

FY26 ★

NATIONAL

DEFENSE

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**PEACE THROUGH
STRENGTH**



IMPLEMENTING PRESIDENT TRUMP'S PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH AGENDA.



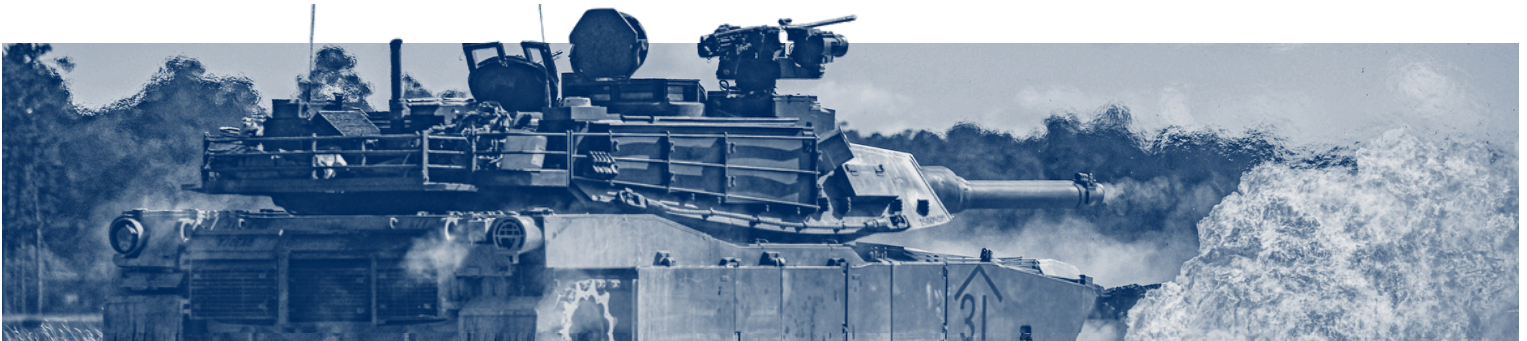
The FY26 NDAA carries out the President's Peace Through Strength Agenda and fulfills his commitment to build a ready, capable, and lethal fighting force to deter our adversaries.

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

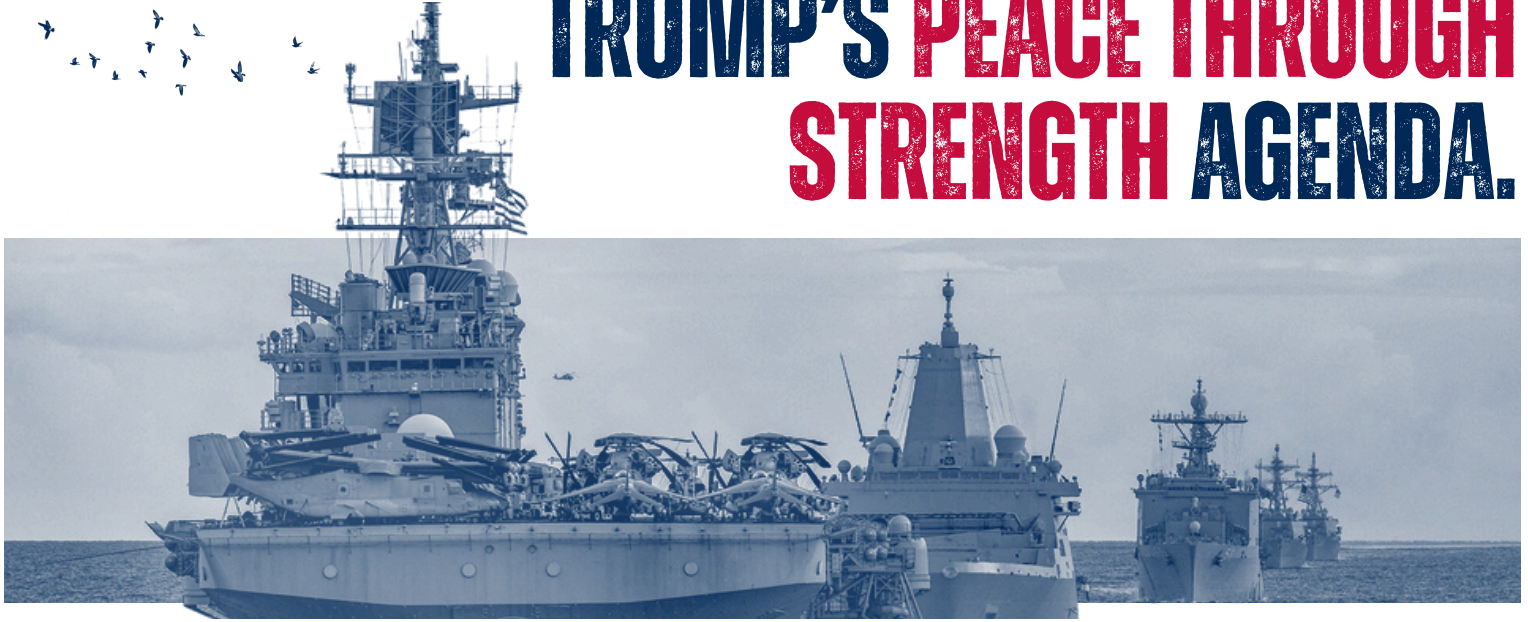
- ★ Restoring America's Fighting Force (EO 14185)
- ★ Ending Radical and Wasteful Government Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Programs and Preferencing (EO 14151)
- ★ Declaring a National Emergency at the Southern Border (Proclamation 10886)
- ★ Securing Our Borders (EO 14165)
- ★ Clarifying the Military's Role in Protecting the Territorial Integrity of the United States (EO 14167)
- ★ Modernizing Defense Acquisitions and Spurring Innovation in the Defense Industrial Base (EO 14265)
- ★ 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 over 30 legislative provisions requested by the Trump Administration, including:

