



FY22 Military Construction/VA Appropriations Act

Summary of Conferenced Omnibus, Division J – Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2022



As of March 15, 2022

Bill Status

	Passed in Committee	Passed in Chamber	Agreement	Final Passage	Signed into Law
House	30 June 2021	N/A	9 March 2022	10 March 2022	15 March 2022
Senate	4 August 2021	N/A		10 March 2022	

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 <http://www.nationalguard.mil/Leadership/JointStaff/PersonalStaff/LegislativeLiaison.aspx>.

Status:

On March 10th, the House and Senate passed an Omnibus Appropriations which included the FY22 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act. In total, the legislation provides \$14.9 billion in funding for military construction projects and family housing. The bill is \$5 billion above the budget request.

The bill includes \$642.8 million for construction or alteration of National Guard facilities in 25 states/territories. Of this, \$337.8 million is provided for Army National Guard military construction and \$305 million for Air National Guard military construction. The recommendation also supports \$310.4 million in unfunded priorities (\$167.5 million for the Army National Guard, and \$142.9 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	FY22 Omnibus	Delta From FY22 Request
MILCON Total	\$257,103	\$335,603	\$78,500	\$315,893	\$58,790	\$337,893	\$80,790
Minor Construction	\$39,471	\$52,471	\$13,000	\$45,471	\$6,000	\$47,471	\$8,000
Planning & Design	\$22,000	\$72,000	\$50,000	\$37,725	\$15,725	\$45,000	\$23,000
Sec. 124	--	--	--	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$71,000	\$71,000
Sec. 129	--	\$24,800	--	--	--	--	--
Sec. 131	--	\$100,000	--	--	--	--	--
Sec. 135	--	--	--	--	--	\$86,536	\$86,536
Sec. 139	--	--	--	--	--	\$9,961	\$9,961



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	FY22 Omnibus	Delta From FY22 Request
MILCON Total	\$197,770	\$246,770	\$49,000	\$298,550	\$100,780	\$305,050	\$107,280
Minor Construction	\$29,068	\$44,068	\$15,000	\$29,068	--	\$29,068	--
Planning &	\$18,402	\$28,402	\$10,000	\$23,682	\$5,280	\$21,402	\$3,000

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Sec. 124	--	--	--	\$19,200	\$19,200	\$86,620	\$86,620
Sec. 135	--	--	--	--	--	\$35,371	\$35,371
Sec. 138	--	--	--	--	--	\$11,800	\$11,800
Sec. 139	--	--	--	--	--	\$9,180	\$9,180

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”, \$636,100,000; “Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps”, \$1,281,980,000; “Military Construction, Air Force”, \$237,450,000; “Military Construction, Defense-Wide”, \$93,000,000; **“Military Construction, Army National Guard”, \$71,000,000; “Military Construction, Air National Guard”, \$86,620,000;** “Military Construction, Army Reserve”, \$29,200,000; “Military Construction, Air Force Reserve”, \$44,000,000; and “Family Housing Construction, Army”, \$88,064,000: Provided, That such funds may only be obligated to carry out construction and cost to complete 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: Provided 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.

Sec. 135 – For an additional amount for the accounts and in the amounts specified, to remain available until September 30, 2024: **“Military Construction, Army National Guard”, \$86,536,000; and “Military Construction, Air National Guard”, \$35,371,000:** Provided, That such funds may only be obligated to carry out construction projects identified in the respective military department’s cost to complete projects list of previously appropriated projects submitted to Congress: Provided further, That such projects are subject to authorization prior to obligation and expenditure of funds to carry out construction: Provided further, That not later than 30 days after the date of 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.

Sec. 138 – For an additional amount for the accounts and in the amounts specified to address cost increases identified subsequent to the fiscal year 2022 budget request for authorized major construction projects included in that request, to remain available until September 30, 2026: “Military Construction, Army”, \$4,000,000; “Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps”, \$11,000,000; “Military Construction, Air Force”, \$25,000,000; “Military Construction, Defense-Wide”, \$30,000,000; **“Military Construction, Air National Guard”, \$11,800,000;** “Military Construction, Army Reserve”, \$5,800,000; “Military Construction, Air Force Reserve”, \$4,400,000; and “Family Housing Construction, Navy and Marine Corps”, \$13,000,000: Provided, That not later

than 30 days after the date of 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: Provided further, That the Secretary of the military department concerned may not obligate or expend any funds prior to approval by the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the expenditure plan required by this section.

