EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2027

TITLE I

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

HEARING

The Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held one hearing related to the fiscal year 2027 military construction budget request. Witnesses included representatives of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The fiscal year 2027 budget request for military construction and family housing totals $28,565,682,000. The Committee recommends $28,565,000,000.

REPROGRAMMING GUIDELINES

The following reprogramming guidelines apply for all military construction and family housing projects. A project or account (including the sub-elements of an account) which has been specifically reduced by the Congress in acting on the budget request is considered to be a congressional interest item and as such, prior approval is required. Accordingly, no reprogrammings to an item specifically reduced below the threshold by the Congress are permitted.

Recognizing the increased cost and complexity of military construction projects, the Committee supports increasing the reprogramming threshold to enable the Department to be more agile and reduce delays associated with cost overruns. The reprogramming criteria that apply to military construction projects, as well as new housing construction projects and improvements, is $10,000,000 or 25 percent of the funded amount, whichever is less. To provide the Services the flexibility to proceed with construction contracts without disruption or delay, the costs associated with environmental hazard remediation such as asbestos removal, radon abatement, lead-based paint removal or abatement, and any other legislated environmental hazard remediation may be excluded, provided that such remediation requirements could not be reasonably anticipated at the time of the budget submission. This exclusion applies to projects authorized in this budget year, as well as projects authorized in prior years for which construction has not been completed.

Furthermore, in instances where prior approval of a reprogramming request for a project or account has been received from the

Committee, the adjusted amount approved becomes the new base for any future increase or decrease via below-threshold reprogrammings (provided that the project or account is not a congressional interest item as defined above).

In addition to these guidelines, the Services are directed to adhere to the guidance for military construction reprogrammings and notifications, including the pertinent statutory authorities contained in Department of Defense [DoD] Financial Management Regulation 7000.14–R and relevant updates and policy memoranda.

Incremental Funding.—In general, the Committee supports full funding for military construction projects. However, it continues to be the practice of the Committee to provide incremental funding for certain large projects to enable the services to more efficiently allocate military construction dollars among projects that can be executed in the year of appropriation. Therefore, the Committee has recommended incremental funding for 18 projects.

Barracks.—The Committee is deeply concerned by the Department's reliance on a potential budget reconciliation to obtain funding for certain new barracks construction projects. The Committee notes that these projects were removed from the future years defense program and included in the budget request as Facilities Sustainment, Restoration, and Modernization projects, for which no statutory authority exists. These statutory and funding limitations raise significant concerns that the projects may not advance as planned, further delaying the delivery of new barracks and exacerbating existing housing shortfalls for servicemembers.

Child Development Centers [CDCs].—The Committee continues to recognize the critical role access to childcare plays in military readiness and the quality of life of servicemembers and their families. The Committee supports Department of Defense efforts to invest in new CDCs, as well as the expansion and renovation of existing facilities. In addition to providing $374,960,000 for the CDC projects included in the President's budget request, the recommendation provides an additional $143,500,000 for the design and construction of eight additional centers. While these investments will help increase capacity, high utilization rates and persistent personnel shortfalls across military installations worldwide continue to limit access to care and underscore the need for adaptive solutions. The Committee recognizes the Department's Child Care Expansion Initiative and encourages the military services to continue exploring alternative approaches to expand childcare access. Accordingly, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Service Secretaries, shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 90 days after enactment of this act, a five-year plan for the improvement and expansion of CDCs, including opportunities to increase capacity and an evaluation of the potential use of public-private partnerships.

Additive Manufacturing.—The Committee is encouraged by reports that three-dimensional (3D) construction technologies may provide the Services with a more rapid and efficient means of constructing facilities, while reducing logistical demands, supply chain requirements, and the personnel needed to support construction and related activities. Accordingly, the Committee urges the Services to continue studying, developing, and where practicable, imple-

menting additive and other advanced manufacturing capabilities to enhance construction efficiency, operational flexibility, and infrastructure resilience. The Committee further encourages the integration of these technologies into standard construction planning and execution processes, where appropriate, to ensure they become a scalable and routinely considered capability rather than a limited or exceptional application.

Barracks Improvement Practices.—The Committee supports the Department's use of alternative financing and partnership models to accelerate the construction, modernization, and sustainment of unaccompanied housing and address persistent barracks deficiencies impacting servicemembers' quality of life. The Committee believes such approaches may complement traditional military construction funding and improve project delivery timelines. Therefore, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress not later than 30 days after submission of the fiscal year 2028 President's budget request identifying all requested funding, authorities, and projects associated with such unaccompanied housing initiatives.

Congressionally Directed Spending.—The Committee includes Congressionally Directed Spending for design, unspecified minor construction, and major construction in accordance with Senate Rule XLIV. DoD is directed to carry out funding for projects as identified in tables under each relevant account header.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW

Appropriations, 2026	$17,591,638,000
Budget estimate, 2027	26,427,546,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	26,135,864,000

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNTS–PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The military construction appropriation provides for acquisition, construction, installation, and equipment of temporary or permanent public works, military installations, facilities, and real property for the Department of Defense. This appropriation also funds infrastructure projects and programs required to support bases and installations around the world.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

Appropriations, 2026	$2,381,909,000
Budget estimate, 2027	1,931,638,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	1,832,268,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $1,832,268,000 for Military Construction, Army for fiscal year 2027. This amount is $549,641,000 below the fiscal year 2026 enacted level and $99,370,000 below the budget request. Within this amount, $184,900,000 is for the following projects in the following amounts:

State	Location	Project	Amount ($)
Alabama	Fort Rucker	Child Development Center: Design	5,000,000

State	Location	Project	Amount ($)
Alabama	Redstone Arsenal	RDT&E Laboratory: Design	5,200,000
Alaska	Fort Wainwright	Dining Facility (INC)	30,000,000
Arizona	Fort Huachuca	Libby Army Airfield Control Tower: Design	4,000,000
Georgia	Fort Benning	Airfield Fire and Rescue Station: Design	1,600,000
Georgia	Fort Gordon	Expeditionary CEMA Operations Center: Design	8,000,000
Georgia	Fort Stewart	Enlisted Unaccompanied Personnel Barracks: Design	10,000,000
Georgia	Fort Stewart	Hunter Army Airfield Strategic Mobility Railhead: Design	7,900,000
Hawaii	Wheeler Army Airfield	Flight Control Tower (INC)	34,500,000
Kansas	Fort Leavenworth	Fire Station: Design	2,500,000
Kentucky	Fort Campbell	Vehicle Maintenance Shop: Design	5,000,000
Kentucky	Fort Campbell	Child Development Center: Design	2,000,000
Kentucky	Fort Knox	Soldier One Stop Facility: Design	2,700,000
Kentucky	Fort Knox	Air Traffic Control Tower: Design	3,500,000
Louisiana	Fort Polk	JRTC Rotational Unit Billeting Area (INC 2)	30,000,000
Massachusetts	Natick Soldier Systems Center	Human Engineering Lab: Design	8,000,000
Missouri	Fort Leonard Wood	Military Family Housing Investment	25,000,000

Further detail of the Committee's recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this explanatory statement.

Combat Training Center Modernization.—The Committee commends the Secretary of the Army for advancing efforts to posture the force for emerging and future threats, including peer and near-peer competition across all domains, and recognizes that modernization of Combat Training Centers, including Fort Polk, is critical to preparing formations for large-scale combat operations in complex and contested environments, including through the transition from legacy counterinsurgency-focused scenarios to persistent peer-threat conditions. Not later than 180 days after enactment of this act, the Secretary shall brief the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on progress in modernizing Fort Polk, including force structure adjustments, adversary force and sustainment manning improvements, required resources, and impacts on readiness.

Army Guard and Reserve Infrastructure.—The Secretary of the Army, in coordination with the Chief of the National Guard Bureau [NGB], shall submit a report not later than 90 days after enactment of this act on the Army's strategy for assessing infrastructure needs and prioritizing and addressing infrastructure deficiencies at NGB and Reserve installations. The report shall include, at a minimum: (1) a detailed assessment of infrastructure challenges at NGB and Reserve installations, including but not limited to runways, barracks, utilities, and training facilities; (2) the Army's prioritization process for NGB and Reserve infrastructure funding relative to Active Component bases, including an analysis of the

current investment strategy, how projects are ranked, and how risk assessments factor into funding allocations; (3) the operational risks associated with underfunding of NGB and Reserve infrastructure; and (4) a plan for addressing chronic infrastructure deficiencies at NGB facilities.

Soldier Performance Readiness Centers.—The Committee supports the Army's efforts to develop additional Soldier Performance Readiness Centers [SPRC]. The SPRC is integral to advancing the readiness and lethality of Army soldiers and is a crucial component for successfully implementing the Army's Holistic Health and Fitness (H2F) program. As such, the Committee encourages the Army to explore utilizing the Small Business Innovation Research Program Phase III awards for the construction and renovation of these facilities in order to expedite the contracting process.

Tactical Vehicle Maintenance Shelters.—The Committee is concerned that existing vehicle maintenance facilities are inadequate to support the maintenance and readiness requirements of a modern combined arms armored battalion. Equipment readiness depends on a comprehensive and effective maintenance program, which is essential to sustaining training and warfighting capabilities. This is particularly critical for units that rely on armored vehicles as their primary weapons system. The Committee notes that some installations continue to operate with outdated vehicle maintenance facilities that were designed for legacy equipment and unit configurations. Accordingly, the Committee urges the Army to plan and program sufficient funding in future budget requests to address vehicle maintenance facility shortfalls and ensure installations are equipped to sustain modern armored formations.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

Appropriations, 2026	$5,725,724,000
Budget estimate, 2027	8,266,703,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	7,836,179,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $7,836,179,000 for Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps for fiscal year 2027. This amount is $2,110,455,000 above the fiscal year 2026 enacted level and $430,524,000 below the budget request. Within this amount, $67,235,000 is for the following projects in the following amounts:

State	Location	Project	Amount ($)
Connecticut	Naval Submarine Base New London	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters: Design	22,500,000
Maine	NCTAMS LANT Detachment Cutler	Cutler VLF Military Housing: Design	2,000,000
Maine	Portsmouth Naval Shipyard	Child Development Center Addition, B342: Design	2,500,000
Maryland	Naval Support Activity Annapolis	Stormwater Management Facilities (INC)	28,335,000
Mississippi	Construction Battalion Center Gulfport	Port Damage Repair Training Facility: Design	4,500,000

State	Location	Project	Amount ($)
South Carolina	Joint Base Charleston	C5ISR Laboratory and Engineering Facility: Design	7,400,000

Further detail of the Committee's recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this explanatory statement.

Naval Shipyard Modernization.—The Navy's four public shipyards, Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility [PSNS], and Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility, perform a vital role in national defense by executing maintenance on submarines and aircraft carriers to ensure that they are combat-ready. The Committee supports the Department's Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Plan and believes the restoration of deferred maintenance availabilities along with the public shipyard dry dock investments identified under the plan are critical. The Committee urges the Secretary of the Navy to prioritize the timely funding of public shipyard infrastructure, in particular, the dry dock and shore infrastructure necessary to support critical maintenance of surface and submarine fleets. As the Navy moves forward on the Multi-Mission Dry Dock at PSNS, the Committee encourages the Department to consider opportunities to pull forward elements of the project which can be responsibly separated out into complete and usable facilities.

Other Transaction Authority.—The Committee is aware and supportive of the Navy's efforts to utilize Other Transaction Authority [OTA] for military construction projects, particularly advanced technology and test and evaluation facilities. The Committee also notes that the Navy has released Broad Agency Announcements [BAA] for potential bidders using OTA, with limited bidder interest. While the Committee is encouraged that the Navy is utilizing this authority for the construction of technologically advanced and complex facilities, it is concerned that the low response rate to BAAs will drive Navy to pursue projects in a manner more consistent with traditional military construction authorities. Therefore, the Committee directs the Secretary of the Navy to evaluate and outline current business plans for construction of advanced technology and test and evaluation facilities using OTA and provide a report of its findings to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress not later than 90 days after enactment of this act.

Unmanned System Testing Infrastructure.—The Committee recognizes that unmanned underwater and surface systems can provide critical oceanographic, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance data for the Department of the Navy and that Navy components leverage commercially developed unmanned technologies, which must be tested, evaluated, and integrated into existing Navy architecture prior to operational deployment. The Committee further recognizes that effectively collecting, storing, and analyzing data from these systems requires expanded high-performance computing capabilities. Therefore, the Committee encourages the Secretary of the Navy to identify the infrastructure needed to support enhanced high-performance computing and unmanned system testing within the continental United States.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

Appropriations, 2026	$3,926,273,000
Budget estimate, 2027	10,601,180,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	9,906,637,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $9,906,637,000 for Military Construction, Air Force for fiscal year 2027. This amount is $5,980,364,000 above the fiscal year 2026 enacted level and $694,543,000 below the budget request. Within this amount, $284,850,000 is for the following projects in the following amounts:

State	Location	Project	Amount ($)
Alabama	Maxwell Air Force Base	Combined All Domain Wargaming Center: Design	16,000,000
Arizona	Luke Air Force Base	Child Development Center (INC)	23,000,000
Colorado	Peterson Air Force Base	Upgrade Electrical Distribution: Design	8,000,000
Delaware	Dover Air Force Base	Civil Engineer Squadron Shops: Design	4,000,000
Delaware	Dover Air Force Base	Child Development Center: Design	3,000,000
Delaware	Dover Air Force Base	Relocation of Commercial Gate: Design	2,500,000
Delaware	Dover Air Force Base	Multipurpose Facility: Design	2,200,000
Georgia	Moody Air Force Base	23rd Security Forces Squadron Operations Facility (INC)	17,500,000
Georgia	Moody Air Force Base	F–35A 75th Hangar and Squadron Operation Facility: Design	3,500,000
Georgia	Moody Air Force Base	F–35A 74th Hangar and Squadron Operation Facility: Design	500,000
Nebraska	Offutt Air Force Base	SAOC Supply Storage Facility: Design	6,800,000
Nevada	Creech Air Force Base	Mission Support Facility (INC)	28,000,000
New Mexico	Cannon Air Force Base	Deployment Processing Center (INC)	25,000,000
New Mexico	Kirtland Air Force Base	Explosive Operations Building (INC)	7,750,000
North Carolina	Seymour Johnson Air Force Base	Child Development Center (INC)	40,000,000
North Dakota	Grand Forks Air Force Base	Pavement and Maintenance Facility (INC)	35,000,000
Ohio	Wright-Patterson Air Force Base	AI Supercomputing Resource Center: Design	20,000,000
Ohio	Wright-Patterson Air Force Base	Human Performance Center Lab (INC)	21,000,000
South Carolina	Shaw Air Force Base	AFCENT Combined Warfighting Center: Design	21,100,000

Further detail of the Committee's recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this explanatory statement.

B–21 Infrastructure.—The Committee continues to note the importance of environmental protection shelters that protect aircraft from extreme weather but remains concerned about the suitability of open-sided shelters for B–21 bomber aircraft operating from in-

stallations at risk of severe weather events and emerging unmanned aerial system [UAS] threats, including capabilities demonstrated in Ukraine's June 2025 Operation Spider's Web. The Committee recognizes the need to incorporate design elements that address contemporary UAS threats and severe weather resiliency to protect airmen, preserve the lifespan of the B–21 aircraft and its low-observable coating, and maintain high mission capable rates. Therefore, the Committee encourages the Air Force to consider additional protective measures beyond overhead cover in environmental protection shelters to mitigate risks from UAS and extreme weather events, and to continue coordinating with the Committee as it evaluates the most appropriate approaches to mitigate these threats.

Sentinel Silo Construction.—The Committee supports the use of new sites, where appropriate, to construct Sentinel launch silos as a means of accelerating construction without degrading the readiness of the existing Minuteman III force and without regard to the schedule for construction of on-base Sentinel operations, maintenance, and command and control facilities. The Committee is aware that the Air Force is evaluating approaches to enable concurrent construction of launch facilities across the three missile bases. The Committee therefore directs the Secretary of the Air Force to brief the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 180 days after enactment of this act, on the plan developed following the Nunn-McCurdy review to identify cost-saving measures and accelerate deployment of the Sentinel program, including consideration of concurrent construction of launch silos across the three missile wings, the estimated number of new sites per missile wing, the workforce required, the expected timeline for completion, and the impact of such prioritization on future military construction budgets.

Military Working Dog Kennels.—The Committee is concerned by persistent deficiencies in military working dog [MWD] kennel facilities, including inadequate living space, limited exercise areas, and inconsistent standards of care. Reports of substandard conditions and historical concerns regarding the ethical treatment of these animals are unacceptable. MWDs are critical force protection assets that support detection, patrol, and operational missions domestically and abroad. Given their essential role alongside servicemembers, MWDs must be housed and cared for in a manner consistent with modern animal welfare standards. The Committee directs the Department to prioritize the expansion and modernization of MWD kennels within the military construction and sustainment programs. Updated facilities shall, to the maximum extent practicable, provide: (1) adequately sized, climate-controlled living quarters; (2) dedicated and expanded exercise and enrichment space; and (3) appropriate environmental and sanitation systems. The Department shall also ensure consistent, enforceable standards for daily care, including feeding, exercise, and veterinary support, with sufficient staffing and oversight to prevent neglect. Not later than 180 days after enactment of this act, the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress assessing current MWD ken-

nel conditions, identifying deficiencies, and providing a prioritized plan and cost estimate for necessary improvements.

Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations.—The Committee is aware that existing mortuary affairs facilities at Dover Air Force Base, which support the dignified transfer and identification of fallen service members, face capacity constraints and require modernization to meet current and future mission demands. The Committee recognizes the importance of ensuring these facilities uphold the highest standards of care and respect for the fallen and their families and encourages the Department of the Air Force to prioritize investments in infrastructure and capabilities supporting the Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations mission. The Committee directs the Secretary of the Air Force to provide a report on plans to modernize and sustain mortuary affairs capabilities at Dover Air Force Base, including timelines and resource requirements, not later than 90 days after enactment of this act.

T–7A Infrastructure.—The Committee recognizes that the Department of the Air Force is engaged in a major acquisition effort to recapitalize its aging fleet of T–38C aircraft and associated training systems with the T–7A Red Hawk, including at future basing locations such as Columbus Air Force Base and Laughlin Air Force Base. The Committee encourages the Air Force to continue to plan and program infrastructure projects that will enable the operational employment of the T–7A aircraft, including training, maintenance, and flight operations infrastructure.

Air Forces Cyber Headquarters.—As threats from state and non-state actors continue to grow in scale and sophistication, the Committee recognizes the critical role of Sixteenth Air Force in conducting cyber and information warfare operations. The Committee is concerned that existing headquarters facilities may not adequately support these mission requirements and encourages the Department of the Air Force to prioritize planning for a modern headquarters facility with sufficient Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility space and appropriate security infrastructure to support current and future operational needs. The Committee further encourages the Air Force to continue coordination with state and local entities in support of such planning and design efforts.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriations, 2026	$3,784,301,000
Budget estimate, 2027	3,402,951,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	3,786,491,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $3,786,491,000 for projects considered within the Military Construction, Defense-Wide account for fiscal year 2027. This amount is $2,190,000 above the fiscal year 2026 enacted level and $383,540,000 above the budget request. Within this amount, $25,000,000 is for the following project in the following amount:

State	Location	Project	Amount ($)
Nebraska	Offutt Air Force Base	DPAA Laboratory (INC)	25,000,000

Further detail of the Committee's recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this explanatory statement.

Corrosion Prevention Training.—The Committee is concerned about impact of corrosion on the long-term durability of Department of Defense infrastructure. The National Apprenticeship Act provides industrial coatings applicator training for corrosion prevention and mitigation to both Department personnel and contractors. The Committee is concerned that inconsistent implementation of training requirements may negatively affect military readiness. Therefore, the Committee directs the Director of the Office of Corrosion Policy and Oversight to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 120 days after the enactment of this act, detailing the Department's progress in implementing these training standards. This report shall include an assessment of the Department's efforts to ensure civilian and military personnel meet the qualified training program standards set forth in law.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Appropriations, 2026	$272,930,000
Budget estimate, 2027	358,909,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	495,894,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $495,894,000 for Military Construction, Army National Guard for fiscal year 2027. This amount is $222,964,000 above the fiscal year 2026 enacted level and $136,985,000 above the budget request. Within this amount, $117,685,000 is for the following projects in the following amounts:

State	Location	Project	Amount ($)
Alabama	Fort McClellan	Multipurpose Machine Gun Range: Design	2,600,000
Alabama	Fort McClellan	Regional Training Institute: Design	10,000,000
Kentucky	Frankfort	Civil Support Team Ready Building: Design	2,100,000
Kentucky	Jackson Field Maintenance Shop	National Guard Vehicle Maintenance Shop	18,500,000
Kentucky	Wendell H. Ford Reg. Training Center	Physical Fitness Center: Design	1,000,000
Kentucky	Wendell H. Ford Reg. Training Center	Water Tower: Design	1,000,000
Kentucky	Wendell H. Ford Reg. Training Center	Transient Unaccompanied Military Housing: Design	3,000,000
Maryland	Camp Fretterd Readiness Center	Collective Training Unaccompanied Housing: Design	2,000,000
Minnesota	Anoka	National Guard Readiness Center: Design	4,350,000
Mississippi	Meridian	Army Aviation Support Facility: Design	2,300,000

State	Location	Project	Amount ($)
New Hampshire	Newington	National Guard Readiness Center: Design	4,000,000
New Jersey	Lawrenceville	National Guard Readiness Center Alteration: Design	2,990,000
New Jersey	Newark	National Guard Readiness Center (INC)	7,000,000
New Jersey	Somerset	National Guard Readiness Center: Design	3,845,000
Oregon	Rees Training Center	Dining Facility Addition: Minor Construction	10,100,000
Vermont	Training Site Ethan Allen Range	Biathlon Infrastructure Improvements: Minor Construction	5,900,000
Vermont	Training Site Ethan Allen Range	Castle Trail Bypass (Training Area Roads): Minor Construction	6,000,000
Virginia	Sandston	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar Addition	31,000,000

Further detail of the Committee's recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this explanatory statement.

Readiness Centers.—The Committee notes that many Army National Guard units utilize outdated and substandard facilities which can negatively impact the unit's ability to meet readiness, recruiting and retention, and training objectives. Facilities with physical shortfalls of greater than 50 percent of authorized space, such as those in Jamestown, North Dakota, are of particular concern. The Committee encourages the Army National Guard to allocate sufficient funding to address such facilities in future budget requests.

Lodging Facilities.—The Committee remains concerned about lodging shortfalls at Army National Guard training and readiness centers, including regional centers that support training activities for local, State, Federal, and Tribal agencies. The Committee encourages the Army National Guard to prioritize and program adequate funding in future budget requests to address these deficiencies, particularly at installations with expanded or evolving training requirements.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR NATIONAL GUARD

Appropriations, 2026	$292,546,000
Budget estimate, 2027	525,221,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	829,451,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $829,451,000 for Military Construction, Air National Guard for fiscal year 2027. This amount is $536,905,000 above the fiscal year 2026 enacted level and $304,230,000 above the budget request. Within this amount, $350,330,000 is for the following projects in the following amounts:

State	Location	Project	Amount ($)
Alabama	Sumpter Smith Air National Guard Base	Base Entry Control Point: Design	300,000
Delaware	New Castle County Airport	Consolidated Maintenance and Logistics Support Facility: Design	7,730,000

State	Location	Project	Amount ($)
Illinois	Scott Air Force Base	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar (INC)	35,000,000
Iowa	Sioux Gateway Airport	Repair Runway 13–31 (INC 2)	52,000,000
Iowa	Sioux Gateway Airport	Extend Runway 13–31	65,000,000
Iowa	Sioux Gateway Airport	ADAL Aircraft Parking Apron	48,000,000
Kansas	Forbes Field	Perimeter Fence: Minor Construction	5,500,000
Kentucky	Louisville	Contingency Response Mission Generation Facility: Design	2,500,000
Kentucky	Louisville	Fuel Cell Hangar: Design	2,000,000
Massachusetts	Barnes Air National Guard Base	Flight Simulator Facility (INC)	12,000,000
Michigan	Selfridge Air National Guard Base	F–15EX Maintenance Complex (INC)	30,000,000
Mississippi	Key Field	ADAL Maintenance Hangar and AMU Complex: Design	7,000,000
Nebraska	Lincoln Municipal Airport	Construct Aircraft Parking Apron and Taxiways: Design	4,000,000
Nevada	Reno-Tahoe International Airport	Engine Maintenance and Support Equipment Facility: Design	2,800,000
New Jersey	Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst	Cyber Operations Squadron Beddown: Design	2,500,000
South Dakota	Joe Foss Field	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar	40,000,000
Utah	Salt Lake City International Airport	Fuel Cell Corrosion Control Hangar (INC)	5,000,000
Virginia	Joint Base Langley-Eustis	Consolidated Headquarters Facility: Design	3,000,000
West Virginia	McLaughlin Air National Guard Base	C–130J Apron Expansion: Cost to Complete	5,000,000
West Virginia	McLaughlin Air National Guard Base	Communications Facility: Design	3,000,000
Wisconsin	Volk Air National Guard Base	ADAL ACS Complex	18,000,000

Further detail of the Committee's recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this explanatory statement.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY RESERVE

Appropriations, 2026	$92,239,000
Budget estimate, 2027	209,913,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	270,913,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $270,913,000 for Military Construction, Army Reserve for fiscal year 2027. This amount is $178,674,000 above the fiscal year 2026 enacted level and $61,000,000 above the budget request. Within this amount, $61,000,000 is for the following projects in the following amounts:

State	Location	Project	Amount ($)
California	Joint Forces Training Base, Los Alamitos	Army Reserve Center (INC)	32,000,000
Pennsylvania	Fort Indiantown Gap	Equipment Concentration Site (INC)	12,000,000
Wisconsin	Fort McCoy	Multipurpose Athletic Field	17,000,000

Further detail of the Committee's recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this explanatory statement.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY RESERVE

Appropriations, 2026	$52,255,000
Budget estimate, 2027	132,272,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	132,272,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $132,272,000 for Military Construction, Navy Reserve for fiscal year 2027. This amount is $80,017,000 above the fiscal year 2026 enacted level and equal to the budget request. Further detail of the Committee's recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this explanatory statement.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE RESERVE

Appropriations, 2026	$116,468,000
Budget estimate, 2027	22,172,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	61,172,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $61,172,000 for Military Construction, Air Force Reserve for fiscal year 2027. This amount is $55,296,000 below the fiscal year 2026 enacted level and $39,000,000 above the budget request. Within this amount, $39,000,000 is for the following projects in the following amounts:

State	Location	Project	Amount ($)
Georgia	Dobbins Air Reserve Base	Multi Cube Munitions Storage: Design	1,000,000
New York	Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station	Combined Operations Facility (INC)	38,000,000

Further detail of the Committee's recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this explanatory statement.

NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Appropriations, 2026	$481,832,000
Budget estimate, 2027	604,270,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	604,270,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO] appropriation provides for the U.S. cost share of the NATO Security Investment Program for the acquisition and construction of military facilities

and installations (including international military headquarters) and for related expenses for the collective defense of the NATO Treaty area.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $604,270,000 for the NATO Security Investment Program for fiscal year 2027. This amount is $122,438,000 above the fiscal year 2026 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT

Appropriations, 2026	$465,161,000
Budget estimate, 2027	372,317,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	380,317,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Section 2711 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law 112–239) consolidated the Base Closure Account 1990 and the Base Closure Account 2005 into a single Department of Defense Base Closure Account. The Base Closure Account provides for cleanup and disposal of property consistent with the four closure rounds required by the base closure acts of 1988 and 1990, and with the 2005 closure round required by the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10 U.S.C. 2687 note).