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



IMPLEMENTING PRESIDENT TRUMP'S PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH AGENDA.



THE FY26 NDAA...

- ★ **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 DoD to support DHS border security efforts.
- ★ **Fundamentally reforms the DoD acquisition process, codifying 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.
- ★ **Authorizes full funding for 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.
- ★ **Provides over \$20 billion in savings**, including **\$15 billion from DOGE-initiated reforms** assumed in President Trump's budget request.
- ★ Changes laws governing the hiring and firing of DoD 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 President Trump uses to eliminate terrorists** that threaten Americans.
- ★ **Codifies President Trump's EO** to promote **energy independence** and utilize **new nuclear power technologies**.

ACQUISITION REFORM



To deter national security threats, our armed services 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.

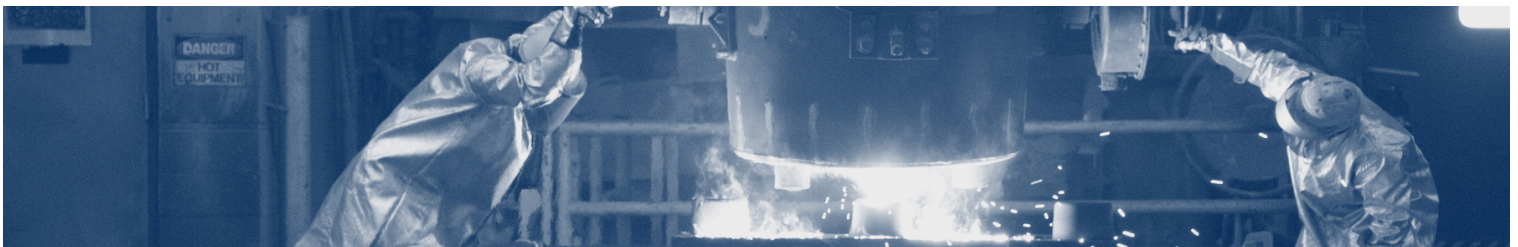
The FY26 NDAA includes the Streamlining Procurement for Effective Execution and Delivery (SPEED) Act, which fundamentally reforms defense acquisition. It centers defense acquisition on one primary objective: quickly equipping warfighters with needed capabilities in the most cost-effective manner practicable.

Ensures the Acquisition System Delivers for the Warfighter at Speed and Scale:

- ★ Shifts the focus of the defense acquisition system from compliance to quickly and cost-effectively fielding new capabilities to ensure that America's armed forces are the most lethal and effective fighting force in the world.
- ★ Creates a new, accelerated requirements process designed to solve capability gaps, reducing decision timelines from nearly three years to as few as 90 days.
- ★ Empowers program executive officers (PEOs) so they can be held accountable for a program's success by designating them as the senior officials responsible for the oversight of the plans, budgets, and execution of the assigned programs and aligning key support functions under them.
- ★ Directs DoD to develop a transition plan to realign PEOs around Major Capability Activity Areas, as recommended by the Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution Commission, and to designate two PEOs as pathfinders with enhanced budget flexibility to pilot the transition.
- ★ Prevents costly readiness issues and long-term maintenance shortfalls by strengthening the Product Support Manager's (PSMs) role and ensuring they have an authoritative voice in life-cycle sustainment decisions early in the acquisition process.

