

Chairman John Culberson
Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations
Department of Defense FY 2013 Budget Overview
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Opening Statement

Good morning. I want to welcome you all to this overview hearing on the Department of Defense fiscal year 2013 budget request for military construction, family housing, BRAC, and other programs.

We have many questions to address concerning the budget request and the strategic force laydown. Before I introduce our witnesses, I would like to turn to the ranking member, Mr. Bishop, for any opening remarks he would like to make.

I would now introduce our witnesses, five well known gentlemen:

- The Honorable Robert Hale, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) and Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Defense;
- General Raymond T. Odierno, Chief of Staff of the US Army
- Admiral Jonathan Greenert, Chief of Naval Operations
- General James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps
- General Norton A. Schwartz, Chief of Staff of the US Air Force

Thank you for taking the time to be here. Without objection, your written statements will be entered into the record. Due to number of witnesses please summarize your statement in about five minutes.

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