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends a total of $380,317,000 for the Department of Defense Base Closure Account for fiscal year 2027. This amount is $84,844,000 below the fiscal year 2026 enacted level and $8,000,000 above the budget request.

FAMILY HOUSING OVERVIEW

Appropriations, 2026	$1,884,365,000
Budget estimate, 2027	2,137,635,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	2,152,635,000

FAMILY HOUSING ACCOUNTS—PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Family Housing appropriation provides funds for military family housing construction activities, operation and maintenance, the Family Housing Improvement Fund, and the Homeowners Assistance Program. Construction accounts provide funding for new construction, improvements and the Federal Government share of housing privatization. Operation and maintenance accounts fund costs associated with the maintenance and leasing of military family housing, including utilities, services, management, and furnishings.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $2,152,635,000 for Family Housing Construction, Operation and Maintenance, and the Department's family housing improvement fund for fiscal year 2027. This amount is $268,270,000 above the fiscal year 2026 enacted level and $15,000,000 above the budget request.

Military Housing Privatization Initiative [MHPI].—The Committee remains concerned that the MHPI management companies are not consistently fulfilling responsibilities outlined in their partnership agreements with the Services. The Committee continues to receive evidence of poor housing conditions, inadequate maintenance response times, and mishandling of claims. Therefore, the Committee provides an additional $15,000,000 for increased oversight of DoD's privatized family housing program.

Military Housing Criteria.—The Committee notes that the Unified Facilities Criteria [UFC] could be updated to account for new building code developments that improve cost-effectiveness and facilitate the delivery of housing, such as the adoption of single-stair building codes in residential buildings up to six floors and allowing the use of standard international-model elevators. The Committee encourages the Department to incorporate such updates into the UFC, where appropriate, and directs the Secretary of Defense to brief the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 90 days after enactment of this act, on the process for updating the UFC, any barriers to such updates, and whether Congressional assistance is needed to facilitate their timely adoption.

FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

Appropriations, 2026	$228,558,000
Budget estimate, 2027	240,495,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	240,495,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $240,495,000 for Family Housing Construction, Army for fiscal year 2027. This amount is $11,937,000 above the fiscal year 2026 enacted level and equal to the budget request. Further detail of the Committee's recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this explanatory statement.

FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY

Appropriations, 2026	$388,418,000
Budget estimate, 2027	468,407,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	473,407,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $473,407,000 for Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Army for fiscal year 2027. This amount is $84,989,000 above the fiscal year 2026 enacted level and $5,000,000 above the budget request.

FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

Appropriations, 2026	$177,597,000
Budget estimate, 2027	361,870,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	361,870,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $361,870,000 for Family Housing Construction, Navy and Marine Corps for fiscal year 2027. This amount is $184,273,000 above the fiscal year 2026 enacted level and equal to the budget request. Further detail of the Committee's recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this explanatory statement.

FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

Appropriations, 2026	$384,108,000
Budget estimate, 2027	385,609,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	390,609,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $390,609,000 for Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Navy and Marine Corps for fiscal year 2027. This amount is $6,501,000 above the fiscal year 2026 enacted level and $5,000,000 above the budget request.

FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

Appropriations, 2026	$274,230,000
Budget estimate, 2027	243,022,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	243,022,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $243,022,000 for Family Housing Construction, Air Force for fiscal year 2027. This amount is $31,208,000 below the fiscal year 2026 enacted level and equal to the budget request. Further detail of the Committee's recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this explanatory statement.

FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE

Appropriations, 2026	$369,765,000
Budget estimate, 2027	366,756,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	371,756,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $371,756,000 for Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Air Force for fiscal year 2027. This amount is $1,991,000 above the fiscal year 2026 enacted level and $5,000,000 above the budget request.

FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE

Appropriations, 2026	$53,374,000
Budget estimate, 2027	63,064,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	63,064,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $63,064,000 for Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide for fiscal year 2027. This

amount is $9,690,000 above the fiscal year 2026 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND

Appropriations, 2026	$8,315,000
Budget estimate, 2027	8,412,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	8,412,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Family Housing Improvement Fund appropriation provides for the Department of Defense to undertake housing initiatives and to provide an alternative means of acquiring and improving military family housing and supporting facilities. This account provides seed money for housing privatization initiatives.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $8,412,000 for the Family Housing Improvement Fund for fiscal year 2027. This amount is $97,000 above the fiscal year 2026 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MILITARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND

Appropriations, 2026	$497,000
Budget estimate, 2027	501,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	501,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund appropriation provides for the Department of Defense to undertake housing initiatives and to provide an alternative means of acquiring and improving military unaccompanied housing and supporting facilities. This account provides seed money for housing privatization initiatives.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $501,000 for the Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund for fiscal year 2027. This amount is $4,000 above the fiscal year 2026 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 101. The Committee includes a provision that restricts payments under a cost-plus-a-fixed-fee contract for work, except in cases of contracts for environmental restoration at base closure sites.

SEC. 102. The Committee includes a provision that permits the use of funds for the hire of passenger motor vehicles.

SEC. 103. The Committee includes a provision that permits the use of funds for defense access roads.

SEC. 104. The Committee includes a provision that prohibits construction of new bases inside the continental United States for which specific appropriations have not been made.

SEC. 105. The Committee includes a provision that limits the use of funds for purchase of land or land easements.

SEC. 106. The Committee includes a provision that prohibits the use of funds to acquire land, prepare a site, or install utilities for any family housing except housing for which funds have been made available.

SEC. 107. The Committee includes a provision that limits the use of minor construction funds to transfer or relocate activities among installations.

SEC. 108. The Committee includes a provision that prohibits the procurement of steel unless American producers, fabricators, and manufacturers have been allowed to compete.

SEC. 109. The Committee includes a provision that prohibits payments of real property taxes in foreign nations.

SEC. 110. The Committee includes a provision that prohibits construction of new bases overseas without prior notification.

SEC. 111. The Committee includes a provision that establishes a threshold for American preference of $500,000 relating to architect and engineering services for overseas projects.

SEC. 112. The Committee includes a provision that establishes preference for American contractors for military construction in the United States territories and possessions in the Pacific, and on Kwajalein Atoll, or in countries bordering the Arabian Gulf.

SEC. 113. The Committee includes a provision that requires notification of military exercises involving construction in excess of $100,000.

SEC. 114. The Committee includes a provision that permits funds appropriated in prior years to be available for construction authorized during the current session of Congress.

SEC. 115. The Committee includes a provision that permits the use of expired or lapsed funds to pay the cost of supervision for any project being completed with lapsed funds.

SEC. 116. The Committee includes a provision that permits obligation of funds from more than one fiscal year to execute a construction project, provided that the total obligation for such project is consistent with the total amount appropriated for the project.

SEC. 117. The Committee includes a provision that permits the transfer of funds from Family Housing Construction accounts to the DoD Family Housing Improvement Fund and from Military Construction accounts to the DoD Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund.

SEC. 118. The Committee includes a provision that provides transfer authority to the Homeowners Assistance Fund.

SEC. 119. The Committee includes a provision that requires all acts making appropriations for military construction be the sole funding source of all operation and maintenance for family housing, including flag and general officer quarters, and limits the repair on flag and general officer quarters to $35,000 per unit per year without prior notification to the congressional defense committees.

SEC. 120. The Committee includes a provision that provides authority to expend funds from the "Ford Island Improvement" account.

SEC. 121. The Committee includes a provision that allows the transfer of expired funds to the Foreign Currency Fluctuation, Construction, Defense Account.

SEC. 122. The Committee includes a provision that allows the reprogramming of military construction and family housing construction funds among projects and activities within the account in which they are funded.

SEC. 123. The Committee includes a provision that prohibits the use of funds in this title for design and construction of projects at Arlington National Cemetery.

SEC. 124. The Committee includes a provision providing additional funds for unfunded military construction priorities.

SEC. 125. The Committee includes a provision directing all amounts appropriated to military construction accounts be immediately available and allotted for the full scope of authorized projects.

SEC. 126. The Committee includes a provision permitting the obligation of funds for certain prior fiscal years for which the project authorization has not lapsed or has been extended.

SEC. 127. The Committee includes a provision defining the congressional defense committees.

SEC. 128. The Committee includes a provision providing additional funds for design of Organic Industrial Base projects.

SEC. 129. The Committee includes a provision providing funding for authorized major construction projects.

SEC. 130. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting the use of funds in this act to close or realign Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

SEC. 131. The Committee includes a provision allowing the use of funds to support authorized defense access road projects at Arlington National Cemetery.

TITLE II

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

HEARING

The Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held one hearing related to the Department of Veterans Affairs' budget request for fiscal year 2027 and fiscal year 2028 advance appropriations. The Subcommittee heard testimony from the Honorable Douglas A. Collins, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee recommendation includes $482,770,993,000 for the Department of Veterans Affairs [VA] for fiscal year 2027, including $338,524,998,000 in mandatory spending and $144,245,995,000 in discretionary spending. The Committee also recommends $307,463,397,000 in advance appropriations for mandatory benefits and $138,240,000,000 in advance appropriations for veterans medical care for fiscal year 2028.

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

The Veterans Administration was established on July 21, 1930, as an independent agency by Executive Order 5398, in accordance with the act of July 3, 1930 (46 Stat. 1016). This act authorized the President to consolidate and coordinate Federal agencies specially created for or concerned with the administration of laws providing benefits to veterans, including the Veterans' Bureau, the Bureau of Pensions, and the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers. On March 15, 1989, the Veterans Administration was elevated to Cabinet level status as the Department of Veterans Affairs [VA].

VA's mission is to serve America's veterans and their families as their principal advocate in ensuring they receive the care, support, and recognition they have earned in service to the Nation. As of September 30, 2025, there were an estimated 17.6 million living veterans residing in the United States, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. There were an estimated 10.1 million dependents (spouses and dependent children) of living veterans. Thus, approximately 27.7 million people, or 8.1 percent of the total estimated resident population of the United States, Puerto Rico, U.S. Island Areas and U.S. citizens living abroad were recipients or potential recipients of veterans benefits from the Federal Government. VA's operating units include the Veterans Benefits Administration, Veterans Health Administration, National Cemetery Administration, and staff support offices.

The Veterans Benefits Administration [VBA] provides an integrated program of nonmedical veterans benefits. VBA administers a broad range of benefits to veterans and other eligible beneficiaries through 4 district offices; 56 regional offices; 3 Pension Management Centers; 6 Fiduciary Hubs; 2 Regional Education Processing Offices; 8 Regional Loan Centers; 1 Insurance Center; and 1 National Contact Center. The benefits provided include compensation for service-connected disabilities; non-service-connected pensions for veterans who meet certain wartime service, income and net worth, age and/or disability requirements; vocational rehabilitation assistance; educational and training assistance; home buying assistance; estate protection services for veterans under legal disability; information and assistance through personalized contacts; and 11 life insurance programs.

The Veterans Health Administration [VHA] develops, maintains, and operates a national healthcare delivery system for eligible veterans; carries out a program of education and training of healthcare personnel; conducts medical research and development; and furnishes health services to members of the Armed Forces during periods of war or national emergency. A system consisting of 18 Veterans Integrated Service Networks [VISN]; 142 VA Hospitals; 11 Health Care Centers; 332 Multi-Specialty Community-Based Outpatient Clinics; 421 Primary Care Community-Based Outpatient Clinics; 438 Outpatient Services Sites; 135 Community Living Centers; 125 Mental Health Residential rehabilitation treatment programs; 303 readjustment counseling Vet Centers; and 96 Mobile Vet Centers is maintained to meet VA's medical mission.

The National Cemetery Administration [NCA] provides for the interment of the remains of eligible deceased servicemembers and discharged veterans in any national cemetery with available grave space; permanently maintains these graves; provides headstones and markers for the graves of eligible persons in national and private cemeteries; administers the grant program for aid to States in establishing, expanding, or improving State veterans cemeteries; and provides certificates to families of deceased veterans recognizing their contributions and service to the Nation. In 2027, cemetery activities will encompass 158 national cemeteries and 35 cemeterial installations and their maintenance as national shrines.

Staff support offices include the Office of Inspector General, Board of Veterans Appeals, and General Administration offices, which support the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Under Secretary for Benefits, Under Secretary for Health, Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, and General Counsel.

VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

Appropriations, 2026	$263,787,504,000
Advance Appropriations, 2027	271,431,946,000
Budget estimate, 2027	16,605,609,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	16,605,609,000
Budget estimate, advance appropriations, 2028	307,463,396,830
Committee recommendation, advance appropriations, 2028	307,463,396,830

ADMINISTRATION OVERVIEW

The Veterans Benefits Administration is responsible for the payment of compensation and pension benefits to eligible service-connected disabled veterans, as well as education benefits and housing loan guarantees.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

In fiscal year 2026, the Committee provided $271,431,946,000 in advance appropriations for Veterans Benefits Administration for fiscal year 2027. This included $246,630,525,000 for Compensation and Pensions; $24,703,528,000 for Readjustment Benefits; and $97,893,000 for Veterans Insurance and Indemnities.

For fiscal year 2027, the Committee's recommendation includes $10,555,052,000 in addition to funds previously provided for Compensation and Pensions; $285,436,842 for the Veterans Housing Benefit Program Fund administrative expenses; $34,788 for the Vocational Rehabilitation Loans Program account, with $512,540 for administrative expenses; $5,967,991 for the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program account; and $3,811,000,000 for the General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration account.

The Committee recommendation also provides $307,463,396,830 in advance appropriations for the Veterans Benefits Administration's mandatory accounts for fiscal year 2028. This level may be adjusted based on the results of the administration's mid-session review.

Digitizing Veteran Records.—The Committee commends the efforts of the Veterans Benefits Administration [VBA], in partnership with the National Archives and Records Administration [NARA], in addressing the backlog of veterans' records requests by creating digital copies of records that currently exist only in hardcopy form at the National Personnel Records Center [NPRC]. The Committee encourages VBA to continue its efforts to create digital copies of veterans' records housed at NPRC. The Committee requests that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs update the analyses required by House Report 117–391. Further, the Secretary should, in coordination with the Archivist of the United States, determine if the digitization of NPRC records at additional locations by NARA would improve the timeliness of veterans' and servicemembers' access to records.

Guaranteeing Care for Veterans Experiencing Hardship.—The Committee encourages the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to assess how the Department can expedite cases due to hardship and what criteria are used for such requests. Establishing a clear timeline and decision-making process for cases requiring expedited treatment would ensure that veterans are able to receive care in a timely manner.

COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriations, 2026	$233,090,071,000
Advance Appropriations, 2027	246,630,525,000
Budget estimate, 2027	10,555,052,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	10,555,052,000
Budget estimate, advance appropriations, 2028	283,806,848,000
Committee recommendation, advance appropriations, 2028	283,806,848,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Compensation is payable to living veterans who have suffered impairment of earning power from service-connected disabilities. The amount of compensation is based upon the impact of disabilities on a veteran's earning capacity. Death compensation or dependency and indemnity compensation is payable to the surviving spouses and dependents of veterans whose deaths occur while on active duty or result from service-connected disabilities. A clothing allowance may also be provided for veterans with a service-connected disability who use a prosthetic or orthopedic device. In fiscal year 2027, the Department estimates it will obligate $255,108,398,000 for compensation payments to 6,781,134 veterans, 587,695 survivors, and 1,059 children receiving special benefits.

Pensions are an income security benefit payable to certain wartime veterans who are precluded from gainful employment due to non-service-connected disabilities that render them permanently and totally disabled. The Veterans Education and Benefits Expansion Act of 2001 (Public Law 107–103), restored the automatic presumption of permanent and total non-service-connected disability for purposes of awarding a pension to veterans age 65 and older, subject to the income limitations that apply to all pensioners. Death pensions are payable to certain surviving spouses and children of deceased wartime veterans. The rate payable for both disability and death pensions is determined on the basis of the annual income of the veteran or their survivors. In fiscal year 2027, the Department estimates that the pensions program will provide benefits to 105,287 veterans and 73,215 survivors totaling $2,713,456,000.

The Compensation and Pensions program funds certain burial benefits on behalf of eligible deceased veterans. These benefits provide the purchase and transportation costs for headstones and markers, grave liners, and pre-placed crypts; and provide partial reimbursement for privately purchased outer burial receptacles. In fiscal year 2027, the Department estimates the Compensation and Pensions program will obligate $457,149,000 providing burial benefits. This funding will provide 61,090 burial allowances, 48,853 burial plot allowances, 88,019 service-connected death awards, 379,495 burial flags, 275,054 headstones or markers, 47,926 grave liners or reimbursement for privately purchased outer burial receptacles, 356 caskets and urns for the internment of the remains of veterans without next of kin, and 950 cremation urns and commemorative plaques in lieu of furnishing a headstone or marker for an eligible deceased individual not already buried who served in the Armed Forces.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

In fiscal year 2026, the Committee provided an advance appropriation of $246,630,525,000 for fiscal year 2027 for the Compensation and Pensions account.

The Committee recommendation includes $10,555,052,000 in addition to the previously appropriated funds for fiscal year 2027, and an advance appropriation of $283,806,848,000 for the Compensation and Pensions account for fiscal year 2028.

Compensation and Pension [C&P] Exams.—The Committee continues to be concerned by the Department of Veterans Affairs' reliance on outside providers to conduct C&P exams and notes open Government Accountability Office [GAO] recommendations to improve the quality of contracted exams. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs is directed to provide a briefing to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 180 days of enactment of this act, on the implementation of the open recommendations in GAO–25–107483.

Improving Medical Examination Scheduling.—The Committee recognizes that under the current system, compensation and pension [C&P] exam appointments can be difficult to schedule and require some veterans to travel long distances. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs is directed to complete a review of scheduling request tools, contracts, and systems used by the Department to order and conduct medical disability examinations and provide to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 270 days after the date of the enactment of this act, a plan to ensure the following: (1) Systems and processes used by the Department enable clear and effective communication of requirements between the claims processors who request medical disability examinations and medical disability examination vendors, including through a contract; (2) Medical disability examiners, including contracted examiners, review the medical records and claims information necessary for the purposes of rating claims; (3) Claimants or appellants for whom a medical disability examination is requested are consulted within a reasonable timeframe when determining when and where the examination is conducted, as determined by the Secretary; (4) Medical disability examiners, to include contracted personnel, are provided with clear and consistent customer service standards when engaging with claimants or appellants to schedule examinations; and (5) The Department conducts customer satisfaction and experience surveys of claimants or appellants who attend medical disability examinations and makes changes to processes based on the feedback.

Medical Disability Examinations at VA Facilities.—The Committee directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 180 days of enactment of this act, that assesses the cost, timeliness, quality, capacity, and feasibility of the Department providing medical disability examinations in lieu of third-party providers. The report shall include average completion time of examinations, adequacy and remand rates, claimant satisfaction and experience, and average cost per completion of examination, and in-

clude a comparative analysis of such factors to the current third-party provider system.

Modification or Cancellation of Presumptive Conditions.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs is directed to provide 30-day advance notification to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress prior to any modification to the list of presumptive conditions in the Federal Register.

VA Claims Processing.—The Committee recognizes the importance of the Department of Veterans Affairs' ongoing efforts to modernize legacy Veterans Benefits Administration information technology systems, but is concerned that the Department does not maintain data rights under all its technology modernization contracts. The Committee encourages the Department to retain robust data rights in major information technology contracts to ensure security, oversight, competition, and future system migration. The Committee further encourages the use of governed artificial intelligence solutions with appropriate human oversight and measurable performance standards to improve outcomes and the veteran experience. The Committee expects that the Office of Information and Technology will provide enterprise-wide leadership through Department-wide architecture, security, and deployment standards.

Lymphedema.—The Committee recognizes the significant number of veterans who suffer from lymphedema. The Committee urges the Under Secretary for Benefits to utilize ongoing scientific progress and engage with community stakeholders to improve care and consider modernizing the Veterans Affairs Schedule for Rating Disabilities [VASRD] to more accurately reflect the burden of lymphedema symptoms and the effect it has on veterans' quality of life.

Unaccredited Claims Agents and Attorneys.—The Committee is concerned with the proliferation of unaccredited entities, some of whom are aggressively marketing representational services to veterans using predatory tactics, often resulting in veterans paying exorbitant fees for representation for disability compensation claims. The Committee suggests that the Department of Veterans Affairs [VA] consider instituting a system to report the conduct of unaccredited attorneys to the appropriate bar associations as another means of policing bad conduct. While the Department lacks the authority to do more than send cease and desist letters to entities engaged in these activities, the Secretary is directed to report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 90 days after the enactment of this act, on the steps VA plans to take to institute a system of reporting the conduct of unaccredited attorneys, the steps it has undertaken to both inform veterans about unaccredited claims representatives and to educate veterans on the risks of sharing their VA account login credentials and bank account information with such actors.

Travel Reimbursement.—The Committee recognizes that the Department of Veterans Affairs [VA] reimburses eligible veterans for their travel costs incurred while traveling to and from their compensation and pension exams, but notes that the Department does not routinely provide timely reimbursement of such costs and that reimbursement rates have not increased in recent years. The Committee directs the Secretary to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 180

days after the enactment of this act, providing the Department's policy and procedures for travel reimbursements, the number of reimbursement travel claims VA processed in fiscal years 2024 through 2026, the average number of days it took for VA to process those claims in each fiscal year, the number of claims in which time from receipt of claim to payment exceeded 30 days, and an assessment of the feasibility and advisability for the Secretary to use available authority to increase reimbursement rates.

Rare Neuro Generative Disease Program.—For unknown reasons, the American veteran population is diagnosed with ALS at a greater rate than the general population. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs is encouraged to review relevant evidence and assess whether ALS should be considered for service-connected disability.

READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

Appropriations, 2026	$25,249,916,000
Advance Appropriations, 2027	24,703,528,000
Budget estimate, advance appropriations, 2028	23,565,656,000
Committee recommendation, advance appropriations, 2028	23,565,656,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Readjustment Benefits appropriation finances the education and training of veterans and servicemembers under chapters 21, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 41, 51, 53, 55, and 61 of title 38, United States Code. These benefits include the All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program (Montgomery GI bill) and the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program, including changes through the Forever GI bill. Basic benefits are funded through appropriations made to the readjustment benefits account and by transfers from the Department of Defense [DoD]. This account also finances vocational rehabilitation, specially adapted housing grants, specially adapted automobile grants for certain disabled veterans, and educational assistance allowances for eligible dependents of those veterans who died from service-connected causes or who have a total permanent service-connected disability, as well as dependents of servicemembers who were captured or missing in action.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

In fiscal year 2026, the Committee provided an advance appropriation of $24,703,528,000 for the Readjustment Benefits account for fiscal year 2027.

The Committee recommendation includes an advance appropriation of $23,565,656,000 for Readjustment Benefits for fiscal year 2028.

Excess Leave Program [ELP] Housing Allowance.—The Committee urges the Department to consider the use of its discretionary authority, including but not limited to 38 U.S.C. 503, to retroactively provide a monthly housing allowance to the active duty servicemembers who participated in the ELP to attend a university between August 2023 and December 2024 who did not receive any housing subsidy.

VA Apprenticeship and On-the-Job-Training [OJT].—The Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, directed the Department of Veterans Affairs [VA]

to "take additional actions to promote awareness and increased utilization of apprenticeships and OJT programs" available to veterans, which could include the establishment of a user-friendly website on which veterans could find information about apprenticeship programs approved under the GI Bill. Additionally, VA was encouraged to continue coordination with State Approving Agencies on programs which may incentivize increased participation by employers. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs is directed to provide a briefing to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 180 days after enactment of this act, on the Department's efforts to comply with this directive.

Forever GI Bill Stipend.—The Committee recognizes that the Forever GI Bill provides an annual stipend for books, supplies, equipment, and other education costs that lacks cost-adjustment provisions available to other components of this program. The Committee directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 180 days after enactment of this act, that assesses: (1) the cost of books, supplies, equipment and other items associated with completing educational programs eligible for Forever GI Bill benefits over the last five full academic years; (2) a cost estimate for an annual cost-adjustment of the stipend to maintain buying power relative to the increase in cost of supplies; (3) policy and statutory avenues to address any potential cost-adjustment; and (4) an assessment of the impact of the current stipend rate on veterans' ability to successfully complete programs in a timely manner.

Veteran Employment through Technology Education [VET TEC].—The Committee encourages the Department of Veterans Affairs to continue creating VET TEC opportunities and to expand the program for additional providers to address increased demand, especially in underserved areas of the country.

VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES

Appropriations, 2026	$131,518,000
Advance Appropriations, 2027	97,893,000
Budget estimate, advance appropriations, 2028	90,892,830
Committee recommendation, advance appropriations, 2028	90,892,830

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Veterans Insurance and Indemnities appropriation consists of the former appropriations for military and naval insurance, applicable to World War I veterans; National Service Life Insurance, applicable to certain World War II veterans; servicemen's indemnities, applicable to Korean conflict veterans; and veterans mortgage life insurance to individuals who have received a grant for specially adapted housing.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

In fiscal year 2026, the Committee provided an advance appropriation of $97,893,000 for fiscal year 2027 for the Veterans Insurance and Indemnities account. In addition, the Committee recommendation includes an advance appropriation of $90,892,830 for Veterans Insurance and Indemnities for fiscal year 2028.

VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Veterans Housing Benefit Program Fund provides for all costs associated with VA's direct and guaranteed housing loan programs, with the exception of the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program.

VA loan guarantees are made to servicemembers, veterans, reservists, and unremarried surviving spouses for the purchase of homes, condominiums, and manufactured homes, and for refinancing loans. VA guarantees part of the total loan, permitting the purchaser to obtain a mortgage with a competitive interest rate, even without a downpayment, if the lender agrees. VA requires a downpayment be made for a manufactured home. With a VA guaranty, the lender is protected against loss up to the amount of the guaranty if the borrower fails to repay the loan.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends such sums as may be necessary, currently estimated to be $1,945,000,000, for funding subsidy payments, and $285,436,842 for administrative expenses for fiscal year 2027, consistent with the estimate. The recommendation limits gross obligations for direct loans for specially adapted housing to $500,000.

VA Home Loan Program Reform Act.—The Committee is concerned that the Department of Veterans Affairs has not implemented the VA Home Loan Program Reform Act, particularly after the termination of the Veterans Affairs Servicing Purchase program in May 2025. The Secretary is directed to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 180 days after the enactment of this act, that provides a detailed implementation plan for the Home Loan Program Reform Act, a description of additional plans to mitigate any risk of foreclosure on VA-backed loans, and the number of foreclosures, by month, on VA-backed loans between May 1, 2025 and June 1, 2026. Further, to the extent available, the report should also include the amount of borrowers, broken down by month, who were forced to sell their homes or were forced into repayment plans with higher interest rates.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

	Program account	Administrative expenses
Appropriations, 2026	$45,428	$507,254
Budget estimate, 2027	34,788	512,540
Committee recommendation, 2027	34,788	512,540

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Vocational Rehabilitation Loans Program account covers the cost of direct loans for vocational rehabilitation of eligible veterans and administrative expenses necessary to carry out the direct loan program. Loans of up to $1,620 (based on the indexed chapter 31

subsistence allowance rate) are currently available to service-connected disabled veterans enrolled in vocational rehabilitation programs, as provided under 38 U.S.C. chapter 31, when the veteran is temporarily in need of additional assistance. Repayment is made in monthly installments, without interest, through deductions from future payments of compensation, pension, subsistence allowance, educational assistance allowance, or retirement pay. Virtually all loans are repaid in full and most in less than 1 year, consistent with the budget estimate.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $34,788 for program costs and $512,540 for administrative expenses for the Vocational Rehabilitation Loans Program account. The administrative expenses may be paid to the General Operating Expenses, Veterans Benefits Administration account. The recommendation limits program direct loans to $1,227,041. It is estimated the Department of Veterans Affairs will make 619 loans in fiscal year 2027, with an average amount of $1,982.

NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT

	Program account	Administrative expenses
Appropriations, 2026	$6,865,235	$5,845,241
Budget estimate, 2027	2,604,056	5,967,991
Committee recommendation, 2027	2,604,056	5,967,991

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program is authorized by 38 U.S.C. chapter 37, section 3761 to provide direct loans to Native American veterans living on trust lands. The loans are available to purchase, construct, or improve homes to be occupied as veteran residences or to refinance a loan previously made under this program in order to lower the interest rate.

Veterans pay a funding fee of 1.25 percent of the loan amount, although veterans with a service-connected disability are exempt from paying the fee. Before a direct loan can be made, the veteran's Tribal organization must sign a memorandum of understanding with VA regarding the terms and conditions of the loan. The Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program began as a pilot program in 1993 and was made permanent by the Veterans' Housing Opportunity and Benefits Improvement Act of 2006 (Public Law 109–233).

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $2,604,056 for program costs and $5,967,991 for administrative expenses associated with this program.

Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program.—The Department is encouraged to conduct greater outreach to, and enrollment of, American Indians and Alaska Natives in this program, and to allow Tribally Designated Housing Authorities and Native commu-

nity development financial institutions to act as intermediary lenders in Tribal communities, consistent with Section 3762A of Public Law 118–210.

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES, VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

Appropriations, 2026	$3,881,000,000
Budget estimate, 2027	3,811,000,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	3,811,000,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The General Operating Expenses [GOE], Veterans Benefit Administration [VBA] account provides funding for VBA to administer entitlement programs such as service-connected disability compensation, education benefits, and vocational rehabilitation services.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $3,811,000,000 for the GOE, VBA account. The Committee included bill language to make available through September 30, 2028, up to 10 percent of the GOE, VBA account.

In addition, VA estimates to use $1,376,000,000 from the Toxic Exposures Fund to support GOE, VBA-related activities in fiscal year 2027.

Elderly Survivor Benefit Study.—The Committee is aware of potential financial gaps facing elderly survivors on fixed incomes, and notes efforts to modernize decades-old benefit rates. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs is directed to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 180 days after enactment of this act, regarding the financial state of survivors over age 65 receiving Dependency and Indemnity Compensation. The report shall identify geographic areas with a shortage of access to long-term care, analyze the adequacy of benefits for long-term care, and provide a strategic plan for targeted outreach to those lacking digital access.

State Veterans Agencies Data Sharing.—The Committee recognizes the critical service that state veterans agencies provide to veterans, their families, and survivors, in close coordination and partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs [VA], but acknowledges that a lack of explicit statutory authorization for VA data-sharing with state veterans agencies may constrain state veterans agencies from providing quality and efficient services. Therefore, the Committee directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 180 days after enactment of this act, that identifies any gaps in statutory authority which, if addressed, would to allow certain data-sharing activities with state veterans agencies for the limited purposes of outreach, eligibility verification, and coordination of benefits and services.

Character of Service Determinations.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs is encouraged to expand assistance to veterans seeking discharge upgrades, including through coordination with Veteran Service Organizations, to ensure applicants are able to submit com-

plete and relevant documentation. The Secretary is directed to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 180 days of enactment of this act, that includes: (1) VA's efforts to expand such assistance; (2) a review of the timeliness of Character of Service determinations; (3) a plan to improve processing times and transparency for applicants; and (4) mechanisms to improve, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, data sharing related to discharge upgrade decisions.

VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Appropriations, 2026	$116,030,917,000
Advance appropriations, 2027	122,258,000,000
Budget estimate, 2027	2,049,000,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	2,049,000,000
Budget estimate, advance appropriations, 2028	138,240,000,000
Committee recommendation, advance appropriations, 2028	138,240,000,000

ADMINISTRATION OVERVIEW

The Veterans Health Administration [VHA] is home to the United States' largest integrated healthcare system in the country, with 142 hospitals, 122 VA residential rehabilitation treatment programs, 135 community living centers, and 749 outpatient clinics.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

In fiscal year 2026, the Committee provided $122,258,000,000 in advance appropriations for VA's medical care accounts for fiscal year 2027. This included $59,858,000,000 for Medical Services, $38,700,000,000 for Medical Community Care, $12,000,000,000 for Medical Support and Compliance, and $11,700,000,000 for Medical Facilities.

For fiscal year 2027, the Committee provides a total of $123,385,000,000 for VA medical care. This amount includes $100,000,000 for Medical Services, and $1,027,000,000 for Medical Community Care in addition to funds previously provided. The recommendation incorporates a VA-requested transfer of $950,000,000 between Medical Support and Compliance and Medical Facilities and increases the amount of carryover available to the Department for Medical Services and Medical Support and Compliance. Additionally, the Committee recommendation includes $922,000,000 for Medical and Prosthetic Research. Medical Care Collections are estimated to be $4,207,000,000 in fiscal year 2027. The Committee recommendation also provides $138,240,000,000 in advance appropriations for VA's medical care accounts for fiscal year 2028.

For fiscal year 2027, the Committee provides $54,593,000,000 for the Toxic Exposures Fund, of which $52,071,000,000 is estimated to be for medical care, for a total of $175,456,000,000 in medical care funding in fiscal year 2027.

The Committee recognizes the invaluable role of VA, the Nation's largest integrated healthcare system, in serving the unique needs of veterans. The Committee recognizes that a strong and fully resourced VHA is necessary to effectively serve our Nation's veterans.

Restructure for Impact and Sustainability Effort [RISE] Implementation.—The Committee understands that the Veterans Health Administration [VHA] has reached initial operational capability for its RISE initiative that seeks to modernize VHA's organizational structure and intends to achieve full operational capability by September 2026. This restructure will include centralizing the establishment of policy goals under the VHA Central Office, establishing a Medical Operations Center [MOC] to guide the execution of policy and consistency of healthcare delivery, and the consolidation of Veterans Integrated Service Networks [VISNs] from 18 to five. The Committee understands that RISE is intended to be a cost-neutral reorganization and that the budget request provides the necessary resources, within the proper accounts, for full implementation of the restructure. The Under Secretary for Health is directed to provide quarterly briefings to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, beginning not later than August 2026, on the implementation of RISE. The briefings should include, at a minimum, the strategic metrics used to assess the implementation, status of the establishment and operations of the MOC and revised VISN structure, a detailed accounting of organizational transfers or realignment of personnel associated with RISE, and status of program office closures or realignments associated with RISE. The Committee urges the Department to ensure that ongoing research programs, infrastructure, data access, clinical trials, and workforce recruitment and retention are unaffected during implementation and to ensure that the reorganization is carried out in a manner that will prioritize veteran care without adding additional unnecessary layers to a complex system.

Transfer Authority Threshold.—The Committee maintains a 1 percent limitation on transfer authority provided in sections 202 and 229 of this act. The Department is reminded to provide timely and thorough justification to the Committee for all transfers of appropriations. To supplement the transfer authority provided, the Committee recommends an increase of 10 percent in carryover for the Medical Services and Medical Support and Compliance accounts. Additionally, the recommendation includes a Department-requested transfer of $950,000,000 from the Medical Support and Compliance account to the Medical Facilities account.

Medical Care Account Structure.—The Committee notes the request by the Department of Veterans Affairs to consolidate the four medical care accounts into two accounts beginning in fiscal year 2028. The Committee is concerned that such an account consolidation will reduce transparency and oversight for over 85 percent of the Department's discretionary appropriations made available in this act. The Committee acknowledges that the current Medical Community Care account structure reflects only the cost of veteran care, while programmatic and other community care costs are captured and comingled with direct care in the other three medical care accounts. The Committee seeks to work with the Department to maintain proper oversight of medical care appropriations while providing true-cost transparency for direct and community care provided to veterans. Therefore, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is directed to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 90 days after the enact-

ment of this act, identifying all community care functions and costs currently executed outside of the Medical Community Care account, including but not limited to, personnel, support contracts, and infrastructure.

Health Care for Veterans in the Freely Associated States.—The Committee is disappointed in the Department of Veterans Affairs' noncompliance with the congressional intent of 38 U.S.C 1724(f)(1). While the Foreign Medical Program serves a specific and valued purpose for veterans living abroad with service-connected disabilities, this program does not meet the intent of 38 U.S.C 1724(f)(1). Further, as noted by the Commander of the United States Indo-Pacific Command, the People's Republic of China is actively seeking to malignly expose any seam between the United States and the Freely Associated States as part of its campaign to achieve hegemony in the region. The Committee underscores both the sacred obligation to these veterans and the geostrategic importance of the Department swiftly and appropriately implementing this statute. Therefore, section 240 of this act provides not less than $8,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 for hospital care and medical services, including beneficiary travel and mail-order pharmacy prescriptions, for veterans of the Freely Associated States.

Child Care Expansion.—The Committee is disappointed with the Department of Veterans Affairs' delay of full implementation of the VA Kids Care program as directed in Public Law 116–315, and the recent decision to pause implementation. This is a statutory obligation of the Department. As such, section 240 of this act provides not less than $10,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 for the implementation of this program.

MEDICAL SERVICES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriations, 2026	$59,150,000,000
Advance appropriations, 2027	59,858,000,000
Budget estimate, 2027	100,000,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	100,000,000
Committee recommendation, advance appropriations, 2028	70,700,000,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Medical Services account provides for medical services for eligible enrolled veterans and other beneficiaries in VA healthcare facilities, including VA medical centers and VA outpatient clinics.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

In fiscal year 2026, the Committee provided an advance appropriation of $59,858,000,000 for fiscal year 2027 for the Medical Services account. The Committee recommendation includes $100,000,000 in addition to funds previously appropriated, bringing the total to $59,958,000,000 for fiscal year 2027. In addition, VA estimates to use $35,219,000,000 from the Toxic Exposures Fund to support medical services in fiscal year 2027. VA also has the authority to retain co-payments and third-party collections.

The Committee recommendation also includes an advance appropriation of $70,700,000,000 for Medical Services for fiscal year 2028.

PREVENTING VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

The Committee remains strongly supportive of VA homelessness prevention programs. As such, the recommendation includes $3,801,724,000 to support these programs, consistent with VA's estimate. This total includes $855,000,000 for the Supportive Services for Veteran Families program; $725,527,000 for Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program case management, $311,841,000 for the Grant and Per Diem program; and $176,966,000 for the Veterans Justice Outreach program and Legal Services for Veterans grants. Additionally, an estimated $13,657,384,000 is provided for homeless veterans treatment costs.

The Committee recognizes the Department's efforts to reduce the number of veterans experiencing homelessness, and the goal of putting 45,000 veterans experiencing homelessness into long term housing by 2027.

Supportive Services for Veteran Families [SSVF] Program.—The Committee recognizes the important role of the SSVF program, and urges the Department to ensure that the SSVF program continues to meet the needs of veterans, including the impact of rising costs for household goods.

Rideshare Program for Veterans.—The Committee is concerned that the Department of Veterans Affairs Homelessness Program Office Rideshare program has remained dormant since 2023 despite being reauthorized under Public Law 118–210. The Committee directs the Secretary to resume operations and brief the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 30 days after enactment of this act, on the Department's plan to fully resume the program.

Sobriety Requirements in Federal Housing.—The Committee encourages the Department to use evidence-based practices in housing programs, recognizing that research consistently shows that stable housing is a prerequisite for successful recovery from substance use and that imposing sobriety conditions on Federal housing programs may create higher barriers for entry for vulnerable populations, exacerbate homelessnesss, and increase stigma. The Committee also reminds the Department that it must ensure compliance with fair housing laws protecting individuals with disabilities, including those in recovery.

TELEHEALTH SERVICES

The Committee recommendation includes $6,676,902,000, consistent with VA's estimate, to sustain and increase telehealth capacity, including in rural and highly rural areas. The Departments of Veterans Affairs [VA] and Defense have long been leaders in the field of emerging technology and medicine. For VA, telehealth bridges rural and urban centers, allowing the Department to expand access to care in areas where services are limited. Telehealth also allows care to be provided more effectively and efficiently for veterans closer to home and through direct in-home access to providers. While VA continues to lead the healthcare industry in the expansion of in-home telehealth and remote patient monitoring services, these services are often limited by the lack of broadband service in remote and rural areas. The Committee notes that tele-

health is an important point of access to care for veterans, with about 40 percent of patients in the VA healthcare system having at least one virtual medical appointment.

VA Tele-Oncology and Digital Pathology Modernization.—The Committee recognizes that digital pathology can enhance diagnostic quality, reduce delays in oncology care and treatment decisions, and help address specialist shortages at smaller or rural Department of Veterans Affairs facilities. The Committee encourages the Secretary to continue integrating digital pathology capabilities into its existing tele-oncology workflows to improve care coordination and patient outcomes.

Eliminating Copays for Telehealth.—The Committee supports the Under Secretary for Health's proposed rule to eliminate copays for telehealth appointments of any type, and encourages swift adoption.

MENTAL HEALTH/PREVENTING VETERANS SUICIDE

The Committee provides $17,700,289,000 for mental health programs, consistent with VA's estimate, including $3,666,327,000 for suicide prevention outreach and treatment programs, of which $726,743,000 is for suicide prevention outreach.

Psychedelic Assisted Care for Veterans.—The Committee is aware of the Department of Veterans Affairs' [VA] support for psychedelic-assisted care research at VA medical centers, including multisite clinical trials, and the emerging late-stage clinical evidence supporting potential Food and Drug Administration [FDA] approvals of new therapeutics. Additionally, the Committee appreciates the formation of an Integrated Project Team [IPT] to coordinate strategic planning for future research and potential clinical implementation of any FDA-approved treatments. The Committee directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop a plan to expand VA-led clinical and implementation-focused research, alongside continued IPT activities, including workforce preparation and system readiness activities, so the Department is prepared to responsibly integrate any FDA-approved therapies into clinical care. Not later than 180 days after enactment of this act, the Secretary shall brief the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on this plan, including the current research and activities related to these therapies, planned use of funds, research progress, and milestones for clinical readiness and implementation. Further, the Committee reminds the Secretary of the requirement included in Senate Report 119–43, to collect data such that the Department can complete a longitudinal study of veterans participating in these therapies and provide a report to the Committees at the conclusion of the 5 year study. The Department is also encouraged to consider prioritizing research on innovative therapies for treatment-resistant post-traumatic stress disorder, including but not limited to ibogaine and other psychedelic compounds, as part of its review of psychedelic-assisted care research.

Lethal Means Safety and Suicide Prevention.—The Committee supports the Department of Veterans Affairs' efforts related to lethal means safety and storage programming. The Committee encourages the Secretary to expand these efforts as part of the National Strategy for Preventing Veteran Suicide, to enable greater

distribution of firearms storage devices and to ensure that access to firearms storage resources for veterans is included in training for employees of the Veterans Crisis Line. The Committee directs the continuation of the annual report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress as described in Senate Report 119–43.

Suicide Prevention Research.—The Committee encourages the Department of Veterans Affairs, through the Office of Suicide Prevention, to review clinical and operational data collected by the Phoenix VA Health Care System to determine if it is a best practice that should be replicated to reduce rates of veteran suicide.

Farm Plot Pilot Grant Program.—The Committee recognizes that the Department of Veterans Affairs' Farming and Recovery Mental Health Services program has been effective in training veterans in agricultural vocations while also tending to behavioral and mental health needs. However, only six of the original 10 sites of the pilot program are still active today. The Committee encourages the Secretary to reevaluate the program at the four sites that are no longer operational and to consider expanding the pilot program.

Predictive Modeling and Analytics for Veterans Suicide Prevention.—The Department of Veterans Affairs utilizes Recovery Engagement and Coordination for Health-Veterans Enhanced Treatment [REACH VET], an identification and intervention program that uses predictive analytics to identify at-risk veterans, as part of its effort to address suicide among veterans. The Committee encourages the Secretary to responsibly use additional predictive data analytics and machine learning more broadly across the system to identify veterans with suicidal ideations and better deliver treatment.

Veterans Seeking Treatment Abroad.—The Committee is aware that some veterans are traveling outside the United States to seek treatments not currently available domestically, including ibogaine-based therapies. The Committee encourages the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop a mechanism, consistent with patient privacy protections, to collect voluntary, de-identified data on the number of veterans who have pursued such treatments.

Assisted Suicide Assessment.—The Committee encourages the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to assess whether assisted suicide laws are undermining suicide preventive services for veterans and the impact of such laws on veterans in States where this practice is legal.

Improving Veteran Access to Suicide Prevention Services.—The Committee encourages the Department to enhance the geographic distribution of suicide prevention grants under the Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program. The Committee recognizes a significant number of veterans reside in areas that have not yet benefited from such programs and encourages the Department to take steps to promote national reach. Specifically, the Committee urges the Department to prioritize for future awards entities seeking to serve veterans in States which have not received funding, or where coverage gaps exist.

Solid Start Program.—The Committee recognizes the importance of early engagement with veterans transitioning from active duty to civilian life, particularly in ensuring awareness of and access to

VA healthcare services. The Department, through its Solid Start program, should educate veterans about eligibility to enroll in VHA healthcare and the mental health and counseling services available through VA.

Protecting Patient Privacy.—The Committee is concerned that VA providers have expressed that they are experiencing difficulty providing therapy, counseling, and related care in private settings when working out of VA facilities. The Committee reminds VA that all treatment must comply with patients' rights established in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

OPIOID SAFETY INITIATIVES AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER CARE

To continue to build upon opioid reduction efforts and safety initiatives, the Committee recommendation includes $655,201,000 for Opioid Prevention and Treatment programs at VA, consistent with VA's estimate. This includes $399,714,000 for treatment programs and $255,487,000 to continue implementation of the Jason Simcakoski Memorial and Promise Act, as part of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–198).

Opiate-Free Pain Therapy for Veterans.—The Committee encourages the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to evaluate the efficacy of thermal, shortwave diathermy on patients with chronic pain to improve blood flow and provide non-opioid pain relief, and consider expanding use of these treatments if applicable.

Expanding Access to Overdose Reverse Agents.—The Committee is aware that the Department of Veterans Affairs [VA] makes overdose reversal agents, such as naloxone, available for free with a prescription to veterans enrolled with the Veterans Health Administration. However, many veterans are not enrolled with VA and so lack access to lifesaving overdose reversal agents. The Committee encourages the Department to consider distributing overdose reversal agents to any veteran, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101, so long as the veteran provides requested contact information and a written self-attestation of veteran status. The Department should ensure that any individual who receives covered medications also receives information about addiction services, suicide prevention services, mental health services, and other related services provided by the Department and information on the use and application of covered medications. The Committee directs the Secretary to submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 90 days after enactment of this act, a report on the feasibility, advisability, and cost of undertaking such an effort.

Access to Medications for Substance Use Disorder.—The Committee is concerned that veterans experiencing substance use disorder cannot access certain treatments, such as buprenorphine. The Committee encourages the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to expand training for providers to use medications for substance use disorder and to coordinate with provider organizations to ensure that veterans are able to access the medications for substance use disorder in inpatient and emergency settings.

Non-Addictive Opioid Alternatives.—The Committee is concerned that, despite timely formulary review of newly approved non-addictive opioid alternatives, veterans face significant barriers to access due to overly restrictive and inconsistently applied prior au-

thorization requirements within the Veterans Affairs Pharmacy Benefits Management [PBM]. The Committee encourages the Secretary to review and revise, as appropriate, PBM prior authorization criteria and Criteria for Use language for non-opioid acute pain therapies to ensure policies are clinically appropriate, consistently applied nationwide, and do not require unnecessary conditions. The Committee encourages the Secretary to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 180 days after enactment of this act, detailing utilization, approval, and denial rates (including in Community Care), common reasons for denials, and steps taken to ensure timely, clinically appropriate access to non-addictive opioid alternatives for veterans.

Alternative Pain Management Treatments.—The Committee notes the directive language in the fiscal year 2023 Joint Explanatory Statement that accompanied Public Law 117–328 requires the Department of Veterans Affairs [VA] to track the use of osteopathic manipulative treatment to treat back and other pain. The Committee continues to encourage the Secretary to expand the use of alternative treatments for pain management, such as acupuncture, in its delivery of healthcare services. The Committee also urges the Secretary to integrate treatments, such as acupuncture into VA medical centers and clinics through licensed VA professionals or on a contract basis. Moreover, the Committee is aware that some veterans report difficulty in obtaining services, such as acupuncture, on a regular basis to manage regular and chronic pain. Therefore, the Committee directs the Department to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations within 180 days of enactment of this act on utilization rates of alternative pain management broken out by treatment and denial rates for each treatment.

LONG–TERM CARE

The Committee provides $23,517,405,000 for institutional and non-institutional care, consistent with VA's estimate. The Committee is aware of the aging veteran population and supports long-term care that focuses on facilitating veteran independence, enhancing quality of life, and supporting the family members of veterans. As such, the Committee supports the Department's efforts to broaden veterans' options regarding non-institutional long-term care support and services, and to accommodate veterans' preferences in how and where they receive care and other services.

Veterans Access to Long-Term Care.—The Committee understands the importance of recruiting and retaining vital partners who provide long-term care services to veterans. Therefore, the Department should consider working with the Department of Labor to seek exemptions for Veterans Affairs Health Benefits Providers from its authority, to the extent allowable in law.

Data on Long-Term Care Options.—The Committee recognizes that demand for long-term services and support for veterans enrolled in VA healthcare is growing as the veteran population ages. The Committee directs the Secretary to submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 180 days after enactment of this act, a report evaluating projected utilization and spending for institutional and non-institutional long-

term care services for veterans enrolled in VA healthcare, including analysis of clinically appropriate care settings under anticipated demographic trends.

RURAL HEALTHCARE

Veterans residing in rural and remote areas face unique barriers to receiving high-quality mental health, primary healthcare, and specialty care services. While enhanced community care programs offer veterans increased flexibility to obtain care close to home, there are often gaps in services in rural and remote communities, even among private providers. The Office of Rural Health [ORH] and its Rural Health Initiative have played a critical role in assisting VA in its efforts to increase access to care. Therefore, the Committee recommendation includes $349,304,000 for ORH and the Rural Health Initiative, consistent with VA's estimate.

Rural and Tribal Healthcare Access.—The Committee continues to support an integrated rural healthcare delivery model and encourages the Department of Veterans Affairs [VA] to expand the model to additional VA medical centers to support mobile clinics, telehealth, and clinical staffing. The Secretary is encouraged to prioritize VA facilities with the greatest need using such factors as rural veteran population, provider shortages, and access barriers. The Committee further encourages the Secretary to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations within 180 days after the date of enactment of this act, outlining the feasibility, advisability, and cost of such expansion.

Outreach to Highly Rural Veterans.—The Department is directed to conduct outreach to highly rural veterans who lack direct road access to inform them of their eligibility for benefits. Further, the Committee urges the VA Innovation Ecosystem to consider how to expand VA healthcare system's infrastructural reach to enrolled veterans residing in geographically underserved areas, including rural and highly rural veterans.

Veterans Transportation Service [VTS].—The Committee looks forward to receiving the report required in Senate Report 119–43 on this program.

CAREGIVERS

The Committee recommendation includes $3,590,212,000 for VA's Caregivers Program, consistent with VA's estimate. The Caregivers Program was enhanced as part of the John S. McCain III, Daniel K. Akaka, and Samuel R. Johnson VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks [MISSION] Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–182).

Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers [PCAFC].—The Committee recognizes the importance of PCAFC to allow disabled veterans to receive the daily care they need at home without placing a financial and mental burden on their families. The Committee directs the Secretary to ensure that all veterans and families currently enrolled in the program are not removed or involuntarily discharged from the program, or subject to undue reduction in care hours, as a result of administrative eligibility reassessments or policy changes that reduce access or narrow criteria, absent a clear case of fraud, abuse, or voluntary withdrawal. Any

reductions in enrollment related to policy changes must be notified to the Committees in advance of implementation.

Caregiver Support Program [CSP].—The Committee recognizes the difficulties associated with caregiving for disabled veterans and the importance of providing caregivers access to mental healthcare resources through the CSP to treat conditions such as depression and anxiety. The Committee notes that reports have shown that caregivers may not be sufficiently aware of the mental health services available to them. Therefore, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is directed to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 120 days after enactment of this act, outlining the Department's plan to increase awareness of the CSP. The report shall include: (1) quantitative targets and timeframes for all its program goals, such as increasing the number of program inquiries, and (2) an assessment of program performance using this data, to include adjustments as appropriate.

Adult Day Health Care.—The Committee recognizes that the Adult Day Health Care program benefits veterans and their caregivers by offering social activities, peer support, companionship, and recreation as well as assistance with activities of daily living and to receive some healthcare services like nursing, therapy, and social work. Therefore, the Committee encourages the Under Secretary for Health to develop information and training for staff in VA medical center social work departments, care management, and other offices developing community-based service plans for veterans. The training should include: information on available services (including therapies, medication management, caregiver respite, personal hygiene, transportation, socialization, cognitive stimulation); variation in adult day program offerings and size by Center and across States; training on the intersection of adult day and other available VA services, including differences with the Program for All Inclusive Care for the Elderly; best practices in determining high-quality programs; education on the role of the VA medical center in assuring third-party administrator network adequacy and establishing new adult day centers into network agreements.

WOMEN VETERANS HEALTHCARE

The women veteran population is the fastest growing demographic within VA and is anticipated to grow from 944,000 enrolled in 2023 to over 1.3 million by 2030. As a result of the PACT Act, 27 percent of all new enrollees are expected to be women. VA must enhance its services and access to gender-specific care, including primary care providers, gynecologists, maternity care, mammography services, and mental health providers, including care related to experiences of military sexual trauma. Enhancing capacity to support pregnant and postpartum women veterans must also be a priority, which should include expansion of maternity care and lactation support for women veterans.

Toward this end, the Committee recommendation includes $1,644,599,000, which is consistent with the Department's estimate for fiscal year 2027 to support gender-specific healthcare services, as well as the program office and initiatives. VA is encouraged to use this funding to continue to expand this care so that all women

veterans, including those in rural areas, have access to the care they deserve.

Mammogram Access at VA Facilities.—The Committee remains concerned by reports of limited access to mammograms at Department of Veterans Affairs facilities across the country. While the Department works to deliver to Congress the report on this matter required by the Senate Report 119–43, the Committee directs the Secretary to stay focused on this issue and to take early steps to address it.

Menopause and Mid-life Women's Health.—The Committee requests the Department submit a report, not later than 270 days after enactment of this act, on its research on women's perimenopause, menopause, post-menopause, and women's mid-life issues, recommendations for improving providers' training on women's mid-life, availability and uptake of treatment by women veterans, a strategic plan that resolves the known gaps in research and care, and recommendations for further research, training, and treatments to support women's health during mid-life. Further, VA is directed to collaborate with the Department of Defense to include an assessment of completed and ongoing research related to menopause, perimenopause, or mid-life women's health among women who are members of the Armed Services or veterans; identify any gaps in knowledge and research as it relates directly to women who are members of the Armed Services or veterans, including the impact of service on perimenopause and menopause; and recommendations for improving professional training resources for medical providers who serve this population.

CLINICAL WORKFORCE

The Committee appreciates the Department's efforts to address longstanding challenges in recruiting and retaining physicians, physician assistants, nurses, mental health providers, other healthcare professionals, and related support staff. The Committee reminds the Department of the annual requirement for a report on workforce issues outlined in the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying Public Law 116–260.

