



National Commission on the Future of the Army



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National Commission on the Future of the Army Holds Fourth DC-Area Public Hearing

The National Commission on the Future of the Army (NCFA) this morning held its fourth public meeting, with all eight commissioners present. The Commission began the session with updates on recent site visits to Europe, Kentucky, Mississippi, and West Virginia to meet with the National Governors Association. Next they discussed the work the five subcommittees (Drafting, Aviation, Institutional, Force Generation, and Operational) have completed in the areas of future Army requirements and environments, expected mission sets, and the exploration of tools, as well as potential force sufficiency modeling levers.

The commissioners then took testimony from Maj. Gen. Scott A. Vanderhamm, United States Air Force, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Headquarters; Lt. Gen. James B. Laster, United States Marine Corps, Director, Marine Corps Staff; Maj. Gen. Herman S. Clardy, III, United States Marine Corps, Deputy Director for Force Management, Application and Support, J-8; and Rear Adm. Lawrence B. Jackson, United States Navy Reserve, Reserve Deputy Director, Warfare Integration Division.

During the session, commissioners and witnesses discussed Army support to the other Services within the joint environment, particularly how the integration of the Army and the other Services can be best developed. Discussion included air defense, sea-land integration, wide-area security, logistics, engineering services, and targeting.

Commission Chairman Gen. (Ret.) Carter Ham remarked, "It was very valuable to hear from our sister Services today. With our continued budget constraint we must find the best way to utilize our joint capabilities to ensure we can maximize coverage of missions, balanced across all components."

The RAND Corporation also presented testimony addressing how the U.S. Army, as part of a Joint, interagency, intergovernmental, and multinational force, can help the Nation achieve its highest-level national security interests and mitigate the most important risks. As well, Maj. Gen. Glenn Curtis, Adjutant Gen. of Louisiana, along with six other TAGs from the Army National Guard and representing all 54 TAGs, presented written testimonies on affordability, capability, accessibility, readiness, fulltime support and the need for combat power in the Guard.

Copies of testimonies can be found on NCFA's website at: <http://www.ncfa.ncr.gov/meeting/august-18-arlington-virginia>

The NCFA has been charged by Congress to examine the structure of the Army and policy assumptions related to the size and force mix. The Commission will make recommendations on modifications to the structure of the Army based on current and anticipated mission requirements and acceptable levels of national risk, consistent with anticipated resources. The Commission will also specifically examine the transfer of Army National Guard AH-64 Apache attack helicopters from the Army National Guard to the Regular Army. The Commission will issue its report no later than February 1, 2016.

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