



APPROPRIATIONS

CHAIRMAN TOM COLE *Tom Cole*

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026

The Defense Appropriations Act provides a total discretionary allocation of \$839.2 billion, and invests in America's military superiority, shapes a more efficient and effective Department of Defense, protects from threats at America's border, and takes care of our troops and their families.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Champions America's military superiority by:**
 - Enhancing investments in 5th and 6th generation aircraft including the F-35, F-47, and F/A-XX.
 - Supporting the modernization of the nuclear triad: the B-21 Raider, the Columbia Class Submarine, and Sentinel.
 - Boosting production of munitions critical to winning conflicts with pacing adversaries like China.
 - Allocating approximately \$13.4 billion for missile defense and space programs to augment and integrate in support of the Golden Dome effort.
 - Maximizing American production through funding the establishment of a Civil Reserve Manufacturing Network.
 - Accelerating hypersonic flight tests by providing \$4.5 billion for hypersonic test infrastructure, testing, and weapons systems.
 - Scaling capacity of critical suppliers by allowing the Office of Strategic Capital to access over \$4.3 billion in loans and loan guarantees.
 - Enabling increased competition through elevated Defense Innovation Unit and Accelerate the Procurement and Fielding of Innovative Technologies investments.
 - Providing \$13.3 billion for Special Operations Forces operations, equipment, and capabilities development.
- **Cares for our troops and their families by:**
 - Providing a 3.8% pay raise for all servicemembers.
 - Supporting the Administration's efforts to reduce Permanent Change of Station (PCS) moves to improve quality and stability of life for our troops.
 - Continuing historic enacted Fiscal Year 2025 pay increases for junior enlisted servicemembers.
- **Shapes a more efficient and effective Department of Defense by:**
 - Cutting over \$1.2 billion to reflect savings attributable to efficiencies, streamlining of functions, and management improvements in the Department of Defense.
 - Cutting \$550 million to reflect savings due to favorable bulk fuel rates.
 - Advancing innovation efforts, increasing competition, and driving down costs.
 - Providing a 1% civilian employee pay increase, as directed under President Trump's Fiscal Year 2026 alternative pay plan.



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- **Combats international actors who facilitate drug manufacturing and trafficking into the country by:**
 - Providing \$1.1 billion for counter-drug programs.
 - Increasing funding for the National Guard Counter-Drug Program.
 - Including report language to maintain the current United States Southern Command headquarters to signal sustained United States commitment to the Western Hemisphere.
- **Supports the Trump Administration and mandate of the American people by:**
 - Ensuring no funding for diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs, Critical Race Theory, or abortion-related travel, consistent with Department of Defense policy.
 - Prohibiting the use of funds to destroy surplus firearms or spent brass that are no longer of use to the United States military.
 - Prohibiting funds to support the Wuhan Institute of Virology or EcoHealth Alliance.
 - Continuing legacy provisions to prevent the closure or transfer of detainees from Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

DETAILED FUNDING SUMMARY

Military Personnel

Provides \$193.3 billion for active, reserve, and National Guard military personnel, which is \$10.8 billion above the Fiscal Year 2025 enacted level.

- Provides for a total end strength of 1,302,800 active forces and 764,900 selected reserve forces.
- Delivers a 3.8% pay raise for all military personnel effective January 1, 2026 – in line with President Trump’s agenda.
- Supports the Trump Administration’s efforts to reduce PCS moves to improve quality and stability of life for servicemembers.

Operation and Maintenance

Provides \$294.4 billion for operation and maintenance support to the military services and other Department of Defense entities.

- **Military Readiness**
 - Supports day-to-day military readiness by robustly funding training, exercises, maritime activities, flying hours, equipment sustainment, and base operations across the Department of Defense.