Veterans Health Administration [VHA] Staffing.—The Committee is concerned with the localized impact of workforce changes on veteran access to care. The Committee notes that current publicly available workforce reporting tools do not provide adequate granularity to assess staffing changes at the State or facility level. Therefore, the Committee directs the Under Secretary for Health to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 90 days after enactment of this act and on a quarterly basis thereafter, detailing VHA staffing levels as of the end of fiscal year 2024 and for each subsequent fiscal quarter thereafter. The report shall include disaggregation by facility, occupation, and clinical role, including physicians, nurses, psychologists, social workers, pharmacists, therapists, and other direct patient care personnel as determined appropriate by the Secretary. The report shall also include explanations for any material variance from the end-of-fiscal-year 2024 baseline, including changes in staffing levels and composition. Additionally, reports should include a listing of all vacant leadership positions, or leadership positions

not held by a permanent appointment, at VHA Health Care Systems/Medical Centers, to include Medical Center Directors/Chief Executive of any Medical Center or Health Care System; Deputy Directors and Associate Directors; Chief of Staff; Chief Medical Officer, and Chief Nurse Executive, which should include the position title, the facility name, and the date the position became vacant. Further, the first report shall include clinical staff departures since the end-of-year 2024 baseline, including organization, position title, location, departure circumstances such as termination, retirement, early retirement, Deferred Resignation Program, removal, or any other applicable category.

University Partnerships.—The Committee supports innovative pathways to strengthen the Department of Veterans Affairs [VA] clinical workforce pipeline, including partnerships VA has with universities and institutions of higher education that support the veteran population through clinical training placements, veteran-focused competency development, and workforce pipeline programs. The Committee encourages the Department to expand collaboration with these institutions to better integrate students into VA settings and create pathways to full-time employment. The Committee directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 90 days after enactment of this act, on ways to expand these types of partnerships, including any resources needed to support more students in clinical and behavioral health placements in VA and community care settings.

Graduate Medical Education.—In the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying Public Law 119–37, the Committee directed the Department of Veterans Affairs [VA] to submit a report on the advisability, feasibility, and cost of reimbursing travel costs for residents participating in joint Department of Defense and VA graduate medical education programs. The Committee looks forward to receiving this report and encourages VA to use available funds to share costs for joint programming. The Committee also encourages the Departments to coordinate with medical institutions outside of the Federal Government that participate in programs, including general surgery residency programs, for cost reimbursements to the extent practicable.

Medical Physicist Cost Comparison Report.—The Committee is concerned that current compensation limitations for the Department of Veterans Affairs [VA] may create significant recruitment and retention challenges resulting in increased reliance on more costly contracted medical physicists. The Committee believes it is critical for VA to maintain a stable, cost-effective medical physicist workforce to ensure timely access to high-quality care. Therefore, the Committee directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 180 days of enactment of this act, that assesses VA's diagnostic and therapeutic medical physicist workforce, provides a cost comparison of external contractors to VA physicists, and offers recommendations to improve recruitment and retention of physicists to government service.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Rehabilitation Technology Innovation.—The Committee recognizes the importance of modernizing rehabilitation services to improve access, outcomes, and care delivery for veterans. The Committee encourages the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to evaluate and incorporate innovative technologies in rehabilitation services programs across the Veterans Health Administration that enhance recovery, expand access to services, and reduce barriers to care. As part of this effort, the Department should consider utilizing technology-enabled solutions, such as assistive robotics platforms. The Department is encouraged to disseminate best practices across facilities, and keep the Committee apprised of progress toward integrating technology-enabled rehabilitation services systemwide.

Domestically Produced Medical Supplies.—The Committee encourages the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to prioritize the acquisition of domestically owned and manufactured medical equipment and supplies, including ventilators, to the extent possible.

Procurement of Critical Medical Devices.—The Committee encourages the Secretary of Veterans Affairs [VA] to establish predictable opportunities for manufacturers to submit U.S. Food and Drug Administration-authorized prosthetic and implantable technologies to VA's national product catalog and move toward a more continuous review process; streamline purchasing for implant-related procedures through consolidated purchasing and payment mechanisms within the Prosthetic and Sensory Aids Service; and develop a centralized electronic product catalog using commercial solutions accessible across all VA medical centers.

Dental Care.—In order to improve access to high-quality dental care for veterans and reduce long-term costs of care, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is encouraged to increase the Department's direct care capacity through expansions in dental treatment rooms and hiring of additional dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants.

Ischemic Heart Disease and Dental Care.—The Committee supports the ongoing implementation of the pilot program to furnish dental care from the Department of Veterans Affairs to certain veterans diagnosed with ischemic heart disease established in Section 144 of Public Law 118–210. Of the funds provided in this act, the Department is directed to use $3,000,000 to expand this existing pilot program to include two additional States in the Southeastern United States. The Committee directs the Secretary to brief the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress within 90 days of enactment of this act on the status of implementation, including current enrollment levels, participating sites, preliminary findings, and the Department's plans for further evaluation and directed expansion of the pilot. The briefing should include the feasibility, advisability, and cost of operating mobile dental clinics as a permanent program to improve veteran access to oral health.

Spinal Cord Patients.—The Committee encourages the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to explore avenues to expand and improve care for spinal cord patients, including transportation to annual exams.

Public-Private Partnerships.—The Committee encourages the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to examine barriers to the expansion

and promotion of public-private partnerships, including long-term care, and offer the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress any legislative proposals that would mitigate such barriers.

Hearing Loss and Tinnitus.—The Committee urges the Under Secretary for Health to continually modernize treatment offerings to reflect the emergence of novel medical treatments aimed to improve sensorineural hearing loss and tinnitus and to expand the variety of treatment options offered to veterans. The Under Secretary is encouraged to consider supporting work in this space and increase the availability of hearing loss and tinnitus treatments to veterans, so long as it continues to prove effective in supporting veterans with auditory disabilities.

Diabetic Foot Ulcers.—The Committee commends VA's continued work through the Remote Temperature Monitoring [RTM] Program to eliminate diabetes-related foot amputations. The Department is encouraged to continue developing the RTM Program and, to the extent practicable, expand its use of clinically validated remote monitoring technology. To assess the efficacy and efficiency of the RTM Program, the Under Secretary for Health is directed to report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 270 days after enactment of this act, with the following information: (1) the number of veterans actively enrolled and monitored under the program in fiscal year 2025; (2) the number of veterans with qualifying clinical diagnoses who are not currently enrolled in the program; (3) a description of the data systems and metrics currently used by the Department to monitor clinical outcomes under the RTM Program; (4) the most recent available data from those systems, including amputation rates, hospitalization rates, wound care utilization, and all-cause mortality outcomes for enrolled veterans compared to a comparable non-enrolled population; and (5) what resources or authorities the Department would require to expand the RTM Program to a broader population of veterans.

Produce Prescription Program.—The Committee recognizes that VA has the potential to play an important role in alleviating diet-related disease through produce prescriptions. The Committee encourages VA to partner directly with organizations to develop and implement local VA produce prescription programs and pursue strategies for patient education and outreach, to include offering such prescriptions to veterans with diet-sensitive conditions, to increase consumption of fruits and vegetables and reduce healthcare utilization through improved blood glucose, blood pressure, and weight.

Medical Image Exchange.—The Committee applauds Department of Veterans Affairs [VA] facilities that have deployed a modern software platform that supports bi-directional exchange of medical images, diagnostic reports, and other clinical data between VA facilities, community providers, and Federal partners. The Committee encourages VA to sustain this capability and expand this software's connection to Indian and Tribal health clinics, as well as expedite connections with the Department of Defense's military treatment facilities.

Next Generation Broad-Spectrum Antibiotics.—The Committee is aware of next-generation oral antibiotics that have been approved for the treatment of multidrug-resistant infections (including wounds, soft tissue and abscess infections) that, left untreated or undertreated, can result in limb loss or death. The Committee encourages Under Secretary for Health to ensure that broad spectrum, next generation antibiotics are available on the Veterans Health Administration formulary without restrictive criteria for use as clinically indicated.

Chronic Liver Disease.—The Committee is aware that steatotic (fatty) liver disease is an increasing challenge for the Veterans Health Administration. Therefore, the Committee recommends that Under Secretary for Health take steps to increase efforts to screen, diagnose, monitor, and treat veterans with metabolic dysfunction-associated steatohepatitis or MASH, formerly known as non-alcoholic steatohepatitis or NASH, using non-invasive diagnostics and FDA-approved treatments.

Highly Sensitized Kidney Patients.—The Committee is concerned about the limited data available within Veterans Health Administration on veterans with chronic kidney disease [CKD] who are highly sensitized, often as a result of prior blood transfusions, transplants, or pregnancies, and therefore face greater clinical and logistical barriers to kidney transplantation, with a disproportionate impact on women veterans. The Committee encourages the Under Secretary for Health to improve the collection, stratification, and reporting of data on these veterans, including prevalence, degree of sensitization, access to transplant evaluation, and transplant outcomes. The Committee further encourages the Under Secretary to use enhanced data to inform care coordination and resource allocation strategies.

Obstructive Sleep Apnea [OSA].—The Committee is aware that OSA affects a significant portion of the veteran population, and recognizes the importance of expanding access to effective, patient-centered treatment options, including emerging technologies that may improve adherence and outcomes. The Committee encourages the Under Secretary for Health to evaluate the use of an innovative oral appliance that expands the airway for the treatment of veterans with OSA. The Committee further encourages the Department of Veterans Affairs to assess clinical outcomes, patient adherence, and impacts on related comorbidities, including PTSD, as well as the feasibility of broader implementation across the Veterans Health Administration. The Committee requests that the Under Secretary provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 270 days after enactment of this act, on the advisability, feasibility, and cost of providing such expanded access.

Optometry Services.—The Committee recognizes the important role that Doctors of Optometry play in delivering vision and eye health services, particularly in rural and highly rural areas. The Committee is concerned that variations in how optometry services are recognized and delivered within the Department of Veterans Affairs facilities may limit veterans' access to care. The Committee encourages the Department to align its provision of optometry services with state scope of practice standards, as appropriate, to en-

sure veterans have access to the full range of services optometrists are licensed to provide.

Chiropractic Care.—The Committee notes prior report language encouraging the Department of Veterans Affairs [VA] to expand access to non-pharmacologic approaches for pain management. The Committee continues to support the use of chiropractic care as part of a comprehensive approach to treating musculoskeletal conditions and managing pain among veterans. The Committee encourages the Under Secretary for Health to expand access to chiropractic services across VA facilities and through community care where appropriate. The Under Secretary is directed to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 180 days after enactment of this act, on current access to chiropractic care, including availability across facilities, utilization rates, and any barriers to expanding these services.

Dialysis Services.—The Committee expects VA will ensure that care is not disrupted or diminished for veterans who receive treatment through current providers under the Nationwide Dialysis Services contracts.

In Vitro Diagnostics.—The Committee notes that in vitro diagnostics provide valuable information to healthcare providers for accurate diagnosis, treatment planning, and monitoring of patients' health.

Neurology Centers of Excellence.—The Committee encourages further investment and collaboration of the Centers across disciplines and provides funding to support the Centers, including $29,000,000 for the Epilepsy Centers, $26,000,000 for the Headache Centers, $9,000,000 for the Multiple Sclerosis Centers, and $16,000,000 for the Parkinson's Disease Research, Education, & Clinical Centers [PADRECCs]. The Committee also directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on the use and allocation of funds for each Center within 120 days of enactment of this act. Additionally, the Department is encouraged to review associations between neurological disorders and military exposures, including open burn pits.

Prostate Cancer.—The Committee remains concerned that the Department of Veterans Affairs has not yet expanded the number of Precision Oncology Program for Cancer of the Prostate [POPCaP] sites as required by the joint explanatory statement accompanying Public Law 118–42. The Committee reiterates its direction required by the joint explanatory statement accompanying Public Law 119–37 to provide a report detailing how VA will maintain the existing POPCaP sites and expand to additional locations. Additionally, the VA shall provide spend plans for maintaining and expanding the program for future fiscal years.

VA Medical Centers Quality of Care.—The Committee supports the Department's efforts, through the Strategic Analytics for Improvement and Learning Value Model, to improve quality of care at VA facilities. To ensure that improvements are being made at underperforming VA Medical Centers [VAMCs], the Committee directs the Secretary, within 90 days of enactment of this act, to create a strategic improvement plan for underperforming VAMCs. The Committee directs the Secretary to brief the Committee on Appro-

priations of both Houses of Congress on this analysis within 30 days of completion of the plan.

Clinical Oversight and Patient Safety.—The Committee directs VA to provide an update to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on implementation of Office of Inspector General recommendations related to Report #22–04099–153, including ongoing efforts to ensure continued compliance with peer review, reporting, and surgical oversight requirements. This information should be provided no later than 90 days after enactment of this act.

VA Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Program.—Of the amounts made available to the Department of Veterans Affairs [VA], the Committee recommendation includes $32,637,000 for the VA Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Program [IPVAP] for fiscal year 2027. The Committee was pleased that the Department included IPVAP as a program of interest with budget detail in the justifications accompanying the fiscal year 2027 budget submission, and encourages the Department to include it as a program of interest with budget detail in the justifications accompanying the fiscal year 2028 budget submission.

Adaptive Sports.—The Committee recognizes the significant improvements that adaptive sports and recreational therapy have on veterans' mental and physical health. It applauds the efforts of community providers of these grants, especially in rural areas, who have been able to utilize this key program in successfully reintegrating veterans back into their communities.

Updated National Health Study.—The Committee notes that it has been over a decade since the completion of the "National Health Study for a New Generation of U.S. Veterans," a large-scale, longitudinal study of the health of 30,000 Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans, and 30,000 veterans who were not deployed to these conflicts. This health study highlighted several important issues related to veterans' health, including that over 15 percent of women and over 13 percent of men reported they had experienced infertility. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs is directed to provide to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 180 days after enactment of this act, a cost estimate for conducting an updated national health study on veteran health, including when done through partnership with a federally Funded Research and Development Center.

Center for Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander and US.–Affiliated Pacific Islander Health.—The Committee continues to support the VA Center for NHPIUSAPI, and provides funding consistent with amounts provided in fiscal year 2026. The Committee also directs the Department to include the funding level for NHPIUSAPI in the Congressional Justification materials in future fiscal years. The Committee encourages VA to focus on issues specific to the NHPIUSAPI community, including extending the use of telehealth and telepharmacy to reach remote and isolated areas; using multidisciplinary teams that incorporate community outreach workers; integrating clinical pharmacists into primary care practices to improve chronic disease control; incorporating local and indigenous cultural practices into VA's healthcare system; leveraging data

analytics from modernized electronic health records to analyze gaps, costs, and healthcare disparities due to race and ethnicity; creating a more diverse healthcare workforce; and improving language access.

Veteran Family Resource Program.—The Committee directs the Secretary to provide a report that includes cost estimates to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 180 days after enactment of this act, for expanding the wrap-around services provided to veterans who have recently separated from the service, such as mental healthcare, job search assistance, and social work assistance with housing and food, as well as a review of any legislative authority required to expand the program and any findings related to resources impacting child abuse and neglect among the veteran population. This cost estimate should focus on costs associated with establishing a pilot program for Veteran Family Resource programs in States with disproportionately high rates of repeat child maltreatment. The Committee also directs the Department to include the funding level for the Veteran Family Resource Program in the Congressional Justification materials in future fiscal years.

GLP–1 Receptor Agonists.—Within 270 days of enactment of this act, the Committee directs the Under Secretary for Health to provide a briefing to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on the Department of Veterans Affairs' [VA] strategy to provide access to GLP–1 receptor agonists as clinically appropriate. Such briefing shall include: (1) current and projected demand for GLP–1 therapies within the VA healthcare system; (2) eligibility and prescribing criteria; (3) current and anticipated pricing, including the use of national contracts or value-based purchasing arrangements; (4) obligations and expenditures of appropriated funds for GLP–1 therapies between fiscal years 2023 and 2026; (5) utilization of management safeguards to ensure appropriate prescribing; and (6) an assessment of any long-term cost implications for the Department associated with the prescription of GLP–1 therapies.

Veteran-Directed Care [VDC].—Within 30 days of enactment of this act, the Committee directs Secretary of Veterans Affairs to report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate and the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the House and Senate on the funding levels for the VDC program for fiscal years 2025 and 2026, and the planned funding level for the program in fiscal year 2027. The report shall include a description of how the Department plans to allocate such funding to expand the VDC program at VA facilities currently reporting low VDC enrollment.

Costly Medication Reimbursement Study.—The Committee recognizes that State Veterans Homes may incur significant costs associated with high-cost prescription medications that are not fully accounted for under current per diem reimbursement structures. The Committee directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 180 days after the enactment of this act, that assesses the impact of high-cost medications on State Veterans Homes, including the frequency and cost of such medications, the

extent to which these costs exceed per diem payments, and provides options to address these costs within the existing program.

Limb Loss.—The Committee supports the Department of Veterans Affairs' [VA] comprehensive approach to care for veterans living with limb loss and veterans at risk of amputation. The Committee recognizes that partnerships connecting veterans to peer visitors, support networks, and evidence-based educational resources play a vital role in recovery, mental health and long-term quality of life. The Committee encourages VA to expand its efforts to reach all veteran amputees nationwide and to strengthen its current program by enhancing care coordination services. The Committee also encourages VA to report, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of the act, on efforts to strengthen care coordination, increase veteran participation in peer support programs and address gaps in access to limb loss resources across the continuum of care.

MEDICAL COMMUNITY CARE

Appropriations, 2026	$34,000,000,000
Advance appropriations, 2027	38,700,000,000
Budget estimate, 2027	1,027,000,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	1,027,000,000
Committee recommendation, advance appropriations, 2028	42,000,000,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Medical Community Care account provides for medical services for eligible enrolled veterans and other beneficiaries that is purchased from and provided by non-Department of Veterans Affairs facilities and providers, including contract hospitals, State homes, and outpatient services.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

In fiscal year 2026, the Committee provided an advance appropriation of $38,700,000,000 for fiscal year 2027 for the Medical Community Care account. The Committee recommends $1,027,000,000 in addition to previously provided funds. VA estimates using $16,447,000,000 from the Toxic Exposures Fund to support medical community care in fiscal year 2027, for a total of $56,174,000,000.

The Committee recommendation also includes an advance appropriation of $42,000,000,000 for Medical Community Care for fiscal year 2028.

Communication Procedures.—The Committee emphasizes that one of the most important aspects of delivering care for veterans is protecting their personal information and is alarmed regarding a recent incident where a Department of Veterans Affairs [VA] employee sent an official communication that mistakenly copied hundreds of veterans enrolled in community care mental healthcare, exposing their email addresses. The Committee directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure that community care standard of confidentiality is to the same standard seen at VA facilities, and employees receive appropriate training related to safeguarding veteran personally identifiable information.

VA Home Health Fee Schedule.—The Committee directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs [VA] to review any reimbursement rate reductions implemented under the calendar year 2026 VA Fee Schedule and evaluate whether such reimbursement rate reductions have negatively impacted veterans' access to or quality of care. If it is determined that these reductions have adversely affected care for veterans, the Secretary should consider utilizing a waiver to restore reimbursement rates to pre-2026 levels or higher to ensure adequate provider participation and continuity of services. The Committee also directs the Secretary to brief the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 60 days after enactment of this act, on: (1) the rationale and data underlying the calendar year 2026 rate changes; (2) expected impacts on provider participation and veteran access, specifically in rural areas; (3) steps taken to monitor network adequacy and continuity of care; and (4) any planned mitigation actions, including contracting approaches or other payment mechanisms available to avoid disruption in access to clinically necessary home-based services.

Community Care Network [CCN] Standards.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs is reminded that CCN providers are held to the access and quality standards codified in sections 1703B and 1703C of title 38, United States Code. The Secretary is encouraged to require CCN providers to report real-time appointment wait times as a condition of their participation in the CCN, and make their quality of care data available on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Care Compare metrics pursuant to 42 CFR 412.163.

External Provider Scheduling [EPS] System.—The Committee is encouraged that the Department of Veterans Affairs [VA] has implemented EPS system at all VA facilities and that it plans to continue to expand its use. EPS enables VA employees to book up to 25 appointments per day, a significant improvement that increases efficiencies in the scheduling process for veterans receiving care in the community and the Committee encourages the Department to continue its efforts to recruit more community providers into the EPS system. While the Committee awaits the report on this topic directed under this heading in Senate Report 119–43, the Committee directs the Secretary to ensure the report provides updated information on community provider participation in EPS, any challenges associated with the participation of particular community provider specialties, and recommendations to address such challenges, including specific steps the Department is taking to accelerate provider onboarding and achieve full system-wide integration.

Ensuring Veterans' Access to Community Care.—The Committee directs the Under Secretary for Health to provide a briefing to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 60 days after the enactment of this act, that details the circumstances and justifications for instances where community care authorizations have been revoked. The Committee encourages the Department to continue to improve coordination and integration with community care providers.

Veterans Community Care Program.—The Department of Veterans Affairs [VA] should continue utilizing measurement-based outcomes tracking for Community Care behavioral health pro-

viders. Veterans and the Department are better served when VA has data for evaluation and reporting on the quality of care delivered by Community Care providers, using standardized outcome measures to be able to track provider performance and quality outcomes.

Medical Massage Billing.—The Committee is increasingly concerned about veterans' ability to access non-pharmacological, non-opioid, pain management therapies, such as Medical Massage Therapy [MMT]. The Department is encouraged to implement its own payment methodology for MMT that maximizes veteran access to MMT Therapy that is fair to providers and based on the actual costs of providers to provide such services.

MEDICAL SUPPORT AND COMPLIANCE

Appropriations, 2026	$12,090,000,000
Advance appropriations, 2027	12,000,000,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	.....
Transfer to Medical Facilities, 2027	−950,000,000
Committee recommendation, advance appropriations, 2028	12,000,000,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Medical Support and Compliance account provides funds for management, security, and administrative expenses within the VA healthcare system, in addition to providing costs associated with the operation of VA medical centers and clinics, VISN offices, and the VHA Central Office in Washington, DC. This appropriation also covers Chief of Staff and Facility Director operations, quality of care oversight, legal services, billing and coding activities, procurement, financial management, security, and human resource management.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

In fiscal year 2026, the Committee provided an advance appropriation of $12,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2027 for the Medical Support and Compliance account. The Committee recommendation for fiscal year 2027 includes the VA-requested transfer of $950,000,000 from Medical Support and Compliance to Medical Facilities, bringing the discretionary total to $11,050,000,000. VA estimates using $405,000,000 from the Toxic Exposures Fund to support medical support and compliance in fiscal year 2027, for a total of $11,455,000,000.

The Committee recommendation includes an advance appropriation of $12,000,000,000 for Medical Support and Compliance for fiscal year 2028.

VISN Accountability.—The Secretary is encouraged to ensure each VISN director or equivalent meets with each medical facility director within their region no less frequently than every 60 days for the purpose of reviewing open recommendations from GAO, Office of Inspector General, Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection, and any other similar organizations reviewing patient safety concerns, to ensure progress is being made towards resolving the issues and closing the recommendations.

Modification of Language in VA Health Care Policy & Guidance.—The Committee reminds the Secretary of Veterans Affairs

that the Department is required to comply with Federal non-discrimination, anti-retaliation, and anti-harassment laws to ensure equitable care is provided to all eligible veterans and CHAMPVA beneficiaries. As such, the Department should review all healthcare policy guidance documents to ensure there is no confusion around the responsibilities of providers.

Integrating Artificial Intelligence [AI] into CHAMPVA Processing.—The Committee encourages the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress and the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of both Houses of Congress on the integration of AI into the CHAMPVA application and claims process. Specifically, the report should detail what parts of the decision process within the acceptance/denial of applications are accomplished by AI, what decisions are human-based, and oversight of systems that utilize AI.

MEDICAL FACILITIES

Appropriations, 2026	$9,845,917,000
Advance appropriations, 2027	11,700,000,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	.....
Transfer from Medical Support and Compliance, 2027	+950,000,000
Committee recommendation, advance appropriations, 2028	13,540,000,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Medical Facilities account provides funds for the operation and maintenance of the VA healthcare system's vast capital infrastructure. This appropriation provides for costs associated with utilities, engineering, capital planning, leases, laundry, groundskeeping, housekeeping, facility repair, and property disposition and acquisition.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

In fiscal year 2026, the Committee provided an advance appropriation of $11,700,000,000 for fiscal year 2027 for the Medical Facilities account. The recommendation for fiscal year 2027 includes $950,000,000 in addition to previously provided funds, which VA requested to be transferred from Medical Support and Compliance, providing the Department with total budget authority of $12,650,000,000.

The Committee recommendation also includes an advance appropriation of $13,540,000,000 for Medical Facilities for fiscal year 2028.

Water Management Policies.—The Committee, in Senate Report 119–43, encouraged the Department of Veterans Affairs to consider implementing laboratory systems that have little-to-no impact on the water supply in the communities where they reside. Not later than 90 days after enactment of this act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is directed to report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress any actions taken to advance these efforts.

Louisville VA Medical Center.—The Committee encourages the Secretary to work with the Administrator of the General Services Administration and other relevant stakeholders to determine potential uses for the soon-to-be vacant Louisville VA Medical Center.

MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH

Appropriations, 2026	$945,000,000
Budget estimate, 2027	922,000,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	922,000,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Medical and Prosthetic Research account provides funds for medical, rehabilitative, and health services research. Medical research supports basic and clinical studies that advance knowledge leading to improvements in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases and disabilities. Rehabilitation research focuses on rehabilitation engineering problems in the fields of prosthetics, orthotics, adaptive equipment for vehicles, sensory aids, and related areas. Health services research focuses on improving the effectiveness and economy of the delivery of health services.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $922,000,000 for the Medical and Prosthetic Research account for fiscal year 2027. In addition, the Department of Veterans Affairs [VA] estimates to use $57,000,000 from the Toxic Exposures Fund to support medical research in fiscal year 2027, for a total of $979,000,000.

The Committee remains highly supportive of this program, and recognizes its importance both in improving healthcare services to veterans and in recruiting and retaining high-quality medical professionals in the Veterans Health Administration.

Advanced Platform Technology [APT] Center.—The Committee recognizes the progress made by the Department of Veterans Affairs in providing veterans with new assistive and restorative technologies addressing sensory, motor, or cognitive deficits, as well as limb loss. The Committee continues to support the APT Center's efforts to utilize a partnership model, leveraging local and national research expertise to drive progress in diverse areas, including artificial lung development, wound healing, and neural connected sensory prosthesis.

Limitations on Tracking Research Metrics.—The Committee directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress 90-day advanced notification before the Department implements a requirement to compile and track any new metrics or data regarding the performance or findings of research studies. The notification should include: (1) the analysis used to determine that tracking and compiling such metrics or data is necessary to improve the quality of research conducted at the Department; (2) documentation and analysis used to determine that tracking and compiling such metrics or data will not reduce or negatively affect veterans' access to research and clinical trials; (3) a cost estimate, strategic plan, and timeline for implementation of tracking and compiling such metrics or data; and (4) a detailed description of how the Department intends to utilize such metrics or data.

VA Peer Review Integrity / Neutrality.—The Committee encourages the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure the independence and objectivity of peer review processes, including consideration of

mechanisms to provide neutral review of cases where potential conflicts or lack of objectivity may arise.

Blood-Based Biomarker Research and Diagnostic Modernization.—The Committee encourages the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to explore additional research and pilot programs related to blood-based biomarkers for early detection and management of complex neurodegenerative diseases amongst veterans, and to adopt necessary practices and policies to increase and enhance blood-based neuro testing. This could include the further study of blood-based biomarkers in the differential diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease from other dementias, identifying and tracking important diagnostic intervention points throughout disease progression, and risk stratification of Diagnostic Modernization Technology initiation.

Genome Sequencing for the Million Veterans Program [MVP].—The Committee supports the goals of the MVP but notes that only approximately 20 percent of collected biological samples have undergone genomic sequencing, limiting the program's ability to generate actionable research data. Therefore, the Committee urges the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use funds provided to accelerate this effort in fiscal year 2027.

