

Defense Budget

The FY22 NDAA includes a Republican amendment boosting the defense topline by \$25 billion, ensuring growth of 5 percent over FY21. The bill -

- Reverses President Biden’s reckless cuts to our national security, restoring funding for shipbuilding, procurement, and missile defense.
- Funds over \$15 billion in Service Chief and Combatant Commander priorities left unfunded by the Biden Budget.

Account	Biden Budget	FY22 NDAA
Procurement	\$132 billion	\$147 billion
Research, Development, Test, & Evaluation	\$112 billion	\$118 billion
Operation & Maintenance	\$253 billion	\$255 billion
Military Personnel & Health	\$206 billion	\$206 billion
Military Construction	\$10 billion	\$14 billion
Atomic Energy Defense Activities	\$28 billion	\$28 billion
Defense Related Activities	\$0.4 billion	\$0.4 billion
Total Defense Discretionary (050)	\$743 billion	\$768 billion

Servicemember Pay and Benefits

The FY22 NDAA continues Congressional support to our servicemembers and their families.

- Authorizes a 2.7% pay increase for servicemembers.
- Extends military recruitment and retention bonuses and special pay authorities.
- Provides nearly \$1.5 billion to improve servicemember family housing.
- Prevents President Biden’s cuts to military health program, increases funding for vaccine research, and provides \$35 million for research and treatment of Havana syndrome.
- Increases parental leave, expands the in-home childcare pilot program, and improves support available to military families with special needs children.
- Requires the DoD to conduct a thorough and independent review of suicide prevention and response programs at various military installations.

Shipbuilding

- Halts President Biden’s dangerous cuts to shipbuilding by providing funding for 13 new battle force ships and prohibiting the decommissioning of 2 cruisers.
- Puts the Navy back on track to building a 355 ship Navy.
- Includes over \$800 million to support expansion and modernization of the shipyard and submarine industrial base.
- Supports full funding of the nuclear modernization associated with Columbia class ballistic missile submarine and the B-21 Raider bomber programs.

Procurement

- Reverses President Biden’s dangerous cuts to the procurement of new aircraft, combat vehicles, autonomous systems, missiles, and ammunition.
- Focuses investment on new and emerging weapon systems capable of penetrating denied operating environments such as China.
- Authorizes over \$1.1 billion in new aircraft, equipment, and weapon systems for the National Guard and Reserve.

Readiness

- Reverses President Biden's cuts to readiness.
- Fully funds training availabilities and depot maintenance.
- Makes improvements to DoD's ability to overcome contested logistics from China and other adversaries.
- Requires DoD to report to Congress on the costs and time wasted on training on topics like diversity, inclusion, and equity.

Research, Development, Test, & Evaluation

- Includes unprecedented levels of investment in emerging technologies, including AI, quantum computing, hypersonic, and autonomous systems.
- Includes a new \$100 million fund and pilot program to expedite the deployment innovative technologies to the warfighter.
- Improves recruitment and retention of technical and scientific talent in the DoD with expanded scholarships and benefits.

Nuclear Deterrence/Missile Defense

- Prohibits any reduction in the number of intercontinental ballistic missiles or retiring or reconverting our low-yield nuclear warheads.
- Fully funds modernization of our nuclear triad, including Ground Based Strategic Deterrent.
- Fully funds the two-site solution for plutonium pit production.
- Prevents Russian and Chinese officials from accessing U.S. missile defense sites.
- Reverses President Biden's cuts to missile defense.
- Fully funds the Guam Defense System.
- Supports the Next Generation Interceptor to protect the U.S. homeland from the DPRK ICBM threat.

Waste, Fraud, and Abuse Prevention

- Ends investment in failing programs and supports the divestment of legacy systems with little strategic value.
- Reins in sustainment costs on DODs largest acquisition program through new sustainment affordability metrics and requirements.
- Establishes a program to prevent fraud and abuse in the Military Health System.



Vaccine Mandates

Discharges

- The NDAA prohibits DoD from dishonorably discharging servicemembers that refuse the COVID-19 vaccine. Servicemembers may only receive an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions. This policy will retroactively apply to the date of the DoD COVID-19 vaccine order and be in place for at least 2 years.

Exemptions

- The NDAA requires DoD to establish uniform standards under which servicemembers may be exempted from receiving the COVID-19 vaccine for administrative, medical, or religious reasons. The DoD must consider the effects of natural immunity in setting medical standards, as well as whether the servicemember is approaching retirement when setting the administrative exemption standards.

Improved Administration

- The NDAA requires DoD to establish a system to track and record all vaccine administered by the DoD and any adverse reactions to vaccines.

