



FY22 Military Construction/VA Appropriations Act

*Summary of Senate Appropriations Committee's
Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill for
Fiscal Year 2022*



As of August 06, 2021

Bill Status

	Passed in Committee	Passed in Chamber	Agreement	Final Passage	Signed into Law
House	June 30, 2021	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Senate	August 4, 2021	N/A		N/A	

Executive Summary

This guide provides a short summary of the initial subcommittee language for the Fiscal Year 2022 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act. To obtain a complete understanding of any particular provision, users are encouraged to review the actual legislative language. The bill and accompanying report are available on the NGB-LL web page at www.nationalguard.mil/ll.

Status:

On August 5th, the Senate Appropriations Committee released the FY22 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act. The Senate has yet to pass the bill. In total, the legislation provides \$11 billion in funding for military construction projects and family housing. The bill is \$2.9 billion above the fiscal year 2021 enacted level.

The bill includes \$614.4 million for construction or alteration of National Guard facilities in 25 states/territories. Of this, \$315.8 million is provided for Army National Guard military construction and \$298.5 million for Air National Guard military construction. The recommendation also supports \$30.2 million in unfunded priorities (\$11 million for the Army National Guard, and \$19.2 million for the Air National Guard).



Army National Guard

(All Dollars in Thousands)

Army National Guard	FY22 President's Budget Request	HAC-M Mark	Delta from FY22 Request	SAC-M Mark	Delta From FY22 Request	Final Bill	Delta From FY22 Request
MILCON Total	\$257,103	\$335,603	\$78,500	\$315,893	\$58,790	--	--
Minor Construction	\$39,471	\$52,471	\$13,000	\$45,471	\$6,000	--	--
Planning & Design	\$22,000	\$72,000	\$50,000	\$37,725	\$15,725	--	--
Sec. 124	--	--	--	\$11,000	\$11,000	--	--
Sec. 129	--	\$24,800					
Sec. 131	--	\$100,000					



Air National Guard

(All Dollars in Thousands)

Air National Guard	FY22 President's Budget Request	HAC-M Mark	Delta from FY22 Request	SAC-M Mark	Delta From FY22 Request	Final Bill	Delta From FY22 Request
MILCON Total	\$197,770	\$246,770	\$49,000	\$298,550	\$100,780	--	--
Minor Construction	\$29,068	\$44,068	\$15,000	\$29,068	--	--	--
Planning & Design	\$18,402	\$28,402	\$10,000	\$23,682	\$5,280	--	--
Sec. 124	--	--	--	\$19,200	\$19,200	--	--

Senate Provisions of Interest

Sec. 104 – None of the funds made available in this title may be used to begin construction of new bases in the United States for which specific appropriations have not been made.

Sec. 107 – None of the funds made available in this title for minor construction may be used to transfer or relocate any activity from one base or installation to another, without prior notification to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

Sec. 113 – The Secretary of Defense shall inform the appropriate committees of both Houses of Congress, including the Committees on Appropriations, of plans and scope of any proposed military exercise involving United States personnel 30 days prior to its occurring, if amounts expended for construction, either temporary or permanent, are anticipated to exceed \$100,000.

Sec. 124 – For an additional amount for the accounts and in the amounts specified, to remain available until September 30, 2026: “Military Construction, Army”, \$27,000,000; “Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps”, \$28,000,000; “Military Construction, Defense-Wide”, \$36,100,000; **“Military Construction, Army National Guard”, \$11,000,000; and “Military Construction, Air National Guard”, \$19,200,000**: Provided, that such funds may only be obligated to carry out construction projects identified in the respective military department’s unfunded priority list for fiscal year 2022 submitted to Congress: Provided further, that such projects are subject to authorization prior to obligation and expenditure of funds to carry out construction: Provide further, that not later than 30 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the military department concerned, or his or her designee, shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an expenditure plan for funds provided under this section.

Senate Report Language of Interest (Department of Defense / National Guard - Military Construction)

Military Construction Funding Initiatives

The bill includes funding to address important unfunded priorities included in DoD’s unfunded priority lists provided to Congress. This includes an additional \$27,000,000 for the Army, \$28,000,000 for the Navy and Marine Corps, \$36,100,000 for Defense-Wide, \$11,000,000 for the Army National Guard, and \$19,200,000 for the Air National Guard. All additional funding is reserved for projects that were included in the unfunded priority lists submitted to Congress.

Special Operations Command East Coast Training Facilities

The Committee recognizes the value that regional training facilities provide for unique Special Operations Command [SOCOM] requirements, as well as the mutual benefits of partnerships leveraging under-utilized National Guard training infrastructure. In order to provide greater variety and diversity in training venues, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a report within 180 days of enactment of this act that outlines any training capability shortfalls of East Coast based sites and the feasibility of developing an East Coast joint training center with a focus on enabling all-domains of warfare. This report should also analyze the value provided to SOCOM of National Guard training facilities.