Sec. 139 – For an additional amount for the accounts and in the amounts specified to address cost increases for authorized major construction projects funded by this Act, to remain available until September 30, 2026: “Military Construction, Army”, \$20,800,000; “Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps”, \$18,926,000; “Military Construction, Air Force”, \$46,574,000; “Military Construction, Defense-Wide”, \$11,410,000; **“Military Construction, Army National Guard”, \$9,961,000; “Military Construction, Air National Guard”, \$9,180,000;** “Military Construction, Army Reserve”, \$7,000,000; and “Military Construction, Air Force Reserve”, \$2,000,000: Provided, That not later than 30 days after the date of 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: Provided further, That the Secretary of the military department concerned may not obligate or expend any funds prior to approval by the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress of the expenditure plan required by this section.

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

Military Construction Overview

Military Construction Funding

The agreement includes \$14,900,000,000, which is \$5,052,969,000 above the budget request, in a continued effort to support current and future force readiness through critical infrastructure investments. Building off the fiscal year 2022 budget request, this level also funds all authorized and unfunded requirements and addresses other priorities that have been historically neglected in budget requests, such as quality of life and research and development facilities. While Congress continues to provide funding above the budget request for military construction, the Committees encourage the Department to adequately resource these accounts.

Unfunded Priority Lists (UPL) and Future Years Defense Program (FYDP)

The Committees direct the Department of Defense and all Services, active and reserve components, as well as combatant commanders, as required by law, to submit updated UPL and FYDP lists to the congressional defense committees for military construction projects no later than 10 days after the transmission of the annual President's Budget.

Military Construction, Defense-Wide

Special Operations Command East Coast Training Facilities

The agreement 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 that focuses on enabling all-domain warfare. This report should also analyze the value provided to the U.S. Special Operations Command by National Guard training facilities.

Military Construction, Army National Guard

The agreement provides \$337,893,000 for "Military Construction, Army National Guard", which is \$80,790,000 above the budget request. Within this amount, the agreement includes \$57,725,000

for study, planning, design, architecture, and engineering services. Within the total for Military Construction, Army National Guard, \$49,790,000 is for the following projects in the following amounts:

State	Location	Project	Amount
KS	Topeka	National Guard/Reserve Center Building SCIF: Planning and Design	\$420,000
MS	Camp Shelby	Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site (MATES)	\$15,500,000
MO	Aviation Classification Report Activity Depot	AVCRAD Aircraft Maintenance Hangar Addition: Planning and Design	\$3,800,000
NC	Salisbury	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar Addition/Alteration: Planning and Design	\$2,700,000
VT	Ethan Allen AFB	Family Readiness Center: Unspecified Minor Construction	\$4,665,000
VT	Bennington	Readiness Center	\$16,900,000
VA	Sandston	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar: Planning and Design	\$5,805,000

Army National Guard (ARNG) Readiness Center Transformation Master Plan (RCTMP)

The agreement provides \$20,000,000 for Army National Guard planning and design. The Committees expect increased investments in ARNG Readiness Centers in future fiscal years. Furthermore, the agreement directs the ARNG to brief the Committees on how its military construction funding priorities align with current and future readiness center requirements based on the RCTMP no later than 90 days after enactment of this Act.

National Guard Biathlon Programs

The agreement includes \$8,000,000 above the President's budget request in minor military construction to update 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 agreement includes \$2,000,000 in planning and design for vehicle maintenance facilities, and the Committees encourage the Army National Guard to ensure maintenance infrastructure is adequately addressed in future budget requests.