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- \$7.1 billion to sustain ship operations to continuously deploy combat-ready warships, including an additional \$1.9 billion above the President's budget request.
- \$20.7 billion to Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, and National Guard depot maintenance efforts to ensure servicemembers are equipped and prepared.
- \$18.8 billion for facility sustainment, restoration, and modernization to sustain targeted increases for installation maintenance, shipyard repairs, and other facility enhancements, including an additional \$130 million to support Marine Corps Barracks 2030.
- \$55 million for U-2 programmed depot maintenance to fully restore three aircraft, and prevents the divestment of more than eight U-2 aircraft.
- Delivers increases for the State Partnership Program to support individual state National Guard military-to-military engagements with partner nations around the world; bolsters Exercise Northern Strike, a National Guard Bureau exercise designed to build readiness; and supports Army National Guard and Air National Guard operational and personnel investments.
- \$79 million for the Civil Air Patrol operations and procurement to back emergency service missions, along with education and cadet programs, in support of the United States Air Force.
- Support Programs
 - \$60 million for Apex Accelerators to provide technical assistance to businesses interested in working with the Department of Defense.
 - \$53 million for Starbase to support students participating in challenging science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) exercises in support of the Department of Defense.
 - \$197.6 million for National Guard Youth Challenge to get teenagers on track toward graduating high school – an investment increase of \$87.4 million.
 - \$4.3 million for United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps to develop American youth in seagoing skills.
 - \$50 million for Impact Aid and \$20 million for Impact Aid for children with disabilities to assist local school districts that have lost property tax revenue due to the presence of tax-exempt federal property, such as military installations.
 - \$25 million for the Red Cross and \$24 million for the United Service Organizations to support servicemembers and their families.
 - \$5 million to support construction of additional Fisher Houses to meet the needs of military family members when confronted with illnesses or hospitalization.
- Military Cooperation
 - \$342.5 million for the Counter-ISIS Train and Equip Fund.



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- \$100.8 million for Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Aid for foreign disaster relief, humanitarian assistance, and the humanitarian mine action program.
- Includes report language directing the Secretary of Defense to maintain the current United States Southern Command headquarters to signal sustained United States commitment to the Western Hemisphere.

Procurement

Provides \$167.5 billion for procurement to the military services and other Department of Defense entities.

- Aircraft
 - \$7.6 billion for 47 F-35 fighters, and an additional \$440 million for F-35 and F135 spare parts.
 - \$1.9 billion for B-21 Raider.
 - \$1.9 billion for up to 14 CH-53K heavy transport helicopters.
 - \$1.1 billion for three E-2D Advanced Hawkeye aircraft.
 - \$976 million for six C-130Js for the Air National Guard.
 - \$500 million for four KC-130Js for the Navy Reserve.
 - \$387.7 million for three MQ-25 Stingray unmanned carrier-based aircraft.
 - \$913 million for UH/HH-60M Army Blackhawk helicopters, and an additional \$65 million for advanced procurement.
 - \$629 million for CH-47F Block II Chinook helicopters, and an additional \$61 million for advanced procurement.
 - \$474 million for two Compass Call aircraft.
 - \$240 million for MQ-1C Gray Eagle 25M aircraft for the Army National Guard.
 - \$362 million for AH-64 Apache Block IIIA remanufacture.
- Shipbuilding
 - \$27.2 billion for 17 ships, including seven battle force ships, to include one Columbia-class ballistic missile submarine, two Virginia-class fast attack submarines, three Medium Landing Ships, and one TAGOS SURTASS ship for anti-submarine warfare.
 - \$1.5 billion for the Maritime Industrial Base to invest in critical areas including supplier capacity and capability, strategic outsourcing, workforce training, and technology and infrastructure.
 - \$800 million for three Medium Landing Ships to expedite fielding and delivery of capability to the Marine Corps.
 - \$242 million for long lead items for FF(X) Frigate program in support of the Navy's objective of quickly delivering a small surface combatant to the Fleet.
 - \$320 million for two Ship-to-Shore Connectors.