Cuts Red Tape:

- ★ Directs DoD to remove barriers to adopting commercial innovation.
- ★ Right-sizes numerous dollar thresholds to exempt smaller programs from excessive regulatory burdens without sacrificing transparency on critical contracts.
- ★ Eliminates duplicative and burdensome cost reporting requirements by removing Cost Accounting Standards (CAS) requirements that overlap with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).
- ★ Modernizes contracting by clarifying that consumption- and subscription-based services should not be considered as advance payments that require collateral.





ACQUISITION REFORM


Revitalizes the Defense Industrial Base:

- ★ Establishes the Defense Industrial Resilience Consortium and brings industry to the table to address parts obsolescence, supply chain fragility, diminishing manufacturing, and the urgent need to restore U.S. surge capacity.
- ★ Requires the Secretary of Defense to enter into multi-year procurement contracts for high-demand systems to deliver greater efficiency, cost savings, and industrial base stability.
- ★ Requires DoD to streamline the qualification and approval of parts made with alternative manufacturing methods.
- ★ Improves supply chain transparency and incentivizes contractors to assess and monitor their supply chains' strength against infiltration from China and other adversaries by creating a public online repository for offerors to self-attest compliance with sourcing restrictions.
- ★ Directs DoD to identify and eliminate regulatory barriers that discourage contractors from maintaining or expanding surge capacity.
- ★ Requires DoD to scale the Defense Innovation Unit's (DIU) Blue List and Framework to enable more rapid procurement of U.S.-manufactured drones across the Joint Force.
- ★ Requires an assessment of the domestic maritime capability to support national security sealift and shipbuilding requirements.

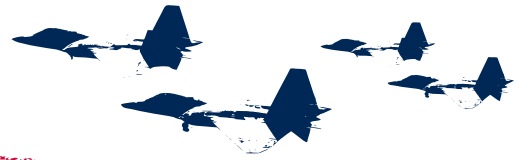
Leverages Commercial Innovation:

- ★ Bridges the Valley of Death by establishing the Bridging Operational Objectives & Support for Transition (BOOST) Program within the DIU to align promising technologies with operational needs.
- ★ Drives faster integration of new technologies by clarifying and streamlining Modular Open System Approach (MOSA) requirements in defense system design and development.
- ★ Removes the obstacles to use of Other Transaction Authorities (OTAs) for prototyping to accelerate the delivery of innovative, cost-effective solutions to the warfighter.
- ★ Authorizes capability-based pricing that values mission impact over cost, encouraging more commercial companies to compete for and work with DoD.
- ★ Establishes preference for data-as-a-service solutions to provide DoD access to proprietary data that may be needed in the maintenance and repair of weapon systems while preserving the intellectual capital of American industry.

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 DoD'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 within the Defense Industrial Resilience Consortium to address advanced manufacturing workforce shortages and recommend ways to increase employment of individuals with disabilities in this sector.
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RESTORING LETHALITY & THE WARRIOR ETHOS



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

Requires Merit-Based Promotions:

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

Ends Affirmative Action at Service Academies:

- ★ Requires all selections for candidate admission to West Point, the Naval Academy, and the Air Force Academy be based on candidate merit. Service academies may no longer consider race or ethnicity in admissions decisions.

Bans Critical Race Theory (CRT):

- ★ Prohibits funding for the teaching, training, or promotion of CRT in the military, including at service academies and DoD schools.

Ends Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs at DoD:

- ★ Prohibits funds for any DEI activities at DoD.
- ★ Repeals all existing DoD DEI offices, programs, training, activities, and authorities.

Stops Far-Left Indoctrination and Antisemitism:

- ★ Prohibits DoD funding for colleges and universities that have not acted to prevent or mitigate antisemitic demonstrations on their campuses.
- ★ Prohibits DoD from contracting with advertising firms like NewsGuard that blacklist conservative news sources.

Prevents a Military Green New Deal:

- ★ Does not authorize any climate change programs.
- ★ Executes on President Trump's budget request cutting over \$1 billion in climate change-related programs at the DoD.



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 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.
- ★ Requires DoD to brief Congress on its border security activities.
- ★ Authorizes DoD to provide additional support to Customs and Border Protection (CBP) through the use of private contractors.
- ★ Authorizes President Trump's budget request of over \$900 million to fight drug trafficking, including –
 - o \$398 million for DoD support of Counter Narcotics operations.
 - o \$116 million for National Guard Counter Drug programs.