Women Veterans Health Research.—The Committee encourages VA to advance and expand the inclusion of women veterans in clinical research conducted by the Department by utilizing the provisions outlined in Public Law 100–322 related to discovery and data collaboration between VA and its partnering entities.

Mental Health Research.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs is encouraged to prioritize VA-led clinical and implementation-focused research on rapid-acting novel therapeutics for post-traumatic stress disorder, suicide risk, depression, and related conditions.

Medical Marijuana Research.—The Committee encourages the Department to consider clinical research on medical marijuana. The Committee also recommends the Department of Veterans Affairs conduct a study on the relationship between treatment programs involving medical marijuana that are approved by States, the access of veterans to such programs, and a reduction in opioid use and abuse among veterans.

Objective Remote Diagnostic Capabilities.—The Committee recognizes that existing diagnostic tools for conditions like Post Traumatic Stress Disorder [PTSD], Generalized Anxiety Disorder [GAD], and Major Depressive Disorder [MDD] can be subjective and less accessible for rural or underserved communities. As such, the Committee directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use up to $3,000,000 to support development and clinical trials, in cooperation with other Federal agencies, including the Defense Health Agency and military research laboratories, of new artificial intelligence-powered, mobile phone software-based medical diagnostic capabilities to provide objective assistance and evaluation of treatment success in the diagnosis of PTSD, GAD, and MDD. The Secretary is directed to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 180 days after the enactment of this act, detailing the plan to conduct this research and the availability of existing objective diagnostic assistance tools for PTSD, GAD, and MDD.

Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy [HBOT].—The Committee encourages the Department to continue to research the efficacy of HBOT as a treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury and should permit case-by-case referrals for veterans to receive HBOT in the community.

MEDICAL CARE COST RECOVERY COLLECTIONS

MEDICAL CARE COLLECTION FUND

Appropriations, 2026	$4,279,000,000
Budget estimate, 2027	4,206,990,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	4,206,990,000

MEDICAL CARE COLLECTION FUND—REVENUES APPLIED

Appropriations, 2026	−$4,279,000,000
Budget estimate, 2027	−4,206,990,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	−4,206,990,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Medical Care Collection Fund [MCCF] was established by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Public Law 105–33). In fiscal year 2004, Public Law 108–199 allowed the Department of Veterans Affairs to deposit first-party and pharmacy co-payments; third-party insurance payments and enhanced-use collections; long-term care co-payments; Compensated Work Therapy program collections; and Parking Program fees into the MCCF. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs has the authority to transfer funds from the MCCF to the Medical Services and Medical Community Care accounts.

The Parking Program provides funds for the construction, alteration, and acquisition (by purchase or lease) of parking garages at VA medical facilities authorized by 38 U.S.C. 8109. The Secretary is required under certain circumstances to establish and collect fees for the use of such garages and parking facilities. Receipts from the parking fees are to be deposited into the MCCF and are used for medical services activities.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommendation includes the authority to retain co-payments and third-party collections, estimated to total $4,206,990,000 in fiscal year 2027.

NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

Appropriations, 2026	$498,500,000
Budget estimate, 2027	505,000,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	505,000,000

ADMINISTRATION OVERVIEW

The National Cemetery Administration [NCA] was established in accordance with the National Cemeteries Act of 1973 (Public Law 93–43). It has a four-fold mission: to provide for the interment in any national cemetery of the remains of eligible deceased servicemembers and discharged veterans, together with their spouses and certain dependents, and permanently maintain their

graves; to provide headstones for, and to mark graves of, eligible persons in national, State, and private cemeteries; to administer the grant program for aid to States in establishing, expanding, or improving State veterans cemeteries; and to administer the Presidential Memorial Certificate Program.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $505,000,000 for the National Cemetery Administration for fiscal year 2027, consistent with the budget estimate. The Committee has included bill language to make available through September 30, 2028, up to 10 percent of the National Cemetery Administration appropriation.

National Cemetery Administration [NCA] Drive-Time Standards.—Within 180 days of enactment of this act, the Committee directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress analyzing the feasibility and advisability of revising NCA access goals to adopt drive-time standards rather than distance standards.

National Cemetery Administration Access.—Within 180 days of enactment, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is directed to provide to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a report analyzing the feasibility of implementing a requirement for every State to operate at least one national cemetery. The report should assess the impact of such a requirement on existing State cemeteries, the estimated cost for implementation, departmental process considerations, and special considerations for States outside of the continental United States.

National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific Replacement.—The Committee notes that the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific has essentially been closed to casketed burials since 1991 and is projected to stop accepting cremated remains by 2036. Due to extensive timelines required to design and build a new national cemetery, the Committee directs the National Cemetery Administration to provide a report within 180 days after enactment of this act: (1) summarizing the necessary process to construct a new national cemetery, (2) the estimated cost for such a new national cemetery, and (3) the minimum size of land needed to support burials for at least 50 years.

Study on Extending Burial Transportation Benefits.—The Committee directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide an assessment to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 180 days after the enactment of this act, on the feasibility of extending burial transportation benefits to veterans who pass away at non-Department facilities after being unable to access care at a Department facility due to capacity constraints. The assessment shall include estimated costs, eligibility criteria, verification mechanisms, and options for implementation.

Disposal of Synthetic U.S. Flags.—The Under Secretary of Memorial Affairs is directed to, in collaboration with Veteran Service Organizations, State and local municipalities, and other public entities, develop proper disposal procedures for synthetic flags used, stored, or otherwise collected at facilities under the direction of the National Cemetery Administration, other than incineration or burning. The Department is directed to provide a report to the

Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 270 days after enactment of this act, outlining methods for such disposal, the process undertaken to determine such recommendations, and associated costs, if applicable.

Rural Initiative National Cemetery Infrastructure.—The Committee supports the National Cemetery Administration's efforts to construct additional infrastructure at its Rural Initiative national cemeteries. The Committee encourages the Secretary of Veterans Affairs [VA] to continue working with State and local entities, including non-profit organizations, interested in constructing and donating VA-approved facilities to meet the location-specific needs of veterans, visitors, and volunteers. Furthermore, the Committee is aware of state legislature efforts to help fund the construction of Rural Initiative national cemetery facilities and urges the Department to provide similar investment.

Burial Benefit Increases.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs is directed to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 270 days after enactment of this act, outlining the feasibility, advisability, and associated costs of increasing the burial and funeral expenses paid by the Department in the case of death from a service-connected disability. The report should consider annual increases that are indexed to the Consumer Price Index.

Camp Nelson National Cemetery Land Acquisition.—The Committee directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to evaluate the acquisition of the 79-acre parcel of land currently available adjacent to the Camp Nelson National Cemetery. The cemetery has a finite amount of space, and land is not guaranteed to remain available. As such, the Committee encourages the Department to support the acquisition of this parcel of land.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

Appropriations, 2026	$12,493,000,000
Budget estimate, 2027	15,798,000,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	15,328,438,000

ADMINISTRATION OVERVIEW

Departmental Administration provides for the executive direction of the Department, several top-level supporting offices, Information Technology Systems, the Inspector General, and the Board of Veterans Appeals.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $15,328,438,000 for Departmental Administration. The amount is composed of $420,600,000 for General Administration; $268,000,000 for the Board of Veterans Appeals; $6,257,838,000 for Information Technology Systems; $4,120,000,000 for the Veterans Electronic Health Record; $284,000,000 for the Office of Inspector General; $2,886,000,000 for Construction, Major Projects; $861,000,000 for Construction, Minor Projects; $171,000,000 for Grants for Construction of State Extended Care Facilities; and $60,000,000 for Grants for the Construction of State Veterans Cemeteries.

In addition, funds are available from the Recurring Expenses Transformational Fund [Transformational Fund]. Established in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016 (Public Law 114–113), the Transformational Fund consists of unobligated balances of expired discretionary appropriations, following the fifth fiscal year after the last fiscal year funds were originally available. These funds shall be available until expended for facilities infrastructure improvements, including nonrecurring maintenance, at existing VA hospitals and clinics, and for information technology systems improvements and sustainment. For fiscal year 2027, VA proposes to allocate $1,300,000,000 of the anticipated Transformational Fund balance for major construction projects and $150,000,000 for minor construction projects.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriations, 2026	$429,000,000
Budget estimate, 2027	517,000,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	420,600,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The General Administration account provides funding for the Office of the Secretary, six assistant secretaries, and three independent staff offices.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $420,600,000 for General Administration. VA estimates using $33,000,000 from the Toxic Exposures Fund to support General Administration purposes in fiscal year 2027, for a total of $453,600,000. The Committee included bill language to make available through September 30, 2028, up to 10 percent of the General Administration appropriation.

The Committee provides funding for General Administration in the amounts specified below:

[In thousands of dollars]

Office	2026 enacted	Committee recommendation	Change from 2026 enacted
Office of the Secretary	$36,200	34,900	1,300
Office of the General Council	139,000	131,900	−7,100
Office of Management	76,300	76,200	−100
Office of Human Resources & Administration	89,600	83,300	−6,300
Office of Operations, Security & Preparedness	30,000	35,600	+5,600
Office of Public & Intergovernmental Affairs	16,200	15,600	−600
Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs	11,500	12,500	+1,000
Office of Accountability & Whistleblower Protection	30,200	30,600	+400
Total, General Administration	429,000	420,600	−8,400

VA Staffing.—The Committee acknowledges the critical role that Department of Veterans Affairs [VA] employees play in delivering quality healthcare and benefits to veterans, and is concerned that current staffing levels may negatively affect benefit adjudication and healthcare provided to veterans. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs is directed to provide a briefing to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 90 days after

the enactment of this act, on the direct and indirect staffing necessary to ensure that benefits claims are adjudicated and that healthcare appointments and services are provided in the timeframes required by statute, regulation, and the Department's own stated goals. The Committee directs Secretary to work with the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, to develop a quarterly report that provides a breakout of VA employees and vacant positions by function, job series, and appointment type, to include political appointments. The Committee further directs the Secretary to provide 15-day advanced notification to the Committee when initiating or lifting a hiring freeze; offering any employee the use of the Deferred Resignation Program, Voluntary Early Retirement Authority, or Voluntary Separation Incentive Payments; or commencement of any classification review either internally or in coordination with the Office of Personnel Management.

Budget Office Liaison Support to the Senate Appropriations Committee.—The Department is directed to maintain a budget and appropriations liaison office within the Office of Management, separate and apart from the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs [OCLA], as is standard practice. The Appropriations Subcommittees rely heavily on this office to conduct its oversight responsibilities and make funding recommendations for the Department. The Committee notes that while the separate OCLA offer assistance to the authorizing committees and Member Offices of the Congress, such assistance is provided on a parallel and separate track from the assistance provided to this Committee and its members by the budget or appropriations liaison office. As OCLA does not possess the expertise and direct relationship to the Financial Management and Budget organizations, which are essential to the effective communication between the Department and the Committees on Appropriations, it is critical that the budget or appropriations liaison offices remain independent from the legislative liaison offices, and retain the authority to respond directly and promptly with the information required by the Committee and its members.

Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs.—The Committee affirms the importance of the constitutional responsibility of Congress to provide oversight of Department of Veterans Affairs [VA] activities, and underscores that access to VA facilities and timely responses to congressional inquiries by the Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs [OCLA] are critical in fulfilling this responsibility. In instances where providing requested information would violate the privacy or well-being of a patient or career employee of the Department, OCLA should communicate in a timely manner what information can be provided while ensuring those interests are protected. The Committee directs the Assistant Secretary for OCLA to submit quarterly reports to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, beginning the first full fiscal quarter after enactment of this act, that define OCLA's goals for response to casework and congressional inquiries, the quarterly metrics for these goals, and details on the instances where these goals were unmet. The Assistant Secretary should provide a list of any denied requests for Members of Congress to visit VA facilities over the last 365 days along with the reasoning for the denial.

Congressional Engagement.—The Committee is disappointed that the Department of Veterans Affairs failed to provide advanced notification to the Committee and affected congressional delegations on decisions that affect veteran care, such as the decision to close certain facilities and the announcement of new regulations regarding disability claims evaluations. This is on the heels of the Department providing notifications of, rather than seeking prior approval for, transfer of funds between certain accounts in clear contravention of statute and longstanding tradition. While the Department has reactively addressed these issues, the Committee encourages the Department to view Congress as a partner in serving veterans, and encourages the Department to be responsive, thoughtful, and prompt when communicating with members of Congress, fulfilling statutory notification requirements, or responding to a Congressional inquiry.

Human Capital Management.—The Committee recommendation does not include funds for the Department's contribution to the Office of Personnel Management Core Human Capital Management platform due to insufficient justification.

Unobligated Balances of Expired Discretionary Funds.—The Committee directs the Secretary to submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress quarterly reports detailing all unobligated balances of expired discretionary funds by fiscal year.

Fourth Mission.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs is directed to provide a briefing to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 120 days of enactment of this act, on all costs related to preparing for and managing emergencies at the Federal, State, local and, Tribal level, known as the Department's "Fourth Mission." The briefing shall include an overview of all fiscal year 2026 and proposed fiscal year 2027 Fourth Mission activities, costs broken down by administration and staff office, and a detailed explanation of any material changes to Fourth Mission activities since 2023. Further, the Department is directed to provide quarterly updates thereafter.

The Rule of Two for Specialized Healthcare Procurement.—The Committee is concerned that while the "Rule of Two" is mandatory for all Department of Veterans Affairs procurements, the potential for "pass-through" abuse remains, and encourages the Department to more strictly implement the rule, including for specialized medical supplies and surgical requirements, to avert potential abuses.

All Employee Survey.—The Committee affirms the importance of the annual All Employee Survey to gather data on the Department's employee morale and satisfaction and to identify trends over time. The Department is directed to conduct the All Employee Survey annually, including the same questions as the 2024 survey to allow for meaningful comparisons over time, and to provide a briefing on the results to the Committee within 90 days of completion.

Engaging Young Veterans.—The Committee directs the Secretary, through the Veterans Experience Office, to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both the House and Senate, not later than 180 days after enactment of this act, on the Department's efforts to understand and address the needs of younger veterans, such as through focus groups, surveys, and market test-

ing. The report should: (1) disaggregate data by age cohort or service era, including projections of the veteran population over the next 20 year generational era, (2) identify, assess, and evaluate preferences, access barriers, and differences in need between younger and older veterans, and (3) provide recommendations to meet the needs of young veterans.

Ensuring Access to VA Benefits for Korean American Vietnam Veterans.—The Committee is aware of the difficulties that Korean American veterans who served in the Vietnam war continue to experience in obtaining veterans' health benefits, despite current law. The Committee further notes that this an aging veteran population and urgent action is needed to ensure these benefits are fully realized. To ensure progress in implementation of provisions in Public Law 118–20 and subsections (d)(1) and (2) of 38 U.S.C. § 109, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is directed to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations for both the House and Senate not later than 90 days after the enactment of this act, detailing steps taken by the Department thus far to enter into a reciprocal agreement with the Republic of Korea, as well as any barriers and the expected timeline for implementation of these provisions.

BOARD OF VETERANS APPEALS

Appropriations, 2026	$280,000,000
Budget estimate, 2027	268,000,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	268,000,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

As set forth in section 7101(a) of title 38 United States Code, the Board of Veterans Appeals [BVA] is responsible for making final decisions on claims for veterans benefits presented to the Board for appellate review. The vast majority of the Board's workload derives from benefit claims initiated by the Veterans Benefits Administration's Regional Offices. The appellate process has multiple steps, most of which occur at the local Regional Office level. If a veteran is not satisfied with the Regional Office determination, he or she may appeal to the Board for a final agency decision. The Board adjudicates appeals covering all areas of veterans benefits, including service connection, increased disability ratings, total disability ratings, pensions, insurance benefits, educational benefits, home loan guaranties, vocational rehabilitation, waivers of indebtedness, fee basis medical care, and dependency and indemnity compensation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $268,000,000 for the Board of Veterans Appeals, consistent with the budget estimate. The Committee has included bill language to make available through September 30, 2028, up to 10 percent of BVA's appropriation.

Appeals Claims Backlog.—The Committee commends the Department for its progress on significantly reducing the disability claims backlog over the past year, but notes a need for increased focus on the high number of outstanding benefit claims appeals. The Committee directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 90 days after enactment of this act, with updated

information on average adjudication time for appeals, the Department's plans to eliminate the appeals backlog, and plans to prepare for a potential increase in appeals claims due to the significant reduction in the disability claims backlog.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

Appropriations, 2026	$5,919,000,000
Budget estimate, 2027	6,308,000,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	6,257,838,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Information Technology [IT] Systems appropriation, along with reimbursements, funds the costs of all IT staff salaries and expenses, the operations and maintenance of all existing information technology systems, and the development of new projects and programs designed to improve the delivery of service to veterans. This appropriation also funds the costs associated with the Office of Information and Technology which oversees the functions highlighted above.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $6,257,838,000 for the Information Technology Systems account for fiscal year 2027. The Committee recommendation includes $1,416,075,000 for staff salaries and expenses, $3,855,523,000 for operations and maintenance of existing programs, and $986,240,000 for program development. In addition, VA estimates to use $1,056,000,000 from the Toxic Exposures Fund to support the information technology systems activities related to toxic exposures in fiscal year 2027.

The Committee has appropriated the Information Technology [IT] Systems account as three subaccounts. This funding structure enhances the Committee's ability to ensure funds are executed in a manner consistent with the Department's budget submission. The Committee has provided sufficient flexibility within the subaccounts by way of authorized carryover amounts and reprogramming authority to give the Office of Information and Technology as much flexibility as possible to accomplish its mission and goals, while ensuring proper accountability and oversight. The recommendation provides an extended period of availability for IT system development funds, consistent with IT procurement accounts of other major departments and agencies, to ensure efficient procurement of large IT equipment.

Artificial Intelligence [AI] Digital Service Improvements.—The Committee encourages the Department of Veterans Affairs to thoughtfully utilize AI to improve digital service and veteran experience. To that end, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is directed to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 180 days after enactment of this act, on the areas in which the Department has pursued, and has identified, AI integrations that enhance the Department's mission, workforce, and digital service offerings. The report should include an outline of the Department's governance framework for AI, including: (1) policies and procedures to ensure the accuracy, reliability, and clinical or operational validity of AI systems; (2) steps

taken to identify, assess, and mitigate bias, including disparate impacts on subpopulations of veterans; (3) data governance standards, including data provenance, quality controls, and lifecycle management; (4) measures to protect veteran privacy and safeguard sensitive information consistent with applicable Federal law and cybersecurity requirements; (5) the role of human oversight in AI-supported decisions; (6) processes for independent testing, auditing, and red-teaming of AI systems; and (7) mechanisms for veterans to seek review or appeal of decisions informed by AI. Additionally, the report should make recommendations related to leveraging commercially-available technology to improve customer-facing applications and websites, as well as tools to reduce the administrative burden of clinicians and administrative staff, and to improve interfaces which reduce the difficulty of scheduling appointments, receiving reimbursement of covered veteran expenses, the billing of services, and other efforts that serve veterans.

Commercial Off-The-Shelf Solutions [COTS].—Amidst rapid advancements in artificial intelligence and cloud-native solutions, a veteran's access to quality care must remain the focus of any technological modernization within the Department of Veterans Affairs. When developing strategic plans for information technology modernization, the Committee encourages the Department's Chief Information Officer and Under Secretary of Health to standardize widely adopted COTS applications, to the extent practicable.

Benefits Technology Platform.—The Committee notes that the Department of Veterans Affairs is exploring a limited deployment of a technology platform to support State Veterans Service Officers in case management and benefits navigation. To ensure equitable access nationwide and to avoid disruption to States that may adopt this capability as it is evaluated, the Committee encourages the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use funds appropriated in this act to make available, on a nationwide basis, a secure benefits technology and case-management platform for use by State and Territorial Veterans Service Officers.

Data Privacy.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs is directed to ensure all contractors and subcontractors maintain strict compliance with all privacy laws, and is encouraged to include explicit provisions in contracting vehicles prohibiting the contractor from using, selling, licensing, sharing, or otherwise deriving profit from such data beyond the performance of the contract. The Secretary is further encouraged to prohibit access to any data systems of the Department containing veteran or employee information, except by employees whose job to provide care or benefits to veterans requires such access, and such access is limited to the information necessary to provide such care or benefits.

VETERANS ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD

Appropriations, 2025	$3,400,000,000
Budget estimate, 2026	4,240,000,000
Committee recommendation, 2026	4,120,000,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Veterans Electronic Health Record [EHR] account funds all activities related to the acquisition, implementation, preparation,

development, interface, management, rollout, and maintenance of a new EHR. The EHR solution and implementation will include program management; an enterprise-wide EHR system; change management; training; testing; deployment services; sustainment; and other solutions encompassing the entire range of EHR requirements.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $4,120,000,000 for the Veterans EHR in fiscal year 2027. The Committee remains supportive of replacing the Department of Veterans Affairs' current EHR with the same system acquired by DoD, and supports the Department's recent resumption of the initiative.

Electronic Health Record Program.—The Committee notes the recent successful rollout of the Electronic Health Record Modernization [EHRM] program to four sites in Michigan. This success is rooted in the Department's pause of the program after the disappointing implementation at the first site, the evaluation of problems that site faced, a renewed focus on effective change management, including pre-rollout learning labs and "at the elbow" support for staff from experienced EHR users, as well as enhanced protocols to identify, elevate, and adjudicate issues through the initial rollout phase. The Committee is cautiously optimistic that the Department has effectively addressed past failures and looks forward to similar successful EHRM rollouts.

Given the continued need for oversight of this significant upgrade, the Committee makes 25 percent of funds made available for the EHRM program contingent upon the Secretary providing a report to the Committee on the updated life-cycle cost of the program, a detailed deployment schedule for all facilities, certification of service delivery levels, and any incidents of delay in care or patient harm attributable to EHR systems. The Committee continues the requirement for quarterly reporting of obligations, expenditures, and deployment schedule by facility and expects the Department to continue quarterly briefings on program implementation, including updates on progress resolving outstanding issues and a review of rollout timelines, performance milestones, change management procedures, and metrics on, but not limited to, patient safety, appointment wait times, system usability, staffing levels during and post-rollout, and any reported disruptions to care delivery.

The Committee continues to direct the Government Accountability Office to conduct quarterly performance reviews of the EHRM program deployment and to report to the Committee each quarter.

Medication Knowledge Bases and Clinical Decision Support [CDS] Tools.—As the Department of Veterans Affairs resumes deployment of its modernized Electronic Health Record [EHR] system across additional VA medical facilities, the Committee emphasizes the importance of preserving flexibility within the EHR ecosystem, including with respect to medication management, drug knowledge bases, and CDS capabilities. It is possible that reliance on a single, vertically integrated vendor to provide both the core EHR platform and other embedded functionality could limit the Department's ability to access updated content over time. The Committee there-

fore encourages the Department to ensure that its EHR remains modular and interoperable, such that VA retains the ability to adopt, layer, or substitute external technologies, including those provided by external vendors, as clinical needs evolve. The Committee further encourages the Department to avoid contractual, technical, or governance arrangements that would restrict VA's ability to replace or augment embedded clinical components.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Appropriations, 2026	$296,000,000
Budget estimate, 2027	284,000,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	284,000,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Office of Inspector General [OIG] was established by the Inspector General Act of 1978 and is responsible for the audit, investigation, and inspection of all Department of Veterans Affairs [VA] programs and operations.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $284,000,000 for OIG for fiscal year 2027, consistent with the budget estimate. The Committee has included bill language to make available through September 30, 2028, up to 10 percent of the OIG appropriation. The Committee continues to support OIG work related to implementation of PACT Act (Public Law 117–168).

OIG continues to sustain an extremely high-performance level, and the Committee continues to support OIG's essential oversight of VA programs and operations, and maintains a provision to support timely access to any records, documents, or other materials available to the Department.

Inspector General.—A non-partisan, objective Inspector General is a crucial part of oversight and must be funded for such activities. The Office of Inspector General is directed to provide a report to the Committees within 90 days of enactment of this bill that includes: the number of reports issued each of the last 5 fiscal years and any reports that have been paused, discontinued, or canceled, and the reasons for this decision.

CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

Appropriations, 2026	$1,394,000,000
Budget Estimate, 2027	3,089,000,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	2,886,000,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Construction, Major Projects account provides funds for constructing, altering, extending, and improving any of the facilities (including parking projects) under the jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans Affairs, including planning, architectural and engineering services, needs assessment, and site acquisition where the estimated cost of a project is more than the amount set forth in 38 U.S.C. 8104(a)(3)(A). Proceeds realized from enhanced use lease activities may be deposited into the Construction, Major Projects and Construction, Minor Projects accounts.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $2,886,000,000 for the construction of major projects for fiscal year 2027. In addition, the Committee supports the Department's allocation of $1,300,000,000 from the Transformational Fund to support the construction of major projects bringing the Department's total resources for Major Construction to $4,186,000,000.

The following table reflects the Committee recommendations for major construction projects.

MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

[In thousands of dollars]

Location	Description	Committee recommendation		Total
		Appropriation	RETF	
Veterans Health Administration [VHA]:				
Indianapolis, IN	Replacement Medical Center, New Central Utility Plant, Replacement Multi-Specialty Outpatient Clinic, and Associated Parking.	1,641,570	.....	1,641,570
San Antonio, TX	Land Acquisition for New Healthcare Facility.	30,000	.....	30,000
Manchester, NH	Replacement Medical Center, New Central Utility Plant, Community Living Center, Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program, Associated Parking, and Demolition of Existing Buildings.	.....	1,181,820	1,181,820
West Los Angeles, CA	Renovate Community Living Center Building 213.	78,900	.....	78,900
	Renovate Domiciliary Building 214	77,800	.....	77,800
	Renovate Community Living Center Building 215.	62,700	.....	62,700
	Renovate Domiciliary Building 217	77,600	.....	77,600
Various Stations	Advance Planning and Design Fund	95,281	.....	95,281
	Construction & Facilities Management Staff.	172,889	.....	172,889
	Non-Departmental Federal Entity Project Management Support.	164,160	118,180	282,340
Subtotal, VHA	.....	2,400,900	1,300,000	3,700,900
National Cemetery Administration [NCA]:				
Bridgeville, PA	National Cemetery of the Alleghenies—Phase 4 Gravesite Development and Cemetery Improvements.	97,700	.....	97,700
Minneapolis, MN	Ft. Snelling—Gravesight Development and Cemetery Improvements.	107,500	.....	107,500
Rittman, OH	Ohio Western Reserve—Phase 4 Gravesite	144,000	.....	144,000
Holly, MI	Great Lakes—Phase 3 Gravesite Development and Cemetery Improvements.	99,900	.....	99,900
Various Stations	Advance Planning and Design Fund	20,000	.....	20,000
	Land Acquisition Fund	6,000	.....	6,000
Subtotal, NCA	.....	475,100	.....	469,100
General Administration/Staff Offices	.....	10,000	.....	10,000

MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS—Continued

[In thousands of dollars]

Location	Description	Committee recommendation		Total
		Appropriation	RETF	
Total, Major Construction	.....	2,886,000	1,300,000	4,186,000

Recurring Expenses Transformational Fund [RETF].—The Committee appreciates the Department of Veterans Affairs' commitment to infrastructure modernization. Beginning with the fiscal year 2028 budget request, and continuing thereafter, the Department shall only submit a list of unfunded priorities, by account and project, that are eligible for funding via the RETF for the Committee's consideration.