Afghanistan Accountability

The FY22 NDAA includes several provisions to hold the Biden administration accountable for its disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan:

- Prohibits DoD from providing any financial support to the Taliban.
- Prohibits the use of DoD aircraft to transfer frozen currency reserves or other assets to the Taliban.
- Requires a series of immediate and quarterly reports to Congress on the following:
 - Contingency plans to retrieve Americans still in Afghanistan;
 - Assessment of force structure and effectiveness of the “over the horizon” counterterrorism efforts in Afghanistan;
 - Itemized lists of aircraft, combat vehicles, and other U.S. military equipment left behind and destroyed;
 - The use of funding made available for counternarcotics mission in Central Asia;
 - Threats posed by Al Qaeda, ISIS-K, and other terrorists operating in Afghanistan;
 - Taliban relationship with foreign terrorist organizations;
 - Threat posed by prisoners released by Taliban during August evacuation;
 - Security impacts on the Taliban release of terrorist prisoners; and
 - Financial assets and other resources available to the Taliban.
- Directs the Secretary of Defense to recover all aircraft provided by the U.S. to Afghan Security Forces were relocated to other countries.
- Establishes an independent commission to review the entirety of Afghanistan War including the disastrous withdrawal and present finding and recommendations to Congress.
- Requires ongoing reports to Congress on DoD expenditures in support of Afghan resettlement activities.

Additional Defense Priorities

Iran

The FY22 NDAA includes several provisions to counter the malign actions of Iran and limit the ability of the Biden Administration to lift sanctions on the regime:

- Prohibits the use of DoD aircraft to transfer frozen currency reserves or other assets to Iran.
- Requires DoD to assess the impact the removal of sanctions would have on the capabilities of the Iranian military and Iranian terrorist proxies.
- Requires DoD to report to Congress on the Iranian regime's support of the Taliban.
- Requires DoD to report to Congress on military ties between Iran and China

Border Security

The FY22 NDAA includes several provisions to strengthen our homeland security:

- Continues funding for the deployment of National Guard to the border.
- Reauthorizes authority for DoD to support U.S. law enforcement counter-narcotic and counter-transnational crime efforts.
- Requires an assessment of the impact on military readiness of forcing DoD to transport illegal immigrants.

Terrorism

The FY22 NDAA includes several provisions to enhance DoD and partner counter-terrorism capabilities:

- Extends authority for DoD to support U.S. law enforcement counter-terrorism efforts.
- Includes over \$236 million in Special Operations Command unfunded priorities.
- Solidifies oversight of DoD activities to counter terrorism activities in Afghanistan.
- Expands collaboration with higher education to study irregular warfare and responses to irregular threats.
- Restores funding for Cooperative Threat Reduction to counter the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

GITMO

The FY22 NDAA prohibits the Biden administration from:

- Closing the terrorist prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba;
- Transferring terrorist detainees from the prison at Guantanamo Bay to the United States; and
- Building a facility in the United States to house terrorist detainees.

Countering China

The FY22 NDAA is laser focused on preparing our military to prevail in conflict with China:

Deterrence

- Authorizes over \$7 billion for the Pacific Deterrence Initiative, \$2 billion above the President's request.
- Includes over \$500 million in INDOPACOM Combatant Commander priorities left unfunded by the Biden budget.
- Increases funding for new ships, submarines, projection forces, long range precision fires, hypersonics, space systems and other technologies capable of penetrating and surviving in denied operating environments.
- Fully funds Guam Ballistic Missile Defense
- Requires DoD to provide annual updates to Congress on China's military advancements.

Supply Chain Security and Independence

- Phases out the use of Chinese printed circuit boards in systems and equipment acquired by DoD.
- Prohibits DoD from acquiring personal protective equipment from China.
- Requires DoD to map its supply chain to identify and mitigate risks from foreign adversary interference.
- Requires DoD to prioritize domestic production of critical minerals and pharmaceutical ingredients.

Countering Chinese Malign Influence

- Requires DoD and State Department to assess China's efforts to expand its presence and influence in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Reaffirms U.S. commitment to the defense of allies in the Indo-Pacific region.

Support for Taiwan

- Creates a multi-year framework for tracking investments and improvements in Taiwan's asymmetric capabilities to counter key Chinese military threats.
- Sets the stage for deeper cooperation and integration with Taiwan's military.
- Establishes that it is the policy of the U.S. to maintain ability to resist Chinese efforts to seize control of Taiwan.
- Requires DoD to assess the feasibility of increasing National Guard support to Taiwan.
- Encourages DoD to invite Taiwan Naval Forces to participate in 2022 Pacific military exercises.

Origins of COVID-19

- Requires DoD and DNI to assess the involvement of the Chinese Communist Party in the origins of COVID-19.
- Requires DoD to report to Congress on the number of military personnel infected with COVID-19 at the 2019 World Military Games in Wuhan, China.
- Prohibits DoD from working with EcoHealth Alliance, Inc. in China to conduct research supported by the Chinese government.

Human Rights Violations

- Prohibits DOD purchases of goods from Chinese forced labor camps in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region



Countering Russia

The FY22 NDAA continues our efforts to defend our nation and our allies from Russian aggression.

Ukraine

- Includes \$300 million in security assistance and intelligence support to Ukraine, including not less than \$75 million in lethal assistance.
- Continues prohibitions on military cooperation with Russia and any activities that recognize Russian sovereignty over Crimea.

Deterrence

- Fully funds the European Deterrence Initiative and focuses on boosting our allies near Russia's border.
- Includes over \$100 million in EUCOM Combatant Commander priorities left unfunded by the Biden budget.
- Extends the authority of the DoD to provide military training to non-NATO allies in Eastern Europe.

Countering Russian Malign Influence

- Requires reporting on Russian influence operations and campaigns targeting U.S. military alliances and partnerships.