



National Commission on the Future of the Army



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National Commission on the Future of the Army Commissioners Visit Hawaii

National Commission of the Future of the Army (NCFA) Commissioners Tom Lamont and Ray Chandler today finished up two days of meetings in Hawaii. Lamont had been in the Pacific region on business related to another commission and arranged to visit Hawaii on his way back to the states to hear from some important stakeholders relative to the NCFA's work. He was joined by fellow commissioner Ray Chandler.

During their two-day visit, the Commissioners heard from Hawaii Governor David Ige, The Adjutants Generals of Guam and Hawaii, US Army Pacific Commander GEN Brooks and his staff. Chandler had separate engagements with Soldiers from the 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division and US Army Pacific officers and NCOs.

"We appreciate everyone making the time to receive us and let us know what's on their mind as we grapple with these important and complex issues," said Lamont. "Hawaii is an important state for the Total Army and we learned a great deal during our two days of meetings that will certainly help us as we consider recommendations and write our report."

Chandler added: "I especially want to thank the Soldiers I met with in Hawaii from all three components for their time. They had some very valuable insights on training, BOG:DWELL ratios, and how best to leverage Army Guard and Reserve forces. Feedback of this type is critical to ensuring our recommendations are well informed and useful."

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 related based on current and anticipated mission requirements and acceptable levels of national risk, consistent with available and anticipated future 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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