



National Commission on the Future of the Army
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Subject: CSA Meeting 16 November 2015 Minutes

Date: November 16, 2015

Time: 1605-1700 hours

Location: Rm 3E672, Pentagon

Attendees:

GEN(R) Carter Ham, NCFA Chairman

HON(R) Thomas Lamont, NCFA Vice Chairman

MG(R) Ray Carpenter, NCFA Executive Director

Mr. Don Tison, Designated Federal Officer (ADFO)

GEN Mark Milley, Chief of Staff Army

GEN Dan Allyn, Vice Chief of Staff Army

MG John Ferrari, Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation, G-8

BG Frank Muth, Director, Army Quadrennial Defense Review Office, G8

Documents Submitted to Commission: none

Meeting Summary

The meeting began at 1605 hours. The DFO outlined his responsibilities and the legal requirements for the Commission with regard to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The Chairman recapped the visits and contacts made by the Commission.

On the topic of AH-64 Apache distribution, the Chairman described Commission's approach to examine several options including the Aviation Restructuring Initiative plan, National Guard Bureau alternative proposal, and other possibilities.

The Integrated Personnel and Pay System-Army (IPPS-A) has surfaced as a means of gaining visibility in a single automated personnel management system. The program had to adjust schedule, but appears on track now. The Commission supports timely fielding for IPPS-A.

The Commission will address the need for an adequate Army size. The CSA noted an Army sized at 980K is absolutely the smallest possible in view of the increasing ground force requirement. CSA also noted need for adequate readiness of ARNG BCTs, but that cannot be done with only 39 training days a year. As part of the increased readiness model, the number of ARNG BCT CTC rotations required annually could increase. The Army currently has the capacity, money is the problem.

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The next topic dealt with considering various forms of multi-component units, including the Air Force's associate unit model and round outⁱ units from Reserve Components to Regular Army and vice versa.

CSA discussed the possibility of ARNG BCTs fulfilling predictable, recurring missions outside the U.S. He noted ARNG formations need a sustainable Mobilization to Dwell ratio.

CSA asked the Commission to take a look at how the Army can pay for Army initiatives.

The meeting adjourned at 1700 hours.

ⁱ From 1973 to 1996, the US Army employed various forms of "round out" and "round up" units to use separate Reserve Component brigades to round out Regular Army Divisions manned at two thirds strength.