



## National Commission on the Future of the Army



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

The National Commission of the Future of the Army (NCFA) today held its first public hearing. The eight Commission members took testimony from a host of interested parties, including the Reserve Officers Association, the National Guard Association of the United States, the Adjutants General Association of the United States, the Army Aviation Association of America, Department of the Army Aviation Division, the National Guard Bureau, and the Government Accountability Office.

Commission Chairman GEN(R) Carter Ham said, "I am gratified at the strong turnout for today's first public hearing. The Commission can only succeed if it receives input from all stakeholders and our job is to make sure all interested parties have the opportunity to share their views. We are grateful to those who took the time to come talk to us and their thoughtful comments will be considered as we move forward."

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.

Chairman Ham concluded, "At this time, we have only questions, we don't have answers. And as we heard today, this is a very complex issue with many strongly-held viewpoints that need to be weighed very carefully. We will keep an open mind to ensure we get it right."

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