



APPROPRIATIONS

CHAIRMAN TOM COLE *Tom Cole*

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026

The Defense Appropriations Act provides a total discretionary allocation of \$831.5 billion, which is flat to the Fiscal Year 2025 enacted level, advances the America First agenda, and adheres to the discretionary budget topline put forward in the OMB budget request.

The bill 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.
 - Targeting resources for unmanned aerial systems, uncrewed maritime platforms, and land-based counter-unmanned aerial systems to advance capabilities and strengthen our national defense.
 - Investing in national security space, including proliferated missile warning, missile tracking satellites, and next generation intelligence collection systems to ensure national leaders have real-time global situational awareness.
 - Allocating approximately \$13 billion for missile defense and space programs to augment and integrate in support of the Golden Dome effort.
 - Providing over \$2.6 billion for hypersonics programs.
 - Reversing the "divest to invest" trend by preserving F-15s and U-2s while investing in next-generation fighters and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance systems.
 - Continuing to prioritize innovation through over \$1.3 billion combined for the Defense Innovation Unit (DIU), Accelerate the Procurement and Fielding of Innovative Technologies (APFIT), and Office of Strategic Capital (OSC).
 - Supporting our close ally Israel by providing \$500 million for the Israeli Cooperative Missile Defense Programs, and \$122.5 million for U.S.-Israel cooperative development programs.
- **Cares for our troops and their families by:**
 - Including an increase of 3.8% in basic pay for all military personnel effective January 1, 2026.
 - Continuing historic pay increases enacted in Fiscal Year 2025 for junior enlisted servicemembers.
 - Improving quality of life, readiness, and continuity for servicemembers by slowing permanent change of station moves, saving over \$662 million.



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- **Shapes a more efficient and effective Department of Defense by:**
 - Reducing \$6.5 billion and almost 45,000 civilian full-time equivalents to capture Workforce Acceleration and Recapitalization Initiative efforts.
 - Prioritizing fiscal sanity and eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse through codifying both the Department's cooperation with DOGE and streamlined functions and management improvements at the Pentagon.
 - Requiring detailed reporting on the Department's proposed allocations and expenditures of reconciliation.
- **Combats international actors who facilitate drug trafficking and manufacturing by:**
 - Providing \$1.15 billion for counter drug programs, which is \$245 million above the budget request.
 - Increasing funding for the National Guard Counterdrug Program.
 - Transferring Mexico from U.S. Northern Command's jurisdiction to U.S. Southern Command for better coordination and prioritization.
- **Supports the Trump Administration and mandate of the American people by:**
 - Codifying President Trump's executive actions to end discriminatory Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs by prohibiting funding for DEI efforts and Critical Race Theory.
 - Backing President Trump's executive action to restore free speech by prohibiting funding for federal government censorship.
 - Amplifying President Trump's executive action to restore readiness by prohibiting funding for sex-change surgeries.
 - Reinforcing President Trump's executive action on withdrawing funding from United Nations organizations acting contrary to U.S. interests by prohibiting funding for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency.
 - Continuing the prohibition on funding for any discriminatory action against individuals advocating for traditional marriage.
 - Advancing prohibitions on funding for abortion-related travel, drag queen shows, and COVID vaccine and mask mandates.

DETAILED FUNDING SUMMARY

Military Personnel

Provides \$189 billion for active, reserve, and National Guard military personnel, which is \$6.6 billion above the Fiscal Year 2025 enacted level.

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Operation and Maintenance

Provides \$283 billion for operation and maintenance support to the military services and other Department of Defense entities.

- \$70 million for Apex Accelerators, \$53 million for Starbase, \$87.411 million for National Guard Youth Challenge, and \$4.3 million for U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps.
- \$50 million for Impact Aid and \$20 million for Impact Aid for children with disabilities.
- Delivers increases for the State Partnership Program operations and personnel costs for both the Army National Guard and Air National Guard.
- Bolsters Exercise Northern Strike operations and personnel investments for both the Army National Guard and Air National Guard.
- \$55 million for U-2 programmed depot maintenance to fully restore three aircraft.
- Prevents divestment of F-15 aircraft unless the Secretary of Defense certifies that such aircraft will be replaced in a manner that maintains given unit totals and readiness requirements.
- \$9.6 billion to SOCOM operation and maintenance requirements.

Procurement

Provides \$174 billion for procurement to the military services and other Department of Defense entities.

- Aircraft
 - \$8.5 billion for 69 F-35 fighters, including \$4.5 billion for 42 F-35As, \$2.0 billion for 14 F-35Cs, \$1.9 billion for 13 F-35Bs.
 - \$1.2 billion for four E-2D Advanced Hawkeye aircraft.
 - \$500 million for four KC-130Js for the Navy Reserve, and \$261 million for two C-130Js.
 - \$2.02 billion for 19 CH-53K heavy transport helicopters.
 - \$507 million for three MQ-25 Stingray unmanned carrier-based aircraft.
 - \$3.8 billion for B-21 procurement.
 - \$2.7 billion for 15 KC-46s.
 - \$474 million for two Compass Call aircraft.
 - \$345 million for three F-15EX aircraft.
 - \$910.4 million for 29 UH/HH-60M Army Blackhawk helicopters.
 - \$680.2 million for 10 CH-47F Block II Chinook helicopters.
 - \$240 million for eight MQ-1C Gray Eagle 25M aircraft for the Army National Guard.
 - \$360 million for AH-64 Apache Block IIIA Reman in support of 12 aircraft.



