



National Commission on the Future of the Army



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National Commission on the Future of the Army Holds Public Meeting in Fayetteville, NC

The National Commission of the Future of the Army (NCFA) completed two days of meetings in North Carolina as part of its mandate. Yesterday and this afternoon, Commissioners held closed meetings with leadership from FORSCOM, USASOC, and USARC, as well as the North Carolina Adjutant General. Commissioners also visited Regular Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve units in the area.

This morning the Commission held an open meeting to hear from members of the public throughout the Fayetteville/Ft. Bragg area. Four Commission members took testimony from a host of interested parties, including several North Carolina congressional offices, community leaders, and ex-military.

Commission Chairman GEN(R) Carter Ham said, "We chose North Carolina for our first meeting away from the DC area because it has such a large Total Army footprint. The strong turnout and thoughtful comments we heard at today's open meeting reflect the keen interest this community has in Fort Bragg as well as the Army National Guard and Army Reserve units throughout North Carolina. The witnesses were well-informed and engaged, and gave us a lot to think about. I want to thank everyone who took the time to come talk to us."

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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