Military Construction, Army National Guard

The Committee recommends \$315,893,000 for Military Construction, Army National Guard for fiscal year 2022. This amount is \$33,544,000 below fiscal year 2021 enacted level and \$58,790,000 above the budget request. Within the total for Military Construction, Army National Guard, \$49,790,000 is for the following projects in the following amounts [please see Projects list on page 7].

National Guard Biathlon Programs

Since 1973, the National Guard has administered the U.S. military's biathlon program, providing continuous international engagement, especially with NATO allies for whom biathlon is a major sport, training and retention for servicemembers with specialties in mountain maneuver and action, and supplying U.S. Olympians. In recognition of evolving standards for international biathlon competition, the Committee includes \$6,000,000 above the President's budget request in minor military construction for the update of biathlon facilities to continue engagement and training. The Director of the Army National Guard is directed to provide a spend plan for the use of these funds within 30 days of enactment of this act.

Vehicle Maintenance Facilities

The Committee recognizes that vehicle maintenance facilities play an important role in overall Army National Guard [ARNG] unit readiness. Maintenance is particularly critical for National Guard assets that are frequently older and in need of greater repair than assets utilized by Active Duty counterparts. The Committee notes that the ARNG military construction program has appropriately prioritized Readiness Centers, however, with variable top line budget requests, this has come at the expense of other critical infrastructure, such as vehicle maintenance facilities. The Committee includes \$2,000,000 in Planning and Design for these facilities and encourages the Army National Guard to ensure maintenance infrastructure is adequately addressed in future budget requests.

Repair Depot

The Committee is concerned with the significant shortfall of maintenance space of the Missouri Aviation Classification and Repair Activity Depot [AVCRAD], one of four National Guard rotary-wing aviation depot repair facilities in the continental United States. The current facility lacks adequate space, hangar bays, and shops, and existing operations are spread throughout multiple buildings that are undersized and result in inefficiencies, taxing maintenance space, manpower, and utilities infrastructure. Therefore, the Committee provides \$3,800,000 for the planning and design of an AVCRAD Aircraft Maintenance Hangar Addition to provide adequate workspace that will allow for increased production and support a more orderly, methodical and efficient overhaul of aircraft. Further, the Committee encourages the ARNG to prioritize other such depot projects that support the increase of work force capacity, production capacity, and rate of aircraft repair in future budget submissions.

Federal, State and Local Intelligence Collaboration

The Committee is aware that several states utilize National Guard facilities for intelligence fusion centers. These centers allow Federal, State, local, and tribal law enforcement officials to collaborate and share intelligence and threat information, and co-locating them with National Guard facilities offers opportunities for cost savings. The Committee remains supportive of such collaborative co-location projects and as such provides \$420,000 for planning and design of a Joint Analysis Center in the Kansas National Guard Joint Forces Headquarters Building in Topeka, Kansas.

Line of Communications Bridge

The Committee recognizes the important role that the Line of Communication Bridge [LOCB] provides to the warfighter by facilitating the uninterrupted flow of forces, equipment, personnel and supplies for sustained ground operations. The Committee believes that the Army National Guard should have the ability to provide soldiers with initial and sustainment training on the LOCB and urges the Army National Guard to prioritize unspecified minor military construction funds to establish facilities for this purpose.

Military Construction, Air National Guard

The Committee recommends \$298,550,000 for Military Construction, Air National Guard for fiscal year 2022. This amount is \$234,336,000 above the fiscal year 2021 enacted level and \$100,780,000 above the budget request. Within the total for Military Construction, Air National Guard, \$97,780,000 is for the following projects [please see Projects list on page 8].

Corrosion Prevention Facilities

The Committee remains concerned about the prevalence of aviation mishaps, specifically as it relates to failures in aviation corrosion prevention. Recognizing the state of aging corrosion prevention infrastructure, much of which exists at Air National Guard installations, such as that supporting the 167th Airlift Wing at Martinsburg, West Virginia, the Committee directs the Director of the Air National Guard, in consultation with the Secretary of the Air Force, to submit a report no later than 90 days after enactment of this act outlining the current state of indoor corrosion prevention infrastructure. In particular, the report should include the location and facility condition index of all indoor corrosion prevention facilities or "wash racks" specifically designed and constructed for the primary purpose of corrosion prevention maintenance. Further, the Committee encourages the Air Force and Air National Guard to adequately prioritize design and construction funds for corrosion prevention facilities.

