



## **National Commission on the Future of the Army**

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**SUBJECT:** National Commission on the Future of the Army (NCFA) Four-Star Luncheon  
September 22, 2015, Minutes

**Date:** 22 September 2015

**Time:** 1200 - 1300

**Location:** Pentagon

**Format:** Round table discussion

**Attendees:**

GEN (Ret.) Carter Ham - NCFA Chairman  
Mr. Don Tison - Designated Federal Officer (DFO)  
GEN Mark A. Milley - Chief of Staff of the Army  
GEN Daniel B. Allyn - Vice Chief of Staff of the Army  
GEN Frank J. Grass - Chief, National Guard Bureau  
GEN David M. Rodriguez - Commander, US Africa Command  
GEN Joseph L. Votel III - Commander, US Special Operations Command  
GEN Curtis M. Scaparrotti, Commander, US Forces Korea  
GEN Robert B. Abrams – Commanding General, US Army Forces Command  
GEN Vincent K. Brooks – Commanding General, US Army Pacific  
GEN David G. Perkins - Commanding General, US Army Training and Doctrine Command  
GEN Dennis L. Via - Commanding General, US Army Materiel Command  
LTG (Ret.) Jim Campbell - Senior Advisor to the Chief of Staff of the Army

**Documents Submitted to Commission:** None during this session. Commission provided the attendees with a copy of the National Defense Authorization Act sections establishing the Commission.

**Meeting Summary**

Discussion started at 1205 hrs with DFO explaining the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) requirements that govern the Commission proceedings. NCFA Chairman then provided a synopsis of Commission activities to date and shared several emerging observations.

- 1) Nation has one Army; need to reduce the tension between the components.
- 2) There is a growing separation between resources and global military trends. Commission is considering how to best describe this national risk.

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- 3) There is great capacity in the training and experience with the National Guard and Army Reserve. There are also some areas where the Army could expand usage of the RC units such as the National Guard Divisions.
- 4) Seeing possible redundancies in institutional training sites between National Guard and Regular Army.
- 5) Viewing greater partnerships/associations between units from all three components (e.g. I Corps and 34th Infantry Division).
- 6) Considering opportunities for expanding multi-component units. For example, Regular Army manning for G2 Intelligence elements reduced for AC Divisions while receiving a RC element as back fill. Commission exploring similar RC unit opportunities that could include Regular Army back fill into RC.
- 7) What Army Reserve authorities or roles are available with Defense Support to Civil Authorities (DSCA) and Homeland Defense (HLD)? Are the authorities too cumbersome and are territories more disadvantaged than the States?
- 8) Looking at the Apache AH-64 aircraft issue within the Aviation Restructuring Initiative (ARI). Both the Army plan contained in the President's Budget and the National Guard Bureau alternative proposal to ARI are sound. NCFA looking at several additional options and all alternatives other than ARI are likely to come with increased costs.

Attendees discussed:

Severe negative impacts caused by the Budget Control Act sequestration mechanism in terms of timing and costs. Examples provided included timing challenges adversely impacting training.

The meeting adjourned at 1300 hrs.