

Defense Budget

The FY23 NDAA authorizes \$850 billion for national defense discretionary programs, an increase of \$37 billion over the President’s request.

- Reverses President Biden’s reckless cuts to our national security, restoring cuts to procurement, missile defense, and military construction.
- Ensures growth of 7 percent in FY23, to -
 - Meet the levels called for by President Trump to rebuild the military;
 - Keep pace with the unprecedented Chinese military expansion and modernization; and
 - Counteract the damaging impacts record inflation is having on military readiness, DoD buying power, and servicemembers and their families.
- Funds over \$20 billion in service chief and combatant commander priorities left unfunded by the Biden Budget.

Account	Biden Budget	H.R. 7900 - FY23 NDAA
Procurement	\$144 billion	\$160 billion
Research, Development, Test, & Evaluation	\$130 billion	\$139 billion
Operation & Maintenance	\$271 billion	\$274 billion
Military Personnel & Health	\$211 billion	\$212 billion
Military Construction	\$12 billion	\$16 billion
Total Defense Discretionary (050)	\$813 billion	\$850 billion

Cost Savings and Reforms

- Saves more than \$6 billion through the decommissioning and divestment of hundreds of older, less capable ships and aircraft.
- Saves more than \$5 billion through other reforms in DoD operations.
- Requires the DoD Inspector General to regularly carry out comprehensive reviews and audits of all assistance provided to Ukraine.
- Reins in sustainment costs on the largest acquisition programs through stronger oversight.
- Improves the accuracy of cost estimates and cost transparency on major acquisitions.
- Creates new pay bonus to servicemembers who report waste, fraud, or mismanagement resulting in cost savings to the government.

Combating Biden’s Inflation

- Provides a 2.4% pay bonus for enlisted personnel to counteract the impacts of inflation on low-income military families.
- Includes \$500 million for additional housing allowances to counteract the skyrocketing cost of rent on military families.
- Authorizes an additional \$750 million to reduce costs of food and other necessities at military commissaries.
- Provides an additional \$2.5 billion to cover the cost of record fuel prices left unbudgeted by the Biden administration.
- Includes an additional \$3.8 billion to cover the unbudgeted costs of inflation in ongoing military construction projects.
- Urges the DoD to use equitable adjustment on certain contracts to account for inflation and to brief Congress on actions it is taking to address inflation in defense acquisition programs.
- Requires reporting on the impact of higher fuel prices on military readiness and purchasing power of servicemembers and their families.

Servicemembers and Military Families

The FY23 NDAA continues strong Congressional support of our servicemembers and their families.

Servicemember Pay and Benefits

- Supports a 4.6% pay increase for servicemembers.
- Provides a 2.4% pay bonus for enlisted personnel to counteract the impacts of inflation on low-income military families.
- Includes \$500 million for additional housing allowances to counteract the skyrocketing cost of rent on military families.
- Authorizes an additional \$750 million reduce costs of food and other necessities at military commissaries.
- Expands Basic Needs Allowance for low income servicemembers supporting a family.
- Extends military recruitment and retention bonuses and special pay authorities.
- Launches comprehensive study of personnel compensation with the intention of improving pay competitiveness and enhancing retention of an all-volunteer force.
- Reforms professional military education programs.
- Expands mental health services and suicide prevention programs for servicemembers.
- Restores reimbursement rate cuts to providers of DoD Autism behavioral health services and improves programs available to military families with special needs children.
- Authorizes \$75 million for Impact Aid assistance to local schools with military dependent students, including \$22 million to offset the costs of servicemember children with severe disabilities.

Parental Rights

- Establishes a Servicemember Parents' Bill of Rights to -
 - Ensure parents of children attending DoD schools can review curriculum, instructional materials, and disciplinary policies;
 - Have regular access to teachers and administrators; and
 - Protect servicemember children from medical examinations and screenings without parental consent.

Military Spouses

- Expands support available to military spouses with home businesses.
- Permanently authorizes reimbursement of spouse professional relicensing fees due to servicemember change of station.
- Requires the DoD to conduct roundtables with industry to promote employment opportunities for military spouses.
- Requires the Secretary of Defense to brief Congress on efforts to expand military spouse hiring within the DoD and other federal agencies.