Perfluorooctane Sulfonate [PFOS] and Perfluorooctanoic Acid [PFOA]

The Committee provides \$40,000,000 in additional funds for identification, mitigation, and clean-up costs across DoD for PFOS and PFOA. DoD is directed to provide a spend plan for these additional funds to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 30 days after enactment of this act.

Senate Report Language of Interest (United States Department of Veterans Affairs)

Women Veterans Healthcare

Women represent 16.5 percent of today's active duty force and 19 percent of National Guard and Reserves. Accordingly, women veterans are enrolling in VA healthcare at record levels, with women accounting for over 30 percent of the increase in veterans enrolled over the past 5 years and the number of women veterans using VA healthcare more than tripling since 2001. With the upward trend of women serving in all branches of the Armed Forces, VA must continue to aggressively expand efforts that address the current barriers to gender-specific healthcare services and plan accordingly for the type and length of the treatment needs of women veterans. The Committee continues to believe VA must be poised to address the changing demographic of today's and tomorrow's veterans in order to fulfill its mission. Toward this end, the Committee recommendation includes \$820,446,000 for fiscal year 2022, which is \$10,000,000 above the request, to support gender-specific healthcare services, as well as the program office and initiatives. The Department is directed to submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 90 days after enactment of this act a spend plan detailing planned activities related to care for women veterans.

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substance Exposure

The Committee is concerned about the exposure of veterans to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances [PFAS] during their military service and how these chemicals may have affected their health and what resources are available to them. PFAS chemicals have been found in the drinking water at more than 600 military installations nationwide. A byproduct of aqueous firefighting foam [AFFF] used by the military, PFAS materials are classified as "emerging contaminants" as their long-term cumulative effects on human health is not yet known. However, initial analyses have linked PFAS materials with birth defects, various forms of cancer and immune system dysfunction, causing great public concern for members of the military and veterans who have served at the

dozens of bases found to be contaminated with these materials. At the direction of Congress, VA has established a number of registries for veterans who may have been exposed to various environmental contaminants, including Agent Orange and emissions from open burn pits in Iraq and Afghanistan. Therefore, the Committee encourages VA to establish and maintain a registry for veterans who may have been exposed to PFAS due to exposure to AFFF during their military service and develop a public information campaign to inform eligible individuals about the registry. The Committee also directs VA to provide a plan to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress within 120 days of enactment of this act, to provide blood testing for this chemical to veterans eligible and enrolled for VA healthcare who served as military firefighters.

Severe Depression and Suicide Prevention

Studies by the National Institutes of Mental Health investigating the use of Scopolamine in treating depression and suicide prevention have shown promising initial results in rapidly decreasing patients' Montgomery- Asberg Depression Rating Scale scores, with over 50 percent of patients achieving remission. Therefore, the Committee directs the Department to review these findings and determine whether the methods may be effective in treating veterans.

Mental Health/Preventing Veterans Suicide

The Committee provides \$13,176,661,000 for mental health programs, equal to the request, including \$2,266,041,000 for suicide prevention outreach and treatment programs, of which \$597,997,000 is for suicide prevention outreach.



Army National Guard Project List

(All Dollars in Thousands)

State	ARNG Military Construction Project Description	President's Budget Request	HAC-M Mark	SAC-M Mark	Final Bill
CT	National Guard Readiness Center	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$17,500	N/A
GA	Enlisted Personnel Unaccompanied Personnel Housing	\$13,200	\$13,200	\$13,200	N/A
ID	National Guard Readiness Center	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	N/A
IL	NG Vehicle Maintenance Shop	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	N/A
KS	NG/Reserve Center	\$16,732	\$16,732	\$16,732	N/A
KS ¹	Planning and Design	--	--	\$420	N/A
LA	National Guard Readiness Center	\$18,500	\$18,500	\$18,500	N/A
ME	NG Vehicle Maintenance Shop	\$21,200	\$21,200	\$21,200	N/A
MO ²	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar Addition P&D	--	--	\$3,800	N/A
MS ³	Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site (MATES)	--	\$15,500	\$15,500	N/A
MT	National Guard Readiness Center	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	N/A
NC ⁴	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar Addition P&D	--	--	\$2,700	N/A
ND	National Guard Readiness Center	\$15,500	\$15,500	\$15,500	N/A
VT ⁵	National Guard Readiness Center	--	--	\$16,900	N/A
VT ⁶	Family Readiness Center: Minor Construction	--	--	\$4,665	N/A
VA ⁷	Aircraft Maintenance Hanger Addition P&D	--	--	\$5,805	N/A
VA	National Guard Readiness Center Addition	\$6,100	\$6,100	\$6,100	N/A
VA	Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS) Addition	\$6,900	\$6,900	\$6,900	N/A
GU	National Guard Readiness Center Addition	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$34,000	N/A