BUDGET SAVINGS & REFORMS



The FY26 NDAA authorizes \$892.6 billion for national defense discretionary programs, matching President Trump’s budget request.

Account	FY26NDAA
Procurement	\$153 billion
Research, Development, Test, & Evaluation	\$142 billion
Operation & Maintenance	\$295 billion
Military Personnel & Health	\$235 billion
Military Construction & Family Housing	\$19 billion
Defense Nuclear Programs	\$34 billion
Total Defense Discretionary	\$892.6 billion

Cost Savings:

The FY25 NDAA saves taxpayers over \$20 billion, including \$15 billion in DOGE-initiated savings assumed in President Trump’s budget request. Savings include:

- ★ \$40.5 million from elimination of DEI activities
- ★ \$1.6 billion in cuts to climate change-related spending
- ★ \$1.2 billion from retiring obsolete weapons systems
- ★ \$6.8 billion from reductions in unnecessary Pentagon bureaucracy
- ★ \$5.5 billion in cuts to consulting and service contracts
- ★ \$5 billion in cuts to inefficient defense programs





BUDGET REFORMS & SAVINGS

DoD Civilian Workforce Reforms:

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

- ★ Authorizes DoD to fire, demote, reprimand, suspend, and reassign career Senior Executive Service employees for poor performance.
- ★ Reforms the hiring process to allow DoD to keep a pool of qualified candidates for at least a year without having to repost a job opening, and to use skills-based assessments to determine if candidates are qualified for open positions.
- ★ Authorizes DoD to disregard time-in-grade requirements so promotions can be based on demonstrated skill and performance.

Reduces Costs of Military Construction:

Military Construction costs 35% more than equivalent commercial construction. The FY26 NDAA includes important reforms to increase efficiencies and reduce costs to the taxpayer.

- ★ Grants military departments multiyear contracting authority to accelerate construction and reduce costs for construction projects.
- ★ Authorizes the use of the progressive design-build contracting method 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 DoD to avoid costly and time-consuming federal contracting regulatory burdens.
- ★ Eliminates mandates to use the Army Corps of Engineers and the Naval Facilities Engineering Command as DoD construction agents.
- ★ Requires an annual report detailing any remaining factors contributing to the cost premium associated with construction of military facilities and recommendations to reduce costs.

Congressional Oversight of DoD Spending and Audit:

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

- ★ Limits funds available for senior leader travel until DoD makes progress toward fully passing an audit.
- ★ Improves Congressional oversight of DoD audit results.
- ★ Fully funds DoD Inspector General audit activities.
- ★ Requires DoD 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



Boosts Compensation:

- ★ Supports the Trump Administration's 3.8% pay raise for all servicemembers.
- ★ Reauthorizes and expands military bonuses and special pay.
- ★ Increases Family Separation Allowance for deployed servicemembers.
- ★ Removes the Basic Allowance for Housing from the calculation of household income to determine eligibility for the Basic Needs Allowance, expanding eligibility for the allowance.
- ★ Expands bereavement and convalescent leave.

Reforms Military Food Programs:

- ★ Authorizes \$137 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 subsistence allowance is being used to provide food to our servicemembers.

Improves Servicemember Housing:

- ★ Authorizes over \$1.4 billion for new construction of barracks and family housing.
- ★ Mandates that DoD 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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Improves Access to Healthcare:

- ★ Prevents DoD from reducing the number of uniformed healthcare billets to prevent staffing shortages at Military Treatment Facilities.
- ★ Authorizes over \$577 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 50.
- ★ Provides access to dental care under TRICARE for members of the reserves.
- ★ Ensures National Guard and reserve servicemembers with medical licenses can continue to treat servicemembers when called to active duty.
- ★ Improves annual physicals to ensure a more comprehensive health screening process for servicemembers.
- ★ Authorizes servicewomen and dependents to switch their TRICARE health plans during pregnancy.
- ★ Increases servicewomen's access to obstetrical and gynecological care.
- ★ Expands military medical cooperation, licensure, and interoperability between the U.S. and its closest allies.
- ★ Improves partnerships between military and civilian healthcare providers to support the National Disaster Medical System.
- ★ 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 DoD's plan to improve mental health services.
 - Directing DoD 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 longitudinal 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.



