



## National Commission on the Future of the Army



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### **National Commission on the Future of the Army Conducts Camp Atterbury Site Visit**

Two commissioners from the National Commission on the Future of the Army (NCFA) spent Monday afternoon at Camp Atterbury as part of their congressionally-mandated mission.

The NCFA, made up of eight commissioners appointed by Congress and the President, has been charged with examining the structure of the Army and issues related to its size and force mix. The Commission will make recommendations to the Congress and President on how to modify the Army's structure based on anticipated mission requirements, acceptable levels of risk, and anticipated resources. The Commission will also specifically examine the transfer of all Army National Guard AH-64 Apache attack helicopters to the Regular Army. The Commission will issue its report no later than February 1, 2016.

As part of its examination, NCFA Commissioners have made several site visits around the country to elicit the opinions and tap the expertise of Soldiers, stakeholders, and other interested parties. NCFA Chairman Gen. Carter Ham (USA, Ret.) and Commissioner Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz (USAR, Ret.) began their afternoon at Atterbury by taking a look at a mobilization platform to get a sense of how ARNG Soldiers are prepared for mobilization.

"Camp Atterbury has deployed over 214,000 military service members as well as civilians since 2003 in support of national requirements both in the homeland and overseas," said Capt. Morgan Seitz, Director of Plans and Integration. He added, "The post serves as a multi-purpose installation providing full suite of ranges; maneuver space; facilities and simulations and recently added a railhead and deployment facility that is able to process a brigade combat team in 72 hours."

Between the two commissioners, they also visited Soldiers of the 149<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, Kentucky National Guard conduct a platoon live fire training event as part of their annual training at Camp Atterbury, toured the Joint Simulations and Training Facility and visited the Indiana Regional Training Institute. At the training academy, briefers discussed the Officer Candidate schools, medical simulation courses, and the National Guard Cyber exercise, as well as conducted a tour the new dining facility.

Later in the afternoon, they both had a roundtable discussion with Indiana Assistant Adjutant General Cliff Tooley and Kentucky Adjutant General Edward Tonini.

Chairman Ham said, "The people of Indiana can be proud of Camp Atterbury and the important role it plays in our national security. It was an informative visit and I am especially pleased we had the opportunity to meet the Adjutants Generals of Indiana and Kentucky, who provide valuable insight into the issues under our purview."

Commissioner Stultz added, "These types of site visits are critical to our work and ensuring our final report is thorough, thoughtful, and well-received by Congress and the White House. What we've seen

today at Atterbury gave us a good sense of some of the challenges the Army faces in mobilizing Soldiers and getting them ready to deploy and will help inform our work.”

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