Military Modernization

The FY23 NDAA focuses investment on the research, development, and procurement of modernized capabilities needed to deter China and win the fight on future battlefields.

Shipbuilding

- Reverses President Bidens cuts to shipbuilding and authorizes the construction of 13 new battle force ships.
- Puts the Navy back on track to building a 355 ship Navy.
- Includes \$250 million to support expansion and modernization of the shipyard industrial base.

Aircraft, Ground, & Weapons Systems

- Reverses President Biden's dangerous cuts to the procurement of new aircraft, combat vehicles, autonomous systems, missiles, and ammunition.
- Focuses investment in new and emerging weapon systems capable of penetrating denied operating environments such as China.

Research, Development, Test, & Evaluation

- Includes unprecedented levels of investment in emerging technologies, including AI, biotechnology, quantum computing, and autonomous systems.
- Improves the test and evaluation enterprise to expedite the fielding of advanced capabilities.
- Establishes a National Hypersonic Initiative, to accelerate the development of hypersonic missiles and catch-up to Chinese and Russian programs.
- Invests nearly \$400 million in the renovation and construction of DoD laboratories and testing facilities.

Missile Defense

- Reverses President Biden's cuts to missile defense.
- Includes an additional \$1 billion to acquire a 16th Patriot Battalion to improve theater missile defense.
- Authorizes \$214 million for additional THAAD interceptors to protect U.S. and allied forces from intermediate missile threats.

Nuclear Deterrence

- Accelerates funding for the modernization of our nuclear triad.
- Restores funding for nuclear sea launched cruise missile (SLCM-N) canceled by President Biden. SLCM-N fills a critical deterrence gap in our nuclear triad by providing a low-yield, flexible option.
- Prohibits any reduction in the number of intercontinental ballistic missiles or the retiring or reconverting of our low-yield nuclear warheads.
- Requires an assessment of nuclear strategy, policy, posture, and capabilities to ensure U.S. strategic deterrence in the near and long term.

Military & Industrial Base Readiness

The FY23 NDAA continues efforts to improve readiness and ensure our military is ready to fight.

Military Readiness

- Prohibits the decommissioning of 12 battle force ships with decades of service life remaining.
- Prohibits the divestment of certain strike fighter, electronic warfare, and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance aircraft to ensure continued air superiority in the near-term.
- Provides an additional \$2.5 billion to cover the cost of record fuel prices left unbudgeted by the Biden administration.
- Increases funding to sustain additional flight hours across all services.
- Requires a conditions-based approach to the defueling of Red Hill, ensuring adequate bulk fuels stores in the Indo-Pacific.

Military Construction & Facility Improvements

- Reverses President Bidens cuts to military construction.
- Authorizes \$16.5 billion for military construction and military family housing projects throughout the United States and around the world.
- Includes an additional \$3.8 billion to cover the unbudgeted costs of inflation in ongoing military construction projects.
- Authorizes \$425 million to improve nuclear weapons production and storage facilities improvements.
- Includes historic levels of investment to accelerate depot and shipyard maintenance projects and expedite facility improvements across all services.

Industrial Base

- Requires an assessment of DoD's ability to replenish critical munition inventories that address air superiority, interdiction, air and missile defense, and hard and deeply buried target mission areas.
- Includes historic levels of capital investment in organic depot, shipyard, and ammunition industrial base facilities.
- Requires strategic assessments of gaps and competitiveness in the defense industrial base for production of small arms, additive manufacturing, microelectronics, biotechnology, critical minerals, space systems, hypersonics, and textiles.
- Requires DoD to collaborate with industry to expand and improve workforce training programs in the defense industrial base.
- Improves industrial base collaboration and sourcing with our closest allies.

Countering China

The FY23 NDAA provides the overmatch we need to deter Chinese aggression.