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Increases Access to Childcare:

- ★ Authorizes over \$361 million for the construction of new childcare centers.
- ★ Extends the Child Care in Your Home pilot program, which helps offset the cost of in-home full-time childcare.
- ★ Requires an annual review of childcare financial assistance to ensure it maintains pace with growing childcare costs.
- ★ Requires childcare providers to immediately notify parents of any suspected neglect or abuse of a child in their care.

Improves DoD Schools:

- ★ Authorizes over \$147 million to build new schools for children of servicemembers.
- ★ Allows National Guard and Reservists called to active duty to enroll their children in DoD schools.
- ★ Authorizes \$35 million in Impact Aid assistance to public schools with military dependent students and an additional \$10 million in assistance to local schools teaching children with severe disabilities.

Enhances the Career Transition Assistance Program (TAP):

- ★ Requires DoD to ensure the training and certification servicemembers receive for occupations specialties in the military are transferrable to equivalent civilian occupations so separated servicemembers do not need additional training.
- ★ Permits Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) to participate in TAP in order to present information on the various tools and resources offered by VSOs and how those offerings may assist servicemembers.
- ★ Establishes a pilot program to allow servicemembers in the TAP to compile a Personal Health Record prior to separation.
- ★ Requires DoD to identify new apprenticeship opportunities for departing servicemembers under the Skillbridge program.

Improves Military Recruitment:

- ★ Extends military recruitment bonuses.
- ★ Ensures recruits diagnosed with certain medical conditions as children, like ADHD, can join the military if the recruit no longer suffers from such conditions.
- ★ 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.

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.

READY, CAPABLE, LETHAL FIGHTING FORCES



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-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-drone systems.
- ★ Establishes the Joint Counter Unmanned Aircraft Systems Office (UAS) 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.

READY, CAPABLE, **LETHAL** FIGHTING FORCES

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

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

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; 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; enhances America's nuclear deterrent; and accelerates delivery of space capabilities to deter the 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.
- ★ Supports the Golden Dome's development by requiring DoD to submit a plan within one year 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.

Grows Space Capabilities:

- ★ Supports 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.
- ★ Establishes the tactical surveillance, reconnaissance, and tracking program (TacSRT) as a program of record to provide space products from commercial providers to combatant commands.
- ★ Allows DoD 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).
- ★ Prohibits DoD from reducing the nation's ICBM fleet below 400 or reducing the responsiveness or alert status of the force.
- ★ Procures the 3rd Columbia Class Ballistic Missile Submarine to modernize the sea-launched leg of the nuclear deterrence triad.

America's armed forces are sustaining submarines, missiles, and bombers longer than ever before, while the NNSA continues to operate in facilities that date back to the time of the Manhattan Project. Sustaining the nuclear triad is critical, but as China and other adversaries rapidly expand their own nuclear capabilities, modernization is necessary to meet the growing threat.

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.



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:

- ★ Further improves DoD's Authority to Operate (ATO) process for software and information technology - a key enabler of more rapid and iterative development practices - by expediting the ATO decision process.
- ★ Authorizes the Office of Strategic Capital to collect fees to help improve the speed of application reviews.
- ★ Establishes a pilot program for Special Operations Command to test and procure innovative technologies and equipment that enhance operational capabilities to meet emerging requirements.
- ★ Requires DoD 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.
- ★ Establishes a digital test and evaluation environment to help expedite program design and development.
- ★ Integrates modern software practices at DoD by establishing a pilot program to leverage commercial software innovations for test and evaluation.

Prioritizes Biotechnology Development:

- ★ Encourages increased inter-service and inter-department research to capitalize on the advantages of new biotechnologies.
- ★ Requires a feasibility assessment of applying military-relevant biotechnology into wargaming exercises.
- ★ Requires DoD to develop requirements for the effective and responsible use of biological data.
- ★ Ensures military requirements allow the integration of biobased products.





INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY

Capitalizes on Commercial Capabilities:

- ★ Fast tracks promising technologies by small businesses and fosters R&D and commercialization of innovative technologies.
- ★ Includes provisions to improve information sharing between DoD and small businesses on contract opportunities relating to DoD critical technology areas.
- ★ Incentivizes contracting managers to look for commercial off-the-shelf solutions before entering into costly new contracts.
- ★ Allows the Direct to Phase II authority to be extended to the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program, enabling the fast-tracking of promising technologies.
- ★ Allows for the Department to award additional sequential Phase II STTR awards to allow promising technologies a limited amount of additional time to mature.