Military Construction, Air National Guard

The agreement provides \$305,050,000 for "Military Construction, Air National Guard", which is \$107,280,000 above the budget request. Within this amount, the agreement includes \$23,682,000 for study, planning, design, architecture, and engineering services. Within the total for Military Construction, Air National Guard, \$104,280,000 is for the following projects in the following amounts:

State	Location	Project	Amount
CT	Bradley ANGB	Composite ASE Vehicle Maintenance Facility	\$17,000,000
DE	New Castle County Airport	Fuel Cell and Corrosion Control Hangar	\$17,500,000
ID	Boise Air Terminal (Gowen Field)	Medical Training Facility	\$6,500,000

IL	Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport	Base Civil Engineer Complex	\$10,200,000
NY	Gabreski ANGB	Base Civil Engineer Complex	\$14,800,000
SC	McEntire JNGB	Hazardous Cargo Pad	\$9,000,000
WA	Campy Murray ANGS	Air Support Operations Group Complex	\$27,000,000
WI	Volk Combat Readiness Training Center	Replace Aircraft Maintenance Hangar/Shops: Planning and Design	\$2,280,000

Department of Defense Base Closure Account

Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) and Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA)

The Committees continue to be concerned about the extent of PFOS/PFOA contamination at closed U.S. military installations and how that contamination is measured. Therefore, the agreement includes an additional \$150,000,000 above the budget request within the Base Closure Account 12 to increase the pace of cleanup at the military installations affected by PFOS/PFOA. The Department is directed to submit a spend plan for these additional funds to the Committees no later than 60 days after enactment of this Act. Additionally, the Committees direct the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Environment to provide a report to the congressional defense committees no later than 60 days after enactment of this Act that establishes a baseline of information regarding PFOS/PFOA at closed military installations.

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

Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

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The agreement provides \$13,176,661,000 in discretionary funds for mental health programs, of which \$597,997,000 is for suicide prevention outreach. In addition to the directives in House Report 117-81 and Senate Report 117-35, the agreement urges the Department to focus on preventing suicides on VA properties. The agreement provides \$255,968,000 for the Veterans Crisis Line (VCL) and directs the Department to ensure the VCL has geolocation capabilities to ensure accurate emergency dispatch to persons at risk of imminent harm to self or others. The agreement provides \$40,000,000 for the National Center for PTSD and encourages the Center to consider academic and interagency collaborations to investigate novel combinatorial forms of intervention for PTSD, including multi factor approaches.

Telehealth and Connected Care

The agreement provides \$2,435,182,000 to sustain and increase telehealth capacity, including in rural, highly rural, and underserved communities.

Telehealth Briefing

VHA is directed to continue to expand telehealth availability to include other mental health, primary care, and rehabilitation services and to provide a briefing as described in Senate Report 117-3 5 no later than 120 days after enactment of this Act on efforts to increase telemedicine services to veterans and families and the resources needed to make such services more readily available.

Gender-Specific Care for Women

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The agreement includes \$840,446,000, which is \$30,000,000 above the budget request, to support gender-specific care for women, as well as funding for the program office and initiatives. The funding will expand programmatic support for women's healthcare, including operational efforts through the Office of Women's Health, implementation of the Deborah Sampson Act, and investments in women's health provider training, such as the Women Veterans Health Care Mini Residency Program. The funding includes \$1,000,000 for peer support programs for women veterans, as described in House Report 11 7-81.

The Department is directed to provide a spend plan detailing how this funding will be allocated and describing all planned activities related to care for women veterans to the Committees no later than 90 days after enactment of this Act. In addition, the Department is directed to provide quarterly briefings to the Committees on the expenditure of the funds.

The Department is further directed to continue improving medical facilities to meet the needs of women veterans and is reminded of the annual reporting requirement included in the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying Public Law 116-94 related to women's healthcare facilities.

Veterans Electronic Health Record

The agreement provides \$2,500,000,000 for Veterans Electronic Health Record for activities related to the development and roll out of VA's Electronic Health Record Modernization (EHRM) initiative, the associated contractual costs, and the salaries and expenses of employees hired under titles 5 and 38, United States Code. Furthermore, the agreement makes 25 percent of the funds contingent upon the Secretary providing a plan with benchmarks and measurable metrics for deployment and a plan for addressing all required infrastructure upgrades to the Committees on Appropriations no later than 30 days prior to July 1, 2022.