Deterrence

- Authorizes over \$7 billion for the Pacific Deterrence Initiative, including over \$1 billion for items deemed a priority by U.S. Indo-Pacific Command that were left out of the President's budget request.
- Authorizes \$1 billion for a new 'Seize the Initiative Fund' designed to let Indo-Pacific Command focus resources where they are most needed to meet near-term threats from China.
- Increases funding for new asymmetric warfare tools, enables forward deployments, strengthens our space capabilities, secures critical communications, and funds essential military construction in the Indo-Pacific.
- Requires a new look at our logistics and basing operations in the Pacific to ensure that U.S. forces are ready to fight and have the tools they need to win the fight.
- Requires an assessment of the threats posed by stronger defense cooperation and military interoperability between China and Russia.

Support for Taiwan and Pacific Allies

- Reaffirms U.S. support to the defense of Taiwan.
- Reaffirms Indo-Pacific Command's authority to conduct joint exercises with Taiwan, no matter what the Chinese say.
- Invites Taiwan to join the Rim of the Pacific Exercise in 2024 to improve the readiness of their forces and send a message to Beijing.
- Fully funds military exercises with our allies and partners in the Pacific to counter China's growing reach.
- Requires an assessment of Taiwan's air defense capabilities and recommendations on ways to expeditiously improve them.
- Requires regular updates on the status of deliveries of U.S. military assistance to Taiwan and efforts being taken to expedite such deliveries.

Supply Chain Security

- Extends the prohibition on procuring goods produced in CCP-run concentration camps and factories in the XUAR.
- Prohibits the sale of products manufactured, assembled in, or imported from China in U.S. military base exchanges or commissaries.
- Improves tracking of Chinese companies and universities working with the Chinese military to better protect American innovation.
- Requires assessments of Chinese efforts to infiltrate our defense supply chain through acquisition of defense industrial base companies and sources of raw materials and critical minerals.

Countering Chinese Malign Influence

- Encourages expansion of irregular warfare and information operations assistance to Indo-Pacific allies to counter Chinese influence operations.
- Requires DoD to submit a plan for resources and authorities needed to counter Chinese influence operations in Africa.
- Requires an assessment of China's efforts to expand its military presence and influence in Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean.
- Requires DoD to provide Congress with a plan to improve defense cooperation with the Bahamas to reduce Chinese influence in the country.

Countering Russia

The FY23 NDAA continues our efforts to defend our nation and our allies from Russian aggression.

Deterrence

- Fully funds the European Deterrence Initiative.
- Fully funds EUCOM Combatant Commander priorities left unfunded by the Biden budget.
- Authorizes \$225 million for the Baltic Security Initiative.
- Includes an additional \$1 billion to acquire the 16th Patriot Battalion to improve U.S. and allied missile defense in Europe.
- Requires a strategy and resourcing plan to adapt U.S. force posture to support NATO allies.
- Fully funds EUCOM military construction projects and includes an additional \$50 million to plan new U.S. military facilities on NATO's Eastern Front.
- Requires U.S. bases in Europe to adopt installation energy plans to reduce reliance on Russian energy and sets a goal of eliminating the use of Russian energy entirely.
- Expresses support for Norway and Sweden to join NATO.
- Requires an assessment of and a plan to improve Baltic states' military readiness.
- Continues the prohibition on U.S. military cooperation with Russia.

Ukraine

- Requires the DoD Inspector General to regularly carry out comprehensive reviews and audits of assistance provided to Ukraine.
- Authorizes \$1 billion for the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative.
- Requires quarterly briefings on efforts to replenish and revitalize stocks of tactical missiles provided to Ukraine.
- Authorizes demining assistance and the acquisition of additional lethal UAVs for Ukraine.
- Authorizes the replenishment of defense equipment provided by allies to Ukraine.
- Creates a new partnership program with Ukraine to improve military trauma care.
- Requires publicly available reports on Russian atrocities in Ukraine.
- Continues prohibitions on expenditure of funds on any activities that recognize Russian sovereignty over Crimea.
- Requires the DoD to provide Congress with all documents governing intelligence sharing with Ukraine.

Countering Russian Malign Influence

- Requires biennial reporting on Russian influence operations and campaigns targeting U.S. military alliances and partnerships.
- Requires an assessment of Russian influence and military presence in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Requires a report on the malign activities of the Russian mercenary Wagner Group in Africa.
- Requires an assessment of potential threats cause by global food and energy shortages as the result of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Countering Other Adversaries

The FY23 NDAA remains focused on countering threats to national security from state sponsors of terror, foreign terrorist organizations, and other adversaries.