Accelerates Emerging Technologies:

- ★ Bolsters DoD cybersecurity skills by adding artificial intelligence-related content into mandatory annual training.
- ★ Leverages cutting-edge technologies by creating new lines of effort using generative artificial intelligence.
- ★ Authorizes the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering to conduct developmental prototyping and to provide direction to the services on Research, Development, Testing, and Evaluation (RDT&E) matters.

Strengthens the Innovation Workforce and Research Partnerships:

- ★ Allows the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency 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.





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

Counters the Threat from China:

- ★ Extends the Pacific Deterrence Initiative 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, artificial intelligence (AI), autonomous systems, cyber, mobile micronuclear reactors, and high-energy lasers.

Protects Defense Supply Chains & Prevents Chinese Espionage:

- ★ Requires DoD to publish standards for supply chain illumination tools and further incentivizes contractors to use advanced technologies to actively monitor their supply chains' strength against infiltration from China and other adversaries.
- ★ Advances the use of tamper-proof traceability technologies in DoD supply chains to track raw materials from extraction to ensure provenance and combat illicit trade.
- ★ Requires a strategy to eliminate DoD's reliance on China for optical glass and optical systems such as night vision goggles by 2030.
- ★ Supports ongoing efforts by DoD to mitigate dependencies on China for rare earth magnets.
- ★ Closes loopholes in current law to ensure DoD does not procure goods and services from Chinese-owned or controlled entities operating in third-party countries.
- ★ Prohibits the acquisition of solar panels, computers, printers, and light detection and ranging (LIDAR) technology from Chinese-owned and controlled entities.
- ★ Prohibits DoD 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 \$1.5 billion in essential military construction projects and expands logistics capabilities in the Indo-Pacific to ensure our forces can sustain the fight.
- ★ Enhances the ability of the INDOPACOM Commander to build minor MILCON projects.
- ★ Directs the Air Force to prepare a data link plan that enhances warfighting readiness across the Air Mobility Command and addresses challenges in an Indo-Pacific conflict.
- ★ Requires DoD 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 DoD to provide Congress with recommendations to help Taiwan counter grey zone coercion by China.

China is deploying advanced hypersonic weapons and long-range cruise missiles capable of hitting the homeland, so it's never been more important to invest in modern systems that will deter and defeat threats to our nation.

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.
- ★ Requires DoD to implement a strategy to expand basing agreements, intelligence sharing, command and control coordination, and multilateral military exercises with Australia, Japan, and the Philippines.
- ★ Requires DoD to assess the expansion of pilot training programs with Pacific allies.

Counters China's Malign Influence:

- ★ Fully funds military information operations assistance to Indo-Pacific allies to counter Chinese influence operations.
- ★ Requires DoD to assess Chinese strategic objectives in Africa and pursuit of additional military bases that threaten U.S. operations in the Atlantic.

DEFENDING ISRAEL



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

Supports 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.
- ★ 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 \$50 million in authorized funding for DoD to continue the U.S.-Israel Anti-Tunnel Cooperation Program.
- ★ Adds \$70 million in authorized funding to expand cooperation with Israel on countering unmanned aerial systems.



Maintains Deterrence:

- ★ Extends the War Reserve Stockpile Authority-Israel to 2029, enhancing deterrence by providing stockpiles of critical equipment and munitions for use by CENTCOM and regional allies.
- ★ Authorizes additional counter-terrorism support to regional partners in the Middle East to combat the transnational threats posed by Hezbollah, Hamas, and ISIS including those to Israel.
- ★ Requires DoD to brief Congress on efforts it's taking to improve coordination between the U.S and Israeli defense industrial base.

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 DoD 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 get our allies to pay more for their defense.
- ★ Maintains funding for the Baltic Security Initiative to strengthen the defensive capability and interoperability of the Baltic States.
- ★ Requires the EUCOM Commander to conduct an annual assessment of the threat posed by Russia and how the U.S. and NATO are maintaining a comparative military advantage against Russia.
- ★ Extends and expands DoD's annual assessment of Russia's military and strategic objectives.
- ★ Requires DoD to report on Russian malign activities in Africa.

Foreign Terrorist Organizations:

- ★ Extends DoD's authority to support partner forces in the fight against ISIS.
- ★ Extends DoD's authority to offer certain assistance to countries that assist the U.S. in the counter terrorism mission in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria.
- ★ Prohibits DoD funds from assisting the Badr Organization, an Iranian terrorist proxy in Iraq.
- ★ Requires an assessment of Hizballah's operations in Central and South America.
- ★ 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.



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