully funds military information operations assistance to Indo-Pacific allies to counter Chinese influence operations.
- Requires an assessment of Chinese intelligence collection activities in Cuba and their impact on U.S. national security.
- Requires interagency working groups to evaluate and make recommendations to deter the most dangerous aspects of cooperation among China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea



DEFENDING ISRAEL

The FY26 NDAA provides unprecedented levels of support for the security of Israel.

Strengthens Joint Military Programs

- Fully funds the U.S. commitment to defend Israel through joint U.S.-Israel cooperative missile defense programs, including Iron Dome, Arrow, and David's Sling.
- Declares that supporting further defense cooperation with Israel is the policy of the United States.
- Directs the establishment of a U.S.-Israel Defense Industrial Base Working Group to study opportunities for greater collaboration on defense production and potential integration of Israel into the U.S. National Technology and Industrial Base (NTIB).
- Establishes and authorizes \$35 million for a new emerging technology cooperative program with certain partners, including Israel, to jump-start development and testing of cutting-edge technologies, including AI, quantum, cybersecurity, robotics, and automation.
- Adds \$80 million in authorized funding for DoW to continue the U.S.-Israel Anti-Tunnel Cooperation Program.
- Adds \$70 million in authorized funding to expand cooperation with Israel on countering unmanned systems of all variants, including emerging threats from aerial one-way attack drones and ground and maritime attack systems.
- Encourages DoW to expand joint training exercises with Israel to strengthen our shared readiness to face regional threats and reinforce deterrence.

Combats Antisemitism

- Requires a continuous assessment of the impact of international arms embargoes on Israel and an evaluation of opportunities to reinforce Israel's defense production needs.
- Directs DoW to avoid participating in international defense exhibitions and forums that prohibit participation by Israel as part of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement.





COUNTERING OTHER ADVERSARIES

The FY26 NDAA remains focused on countering threats to our national security from state sponsors of terror, foreign terrorist organizations, and other adversaries.

Russia

- Authorizes DoW to collect funds from NATO allies to offset the cost of U.S. force posture in Eastern Europe, consistent with President Trump's efforts to make our allies pay more for their defense.
- Directs the Secretary of War to take into account a NATO ally's progress toward meeting the alliance's commitment to defense spending at 5% of GDP when making decisions related to military basing and training.
- Formally establishes and authorizes \$175 million for the Baltic Security Initiative to strengthen the defensive capability and interoperability of the Baltic States.
- Extends and expands DoW's annual assessment of Russia's military and strategic objectives.
- Requires the EUCOM Commander to conduct an annual assessment of how the U.S. and NATO are maintaining a comparative military advantage against Russia.
- Requires the Pentagon to assess the impact on U.S. security prior to reducing U.S. force structure in Europe below 76,000.
- Authorizes \$400 million for the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative and enhances a regular reporting requirement on allied contributions to Ukraine to ensure the effective implementation of President Trump's Prioritized Ukraine Requirements List (PURL) initiative, which ensures continued support for Ukraine is funded primarily by our European allies.

Iran, Iranian Proxies, And Other Foreign Terrorist Organizations

- Extends DoW's authority to build the capacity of Iraqi and Syrian partner forces in the fight against ISIS.
- Restricts defense funding to Iraq until the Government of Iraq has taken credible and verifiable steps to reduce the malign influence of Iran in its security and political institutions.
- Protects funding for critical counterterrorism allies in the Iraqi Kurdistan Region.

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- Extends the annual report on the military power of Iran and requires DoW to maintain a greater focus on Iran's use of terrorist proxies, as well as advancements in nuclear weapons technology, and its ability to produce, sustain, and employ novel weapons delivery methods such as one-way attack drones.
- Provides vital accountability for U.S. servicemembers wounded and killed in action by requiring the declassification of records related to the Iran-backed terrorist attack on Tower 22 in January 2024.
- Extends DoW's authority to provide assistance to countries that partner with the U.S. to combat terrorism across the Middle East.
- Requires DoW to study opportunities to expand regional security partnerships through the Comprehensive Security Integration and Prosperity Agreement (CSIPA) signed with the Government of Bahrain.
- Requires DoW to establish a strategy for increased security partnerships with the Governments of Jordan and Lebanon.
- Prohibits DoW funds from assisting the Badr Organization, an Iranian terrorist proxy in Iraq, and its affiliates.
- Authorizes additional counter-terrorism support for regional partners in the Middle East to combat the transnational threats posed by Hezbollah, Hamas, and ISIS, including those to Israel.
- Extends the prohibition on closing the military prison that houses hardened terrorists at Guantanamo Bay.
- Extends the prohibition on the release of any terrorists housed at Guantanamo Bay to Afghanistan or any country that is a state sponsor of terrorism.

North Korea

- Fully funds U.S. Forces Korea and military construction projects in South Korea.
- Reaffirms U.S. support for the defense of South Korea.
- Fully funds military exercises with the South Korean Armed Forces.
- Requires the Pentagon to certify that certain conditions are met and to assess impacts on security prior to reducing U.S. force structure in South Korea below 28,500 or executing the transition of wartime operational control from the United States to South Korea.

