



## National Commission on the Future of the Army

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### **National Commission on the Future of the Army Holds Second Public Hearing**

The National Commission of the Future of the Army (NCFA) today held its second public hearing in the DC area. Commission members took testimony from several parties, including the Association of the United States Army, the Enlisted Guard Association of the United States, the Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee, the Army Budget and Program, Analysis, and Evaluation Offices. During public comments, the President of the Virginia Reserve Officers Association spoke.

The Commission provided updates on events since the last public meeting including visits to North Carolina and Hawaii. As well Chairman Gen. (Ret.) Carter Ham provided an update on the closed meeting topics of June 17.

“Closed meetings are the Commissioner’s opportunity to hear the personal concerns and issues from agencies and departments within the Army and DoD concerning classified topics,” said Ham.

“Organizations such as TRANSCOM, OSD CAPE, USNORTHCOM, and OSD Homeland Defense can shed light on vital imperatives that need to be considered when looking at force structure, rebalance and reform of the Army.”

The Commission rolled out its five subcommittees: 1. Aviation Subcommittee, 2. Drafting Subcommittee, 3. Force Generation Subcommittee, 4. Institutional Subcommittee, and 5. Operational Subcommittee. Subcommittees will gather information, conduct research, and analyze relevant issues and facts for consideration and proposals for deliberation by the full Commission.

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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