



National Commission on the Future of the Army



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National Commission on the Future of the Army Conducts Fort Knox Site Visit

Two commissioners from the National Commission on the Future of the Army (NCFA) spent Monday morning at Fort Knox 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, Army civilians, stakeholders, and other interested parties. NCFA Chairman GEN Carter Ham (USA, Ret.) and Commissioner LTG Jack Stultz (USAR, Ret.) today had briefings from Cadet Command, Human Resources Command, USAREC, the 104th Training Command, and the 84th Training Command. They finished by having lunch with ROTC cadets.

Chairman Ham said, "At the end of the day, the work of our Commission is mostly about people, and Fort Knox is at the heart of those kinds of issues – recruiting, retention, and training. These are very complex issues and what we heard today will greatly assist us in making sure whatever recommendations we put forth are grounded in fact."

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. Coming to Fort Knox has allowed us to hear from a broad range of Soldiers. Our briefings today gave us a good sense of some of the challenges the Army faces in recruiting and training Soldiers, and will help inform our work."

Members of the public is encouraged to share their thoughts on the NCFA's work and can leave comments for the Commissioners at: <http://www.ncfa.ncr.gov/leaveacomment>.

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