



## National Commission on the Future of the Army

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### **National Commission on the Future of the Army Releases Roll Out Date of its Final Report**

With the deadline of the release just over one month away, the National Commission of the Future of the Army (NCFA) held its final open meeting in the District of Columbia. The actual release of the report will be on Jan. 28 at 2 p.m. in the Hall of States.

The Commission opened with a summary of activities over the last two days since the commissioners have gathered together in a closed session to review the report chapters, as well as the new format of the final report. The subcommittee chairs each discussed their specific areas, and any changes that occurred in the last 30 days.

The operational subcommittee reviewed a proposal for Total Force policy and integration of active and Reserve units focused on multicomponent units. "The operational forces subcommittee believes that clearly establishing the purpose for a multicomponent unit is paramount for its success," said Commissioner Dr. Kathleen Hicks. "We believe that in today's environment that role is probably best described as fostering integration of the Total Force."

The other three subcommittees: institutional, force generation, and aviation, recapped the last few months without introducing any new material.

The Commission's Chair Gen. (Ret) Carter Ham closed the meeting with a humble thank you to all who served with the Commission and recognition to all who serve in America's Army. "It has been the greatest honor to travel abroad and visit soldiers and commanders, and witness the incredible amount of strength and loyalty to this Nation," Gen. (Ret) Ham said. He further noted his observation of how the Army has grasped the moral substance represented in the phrase *So Help Me God* and duty to the Country - the core success of future generations of Americans.

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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