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- Shipbuilding
 - \$36.9 billion for 28 ships including six battle force ships to include one Columbia-class ballistic missile submarine, two Virginia-class fast attack submarines, two DDG-51 guided missile destroyers, and one T-AGOS 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.
 - \$1.6 billion for productivity enhancements to improve shipbuilder capability, capacity, and efficiency at the private nuclear shipyards.
 - \$521 million for wage enhancements at the private nuclear shipyards.
 - \$1.7 million for two T-AO Fleet Oilers.
 - \$225 million for one Medium Landing Ship for the Marine Corps.
 - \$320 million for two Ship-to-Shore Connectors.
- Vehicles/Force Protection
 - \$795 million for 105 Amphibious Combat Vehicles for the Marine Corps.
 - \$345 million for 863 Joint Light Tactical Vehicles for the Army, and \$169 million for 224 Joint Light Tactical Vehicles for the Marine Corps.
 - \$715 million for 36 sets of M109A7 Paladin Self-Propelled Howitzers and M992A3 Field Artillery Ammunition Support vehicles for the Army.
 - \$724.5 million to upgrade 35 Abrams tanks to the M1A2 (SEP)v3 tank variant.
 - \$193 million for next generation weapon squad weapon (NGSW) and fire control systems, and \$286 million for NGSW ammunition.
- Space Systems Procurement
 - \$2.0 billion to procure 11 space launch missions under the National Security Space Launch (NSSL) Phase 3 contract.
 - \$680 million to procure two GPS IIIF spacecraft.

Research, Development, Test and Evaluation

Provides \$148 billion for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation to the military services and other Department of Defense entities.

- Aircraft
 - \$4.2 billion for 6th Generation aircraft, including \$972 million for Navy's Next Generation Fighter FA-XX, and \$3.2 billion for Air Force's F-47.
 - \$602.3 million for VC-25B.
 - \$1.8 billion for the Air Force's Survivable Airborne Operations Center.
 - \$2.1 billion for the continued development of the B-21 Bomber.



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- \$2.2 billion for continued development and modernization of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.
- \$500 million for Air Force E-7.
- \$779 million for Navy's Take Charge and Move Out (TACAMO) mission.
- \$938.5 million for Future Long Range Assault Aircraft (FLRAA).
- \$175 million for the Improved Turbine Engine Program (ITEP).
- Space Systems Research, Development, Test and Evaluation
 - \$3.9 billion for Missile Warning/Missile Tracking systems, including satellites in low, medium, and high orbits.
 - \$7.0 billion in classified space programs to protect and defend U.S. space assets and ensure the U.S. has space superiority.
 - \$1.8 billion for jam resistant and wideband military satellite communications, including assured satellite communications for nuclear command and control.
 - \$360 million for Global Positioning System (GPS) operational control segment, advanced spacecraft development, and jam resistant GPS user equipment.
- Innovation
 - \$400 million for APFIT and new General Provision allowing APFIT funds for software only solutions.
 - \$810.7 million for DIU prototyping and fielding; including \$235 million for projects with Service programming commitment; and \$215 million for support to combatant commands.
 - \$97.7 million for Office of Strategic Capital loans and loan guarantees, with a \$4.39 billion loan / loan guaranty ceiling.
 - \$131 million for Civil Reserve Manufacturing Network.
 - \$927 million for joint exercise and test infrastructure.

Other Department of Defense Programs

- Golden Dome
 - Approximately \$13 billion for Golden Dome for America, including more than \$8.8 billion in investments in Missile Defense Agency programs and \$4.1 billion Space Force programs to be augmented and integrated to support the Golden Dome effort.
- Other
 - \$500 million for the Taiwan Security Cooperation Initiative.
 - \$358 million to combat the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, as requested.
 - \$213 million for Chemical Agents and Munitions Destruction, as requested.
 - \$118 million for Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Aid, which is \$17 million above the budget request.



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- \$518 million for the Office of Inspector General, which is \$15 million above the budget request.
- \$800 million for the National Guard and Reserve Equipment Account.
- Industrial Base
 - \$1.4 billion for industrial base analyses and sustainment support.
 - \$90 million for National Defense Stockpile Transaction Fund.
 - \$75 million for decoupling rare earth magnet manufacturing from China.
- Hypersonics
 - \$806 million for continued development of the Navy's Conventional Prompt Strike program.
 - \$955 million for the Army's Long Range Hypersonic Weapon (LRHW).
 - \$483.5 million for Hypersonic Attack Cruise Missile (HACM).
 - \$412 million for hypersonics test infrastructure.
- Defense Health Program
 - \$40.9 billion for DOD medical and health care programs, which includes:
 - Full funding for Private Sector Care.
 - \$492.5 million for cancer research.
 - \$40 million for the ALS research program.
 - \$10 million for the arthritis research program.
 - \$25 million for the neurofibromatosis research program.