Manchester Health Facility.—The Committee notes Executive Order [EO] 14296, "Keeping Promises to Veterans and Establishing a National Center for Warrior Independence," particularly the direction to support a full-service medical center in New Hampshire. The Committee was surprised that the Department of Veterans Affairs' fiscal year 2027 budget request includes funds to build a replacement facility rather than a full-service medical center. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs is directed to submit the feasibility study and action plan required by EO 14296 to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress within 30 days of enactment of this act.

Construction Project Transparency and Enterprise Data Standardization.—The Committee recognizes that the Department of Veterans Affairs [VA] manages a substantial portfolio of medical facility construction and infrastructure modernization projects to support the delivery of healthcare and benefits to veterans. Given the scale, complexity, and cost of these projects, the Committee believes that the Department should consider utilizing commercially available construction management tools. The Department is directed to provide to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, within 1 year of enactment of this act, an assessment on the feasibility, availability, advisability, and cost of utilizing such management tools. The assessment should consider whether such tools could improve enterprise-wide data standardization, real-time project visibility, cost and schedule performance tracking, and risk mitigation.

Strategic Capital Investment Planning.—The Committee directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide a comprehensive briefing to the Committees on Appropriations and Committees on Veterans' Affairs of both Houses of Congress, not later than 120 days after enactment of this act, detailing the Strategic Capital Investment Planning [SCIP] process and its role in the Department's long-term infrastructure planning. At a minimum, such briefing shall include: (1) a detailed description of the methodologies, models, and criteria used to score and prioritize capital investments; (2) the data inputs used to inform SCIP, including demographic projections, workload forecasts, facility condition assessments, and access standards; (3) how SCIP incorporates evolving care delivery models, including outpatient care, telehealth, and community-based

services; (4) the extent to which SCIP aligns with broader Departmental strategic planning efforts, including modernization and realignment initiatives; (5) how risk, cost escalation, and project delivery timelines are assessed and incorporated into decision-making; and (6) any limitations, assumptions, or gaps in the current SCIP model. The briefing shall also include a comparison of planned versus executed capital investments over the prior five fiscal years and an assessment of any deviations from SCIP priorities.

West Los Angeles [LA] Veterans Affairs Medical Center [VAMC].—The Committee notes that the initiatives, both proposed and underway, at the West LA VAMC present a unique set of circumstances and challenges. To facilitate the success of these initiatives, the Department must effectively partner and communicate with congressional stakeholders in a collaborative and proactive way. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs is directed to provide quarterly briefings, beginning the first full fiscal quarter after enactment of this act, to all congressional stakeholders on contract awards, ongoing litigation, Executive orders, safety and security plans, and other updates related to the campus.

Alameda Point Project.—No later than 90 days after enactment of this act, the Committee directs the Department of Veterans Affairs to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on the cancellation and reconsideration of previously planned construction projects, to include the VA healthcare facility and columbarium located in Alameda, CA, and the Building 40 project at the San Francisco VA Medical Center. The report should include the amount of appropriated funds obligated for these projects, the total cost of the project, information regarding VA's internal governance process for reconsidering these legacy construction projects, including information on how PFAS contamination, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers oversight or insufficient resources impacted these projects; detailed overview regarding VA's plans to excess or dispose of the Alameda Point site and any plans to fill gaps in care for veterans as a result of these decisions.

CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS

Appropriations, 2026	$350,000,000
Budget estimate, 2027	861,000,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	861,000,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Construction, Minor Projects account provides for constructing, altering, extending, and improving any of the facilities (including parking) under the jurisdiction or for the use of VA, including planning, assessment of needs, architectural and engineering services, and site acquisition, where the estimated cost of a project is equal to or less than $30,000,000. The Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act (Public Law 106–117) gave VA authority to make capital contributions from minor construction in enhanced-use leases. Proceeds realized from enhanced-use lease activities may be deposited into the Construction, Major Projects and Construction, Minor Projects accounts.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $861,000,000 for minor construction for fiscal year 2027, consistent with the budget estimate. In addition, the Committee supports the Department's allocation of $150,000,000 from the Transformational Fund to support the construction of minor projects, bringing the Department's total resources for Minor Construction to $1,011,000,000.

The Department is directed to provide an expenditure plan, by project, to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress not later than 30 days after enactment of this act for the amount appropriated for minor construction.

Quarterly Infrastructure Project Reports.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs is directed to provide a quarterly report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, beginning the first full fiscal quarter following the enactment of this act, that includes, in a sortable spreadsheet format, each minor construction and non-recurring maintenance project initiated in the prior fiscal quarter, including the project name, facility and location (city, state), obligation amount, and corresponding Veterans Integrated Service Network.

GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE FACILITIES

Appropriations, 2026	$275,000,000
Budget estimate, 2027	171,000,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	171,000,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This account is used to provide grants to assist States in acquiring or constructing State home facilities for furnishing domiciliary or nursing home care to veterans, and to expand, remodel, or alter existing buildings for furnishing domiciliary, nursing home, or hospital care to veterans in State homes. The grant may not exceed 65 percent of the total cost of the project. Public Law 102–585 granted permanent authority for this program, and Public Law 106–117 provided greater specificity in directing the Department of Veterans Affairs [VA] to prescribe regulations for the number of beds for which grant assistance may be furnished. This program has been a successful partnership between States and VA in meeting the long-term care needs of elderly veterans for decades.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $171,000,000 for Grants for Construction of State Extended Care Facilities for fiscal year 2027, consistent with the budget estimate.

Modernization of State Veterans Home Program Digital Services.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs is directed to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 180 days after enactment of this act, on the cost, feasibility, and advisability of efforts to modernize and digitize the State Home Program application and eligibility process, and related workflows, to ensure they are mobile, responsive, user-centered, and fully compliant with Public Law 115–336. The report should consider standardized, end-to-end electronic workflows

leveraging commercial-off-the-shelf technologies and integration of responsible artificial intelligence capabilities. Additionally, the report shall include the status of the Department's compliance with Public Law 115–336.

State Extended Care Facilities Construction Grant Program.—The Committee is aware of several proposed projects that will improve infection prevention at state-run veterans nursing homes by increasing the number of single-occupancy rooms. The Committee encourages the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to invest in projects in high density regions that propose such single-occupancy facility renovations.

Grant Eligibility.—The Secretary is urged to consider additional factors when reviewing and prioritizing grant applications, including whether a State has only one State Extended Care facility, the geographic diversity among grant recipients, whether a facility has an industry-standard Facility Condition Index maximum rating of poor, and whether veterans would have access to other providers who can appropriately meet their needs.

State Veterans Homes.—The Committee continues to support funding for the State Home Construction Grants Program. The Committee is concerned by the growing backlog of Priority Group 1 projects and encourages the Department to allocate additional funding in future budget requests to address the backlog. Additionally, the Committee directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a report, not later than 180 days after enactment of this act, that assesses the feasibility and advisability of incorporating a potential project's distance from existing facilities, rather than evaluating projects at a State-wide level, as part of the Department's decision criteria.

GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF VETERANS CEMETERIES

Appropriations, 2026	$150,000,000
Budget estimate, 2027	60,000,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	60,000,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Public Law 105–368 amended title 38 U.S.C. 2408 and established authority to provide aid to States for establishment, expansion, and improvement of State veterans cemeteries, which are operated and permanently maintained by the States. This statutory change increased the maximum Federal share from 50 percent to 100 percent in order to fund construction costs and initial equipment expenses when the cemetery is established. States remain responsible for providing the land and for paying all costs related to operation and maintenance of the cemeteries, including the costs for subsequent equipment purchases.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $60,000,000 for Grants for Construction of State Veterans Cemeteries for fiscal year 2027, consistent with the budget estimate.

COST OF WAR TOXIC EXPOSURES FUND

Appropriations, 2026	$52,676,000,000
Budget estimate, 2027	54,593,000,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	54,593,000,000
Budget estimate, advance appropriations, 2028	53,760,000,000

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund [Toxic Exposures Fund] was established in order to fully fund the new costs related to providing veterans and their families the benefits and care associated with eligibility expansion included in the Honoring Our PACT Act of 2022 (Public Law 117–168) [PACT Act].

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $54,593,000,000 for the Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund for fiscal year 2027, consistent with the budget estimate.

The Department may allocate funds from the Toxic Exposures Fund for investment in the delivery of veterans healthcare associated with exposure to environmental hazards in service, expenses incident to the delivery of veterans healthcare and benefits associated with exposure to environmental hazards in service, and medical and other research related to exposures to environmental hazards in service.

Reporting Requirements.—The Committee includes a provision requiring quarterly reporting on the status of the Toxic Exposures Fund. Further, the Committee continues to expect a consolidated section in budget requests outlining the proposed spending from the Toxic Exposures Fund, consistent with requirements in Public Law 117–168.

The Committee notes that the Department's budget request included advanced appropriations for the Toxic Exposures Fund. The Committee reminds the Department that the Toxic Exposures Fund is not authorized, under 38 U.S.C. 117, as an account for which the Department may request advance budget authority.

The Committee recognizes continued growth in toxic exposure-related claims and healthcare utilization and directs the Secretary to provide quarterly briefings to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress detailing obligations, projected demand, and any anticipated shortfalls.

PACT Act Presumptive Eligibility.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs is encouraged to use the authority provided under the PACT Act to consider: (1) adding Bosnia/Kosovo to the list of covered countries for the purposes of determining presumptive eligibility, specifically service in the NATO Kosovo Force since June 1999, as "covered service;" and (2) whether the timeframe for veterans who served in units in or near the Korean Demilitarized Zone prior to 1967 should be added as a "covered service" for the purposes of determining presumptive eligibility. The Secretary is directed to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, not later than 120 days after the enactment of this act, with a list of all conditions currently under review under the PACT Act presumptive eligibility determination process.

Toxic Exposed Veterans at the Nevada Test and Training Range.—The Committee is aware that members of the Armed Forces and former members of the Armed Forces who were assigned to certain locations have been unable to successfully make claims for healthcare and disability compensation with the Department of Veterans Affairs [VA] due to classification of their service and medical records and a disparity between U.S. Government agencies' classification of contaminated locations, such as at the Nevada Test and Training Range. Within 1 year of enactment of this act, the VA is directed to issue a report, in coordination with the Department of Defense [DoD], that outlines:

(1) The process that VA and DoD will undertake to identify members of the Armed Forces and former members of the Armed Forces that were stationed at a location that was on the most recent list of facilities covered under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 7384 et seq.) published in the Federal Register by the Department of Energy, any location that is data masked or classified by the Department of Defense and where there is or was potential exposure to toxic substances, since January 27, 1951;

(2) The process VA and DoD will undertake to identify members of the Armed Forces and former members of the Armed Forces impacted by the classification of their service and medical records; and

(3) The policies and procedures that VA and DoD will establish to assist members of the Armed Forces and former members of the Armed Forces who were stationed at a covered location in order to provide adequate documentation of their service, and any injuries, exposures, or illnesses related to such service, to VA for the purpose of establishing a claim for benefits to which such members and former members are legally entitled.

Blood Testing for Firefighters.—The Committee encourages the Secretary of Veterans Affairs [VA] to employ the most accurate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances blood testing methods to veterans whose primary job or military occupation was firefighter during their military service during any annual physical exam covered by VA.

Health Records of Deceased Veterans.—The Committee recognizes the value of health information of deceased service members and veterans as it relates to data collection on burn pit and toxic exposure. The Committee encourages the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to work jointly with the Secretary of Defense to pursue improved mechanisms for gathering this information to the extent possible within existing law.

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances [PFAS] Research.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs is encouraged to coordinate and share data related to service member or veteran exposure to PFAS, including: (1) in consultation with the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Secretary of Defense, establish a health registry to monitor the health effects on members of the Armed Forces whose duties resulted in repeated or prolonged exposure to high concentrations of PFAS at military installations; (2) the use of blood sampling as a tool to measure exposure levels; (3) create distinct PFAS exposure cohorts based on location and

date of PFAS exposure; (4) create a longitudinal (historic) record of service-related PFAS exposures per individual, including all current and former service members potentially exposed in such cohorts; (5) conduct appropriate medical surveillance to detect emerging (latent) health conditions among such personnel potentially exposed to PFAS; (6) support epidemiological research to determine which health outcomes have greater rates of prevalence or incidence among such personnel potentially exposed to PFAS; and, (7) support clinical care and public health activities by providing clinical care providers the ability to search such longitudinal records for individuals under their care and associate them to such exposure events. The Secretary, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, shall provide the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a report, not later than 180 days following enactment of this act, on the feasibility of such data sharing, as well as the time and effort necessary to collect the above data and create such a registry.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS AND RESCISSIONS OF FUNDS)

SEC. 201. The Committee includes a provision which outlines transfer authority and responsibilities for the Veterans Benefits Administration.

SEC. 202. The Committee includes a provision which outlines transfer authority and responsibilities for the Veterans Health Administration.

SEC. 203. The Committee includes a provision which outlines the use of funds appropriated for salaries and expenses.

SEC. 204. The Committee includes a provision mandating that only construction funds may be used for land procurement or the construction of any new hospital or home.

SEC. 205. The Committee includes a provision allowing for reimbursements to the Medical Services account.

SEC. 206. The Committee includes a provision allowing for payments of prior year obligations.

SEC. 207. The Committee includes a provision which allows for the use of funds for prior year obligations.

SEC. 208. The Committee includes a provision which allows for payments from the National Service Life Insurance Fund.

SEC. 209. The Committee includes a provision which outlines the use of funds from enhanced-use lease proceeds.

SEC. 210. The Committee includes a provision which provides funds for the Office of Resolution Management, the Office of Employment Discrimination Complaint Adjudication, and the Alternate Dispute Resolution function within the Office of Human Resources and Administration.

SEC. 211. The Committee includes a provision which requires disclosure of third-party reimbursement information.

SEC. 212. The Committee includes a provision which allows for the transfer of revenue derived from enhanced-use leases into the construction accounts.

SEC. 213. The Committee includes a provision which outlines authorized uses for Medical Services account funds.

SEC. 214. The Committee includes a provision which allows funds in the Medical Care Collection Fund to be transferred into the Medical Services and Medical Community Care accounts.

SEC. 215. The Committee includes a provision which allows eligible veterans in the State of Alaska to obtain medical care services.

SEC. 216. The Committee includes a provision which allows for the transfer of funds into the construction accounts.

SEC. 217. The Committee includes a provision requiring the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit quarterly financial reports.

SEC. 218. The Committee includes a provision outlining transfer authority for the Information Technology Systems account.

SEC. 219. The Committee includes a provision allowing for the transfer of funds from certain accounts to the Joint Department of Defense/Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund, as authorized by Public Law 111–84.

SEC. 220. The Committee includes a provision allowing for the transfer of funds from certain advance appropriation accounts to the Joint Department of Defense/Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund, as authorized by Public Law 111–84.

SEC. 221. The Committee includes a provision allowing for the transfer of certain funds deposited in the Medical Care Collections Fund to the Joint Department of Defense/Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund, as authorized by Public Law 111–84.

SEC. 222. The Committee includes a provision directing a minimum of $15,000,000 be transferred from Medical Services, Medical Support and Compliance, and Medical Facilities to the Department of Defense/Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund, as authorized by section 8111 of title 38, United States Code.

SEC. 223. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting funds available to the Department in this or any other act from being used to replace the current system by which VISNs select and contract for diabetes monitoring supplies and equipment.

SEC. 224. The Committee includes a provision requiring notification of all bid savings for major construction projects.

SEC. 225. The Committee includes a provision restricting scope increases for major construction projects above that specified in the original project justification.

SEC. 226. The Committee includes a provision requiring the Department to submit reports relating to the Veterans Benefits Administration on claims processing at Regional Offices.

SEC. 227. The Committee includes a provision requiring VA to notify the Committee 15 days prior to any organizational changes within VA of 25 or more FTE.

SEC. 228. The Committee includes a provision requiring the Secretary to report to the Committees each quarter about any single national outreach and awareness marketing campaign exceeding $1,000,000.

SEC. 229. The Committee includes a provision permitting the transfer of certain funds to the Medical Services Account.

SEC. 230. The Committee includes a provision permitting the transfer of funds between GOE, VBA and BVA.

SEC. 231. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting the reprogramming of funds in excess of $7,000,000 among major construction projects or programs.

SEC. 232. The Committee includes a provision mandating certain professional standards for the veterans crisis hotline.

SEC. 233. The Committee includes a provision requiring VA to use the mammography screening guidelines announced by the Secretary on May 10, 2017.

SEC. 234. The Committee includes a provision allowing the use of Medical Services funding for assisted reproductive technology treatment and adoption reimbursement for veterans and their spouses if the veteran has a service-connected disability that results in being unable to procreate without such fertility treatment.

SEC. 235. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting any funds to be used to contract out any functions performed by more than 10 employees without a fair competition process.

SEC. 236. The Committee includes a provision pertaining to Native Hawaiian and Indian Tribe small businesses.

SEC. 237. The Committee includes a provision directing the discontinuation of the usage of Social Security numbers within VA.

SEC. 238. The Committee includes a provision pertaining to the certification of marriage and family therapists.

SEC. 239. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting the transfer of funds from the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund to any other VA account.

SEC. 240. The Committee includes a provision permitting the use of funds for the purpose of expanding child care pilot programs and providing services to veterans residing in the Freely Associated States.

SEC. 241. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting funds to be used to restrict an individual's ability to speak with a Member of Congress or his or her staff.

SEC. 242. The Committee includes a provision requiring certain data to be included in the budget justifications for the Construction, Major account.

SEC. 243. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting the use of funds to deny the Inspector General timely access to information, unless a provision of law expressly refers to the Inspector General and expressly limits such access.

SEC. 244. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting funding from being used in a manner that would increase wait times for veterans at medical facilities.

SEC. 245. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting the use of funds in fiscal year 2027 to convert any program which received specific purpose funds in fiscal year 2028 to a general purpose-funded program without the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress at least 30 days prior to any such action.

SEC. 246. The Committee includes a reference to a provision in the 2017 appropriations act identifying information which may be used to verify the status of coastwise merchant seamen who served during World War II for the purposes of eligibility for medals, ribbons, or other military decorations.

SEC. 247. The Committee includes a provision addressing animal research at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

SEC. 248. The Committee includes a provision ensuring particular ratios of veterans to FTE position within any VA program of rehabilitation.

SEC. 249. The Committee includes a provision to allow fiscal year 2027 and 2028 "Medical Community Care" funds to be used to cover obligations that otherwise would be paid by the Veterans Choice Fund, if necessary.

SEC. 250. The Committee includes a provision to allow obligations and expenditures applicable to the "Medical Services" account in fiscal years 2017 through 2019 for aid to State homes to remain in the "Medical Community Care" account.

SEC. 251. The Committee includes a provision specifying an amount from the four medical care accounts for gender-specific care and programmatic efforts to deliver care for women veterans, rural healthcare, and veterans' homelessness programs.

SEC. 252. The Committee includes a provision allocating funds from the "Recurring Expenses Transformational Fund" for specific purposes.

SEC. 253. The Committee includes a provision requiring quarterly reports on obligations from the "Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund".

SEC. 254. The Committee includes a provision to address contributions from other Federal agencies to VA Non-Profit Corporations for research.

SEC. 255. The Committee includes a provision to restrict funds from being used to close medical facilities.

SEC. 256. The Committee includes a provision to allow use of unobligated balances to support construction projects in the CHIP–IN program.

SEC. 257. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting the use of funds for certain information technology equipment and software.

SEC. 258. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting the use of funds to administer, implement, or enforce the final rule relating to "Change in Rates VA Pays for Special Modes of Transportation".

SEC. 259. The Committee includes a provision related to payment of awards and incentive fees to contractors with unsatisfactory performance.

SEC. 260. The Committee includes a provision related to staffing levels.

SEC. 261. The Committee includes a provision requiring notification of the cancellation of a contract exceeding $10,000,000.

SEC. 262. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting the use of funds in a way that reduces services associated with the Veterans Crisis Line or other suicide prevention programs.

SEC. 263. The Committee includes a provision making funds available for certain grants to organizations supporting transportation of veterans in rural areas.

TITLE III

RELATED AGENCIES

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

OVERVIEW

The American Battle Monuments Commission [ABMC] was established by Congress in 1923 and is responsible for the following: designing, constructing, operating, and maintaining permanent American cemeteries in foreign countries; establishing and maintaining U.S. military memorials, monuments, and markers where American Armed Forces have served overseas since April 6, 1917, the date of the United States entry into World War I, and within the United States when directed by public law; and controlling the design and construction of permanent U.S. military monuments and markers by other U.S. citizens and organizations, both public and private, and encouraging their maintenance. ABMC administers, operates, and maintains 26 permanent American military cemeteries and 31 Federal memorials, monuments, and markers, located in 17 foreign countries, the U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Midway Atoll, the British Dependency of Gibraltar, and the United States of America.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2026	$110,000,000
Budget estimate, 2027	107,925,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	107,925,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $107,925,000 for the Salaries and Expenses account for fiscal year 2027. This amount is equal to the budget request.

Identification of American-Jewish Servicemembers.—The Committee recognizes that certain American-Jewish servicemembers may be interred in U.S. military cemeteries under grave markers that do not accurately reflect their religious affiliation and heritage. To address this issue, the Committee supports initiatives by ABMC to research and identify such cases, and encourages the Commission to continue such efforts.

FOREIGN CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS

The Committee includes in the accompanying act, as proposed by the administration, such sums as necessary for the Foreign Currency Fluctuations account. Funding the account in this manner allows the Commission to maintain cemeteries regardless of the volatility of foreign currency fluctuations.

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

OVERVIEW

The United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims was established by the Veterans' Judicial Review Act of 1988 (Public Law 100–687). The Court is an independent judicial tribunal with exclusive jurisdiction to review decisions of the Board of Veterans Appeals. It has the authority to decide all relevant questions of law; interpret constitutional, statutory, and regulatory provisions; and determine the meaning or applicability of the terms of an action by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. It is authorized to compel action by the Secretary. It is authorized to hold unconstitutional or otherwise unlawful and set aside decisions, findings, conclusions, rules, and regulations issued or adopted by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Board of Veterans Appeals, or the Chairman of the Board that are found to be arbitrary or capricious. The Court's principal office location is Washington, D.C.; however, it is a national court, empowered to sit anywhere in the United States.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2026	$49,000,000
Budget estimate, 2027	50,300,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	50,300,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $50,300,000 for the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for fiscal year 2027. This amount is $1,300,000 above the fiscal year 2026 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

Judicial Expansion.—The Committee supports efforts by the Court to expand its judicial bench in order to reduce adjudication times. To allow necessary flexibility for the Court to adapt to uncertain timelines and outcomes associated with efforts to increase authorization of judges, and to ensure efficient allocation of resources, the Committee provides 2-year funding limited to the amounts necessary to fund two additional judges and their support staff and services.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL

CEMETERIAL EXPENSES, ARMY

OVERVIEW

The Secretary of the Army is responsible for the administration, operation, and maintenance of Arlington National Cemetery [ANC] and the Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery. In addition to its principal function as a national cemetery, Arlington hosts more than 3,000 public wreath laying ceremonies, and approximately 3 million visitors annually.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2026	$118,780,450
Budget estimate, 2027	118,780,450
Committee recommendation, 2027	118,780,450

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $118,780,450 for the Salaries and Expenses account for fiscal year 2027. This amount is equal to the fiscal year 2026 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

ANC performs over 5,000 burial services each year for veterans and family members and an average of 24 to 27 each weekday. The Committee remains unwavering in its support for the Cemetery and the successful completion of the Cemetery's truly unique and honored mission.

ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME

TRUST FUND

OVERVIEW

The Armed Forces Retirement Home [AFRH] is an independent agency created in 1991 by the merging of the United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home in Washington D.C. and the United States Naval Home in Gulfport, Mississippi. AFRH operates and maintains the two communities to provide affordable resident services and care to retired and former enlisted servicemembers and their spouses.

TRUST FUND

Appropriations, 2026	$80,000,000
Budget estimate, 2027	77,000,000
Committee recommendation, 2027	77,000,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends authority to expend $77,000,000 from the Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund, for fiscal year 2027, to operate and maintain the Armed Forces Retirement Home-Washington, D.C., and the Armed Forces Retirement Home-Gulfport, Mississippi. This amount is $3,000,000 below the fiscal year 2026 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

It is essential that AFRH maximize the effective use of every dollar, particularly given the trust fund balances and continued support provided by the General Fund. Accordingly, the Committee directs AFRH, in coordination with the Committee, to develop an exhibit for future budget submissions that includes unobligated balances by fiscal year.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

SEC. 301. The Committee includes a provision making available funds as authorized by 10 U.S.C. 7727.

TITLE IV

Federal Trust and Treaty Responsibilities.—The Committee reminds agencies funded by this act of their obligation to uphold the Federal trust and treaty responsibilities to Tribes and Federal obligations to the Native Hawaiian Community. This includes upholding treaty and reserved rights, and any other rights and obligations under Federal law; supporting self-determination efforts by Native communities; fulfilling obligations under Presidential Memoranda and Executive Orders; and conducting early and robust government-to-government consultation with Tribes, and meaningful outreach and engagement with Native Hawaiians.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 401. The Committee includes a provision that prohibits the obligation of funds beyond the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided.

SEC. 402. The Committee includes a provision that prohibits the use of funds for programs, projects, or activities not in compliance with Federal law relating to risk assessment, the protection of private property rights, or unfunded mandates.

SEC. 403. The Committee includes a provision that encourages the expansion of E-commerce technologies and procedures.

SEC. 404. The Committee includes a provision that specifies the congressional committees that are to receive all reports and notifications.

SEC. 405. The Committee includes a provision that limits funds from being transferred from this appropriations measure to any instrumentality of the United States Government without authority from an appropriations act.

SEC. 406. The Committee includes a provision regarding the posting of congressional reports on agency Web sites.

SEC. 407. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting the use of funds to establish or maintain a computer network unless such network blocks the viewing, downloading, and exchanging of pornography, except for law enforcement investigation, prosecution, or adjudication activities.

SEC. 408. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting the use of funds for the payment of first-class travel by an employee of the executive branch.

SEC. 409. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting the use of funds in this act for any contract where the contractor has not complied with E–Verify requirements.

SEC. 410. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting the use of funds in this act to construct facilities on military installations that do not meet resiliency standards.

SEC. 411. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting the use of funds in this act for the renovation, expansion, or construction

of any facility in the continental United States for the purpose of housing any individual who has been detained at the United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

SEC. 412. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting VA from referring a veteran who has an appointed fiduciary to the NICS system without the order or finding of a judge.

SEC. 413. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting the use of funds for lobbying activities.

SEC. 414. The Committee includes a provision maintaining the smoke-free policy at the Department.

SEC. 415. The Committee includes a provision specifying reporting requirements for appropriated resources.

PROGRAM, PROJECT, AND ACTIVITY

In fiscal year 2021, for purposes of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (Public Law 99–177) or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Reaffirmation Act of 1987 (Public Law 100–119), the following information provides the definition of the term "program, project, and activity" for departments, agencies and programs under the jurisdiction of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies subcommittee. The term "program, project, and activity" shall include the most specific level of budget items identified in the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2021, the House and Senate Committee reports, and the conference report and accompanying joint explanatory statement of managers of the committee of conference.

If a sequestration order is necessary, in implementing the Presidential order, departments, and agencies shall apply any percentage reduction required for fiscal year 2021 pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 99–177 or Public Law 100–119 to all items specified in the justifications submitted to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and House of Representatives in support of the fiscal year 2021 budget estimates, as amended, for such departments and agencies, as modified by congressional action, and in addition, for the Department of Defense, Military Construction, the definition shall include specific construction locations as identified in the explanatory notes.

COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 7, RULE XVI, OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Paragraph 7 of rule XVI requires that Committee reports accompanying general appropriations bills identify each recommended amendment which proposes an item of appropriation which is not made to carry out the provisions of an existing law, a treaty stipulation, or an act or resolution previously passed by the Senate during that session.