Iran

- Prohibits the use of DoD aircraft to transfer frozen currency reserves or other assets to Iran.
- Requires an assessment of Iranian nuclear and missile capabilities and its export of such technology.
- Improves oversight of Iran's support for terrorist proxies.
- Requires DoD to report to Congress on efforts to improve missile defense of U.S. and allied military and civilian infrastructure in the Persian Gulf.
- Requires a publicly available report on the military capabilities and threats posed by the Iranian regime.
- Requires DoD to brief Congress on actions taken to hold Iran accountable for its deadly attacks on U.S. servicemembers, civilian personnel, and contractors
- Requires an assessment of Iran's military presence and assistance to Bolivia and Venezuela.

Afghanistan

- Prohibits the use of DoD aircraft to transfer frozen currency reserves or other items of value to the Taliban or the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan.
- Fully funds CENTCOM Combatant Commander's priorities left unfunded in Biden's budget.
- Requires the Administration to define "over the horizon counterterrorism operations" and provide additional details to aid in oversight of the failed Afghanistan withdrawal.
- Continues and improves regular reporting requirements on terrorist threats emanating from Afghanistan, the ability of the U.S. to conduct counter terrorism and hostage rescue operations, and cooperation between the Taliban and China, Russia, or Iran.

Foreign Terrorist Organizations

- Extends the authority and fully funds DoD activities and partner support to fight ISIS in Iraq and Syria.
- Prohibits the transfer of terrorists housed at Guantanamo Bay to Afghanistan or any country that is a state sponsor of terrorism.
- Authorizes over \$550 million in intelligence and Special Operations Command priorities left unfunded in Biden's budget.

North Korea

- Requires a publicly available report on the military capabilities and threats posed by the North Korean regime.
- Requires an assessment of North Korean nuclear and missile capabilities and its export of such technology.
- Fully funds U.S. Forces Korea and military construction projects in South Korea.
- Requires a report on efforts DoD is taking to enhance security measures and reinforce deterrence in South Korea in the face of destabilizing activities by North Korea and China.
- Requires a plan to expedite the deployment of brigade combat teams to South Korea in the event of conflict.
- Expresses continued Congressional support for the defense of South Korea.

Other Defense Priorities

COVID Vaccine

- Extends the prohibition on a dishonorable discharge for servicemembers who refuse a COVID-19 vaccination.
- Encourages the Secretary of Defense to use the authority Congress gave him to ensure all servicemembers discharged for refusing the COVID vaccine receive full veterans benefits and to retroactively provide ineligible former servicemembers such benefits.
- Requires the Secretary of Defense to brief Congress on efforts to standardize the religious and administrative vaccine exemption process across all services.
- Requires the Secretary of Defense to brief Congress on the impact the COVID vaccine mandate is having on recruiting and retention.
- Prohibits the implementation of the COVID vaccine mandate on defense contractors until DoD reports to Congress on its impact on procurement timelines and military readiness.

Border Security

- Declares the record number of illegal crossings and trafficking on our southwest border is a crisis and a risk to our national security.
- Fully funds the National Guard's operation and maintenance account to support a border deployment.
- Requires a report on National Guard efforts to counter the flow of narcotics, human trafficking, and transnational criminal organizations at the Southwest Border.
- Requires an assessment of the military capabilities and the threat posed by cartels operating in Central and South America.

Combating the Woke Agenda

- Reinforces that lethality is the central tenet of our national defense strategy and informs DoD that any effort it undertakes that does not directly augment the lethality or combat-effectiveness of the Joint Force is outside the scope of the DoD's mission, and thus a distraction.
- Ensures military promotions are based solely on performance by prohibiting the use of official or unofficial photographs by military promotion boards.
- Ensures Army fitness standards for combat duty are the same for both genders.
- Prohibits the Secretary from modifying the scope of medical care at military medical treatment facilities without first notifying Congress.
- Ensures parents of children attending DoD schools can review curriculum, instructional materials, and disciplinary policies.