

Summary of NDAA FY10, H.R.2647

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2009 is the Year of the Military Family

- 3.4 percent pay raise for service members, 0.5% higher than the budget request
- Expands TRICARE health coverage to reserve component members and their families for 180 days prior to mobilization. Currently they're covered for just 90 days before mobilization
- Limits the collection of pay and allowance overpayments that result from administrative error
- \$1.95 billion for family housing programs
- Provides travel and transportation for three designated persons, including non-family members, to visit hospitalized service members
- Enables seriously injured service members to use a non-medical attendant for help with daily living or during travel for medical treatment.
- Establishes a pilot program for military spouses to have internships with federal agencies
- \$50 million for Impact Aid funding, with additional \$15 million for BRAC-affected areas
- Establishes a Department of Defense School of Nursing
- Provides scholarships to students pursuing degrees in disciplines that contribute to mental health programs

Improving Readiness

- \$11 billion for Army reset, \$2 billion for Marine Corps reset
- \$176 million to refill and maintain our nation's prepositioned stocks
- \$6.9 billion to address equipment shortfalls in the National Guard and Reserve
- Increases the size of the military – by 15,000 Army troops, 8,000 Marines, 14,650 Air Force personnel, and 2,477 Navy sailors
- \$450 million for Army barracks improvements and \$440 million to support National Guard and Reserve military construction projects
- Adds \$395 million to Navy Depot maintenance accounts for ships and planes
- Improves process of planning for and procurement of body armor
- Provides an increase of \$308 million for SOCOM to support its unfunded priorities list
- \$5 billion for Defense Environmental Cleanup
- Includes several provisions to improve DOD's ability to prevent and respond to sexual assault
- 3-year moratorium on DOD A-76 competitions
- Prohibits new hires from going into NSPS and restores the full 100% cost-of-living pay increase

Afghanistan and Pakistan

- Requires the President to assess U.S. efforts and report on progress in both countries, including metrics and timelines for achieving U.S. goals in these countries

- Provides funds to train and equip and increase the size of the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF)
- Requires a system to register and track all U.S. defense articles provided to Afghanistan and Pakistan

Afghanistan and Iraq

- Requires a report on efforts to prioritize resources between Iraq and Afghanistan
- Directs GAO to provide separate reports assessing the strategic plans for Iraq and Afghanistan

Iraq

- Requires a report to assist Congress with monitoring our redeployment from Iraq
- Requires a detailed plan for the disposition of U.S. military equipment in Iraq

Non-Proliferation

- \$2.5 billion for DOE's programs, an increase of \$403 million
- \$434 million, for Counter-Threat Reduction (CTR) initiatives, an increase of \$30 million

Acquisition Reform

- Supports the plan to increase the size of the civilian acquisition workforce
- Reduces DOD's reliance on contractors for critical acquisition functions
- Improves the process for IT systems acquisition
- Acts against waste, fraud, and abuse through increased contract oversight

Detainees

- Prohibits transfer of GTMO detainees into the U.S. until 120 days after the President provides a plan for dealing with these detainees and for mitigating possible risk. Also requires consultation with the governors
- Requires a report on how any reading of Miranda rights to detainees impacts, if at all, the conduct of military operations in Afghanistan.

Missile Defense

- Authorizes the President's request for \$9.3 billion, and adds \$900 million to Aegis and THAAD, specifically requested by commanders in the field to address real threats

Nuclear Weapons

- Strengthen Stockpile Stewardship Program to further reduce the need for future testing

Piracy

- Directs a report on the strategies for combating piracy off the coast of Somalia, and dealing with supporting organizations onshore
- Requires vessels carrying DOD cargo in high piracy risk areas to be equipped with appropriate non-lethal defense measures

Cybersecurity

- Strengthens DOD's ability to combat cyber threats to critical infrastructure, in support of President's plan