



APPROPRIATIONS

CHAIRMAN TOM COLE *Tom Cole*

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2026

The Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill provides a total discretionary allocation of \$152.091 billion, which is nearly \$5 billion (3%) above the Fiscal Year 2025 enacted level. The bill reflects priorities of the OMB Budget Request and America First agenda by including critical investments in military infrastructure that support readiness and the military families that utilize them. In addition, the bill provides \$300 billion for mandatory programs, for a total of \$453 billion in overall funding.

In summary, the bill supports those who have sacrificed for our country and maintains our commitment to the well-being of both service members and veterans.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Champions our veterans by:**
 - Fully funding veterans' health care programs.
 - Fully funding veterans' benefits and VA programs.
 - Supporting President Trump's efforts to combat veteran homelessness by investing in the new Bridging Rental Assistance for Veteran Empowerment program.
 - Maintaining funding levels for research, mental health programs and other programs relied upon by veterans.
- **Supports the Trump Administration and the mandate of the American people by:**
 - Protecting the 2nd Amendment rights of veterans, preventing the VA from sending information to the FBI about veterans without a judge's consent.
 - Syncing up with President Trump's Executive Orders on no funds for DEI, gender affirming care, and protecting Hyde-like language at the VA.
 - Prohibiting the VA from processing medical care claims for illegal aliens.
- **Bolsters U.S. national security and border protections by:**
 - Providing robust funding for military construction, enabling continued investment in the Indo-Pacific region and infrastructure necessary to support United States advanced weapons systems.
 - Maintaining the prohibitions on the closure of Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and the use of military construction funds to build facilities for detainees on U.S. soil.
 - Prohibiting the VA from purchasing resources directly or indirectly from the People's Republic of China.



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DETAILED FUNDING SUMMARY

Department of Defense (Military Construction and Family Housing)

Provides \$18 billion for the Department of Defense (DoD) military construction and family housing, which is \$480 million above the FY25 enacted level.

- \$75 million above the enacted level for planning and design of future barracks to address barrack deficiencies identified by the Government Accountability Office.
- \$110 million above the enacted level for construction improvements in DoD laboratories, supporting United States technological superiority and DoD innovation.
- \$75 million above the enacted level for the demolition of excess and obsolete infrastructure, saving taxpayers money and lowering long-term facility maintenance costs at DoD.
- Continues robust prior year funding of the INDOPACOM minor military construction program and increases funding for INDOPACOM planning and design.
- Continues support for the Guard and Reserve with over \$1.2 billion for Guard and Reserve facility construction.
- \$2 billion for Military Family Housing.
 - \$75 million above the enacted level for child development centers to improve the quality of life of military families.

Department of Veterans Affairs

Provides \$452.64 billion for the Department of Veterans Affairs, which is \$82.6 billion above the FY25 enacted level.

- Fully funds veterans' medical care at \$131.4 billion, which is equal to the FY26 Budget Request.
 - Fully funds veterans' benefits and toxic exposures-related needs for FY26. \$52.67 billion for the Toxic Exposures Fund (TEF).
 - Includes \$970 for the Bridging Rental Assistance for Veteran Empowerment program, an innovative effort to end veteran homelessness.

Related Agencies – American Battle Monument Commission, Arlington National Cemetery, Armed Forces Retirement

Provides \$340.52 million for Related Agencies, which is \$160.8 million below the FY25 enacted level.

Community Project Funding

The bill includes \$450,000,000 in Community Project Funding for 19 projects among 15 Members.