The Secretary is not provided transfer authority and is directed to continue using this account as the sole source of funding within the Department for EHRM. While the Committees remain supportive of the EHRM initiative and the Secretary's comprehensive strategic review, as with any acquisition of this size and magnitude, there continue to be implementation concerns. The funding level and contingency requirement recognize the implementation delays and challenges to date, as well as the need to communicate a clear plan to address infrastructure needs, deploy the new system, monitor progress, and demonstrate success.

The Committees expect the Department to follow the direction in bill language, as well as in House Report 117-81 and Senate Report 117-35. This includes, but is not limited to, the continuation of quarterly reporting and briefings. The agreement continues to direct the Government Accountability Office to conduct quarterly performance reviews of EHRM deployment and to report to the Committees on Appropriations each quarter.



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	FY22 Omnibus
CT	National Guard Readiness Center	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$17,500
GA	Enlisted Personnel Unaccompanied Personnel Housing	\$13,200	\$13,200	\$13,200	\$13,200
ID	National Guard Readiness Center	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
IL	NG Vehicle Maintenance Shop	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
KS	NG/Reserve Center	\$16,732	\$16,732	\$16,732	\$16,732
KS ¹	Planning and Design	--	--	\$420	\$420
LA	National Guard Readiness Center	\$18,500	\$18,500	\$18,500	\$18,500
ME	NG Vehicle Maintenance Shop	\$21,200	\$21,200	\$21,200	\$21,200
MO ²	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar Addition P&D	--	--	\$3,800	\$3,800
MS ³	Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site (MATES)	--	\$15,500	\$15,500	\$15,500
MT	National Guard Readiness Center	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000
NC ⁴	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar Addition P&D	--	--	\$2,700	\$2,700
ND	National Guard Readiness Center	\$15,500	\$15,500	\$15,500	\$15,500
VT ⁵	National Guard Readiness Center	--	--	\$16,900	\$16,900
VT ⁶	Family Readiness Center: Minor Construction	--	--	\$4,665	\$4,665
VA ⁷	Aircraft Maintenance Hanger Addition P&D	--	--	\$5,805	\$5,805
VA	National Guard Readiness Center Addition	\$6,100	\$6,100	\$6,100	\$6,100
VA	Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS) Addition	\$6,900	\$6,900	\$6,900	\$6,900
GU	National Guard Readiness Center Addition	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$34,000

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 (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	FY22 Omnibus
CT ¹	Vehicle Maintenance Facility	--	--	\$17,000	\$17,000
DE ²	Fuel Cell and Corrosion Control Hangar	--	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$17,500
ID ³	Base Civil Engineer Complex	--	\$6,500	--	\$6,500
IL ⁴	Base Civil Engineer Complex	--	--	\$10,200	\$10,200
MA	Combined Engine/ASE/NDI Shop	\$12,200	\$12,200	\$12,200	\$12,200
MI	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar/Shops	\$23,000	\$23,000	\$23,000	\$23,000
MI	Construct Main Base Entrance	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
MS	Fire Crash and Rescue Station	\$9,300	\$9,300	\$9,300	\$9,300
NY ⁵	Civil Engineer Complex	--	--	\$14,800	\$14,800
NY	C-130 Flight Simulator Facility	\$10,800	\$10,800	\$10,800	\$10,800
OH	RED HORSE Logistics Complex	\$7,800	\$7,800	\$7,800	\$7,800
SC	F-16 Mission Training Center	\$9,800	\$9,800	\$9,800	\$9,800
SC ⁶	Hazardous Cargo Pad	--	--	\$9,000	\$9,000
SD	F-16 Mission Training Center	\$9,800	\$9,800	\$9,800	\$9,800
WA ⁷	Air Support Ops Group Complex	--	--	\$27,000	\$27,000
WI	Medical Readiness Facility	\$13,200	\$13,200	\$13,200	\$13,200
WI	F-35 3-Bay Specialized Hangar	\$31,000	\$31,000	\$31,000	\$31,000
WI ⁸	Replace Aircraft Maintenance Hangar P&D	--	--	\$2,280	\$2,280
WY	Combined Vehicle Maintenance & ASE Complex	\$13,400	\$13,400	\$13,400	\$13,400

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.