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- Vehicles and Force Protection
 - \$780 million for 105 Amphibious Combat Vehicles for the Marine Corps.
 - \$715 million for M109A7 Paladin Self-Propelled Howitzers and M992A3 Field Artillery Ammunition Support vehicles.
 - \$779 million to upgrade Abrams tanks to the M1A2 (SEP)v3 tank variant.
 - \$345 million for Joint Light Tactical Vehicles for the Army.
 - \$359 million for the Next Generation Squad Weapon (NGSW), and \$426 million for NGSW ammunition.
- Munitions
 - Multi-year procurement authority for PAC-3, SM-6, THAAD, Tomahawk, LRASM, JASSM, AMRAAM, and SM-3 IB.
 - \$6.4 billion for procurement of critical munitions, including an additional \$2.1 billion for increased quantities to execute multi-year procurement ramp.
 - \$500 million for the Solid Rocket Motor Industrial Base to include facilitization, workforce development, supplier base expansion, and qualification of second and third-tier suppliers.
- Space Systems
 - \$2 billion to procure 11 space launch missions under the National Security Space Launch Phase 3 contract.
 - \$528 million to procure two GPS IIF spacecraft.
- \$800 million for the National Guard and Reserve Equipment Account, which is congressionally added funding vital to enhance the readiness and lethality of National Guard equipment and weapons systems.

Research, Development, Test and Evaluation

Provides \$145.9 billion for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation to the military services and other Department of Defense entities.

- Aircraft
 - \$3.9 billion for 6th Generation aircraft, including \$972 million for Navy's Next Generation Fighter FA-XX, and \$3 billion for Air Force's F-47.
 - \$2.7 billion for Air Force's Long Range Strike Bomber.
 - \$1.1 billion for Air Force E-7 Wedgetail.
 - \$1 billion for Navy's Take Charge and Move Out mission.
 - \$1.2 billion for Army's Future Long Range Assault Aircraft (MV-75).
 - \$175 million for the Improved Turbine Engine Program.
- Space Systems
 - \$3.8 billion for Missile Warning / Missile Tracking systems.



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- \$2.5 billion in classified space programs to protect and defend United States space assets to ensure the United States has space superiority.
- \$1.8 billion for jam-resistant and wideband military satellite communications, including assured satellite communications for nuclear command and control.
- Innovation and Industrial Base
 - \$177.4 million for the establishment of a Civil Reserve Manufacturing Network.
 - \$4.5 billion for hypersonic test infrastructure, testing, and weapons systems.
 - \$4.3 billion to allow access for Office of Strategic Capital loans and loan guarantees to scale capacity of critical suppliers.
 - \$429.5 million for the Defense Innovation Unit (DIU).
 - \$400 million for Accelerate the Procurement and Fielding of Innovative Technologies (APFIT), including \$75 million for software-only solutions.
 - \$812.1 million for Industrial Base Analysis and Sustainment support.
 - \$326.9 million for bioindustrial manufacturing to advance energetics and mitigate supply chain vulnerabilities.
 - \$321.9 million for Defense Production Act Purchases.

Revolving and Management Funds

Provides \$2.1 billion for the Defense Working Capital Funds account to execute maintenance and supply functions.

- Supports the National Defense Stockpile Transaction Fund to provide strategic and critical materials in times of national emergencies.

Other Department of Defense Programs

- Golden Dome
 - Approximately \$13.4 billion in support of Golden Dome for America, including \$9.6 billion in Missile Defense Agency programs and \$3.8 billion in Space Force programs.
- Defense Health Programs
 - Provides \$41.8 billion for defense health programs.
- Chemical Agents and Munitions Destruction
 - \$213.3 million for the destruction of chemical agents and munitions.
- Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities
 - \$1.1 billion for Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities, which is \$244.4 million above the President's budget request, including:
 - \$678.7 million for counter-narcotics support.



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- \$134.9 million for the Drug Demand Reduction Program.
- \$305 million for the National Guard Counter-Drug Program.
- \$30 million for National Guard Counter-Drug Schools.
- Office of Inspector General
 - \$517.6 million for the Office of Inspector General.
- Security Cooperation
 - \$1 billion for the Taiwan Security Cooperation Initiative and \$150 million for the replacement of defense articles and reimbursement of defense services provided to Taiwan, as requested in the President's budget request.
 - Supports our close ally, Israel, by providing \$500 million for the Israeli Cooperative Missile Defense Programs and \$202.5 million for U.S.-Israel cooperative development programs.
 - An additional \$40 million for security assistance to the Philippines, a treaty ally of the United States, to enhance the capacity of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.