The Committee recommends funding for the following programs which currently lack authorization:

Title I: Department of Defense

Military Construction, Army
Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps
Military Construction, Air Force
Military Construction, Defense-Wide
Military Construction, Army National Guard
Military Construction, Air National Guard
Military Construction, Army Reserve
Military Construction, Navy Reserve
Military Construction, Air Force Reserve

North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program
Department of Defense Base Closure Account
Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Army
Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Navy and Marine Corps
Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Air Force
Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide
Family Housing Construction, Army
Family Housing Construction, Navy and Marine Corps
Family Housing Construction, Air Force
Department of Defense Family Housing Improvement Fund
Department of Defense Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund

Title II: Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Benefits Administration
Veterans Health Administration
National Cemetery Administration
Departmental Administration
Title III: Related Agencies
American Battle Monuments Commission
U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims
Cemeterial Expenses, Army
Armed Forces Retirement Home

COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 12, RULE XXVI OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Paragraph 12 of rule XXVI requires that Committee reports on a bill or joint resolution repealing or amending any statute or part of any statute include "(a) the text of the statute or part thereof which is proposed to be repealed; and (b) a comparative print of that part of the bill or joint resolution making the amendment and of the statute or part thereof proposed to be amended, showing by stricken-through type and italics, parallel columns, or other appropriate typographical devices the omissions and insertions which would be made by the bill or joint resolution if enacted in the form recommended by the committee."

In compliance with this rule, changes in existing law proposed to be made by the bill are shown as follows: existing law to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets; new matter is printed in italic; and existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman.

CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, AGRICULTURE, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND EXTENSIONS ACT, 2026, PUBLIC LAW 119–37

DIVISION D—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026

TITLE II

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

[(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

SEC. 220. Of the amounts appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs which become available on October 1, 2026, for "Medical Services", "Medical Community Care", "Medical Support and Compliance", and "Medical Facilities", up to $739,918,000, plus reimbursements, may be transferred to the Joint Department of Defense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund, established by section 1704 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2571) and may be used for operation of the facilities designated as combined Federal medical facilities as described by section 706 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4500): *Provided,* That additional funds may be transferred from accounts designated in this section to the Joint Department of Defense—Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund upon written notification by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.]

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION

[In thousands of dollars]

Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation compared to budget estimate
ALABAMA			
ARMY			
FORT RUCKER			
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER: DESIGN	.....	5,000	+5,000
REDSTONE ARSENAL			
RDT&E LABORATORY: DESIGN	.....	5,200	+5,200
AIR FORCE			
MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE			
COMBINED ALL DOMAIN WARGAMING CENTER: DESIGN	.....	16,000	+16,000
REDSTONE ARSENAL			
SPACE FORCE OPERATIONAL FACILITY	250,000	185,000	−65,000
USSPACECOM HQ	450,000	450,000	.....
DEFENSE–WIDE			
MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE			
MAXWELL ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITION	44,000	44,000	.....
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD			
FORT MCCLELLAN			
MULTIPURPOSE MACHING GUN RANGE: DESIGN	.....	2,600	+2,600
REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE: DESIGN	.....	10,000	+10,000
AIR NATIONAL GUARD			
SUMPTER SMITH AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE			
BASE ENTRY CONTROL POINT: DESIGN	.....	300	+300
TOTAL, ALABAMA	744,000	718,100	−25,900
ALASKA			
ARMY			
FORT WAINWRIGHT			
BARRACKS (INCR 2)	24,000	24,000	.....
DINING FACILITY (INC)	.....	30,000	+30,000
AIR FORCE			
EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE			
JPARC RANGE OPERATIONS CENTER	91,000	91,000	.....
JOINT BASE ELMENDORF–RICHARDSON			
FIGHTER TOWN RECAPITALIZATION	2,066,050	2,066,050	.....
JOINT INTEGRATED TEST AND TRAINING CTR, INC	42,000	42,000	.....
TOTAL, ALASKA	2,223,050	2,253,050	+30,000
ARIZONA			
ARMY			
FORT HUACHUCA			
LIBBY ARMY AIRFIELD CONTROL TOWER: DESIGN	.....	4,000	+4,000
AIR FORCE			
DAVIS–MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE			
HANGAR/AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE UNIT (INC)	15,000	15,000	.....
LUKE AIR FORCE BASE			
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (INC)	.....	23,000	+23,000
TOTAL, ARIZONA	15,000	42,000	+27,000

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION—Continued

[In thousands of dollars]

Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation compared to budget estimate
ARKANSAS			
AIR FORCE			
LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE			
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	27,000	27,000	.....
TOTAL, ARKANSAS	27,000	27,000	.....
CALIFORNIA			
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS			
CAMP PENDLETON			
FIRE/EMERGENCY RESPONSE STATION (53 AREA) REPLACE	43,000	43,000	.....
LANDFILL LINER PHASE III AND IV	53,150	53,150	.....
CORONADO			
FORD CLASS CVN INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES, PIER LIMA (INC)	33,000	33,000	.....
LEMOORE			
STRIKE FIGHTER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE PACIFIC (INC)	155,939	100,000	−55,939
MONTEREY			
NAVAL INNOVATION CENTER (INC)	50,000	50,000	.....
POINT MUGU			
COMMUNITY & AIRFIELD AREA FLOOD PROTECTION	164,000	164,000	.....
AIR FORCE			
BEALE AIR FORCE BASE			
MULTI–DOMAIN OPERATIONS COMPLEX (INC)	126,000	89,000	−37,000
ARMY RESERVE			
JOINT FORCES TRAINING BASE, LOS ALAMITOS			
ARMY RESERVE CENTER (INC)	.....	32,000	+32,000
TOTAL, CALIFORNIA	625,089	564,150	−60,939
COLORADO			
AIR FORCE			
PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE			
UPGRADE ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION: DESIGN	.....	8,000	+8,000
SCHRIEVER AIR FORCE BASE			
SPACE FORCE OPERATIONAL FACILITY	250,000	185,000	−65,000
DEFENSE–WIDE			
DEF REUTIL AND MKTG OFC—COLORADO SPRINGS			
GENERAL PURPOSE WAREHOUSE	85,000	85,000	.....
ARMY RESERVE			
FORT CARSON			
EQUIPMENT CONCENTRATION SITE	92,000	92,000	.....
TOTAL, COLORADO	427,000	370,000	−57,000
CONNECTICUT			
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS			
NAVAL SUBMARINE BASE NEW LONDON			
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS: DESIGN	.....	22,500	+22,500
SUBMARINE PIER 8 REPLACEMENT (INC)	142,124	142,124	.....
WEAPONS MAGAZINE & ORDNANCE OPERATIONS FAC (INC)	79,600	79,600	.....

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION—Continued

[In thousands of dollars]

Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation compared to budget estimate
TOTAL, CONNECTICUT	221,724	244,224	+22,500
DELAWARE			
AIR FORCE			
DOVER AIR FORCE BASE			
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER: DESIGN	.....	3,000	+3,000
CIVIL ENGINEER SQUADRON SHOPS: DESIGN	.....	4,000	+4,000
RELOCATION OF COMMERCIAL GATE: DESIGN	.....	2,500	+2,500
MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY: DESIGN	.....	2,200	+2,200
AIR NATIONAL GUARD			
NEW CASTLE COUNTY AIRPORT			
CONSOLIDATED MAINTENANCE AND LOGISTICS SUPPORT FACILITY: DESIGN	.....	7,730	+7,730
TOTAL, DELAWARE	.....	19,430	+19,430
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA			
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS			
ANACOSTIA			
BIOMOLECULAR SCIENCE & SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY LAB	157,000	157,000	.....
TOTAL, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	157,000	157,000	.....
FLORIDA			
ARMY			
KEY WEST			
COMMAND AND CONTROL FACILITY (INCR 2)	160,000	100,000	−60,000
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS			
BLOUNT ISLAND			
COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE (INC)	46,075	46,075	.....
CAPE CANAVERAL SPACE FORCE STATION			
CAPE CANAVERAL RAILHEAD & TRANSFER FACILITIES	60,990	60,990	.....
AIR FORCE			
CAPE CANAVERAL SPACE FORCE STATION			
BASE SUPPORT WAREHOUSE	64,000	64,000	.....
COMMAND FACILITY	85,000	85,000	.....
COMMUNICATIONS PLANT WAREHOUSE	48,400	48,400	.....
LAUNCH SUPPORT FACILITY	84,000	84,000	.....
LRS VEHICLE MAINTENANCE FACILITY	80,400	80,400	.....
SECURITY FORCES OPERATIONS FACILITY	48,000	48,000	.....
TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE			
AFCEC RDT&E FACILITIES AND GATE	160,000	100,000	−60,000
DEFENSE–WIDE			
HOMESTEAD AFS			
SOF CLIMATE CONTROLLED TACTICAL STORAGE WAREHOUSE	33,000	33,000	.....
JACKSONVILLE			
AMBULATORY CARE CENTER SUBSTANCE ABUSE REHABILITATION PROGRAM (SARP) REPLACEMENT	40,000	40,000	.....
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD			
CAMP BLANDING			
AUTOMATED MULTI PURPOSE TRAINING RANGE	28,000	28,000	.....

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION—Continued

[In thousands of dollars]

Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation compared to budget estimate
NAVY RESERVE			
JACKSONVILLE			
RAMP EXPANSION & RTC	47,000	47,000	.....
TOTAL, FLORIDA	984,865	864,865	−120,000
GEORGIA			
ARMY			
FORT BENNING			
AIRFIELD FIRE AND RESCUE STATION: DESIGN	.....	1,600	+1,600
FORT GORDON			
EXPEDITIONARY CEMA OPERATIONS CENTER: DESIGN	.....	8,000	+8,000
FORT STEWART			
ENLISTED UNACCOMPANIED PERSONNEL BARRACKS: DESIGN	.....	10,000	+10,000
HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD STRATEGIC MOBILITY RAILHEAD: DESIGN	.....	7,900	+7,900
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS			
ALBANY			
CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATION FACILITY	86,350	86,350	.....
KINGS BAY			
TRANSIT PROTECTION PROGRAM FACILITY (INC)	100,000	100,000	.....
TRIDENT REFIT FAC EXPANSION (COLUMBIA SUB) (INC)	30,000	30,000	.....
AIR FORCE			
MOODY AIR FORCE BASE			
23RD SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON OPERATIONS FACILITY (INC)	.....	17,500	+17,500
F–35A 74TH HANGAR AND SQUADRON OPERATIONS FACILITY: DESIGN	.....	500	+500
F–35A 75TH HANGAR AND SQUADRON OPERATIONS FACILITY: DESIGN	.....	3,500	+3,500
AIR FORCE RESERVE			
DOBBINS AIR RESERVE BASE			
MULTI CUBE MUNITIONS STORAGE: DESIGN	.....	1,000	+1,000
TOTAL, GEORGIA	216,350	266,350	+50,000
HAWAII			
ARMY			
FORT SHAFTER			
CTC: CLEARWELL AND BOOSTER PUMP	71,000	71,000	.....
HELEMANO			
CTC: WELLS AND STORAGE TANK	72,000	72,000	.....
SCHOFIELD BARRACKS			
CTC: ELEVATED TANK AND DISTRIBUTION LINES	26,000	26,000	.....
CTC: WATER STORAGE TANK	21,000	21,000	.....
FIRE STATION	30,000	30,000	.....
WHEELER ARMY AIRFIELD			
AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR INCR 1	90,000	90,000	.....
FLIGHT CONTROL TOWER (INC)	.....	34,500	+34,500
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS			
FORD ISLAND			
PACIFIC WARFIGHTING CENTER EXPANSION	183,760	100,000	−83,760

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION—Continued

[In thousands of dollars]

Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation compared to budget estimate
JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR–HICKAM			
DRY DOCK 3 REPLACEMENT (INC)	507,453	507,453	.....
WATER TREATMENT PLANT (INC)	248,170	248,170	.....
KANEOHE BAY			
3D MLR ARMORY EXPANSION	76,550	76,550	.....
ATC CO M COMPOUND	134,090	134,090	.....
MAIN GATE ENTRY CONTROL POINT	49,260	49,260	.....
KAUAI			
PDI: AIRFIELD PAVEMENT UPGRADES (INC)	142,470	100,000	−42,470
AIR FORCE			
MAUI			
SECURE INTEGRATION SUPPORT LAB W/ LAND ACQ	3,600	3,600	.....
TOTAL, HAWAII	1,655,353	1,563,623	−91,730
IDAHO			
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD			
ORCHARD TRAINING AREA			
MISSION TRAINING COMPLEX (SMALL)	27,000	27,000	.....
TOTAL, IDAHO	27,000	27,000	.....
ILLINOIS			
AIR NATIONAL GUARD			
SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE			
AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR (INC)	.....	35,000	+35,000
ARMY RESERVE			
FORT SHERIDAN			
AREA MAINTENANCE SUPPORT ACTIVITY	38,000	38,000	.....
TOTAL, ILLINOIS	38,000	73,000	+35,000
IOWA			
AIR NATIONAL GUARD			
SIOUX GATEWAY AIRPORT			
ADAL AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON	.....	48,000	+48,000
EXTEND RUNWAY 13–31	.....	65,000	+65,000
REPAIR RUNWAY 13–31 (INC 2)	.....	52,000	+52,000
TOTAL, IOWA	.....	165,000	+165,000
KANSAS			
ARMY			
FORT LEAVENWORTH			
FIRE STATION: DESIGN	.....	2,500	+2,500
AIR NATIONAL GUARD			
FORBES FIELD			
PERIMETER FENCE: MINOR CONSTRUCTION	.....	5,500	+5,500
TOTAL, KANSAS	.....	8,000	+8,000

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION—Continued

[In thousands of dollars]

Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation compared to budget estimate
KENTUCKY			
ARMY			
FORT CAMPBELL			
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER: DESIGN	.....	2,000	+2,000
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP: DESIGN	.....	5,000	+5,000
FORT KNOX			
AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER: DESIGN	.....	3,500	+3,500
SOLDIER ONE STOP FACILITY: DESIGN	.....	2,700	+2,700
DEFENSE WIDE			
FORT KNOX			
SCOTT MIDDLE SCHOOL	117,000	117,000	.....
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD			
FRANKFORT			
CIVIL SUPPORT TEAM READY BUILDING: DESIGN	.....	2,100	+2,100
JACKSON FIELD MAINTENANCE SHOP			
NATIONAL GUARD VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP	.....	18,500	+18,500
WENDELL H FORD REG TRAINING CENTER			
PHYSICAL FITNESS CENTER: DESIGN	.....	1,000	+1,000
TRANSIENT UNACCOMPANIED MILITARY HOUSING: DESIGN	.....	3,000	+3,000
WATER TOWER: DESIGN	.....	1,000	+1,000
AIR NATIONAL GUARD			
LOUISVILLE			
CONTINGENCY RESPONSE MISSION GENERATION FACILITY: DESIGN	.....	2,500	+2,500
FUEL CELL HANGAR: DESIGN	.....	2,000	+2,000
TOTAL, KENTUCKY	117,000	160,300	+43,300
LOUISIANA			
ARMY			
FORT POLK			
JRTC ROTATIONAL UNIT BILLETING AREA (INC 2)	.....	30,000	+30,000
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD			
ABBEVILLE			
NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	23,000	23,000	.....
TOTAL, LOUISIANA	23,000	53,000	+30,000
MAINE			
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS			
NCTAMS LANT DETACHMENT CUTLER			
CUTLER VLF MILITARY HOUSING: DESIGN	.....	2,000	+2,000
PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD			
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER ADDITION, B42: DESIGN	.....	2,500	+2,500
MULTI–MISSION DRYDOCK #1 EXTENSION (INC)	50,755	50,755	.....
POWER RELIABILITY & WATER RESILIENCE UPGRADES (INC)	138,875	138,875	.....
TOTAL, MAINE	189,630	194,130	+4,500
MARYLAND			
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS			
NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY ANNAPOLIS			
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES (INC)	.....	28,335	+28,335

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION—Continued

[In thousands of dollars]

Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation compared to budget estimate
DEFENSE–WIDE			
BETHESDA NAVAL HOSPITAL			
MEDCEN ADDITION/ALTERATION INCR 10	87,275	87,275	.....
SUPPORT FACILITIES REPLACEMENT (INC)	55,000	55,000	.....
FORT MEADE			
CYBER NATIONAL MISSION FORCE MISSION OPERATIONS FACILITY (INC)	98,411	98,411	.....
NSAW EAST CAMPUS BUILDING #5, INC 4	180,000	180,000	.....
NSAW EAST CAMPUS SITE INFRASTRUCTURE	52,000	52,000	.....
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD			
CAMP FRETTERD READINESS CENTER			
COLLECTIVE TRAINING UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING: DESIGN	.....	2,000	+2,000
TOTAL, MARYLAND	472,686	503,021	+30,335
MASSACHUSETTS			
ARMY			
NATICK SOLDIER SYSTEMS CENTER			
HUMAN ENGINEERING LAB: DESIGN	.....	8,000	+8,000
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD			
CAMP EDWARDS			
NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	43,000	43,000	.....
AIR NATIONAL GUARD			
BARNES AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE			
FLIGHT SIMULATOR FACILITY (INC)	.....	12,000	+12,000
TOTAL, MASSACHUSETTS	43,000	63,000	+20,000
MICHIGAN			
AIR NATIONAL GUARD			
SELFRIDGE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE			
F–15EX MAINTENANCE COMPLEX (INC)	.....	30,000	+30,000
MITIGATE RUNWAY ENCROACHMENT	110,000	110,000	.....
TAXIWAY ALPHA EXTENSION	28,000	28,000	.....
TAXIWAY BRAVO EXTENSION	24,000	24,000	.....
TOTAL, MICHIGAN	162,000	192,000	+30,000
MINNESOTA			
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD			
ANOKA			
NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER: DESIGN	.....	4,350	+4,350
TOTAL, MINNESOTA	.....	4,350	+4,350
MISSISSIPPI			
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS			
CONSTRUCTION BATTALION CENTER GULFPORT			
PORT DAMAGE REPAIR TRAINING FACILITY: DESIGN	.....	4,500	+4,500
AIR FORCE			
COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE			
T–7A ALLIED SUPPORT	11,800	11,800	.....

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION—Continued

[In thousands of dollars]

Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation compared to budget estimate
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD			
MERIDIAN			
ARMY AVIATION SUPPORT FACILITY: DESIGN	.....	2,300	+2,300
AIR NATIONAL GUARD			
KEY FIELD			
ADAL MAINTENANCE HANGAR AND AMU COMPLEX: DESIGN	.....	7,000	+7,000
TOTAL, MISSISSIPPI	11,800	25,600	+13,800
MISSOURI			
ARMY			
FORT LEONARD WOOD			
MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING INVESTMENT	.....	25,000	+25,000
AIR FORCE			
WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE			
B–21 ADAL FIELD TRAINING DETACHMENT, B152	89,000	89,000	.....
B–21 WEAPONS LOADER TRAINER	80,000	80,000	.....
TOTAL, MISSOURI	169,000	194,000	+25,000
MONTANA			
AIR FORCE			
MALMSTROM AIR FORCE BASE			
SENTINEL LAND ACQUISITION (INC)	43,500	43,500	.....
SENTINEL OPERATIONS & MAINT COMPLEX (INC)	95,000	95,000	.....
TOTAL, MONTANA	138,500	138,500	.....
NEBRASKA			
AIR FORCE			
OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE			
SAOC SUPPLY STORAGE FACILITY: DESIGN	.....	6,800	+6,800
DEFENSE WIDE			
OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE			
DPAA LABORATORY (INC)	.....	25,000	+25,000
AIR NATIONAL GUARD			
LINCOLN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT			
CONSTRUCT AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON AND TAXIWAYS: DESIGN	.....	4,000	+4,000
TOTAL, NEBRASKA	.....	35,800	+35,800
NEVADA			
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS			
FALLON			
RANGE TRAINING COMPLEX IMPROVEMENTS	387,570	387,570	.....
AIR FORCE			
CREECH AIR FORCE BASE			
MISSION SUPPORT FACILITY (INC)	.....	28,000	+28,000
NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE			
F–47 OPERATIONAL TEST	730,700	730,700	.....
DEFENSE WIDE			
CREECH AIR FORCE BASE			
AMBULATORY CARE CENTER ADDITION/ALTERATION	25,381	25,381	.....

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION—Continued

[In thousands of dollars]

Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation compared to budget estimate
AIR NATIONAL GUARD			
RENO–TAHOE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT			
ENGINE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT FACILITY: DESIGN	.....	2,800	+2,800
TOTAL, NEVADA	1,143,651	1,174,451	+30,800
NEW HAMPSHIRE			
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD			
NEWINGTON			
NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER: DESIGN	.....	4,000	+4,000
TOTAL, NEW HAMPSHIRE	.....	4,000	+4,000
NEW JERSEY			
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD			
LAWRENCEVILLE			
NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER ALTERATION: DESIGN	.....	2,990	+2,990
NEWARK			
NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER (INC)	.....	7,000	+7,000
SOMERSET			
NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER: DESIGN	.....	3,845	+3,845
AIR NATIONAL GUARD			
JOINT BASE MCGUIRE–DIX–LAKEHURST			
CYBER OPERATIONS SQUADRON BEDDOWN: DESIGN	.....	2,500	+2,500
TOTAL, NEW JERSEY	.....	16,335	+16,335
NEW MEXICO			
AIR FORCE			
CANNON AIR FORCE BASE			
DEPLOYMENT PROCESSING CENTER (INC)	.....	25,000	+25,000
DORMITORY	10,000	21,000	+11,000
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE			
EXPLOSIVE OPERATIONS BUILDING (INC)	.....	7,750	+7,750
SPACE FORCE OPERATIONAL FACILITY	250,000	185,000	−65,000
TOTAL, NEW MEXICO	260,000	238,750	−21,250
NEW YORK			
ARMY			
FORT DRUM			
AUTOMATED RECORD FIRE PLUS RANGE	25,000	25,000	.....
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD			
COLONIE			
NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	90,000	90,000	.....
AIR FORCE RESERVE			
NIAGARA FALLS AIR RESERVE STATION			
COMBINED OPERATIONS FACILITY (INC)	.....	38,000	+38,000
TOTAL, NEW YORK	115,000	153,000	+38,000

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION—Continued

[In thousands of dollars]

Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation compared to budget estimate
NORTH CAROLINA			
ARMY			
FORT BRAGG			
CTC: AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR	31,000	31,000	.....
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS			
CAMP LEJEUNE			
10TH MARINES OPERATIONAL COMPLEX (INC)	77,520	77,520	.....
AMMUNITION SUPPLY POINT UPGRADE PHASE II (INC)	15,451	15,451	.....
COMBAT WATER SURVIVAL TRAINING FACILITY	141,880	100,000	−41,880
CHERRY POINT MARINE CORPS AIR STATION			
CTC: AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR	47,560	47,560	.....
CTC: CH–53K GEARBOX REPAIR AND TEST FACILITY	17,941	17,941	.....
F–35 AIRCRAFT SUSTAINMENT CTR (INC)	89,181	89,181	.....
MAINTENANCE FACILITY & MARINE AIR GROUP HQS	62,575	62,575	.....
AIR FORCE			
SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE			
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (INC)	.....	40,000	+40,000
DEFENSE–WIDE			
CAMP LEJEUNE			
SOF MARINE RAIDER BATTALION OPERATIONS FACILITY (INC)	80,000	80,000	.....
SOF OPERATIONAL SUPPORT FACILITY	72,000	72,000	.....
FORT BRAGG			
SOF OPERATIONAL TRAINING FACILITY	50,000	50,000	.....
TOTAL, NORTH CAROLINA	685,108	683,228	−1,880
NORTH DAKOTA			
AIR FORCE			
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE			
PAVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY (INC)	.....	35,000	+35,000
SPACE FORCE OPERATIONAL FACILITY	250,000	185,000	−65,000
MINOT AIR FORCE BASE			
SENTINEL CONSOLIDATED VEHICLE MAINT COMPLEX	124,000	124,000	.....
SENTINEL SECURITY FORCES OPERATIONS COMPLEX	108,000	108,000	.....
TOTAL, NORTH DAKOTA	482,000	452,000	−30,000
OHIO			
AIR FORCE			
WRIGHT–PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE			
AI SUPERCOMPUTING RESOURCE CENTER: DESIGN	.....	20,000	+20,000
HUMAN PERFORMANCE CENTER LAB (INC)	.....	21,000	+21,000
TOTAL, OHIO	.....	41,000	+41,000
OKLAHOMA			
AIR FORCE			
TINKER AIR FORCE BASE			
BOMBER AGILE COMMON HANGAR, INC	112,000	62,000	−50,000
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD			
TULSA			
AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE BAY	18,500	18,500	.....
TOTAL, OKLAHOMA	130,500	80,500	−50,000

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Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation compared to budget estimate
OREGON			
AIR FORCE			
MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE			
HOMELAND DEFENSE OVER–THE–HORIZON RADAR, INC	33,650	33,650	.....
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD			
REES TRAINING CENTER			
DINING FACILITY ADDITION: MINOR CONSTRUCTION	.....	10,100	+10,100
AIR NATIONAL GUARD			
KLAMATH FALLS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT			
F–35 FTU ACADEMIC TRAINING CENTER	80,000	80,000	.....
TOTAL, OREGON	113,650	123,750	+10,100
PENNSYLVANIA			
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS			
MECHANICSBURG			
MACHINERY CONTROL DEVELOPMENT CENTER (INC)	79,140	79,140	.....
ARMY RESERVE			
FORT INDIANTOWN GAP			
EQUIPMENT CONCENTRATION SITE (INC)	.....	12,000	+12,000
AIR FORCE RESERVE			
PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT			
COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY	19,500	19,500	.....
TOTAL, PENNSYLVANIA	98,640	110,640	+12,000
RHODE ISLAND			
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS			
NEWPORT			
CONSOLIDATED RDT&E INTEGRATION LABORATORY	40,000	40,000	.....
NEXT GENERATION SUBMARINE PLATFORM FACILITY	73,000	73,000	.....
SUBMARINE PAYLOAD INTEGRATION LABORATORY	40,000	40,000	.....
TOTAL, RHODE ISLAND	153,000	153,000	.....
SOUTH CAROLINA			
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS			
CHARLESTON			
C5ISR LABORATORY AND ENGINEERING FACILITY: DESIGN	.....	7,400	+7,400
NUCLEAR POWER TRAINING FAC SIMULATION EXPAN (INC)	161,700	161,700	.....
AIR FORCE			
SHAW AIR FORCE BASE			
AFCENT COMBINED WARFIGHTING CENTER: DESIGN	.....	21,100	+21,100
TOTAL, SOUTH CAROLINA	161,700	190,200	+28,500
SOUTH DAKOTA			
AIR NATIONAL GUARD			
JOE FOSS FIELD			
AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR	.....	40,000	+40,000
TOTAL, SOUTH DAKOTA	.....	40,000	+40,000