1. Sen. Moran (KS) requested an earmark for Topeka in the amount of \$420K for Planning and Design for a National Guard/Reserve Center Building SCIF.
2. Sen. Blunt (MO) requested an earmark for the Aviation Classification Repair Activity Depot in the amount of \$3.8M for Planning and Design for an AVCRAD Aircraft Maintenance Hangar Addition.
3. Sen. Hyde-Smith (MS), Sen. Wicker (MS), and Rep. Palazzo (R-MS-4) requested an earmark for Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training center in the amount of \$15.5M for a Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site (MATES) project.
4. Sen. Tillis (NC) requested an earmark for Salisbury in the amount of \$2.7M for Planning and Design for an Aircraft Maintenance Hangar Addition/Alteration.
5. Sen. Leahy (VT) requested an earmark for Bennington in the amount of \$16.9M for a National Guard Readiness Center project.
6. Sen. Leahy (VT) and Sen. Sanders (VT) requested an earmark for Ethan Allen AFB in the amount of \$4.665M for Unspecified Minor Construction for a Family Readiness Center.
7. Sen. Warner (VA) requested an earmark for Sandston in the amount of \$5.805M for Planning and Design for an Aircraft Maintenance Hangar.



Air National Guard Project List

(All Dollars in Thousands)

State	ANG Military Construction Project Description	President's Budget Request	HAC-M Mark	SAC-M Mark	Final Bill
CT ¹	Vehicle Maintenance Facility	--	--	\$17,000	N/A
DE ²	Fuel Cell and Corrosion Control Hangar	--	\$17,500	\$17,500	N/A
ID ³	Base Civil Engineer Complex	--	\$6,500	--	N/A
IL ⁴	Base Civil Engineer Complex	--	--	\$10,200	N/A
MA	Combined Engine/ASE/NDI Shop	\$12,200	\$12,200	\$12,200	N/A
MI	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar/Shops	\$23,000	\$23,000	\$23,000	N/A
MI	Construct Main Base Entrance	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	N/A
MS	Fire Crash and Rescue Station	\$9,300	\$9,300	\$9,300	N/A
NY ⁵	Civil Engineer Complex	--	--	\$14,800	N/A
NY	C-130 Flight Simulator Facility	\$10,800	\$10,800	\$10,800	N/A
OH	RED HORSE Logistics Complex	\$7,800	\$7,800	\$7,800	N/A
SC	F-16 Mission Training Center	\$9,800	\$9,800	\$9,800	N/A
SC ⁶	Hazardous Cargo Pad	--	--	\$9,000	N/A
SD	F-16 Mission Training Center	\$9,800	\$9,800	\$9,800	N/A
WA ⁷	Air Support Ops Group Complex	--	--	\$27,000	N/A
WI ⁸	Medical Readiness Facility	\$13,200	\$13,200	\$13,200	N/A
WI	F-35 3-Bay Specialized Hangar	\$31,000	\$31,000	\$31,000	N/A
WI	Replace Aircraft Maintenance Hangar P&D	--	--	\$2,280	N/A
WY	Combined Vehicle Maintenance & ASE Complex	\$13,400	\$13,400	\$13,400	N/A

1. Sen. Blumenthal (CT) and Sen. Murphy (CT) requested an earmark for Bradley ANGB in the amount of \$17M for a Composite ASE Vehicle Maintenance Facility project.

2. Sen. Carper (DE), Sen. Coons (DE), and Rep. Blunt Rochester (D-DE-At Large) requested an earmark for New Castle County Airport in the amount of \$17.5M for a Fuel Cell and Corrosion Control Hangar project.

3. Rep. Simpson (R-ID-2) requested an earmark for Boise Air Terminal (Gowen Field) in the amount of \$6.5M for a Medical Training Facility project.

4. Sen. Durbin (IL) requested an earmark for Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport in the amount of \$10.2M for a Base Civil Engineer Complex project.

5. Sen. Gillibrand (NY) and Sen. Schumer (NY) requested an earmark for Gabreski ANGB in the amount of \$14.8M for a Base Civil Engineer Complex project.

6. Sen. Graham (SC) requested an earmark for McEntire JNGB in the amount of \$9M for a Hazardous Cargo Pad project.

7. Sen. Murray (WA) requested an earmark for Camp Murray ANGWS in the amount of \$27M for an Air Support Operations Group Complex project.

8. Sen. Baldwin (WI) requested an earmark for Volk Combat Readiness Training Center for Planning and Design to replace Aircraft Maintenance Hangar/Shops.