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TEXAS			
ARMY			
FORT BLISS			
SHIPPING AND RECEIVING BUILDING	35,000	35,000	.....
JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO			
ADV IND TRAINING BARRACKS–METC (INC)	303,000	303,000	.....
AIR FORCE			
DYESS AIR FORCE BASE			
B–21 FLIGHT SIMULATOR FACILITY	63,000	63,000	.....
B–21 LOW OBSERVABLE CORROSION CONTROL FAC	74,000	74,000	.....
B–21 UTILITIES SITE IMPROVEMENTS ELECTRIC	23,000	23,000	.....
FORT SAM HOUSTON			
METC—BARRACKS/SHIPS/DORMS #1 (INC)	308,000	308,000	.....
GOODFELLOW AIR FORCE BASE			
PIPELINE STUDENT DORMITORY	12,000	12,000	.....
JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO			
MWD LARGE CAPACITY KENNEL (INC)	180,000	100,000	−80,000
LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE			
91 CYBER OPERATIONS CENTER	96,000	96,000	.....
NAVY RESERVE			
NAVAL AIR STATION FORT WORTH			
HANGAR 1050 MODERNIZATION (INC)	56,870	56,870	.....
AIR NATIONAL GUARD			
FORT WORTH			
C–130J ADAL MAINTENANCE HANGAR B1676	27,000	27,000	.....
TOTAL, TEXAS	1,177,870	1,097,870	−80,000
UTAH			
AIR FORCE			
HILL AIR FORCE BASE			
F–35 MAINTENANCE FACILITY, PHASE 1, INC	100,000	100,000	.....
T–7A DEPOT MAINTENANCE COMPLEX, INC	72,000	72,000	.....
DEFENSE–WIDE			
CAMP WILLIAMS			
NSAU CONSOLIDATION—MISSION FACILITY (INC)	50,000	50,000	.....
AIR NATIONAL GUARD			
SALT LAKE CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT			
FUEL CELL CORROSION CONTROL HANGAR (INC)	.....	5,000	+5,000
TOTAL, UTAH	222,000	227,000	+5,000
VERMONT			
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD			
TRAINING SITE ETHAN ALLEN RANGE			
BIATHLON INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS: MINOR CONSTRUCTION	.....	5,900	+5,900
CASTLE TRAIL BYPASS (TRAINING AREA ROADS): MINOR CONSTRUCTION	.....	6,000	+6,000
TOTAL, VERMONT	.....	11,900	+11,900

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VIRGINIA			
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS			
JOINT EXPEDITIONARY BASE LITTLE CREEK—FORT STORY			
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	65,640	65,640	.....
NAVAL AIR STATION OCEANA			
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	104,340	104,340	.....
NAVAL STATION NORFOLK			
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	84,940	84,940	.....
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	93,040	93,040	.....
ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM UPGRADES (INC)	124,965	124,965	.....
MQ–25 AIRCRAFT LAYDOWN FACILITIES (INC)	54,622	54,622	.....
PORTSMOUTH			
DRY DOCK 3 MODERNIZATION (INC)	189,353	189,353	.....
YORKTOWN			
CTC: CONTAINERIZED LONG WEAPONS STORAGE MAGAZINE	16,170	16,170	.....
CTC: CONVENTIONAL PROMPT STRIKE TEST FACILITY	13,710	13,710	.....
WEAPONS MAGAZINES (INC)	100,782	100,782	.....
AIR FORCE			
JOINT BASE LANGLEY–EUSTIS			
FUEL SYSTEM MAINTENANCE DOCK	49,000	49,000	.....
DEFENSE–WIDE			
JOINT EXPEDITIONARY BASE LITTLE CREEK—FT STORY			
SOF LAUNCH & RECOVERY FACILITY	36,000	36,000	.....
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD			
SANDSTON			
AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR ADDITION	.....	31,000	+31,000
AIR NATIONAL GUARD			
JOINT BASE LANGLEY–EUSTIS			
CONSOLIDATED HEADQUARTERS FACILITY: DESIGN	.....	3,000	+3,000
ARMY RESERVE			
RICHMOND			
ARMY RESERVE CENTER	48,000	48,000	.....
TOTAL, VIRGINIA	980,562	1,014,562	+34,000
WASHINGTON			
ARMY			
JOINT BASE LEWIS–MCCHORD			
AIRFIELD FIRE AND RESCUE STATION	89,000	89,000	.....
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS			
BANGOR			
COLUMBIA SUBMARINE REPAIR FACILITY EXPANSION (INC)	64,000	64,000	.....
COLUMBIA SUBMARINE TRAINING FACILITY EXPANSION	90,900	90,900	.....
BREMERTON			
MISSILE ASSEMBLY BUILDING REPLACEMENT	195,227	195,227	.....
PUGET SOUND			
MULTI–MISSION DRY DOCK (INC)	245,000	245,000	.....
WHIDBEY ISLAND			
EA–18G AIRCRAFT REGIONAL SERVICE FACILITY	202,000	202,000	.....
DEFENSE–WIDE			
JOINT BASE LEWIS–MCCHORD			
SOF TACTICAL EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE FACILITY	35,000	35,000	.....

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ARMY NATIONAL GUARD			
YAKIMA			
DINING FACILITY	18,000	18,000	.....
TOTAL, WASHINGTON	939,127	939,127	.....
WEST VIRGINIA			
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD			
MARTINSBURG			
NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER ADD/ALT	20,000	20,000	.....
AIR NATIONAL GUARD			
MCLAUGHLIN AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE			
C–130J APRON EXPANSION: COST TO COMPLETE	.....	5,000	+5,000
COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY: DESIGN	.....	3,000	+3,000
TOTAL, WEST VIRGINIA	20,000	28,000	+8,000
WISCONSIN			
AIR NATIONAL GUARD			
VOLK AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE			
ADAL ACS COMPLEX	.....	18,000	+18,000
ARMY RESERVE			
FORT MCCOY			
MULTIPURPOSE ATHLETIC FIELD	.....	17,000	+17,000
TOTAL, WISCONSIN	.....	35,000	+35,000
WYOMING			
AIR FORCE			
FE WARREN AIR FORCE BASE			
GBSD OPERATIONS GROUP FACILITY	171,000	171,000	.....
GBSD UTILITY CORRIDOR, INC	461,158	461,158	.....
TOTAL, WYOMING	632,158	632,158	.....
AUSTRALIA			
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS			
DARWIN			
PDI: AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR (INC)	46,958	46,958	.....
PDI: MAINTENANCE SUPPORT FACS (INC)	33,955	33,955	.....
TOTAL, AUSTRALIA	80,913	80,913	.....
BELGIUM			
DEFENSE–WIDE			
BRUSSELS			
BRUSSELS UNIT SCHOOL ANNEX	33,000	33,000	.....
TOTAL, BELGIUM	33,000	33,000	.....
DJIBOUTI			
AIR FORCE			
CHABELLEY AIRFIELD			
CHABELLEY POWER PLANT AND PRIMARY DIST	27,000	27,000	.....

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TOTAL, DJIBOUTI	27,000	27,000	.....
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA			
NAVY			
YAP			
PDI: YAP PORT AND HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS (INC)	142,235	142,235	.....
AIR FORCE			
YAP AIRFIELD			
PDI: RUNWAY EXTENSION (INC)	27,000	27,000	.....
TOTAL, FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA	169,235	169,235	.....
GERMANY			
ARMY			
GRAFENWOEHR			
UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC LINES	12,800	12,800	.....
DEFENSE–WIDE			
BAUMHOLDER			
BAUMHOLDER MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL	140,000	140,000	.....
RAMSTEIN AIR BASE			
VEHICLE FUELING FACILITY	20,500	20,500	.....
RHINE ORDNANCE BARRACKS			
MEDICAL CENTER REPLACEMENT, INCR 13	95,002	95,002	.....
TOTAL, GERMANY	268,302	268,302	.....
GUAM			
ARMY			
JOINT REGION MARIANAS			
PDI: GUAM DEF SYS, EIAMD, PH 2, INCR 2	190,000	142,000	−48,000
PDI: GUAM DEF SYS, EIAMD, PH 3	155,000	55,000	−100,000
PDI: LAND ACQUISITION	29,000	29,000	.....
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS			
ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE			
PDI: JOINT CONSOL COMM CENTER (INC)	132,416	132,416	.....
APRA HEIGHTS			
PDI: INNER APRA HARBOR RESILIENCY (INC)	13,400	13,400	.....
JOINT REGION MARIANAS			
PDI: JOINT COMMUNICATION UPGRADE (INC)	60,000	60,000	.....
PDI: POLARIS POINT ELECTRICAL CAPACITY UPGRADE	122,000	90,000	−32,000
PDI: POLARIS POINT SUBMARINE PIER (INC)	171,800	85,900	−85,900
DEFENSE–WIDE			
JOINT REGION MARIANAS			
PDI: GDS, COMMAND CENTER (INC)	99,700	99,700	.....
PDI: GDS, EIAMD, PH1 (INC)	75,113	75,113	.....
PDI: GDS, EIAMD, PH3	179,446	179,446	.....
TOTAL, GUAM	1,227,875	961,975	−265,900
ITALY			
ARMY			
CASERMA RENATO DEL DIN			
ACCESS CONTROL POINT	17,000	17,000	.....

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TOTAL, ITALY	17,000	17,000	
JAPAN			
ARMY			
KADENA AIR BASE			
CTC: VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP	69,000	69,000	
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS			
KADENA AIR BASE			
AIRCRAFT INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE FACILITY	31,780	31,780	
AIR FORCE			
KADENA AIR BASE			
THEATER STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS HUB	99,000	49,500	−49,500
DEFENSE–WIDE			
CAMP BUTLER			
PDI: TRUCK OFFLOAD FACILITIES	37,900	37,900	
YOKOTA AIR BASE			
PDI: BULK STORAGE TANKS PH 2	88,200	88,200	
TOTAL, JAPAN	325,880	276,380	−49,500
KOREA			
DEFENSE–WIDE			
KUNSAN AIR BASE			
AMBULATORY CARE CENTER REPLACEMENT	65,000	65,000	
TOTAL, KOREA	65,000	65,000	
PALAU			
NAVY			
PALAU–MICRONESIA			
PDI: PALAU PORT AND HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS (INC)	384,560	384,560	
TOTAL, PALAU	384,560	384,560	
SPAIN			
NAVY			
ROTA			
UH FOR PERMANENT PARTY	64,080	64,080	
AIR FORCE			
MORON			
PARKING APRON	75,500	75,500	
TOTAL, SPAIN	139,580	139,580	
UNITED KINGDOM			
DEFENSE–WIDE			
MENWITH HILL STATION			
FIRE STATION REPLACEMENT	35,000	35,000	
ROYAL AIR FORCE LAKENHEATH			
HOSPITAL REPLACEMENT, PHASE 2 (INC)	78,000	78,000	
TOTAL, UNITED KINGDOM	113,000	113,000	

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Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation compared to budget estimate
WAKE ISLAND			
AIR FORCE			
WAKE ISLAND AIRFIELD SITE			
PDI: AIRCRAFT PARK APRON (WAKE) PHASE 1 (INC)	129,000	129,000	.....
DEFENSE WIDE			
DEF FUEL SPT POINT WAKE ISLAND			
PDI: FUELING FACILITIES	100,000	100,000	.....
TOTAL, WAKE ISLAND	229,000	229,000	.....
TOTAL, VARIOUS LOCATIONS	229,000	229,000	.....
WORLDWIDE UNSPECIFIED			
ARMY			
DESIGN	173,421	173,421	.....
HOST NATION SUPPORT	53,521	53,521	.....
MINOR CONSTRUCTION	178,626	178,626	.....
PDI: INDOPACOM MINOR CONSTRUCTION PILOT	76,270	.....	−76,270
SUBTOTAL, ARMY	481,838	405,568	−76,270
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS			
DESIGN	1,163,477	1,175,477	+12,000
MINOR CONSTRUCTION	289,224	121,414	−167,810
SUBTOTAL, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS	1,452,701	1,296,891	−155,810
AIR FORCE			
DESIGN	2,490,612	2,151,179	−339,433
MINOR CONSTRUCTION	315,810	201,350	−114,460
SUBTOTAL, AIR FORCE	2,806,422	2,352,529	−453,893
DEFENSE–WIDE			
ENERGY RESILIENCE AND CONSERV INVEST PROG	694,307	694,307	.....
DESIGN			
ERCIP DESIGN	39,346	39,346	.....
MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY	42,846	42,846	.....
DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY	45,813	45,813	.....
DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY	100,511	100,511	.....
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY	26,625	26,625	.....
WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS SERVICE	5,000	5,000	.....
US SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND	81,628	81,628	.....
NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY	33,700	33,700	.....
DEFENSE–WIDE	41,783	41,783	.....
MINOR CONSTRUCTION			
THE JOINT STAFF	13,328	13,328	.....
MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY	2,659	2,659	.....
DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY	14,237	14,237	.....
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY	10,000	10,000	.....
DEFENSE–WIDE	3,000	3,000	.....
US SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND	52,240	24,500	−27,740
INDOPACOM MILCON PILOT PROGRAM	.....	386,280	+386,280
NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY	9,000	9,000	.....

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Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Committee recommendation compared to budget estimate
SUBTOTAL, DEFENSE–WIDE	1,216,023	1,574,563	+358,540
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD			
DESIGN	71,909	83,109	+11,200
MINOR CONSTRUCTION	19,500	27,600	+8,100
SUBTOTAL, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD	91,409	110,709	+19,300
AIR NATIONAL GUARD			
DESIGN	247,221	201,121	−46,100
MINOR CONSTRUCTION	9,000	9,000	
SUBTOTAL, AIR NATIONAL GUARD	256,221	210,121	−46,100
ARMY RESERVE			
DESIGN	10,413	10,413	
MINOR CONSTRUCTION	21,500	21,500	
SUBTOTAL, ARMY RESERVE	31,913	31,913	
NAVY RESERVE			
DESIGN	25,880	25,880	
MINOR CONSTRUCTION	2,522	2,522	
SUBTOTAL, NAVY RESERVE	28,402	28,402	
AIR FORCE RESERVE			
DESIGN	1,347	1,347	
MINOR CONSTRUCTION	1,325	1,325	
SUBTOTAL, AIR FORCE RESERVE	2,672	2,672	
NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM			
NATO SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM	604,270	604,270	
BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT			
ARMY	151,293	151,293	
NAVY	108,325	116,325	+8,000
AIR FORCE	111,381	111,381	
DEFENSE–WIDE	1,318	1,318	
TOTAL, BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE	372,317	380,317	+8,000
SUBTOTAL, WORLDWIDE UNSPECIFIED	7,344,188	6,997,955	−346,233
FAMILY HOUSING, ARMY			
GERMANY			
SOUTH CAMP VILSECK			
FH REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION (44 UNITS)	95,060	95,060	
JAPAN			
CAMP ZAMA			
FH IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION (68 UNITS)	106,356	106,356	

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DESIGN	39,079	39,079	.....
SUBTOTAL, CONSTRUCTION	240,495	240,495	.....
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE			
FURNISHINGS	18,177	18,177	.....
LEASED HOUSING	132,820	132,820	.....
MAINTENANCE OF REAL PROPERTY FACILITIES	172,866	172,866	.....
MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT	42,802	45,302	+2,500
MILITARY HOUSING PRIVITIZATION INITIATIVE	42,026	44,526	+2,500
MISCELLANEOUS	92	92	.....
SERVICES	10,130	10,130	.....
UTILITIES	49,494	49,494	.....
SUBTOTAL, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	468,407	473,407	+5,000
FAMILY HOUSING, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS			
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA			
8TH ST AND I			
CTC: W/H REVITALIZATION QUARTERS #1 (1 UNIT)	1,532	1,532	.....
GUAM			
JOINT REGION MARIANAS			
CTC: REPLACE ANDERSEN HOUSING PH V (74 UNITS)	25,876	25,876	.....
CTC: REPLACE ANDERSEN HOUSING PH VI (52 UNITS)	44,920	44,920	.....
CTC: REPLACE ANDERSEN HOUSING PHASE 8 (62 UNITS)	33,771	33,771	.....
REPLACE ANDERSEN HOUSING PH 9 (149 UNITS) (INC)	144,495	144,495	.....
JAPAN			
YOKOSUKA			
W/H & UTILITY REVIT, IKEGO TH PH6 (32 UNITS)	44,128	44,128	.....
VARIOUS			
NAVY SOUTHEAST MHPI (2ND RESTRUCTURE) (100 UNITS)	52,177	52,177	.....
DESIGN	14,971	14,971	.....
SUBTOTAL, CONSTRUCTION	361,870	361,870	.....
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE			
FURNISHINGS	17,252	17,252	.....
HOUSING PRIVATIZATION SUPPORT	60,997	63,497	+2,500
LEASING	66,242	66,242	.....
MAINTENANCE	119,152	119,152	.....
MANAGEMENT	54,612	57,112	+2,500
MISCELLANEOUS	445	445	.....
SERVICES	14,394	14,394	.....
UTILITIES	52,515	52,515	.....
SUBTOTAL, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	385,609	390,609	+5,000
FAMILY HOUSING, AIR FORCE			
ALASKA			
JOINT BASE ELMENDORF–RICHARDSON			
MHPI RESTRUCTURE—JBER PHASE II (1,194 UNITS)	156,964	156,964	.....
JAPAN			
YOKOTA AIR BASE			
YOKOTA PAIP 10 PHASE 1 (32 UNITS)	36,100	36,100	.....

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UNITED KINGDOM			
CROUGHTON RAF			
CROUGHTON (REPLACEMENT) (12 UNITS)	24,104	24,104	.....
DESIGN	25,854	25,854	.....
SUBTOTAL, CONSTRUCTION	243,022	243,022	.....
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE			
FURNISHINGS	28,691	28,691	.....
HOUSING PRIVATIZATION	40,627	43,127	+2,500
LEASING	5,523	5,523	.....
MAINTENANCE	160,528	160,528	.....
MANAGEMENT	64,841	67,341	+2,500
MISCELLANEOUS	2,492	2,492	.....
SERVICES	12,957	12,957	.....
UTILITIES	51,097	51,097	.....
SUBTOTAL, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	366,756	371,756	+5,000
FAMILY HOUSING, DEFENSE–WIDE			
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE			
DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY			
FURNISHINGS	566	566	.....
LEASING	34,693	34,693	.....
UTILITIES	4,548	4,548	.....
DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY			
LEASING	8,792	8,792	.....
NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY			
FURNISHINGS	93	93	.....
LEASING	14,320	14,320	.....
MAINTENANCE	37	37	.....
UTILITIES	15	15	.....
SUBTOTAL, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	63,064	63,064	.....
DOD FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND	8,412	8,412	.....
DOD MILITARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND	501	501	.....
ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS			
UNFUNDED REQUIREMENTS (SEC 124)			
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS	.....	32,000	+32,000
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE	.....	168,000	+168,000
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR NATIONAL GUARD	.....	38,000	+38,000
ORGANIC INDUSTRIAL BASE DESIGN (SEC 128)			
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY	.....	20,000	+20,000
AUTHORIZED PROJECTS (SEC 129)			
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE	.....	18,000	+18,000
TOTAL, ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS	.....	276,000	+276,000
RECAP			
ARMY	1,931,638	1,832,268	−99,370
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS	8,266,703	7,836,179	−430,524
AIR FORCE	10,601,180	9,896,637	−704,543
DEFENSE–WIDE	3,402,951	3,786,491	+383,540

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ARMY NATIONAL GUARD	358,909	495,894	+136,985
AIR NATIONAL GUARD	525,221	839,451	+314,230
ARMY RESERVE	209,913	270,913	+61,000
NAVY RESERVE	132,272	132,272	.....
AIR FORCE RESERVE	22,172	61,172	+39,000
NATO	604,270	604,270	.....
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT (BRAC)	372,317	380,317	+8,000
FAMILY HOUSING, ARMY	708,902	713,902	+5,000
CONSTRUCTION	(240,495)	(240,495)	.....
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	(468,407)	(473,407)	(+5,000)
FAMILY HOUSING, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS	747,479	752,479	+5,000
CONSTRUCTION	(361,870)	(361,870)	.....
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	(385,609)	(390,609)	(+5,000)
FAMILY HOUSING, AIR FORCE	609,778	614,778	+5,000
CONSTRUCTION	(243,022)	(243,022)	.....
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	(366,756)	(371,756)	(+5,000)
FAMILY HOUSING, DEFENSE–WIDE	63,064	63,064	.....
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	(63,064)	(63,064)	.....
DOD FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND	8,412	8,412	.....
DOD UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND	501	501	.....
ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS	.....	276,000	+276,000
GRAND TOTAL	28,565,682	28,565,000	−682

DISCLOSURE OF CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING ITEMS

The Constitution vests in the Congress the power of the purse. The Committee believes strongly that Congress should make the decisions on how to allocate the people's money.

As defined in Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the term "congressionally directed spending item" means a provision or report language included primarily at the request of a Senator, providing, authorizing, or recommending a specific amount of discretionary budget authority, credit authority, or other spending authority for a contract, loan, loan guarantee, grant, loan authority, or other expenditure with or to an entity, or targeted to a specific State, locality or congressional district, other than through a statutory or administrative, formula-driven, or competitive award process.

For each item, a Member is required to provide a certification that neither the Member nor the Member's immediate family has a pecuniary interest in such congressionally directed spending item. Such certifications are available to the public on the website of the Senate Committee on Appropriations (https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/congressionally-directed-spending-requests).

Following is a list of congressionally directed spending items included in the Senate recommendation discussed in this explanatory statement, along with the name of each Senator who submitted a request to the Committee of jurisdiction for each item so identified. Neither the Committee recommendation nor this explanatory statement contains any limited tax benefits or limited tariff benefits as defined in rule XLIV.

CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING ITEMS

[Dollars in thousands]

Account	State	Location	Project	Amount ($)	Requestor(s)
Air Force	Alabama	Maxwell Air Force Base	Combined All Domain Wargaming Center: Design	16,000	Britt
Air National Guard	Alabama	Sumpter Smith Air National Guard Base	Base Entry Control Point: Design	300	Britt
Army	Alabama	Fort Rucker	Child Development Center: Design	5,000	Britt
Army	Alabama	Redstone Arsenal	RDT&E Laboratory: Design	5,200	Britt
Army National Guard	Alabama	Fort McClellan	Multipurpose Machine Gun Range: Design	2,600	Britt
Army National Guard	Alabama	Fort McClellan	Regional Training Institute: Design	10,000	Britt
Army	Alaska	Fort Wainwright	Dining Facility (INC)	30,000	Murkowski
Air Force	Arizona	Luke Air Force Base	Child Development Center (INC)	23,000	Gallego, Kelly
Army	Arizona	Fort Huachuca	Libby Army Airfield Control Tower: Design	4,000	Gallego, Kelly
Army Reserve	California	Joint Forces Training Base, Los Alamitos	Army Reserve Center (INC)	32,000	Padilla, Schiff
Air Force	Colorado	Peterson Air Force Base	Upgrade Electrical Distribution: Design	8,000	Bennet, Hickenlooper
Navy and Marine Corps	Connecticut	Naval Submarine Base New London	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters: Design	22,500	Blumenthal, Murphy
Air Force	Delaware	Dover Air Force Base	Civil Engineer Squadron Shops: Design	4,000	Coons
Air Force	Delaware	Dover Air Force Base	Child Development Center: Design	3,000	Coons
Air Force	Delaware	Dover Air Force Base	Relocation of Commercial Gate: Design	2,500	Coons
Air Force	Delaware	Dover Air Force Base	Multipurpose Facility: Design	2,200	Coons
Air National Guard	Delaware	New Castle County Airport	Consolidated Maintenance and Logistics Support Facility: Design	7,730	Coons, Blunt Rochester

CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING ITEMS—Continued

[Dollars in thousands]

Account	State	Location	Project	Amount ($)	Requestor(s)
Air Force	Georgia	Moody Air Force Base	23rd Security Forces Squadron Operations Facility (INC)	17,500	Ossoff, Warnock
Air Force	Georgia	Moody Air Force Base	F–35A 74th Hangar and Squadron Operation Facility: Design	500	Ossoff, Warnock
Air Force	Georgia	Moody Air Force Base	F–35A 75th Hangar and Squadron Operation Facility: Design	3,500	Ossoff
Air Force Reserve	Georgia	Dobbins Air Reserve Base	Multi Cube Munitions Storage: Design	1,000	Ossoff
Army	Georgia	Fort Benning	Airfield Fire and Rescue Station: Design	1,600	Ossoff, Warnock
Army	Georgia	Fort Gordon	Expeditionary CEMA Operations Center: Design	8,000	Ossoff, Warnock
Army	Georgia	Fort Stewart	Enlisted Unaccompanied Personnel Barracks: Design	10,000	Ossoff, Warnock
Army	Georgia	Fort Stewart	Hunter Army Airfield Strategic Mobility Railhead: Design	7,900	Ossoff, Warnock
Army	Hawaii	Wheeler Army Airfield	Flight Control Tower (INC)	34,500	Hirono, Schatz
Air National Guard	Illinois	Scott Air Force Base	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar (INC)	35,000	Duckworth, Durbin
Air National Guard	Iowa	Sioux Gateway Airport	Repair Runway 13–31 (INC 2)	52,000	Grassley
Air National Guard	Iowa	Sioux Gateway Airport	Extend Runway 13–31	65,000	Ernst, Grassley
Air National Guard	Iowa	Sioux Gateway Airport	ADAL Aircraft Parking Apron	48,000	Grassley
Air National Guard	Kansas	Forbes Field	Perimeter Fence: Minor Construction	5,500	Moran
Army	Kansas	Fort Leavenworth	Fire Station: Design	2,500	Moran
Air National Guard	Kentucky	Louisville	Contingency Response Mission Generation Facility: Design	2,500	McConnell
Air National Guard	Kentucky	Louisville	Fuel Cell Hangar: Design	2,000	McConnell

Army	Kentucky	Fort Campbell	Vehicle Maintenance Shop: Design	5,000	McConnell
Army	Kentucky	Fort Campbell	Child Development Center: Design	2,000	McConnell
Army	Kentucky	Fort Knox	Soldier One Stop Facility: Design	2,700	McConnell
Army	Kentucky	Fort Knox	Air Traffic Control Tower: Design	3,500	McConnell
Army National Guard	Kentucky	Frankfort	Civil Support Team Ready Building: Design	2,100	McConnell
Army National Guard	Kentucky	Jackson Field Maintenance Shop	National Guard Vehicle Maintenance Shop	18,500	McConnell
Army National Guard	Kentucky	Wendell H. Ford Reg. Training Center	Physical Fitness Center: Design	1,000	McConnell
Army National Guard	Kentucky	Wendell H. Ford Reg. Training Center	Water Tower: Design	1,000	McConnell
Army National Guard	Kentucky	Wendell H. Ford Reg. Training Center	Transient Unaccompanied Military Housing: Design	3,000	McConnell
Army	Louisiana	Fort Polk	JRTC Rotational Unit Billeting Area (INC 2)	30,000	Cassidy, Kennedy
Navy and Marine Corps	Maine	NCTAMS LANT Detachment Cutler	Cutler VLF Military Housing: Design	2,000	Collins, King
Navy and Marine Corps	Maine	Portsmouth Naval Shipyard	Child Development Center Addition, B342: Design	2,500	Collins
Army National Guard	Maryland	Camp Fretterd Readiness Center	Collective Training Unaccompanied Housing: Design	2,000	Alsobrooks, Van Hollen
Navy and Marine Corps	Maryland	Naval Support Activity Annapolis	Stormwater Management Facilities (INC)	28,335	Alsobrooks, Van Hollen
Air National Guard	Massachusetts	Barnes Air National Guard Base	Flight Simulator Facility (INC)	12,000	Markey, Warren
Army	Massachusetts	Natick Soldier Systems Center	Human Engineering Lab : Design	8,000	Markey, Warren
Air National Guard	Michigan	Selfridge Air National Guard Base	F–15EX Maintenance Complex (INC)	30,000	Peters, Slotkin
Army National Guard	Minnesota	Anoka	National Guard Readiness Center: Design	4,350	Klobuchar, Smith
Air National Guard	Mississippi	Key Field	ADAL Maintenance Hangar and AMU Complex: Design	7,000	Hyde-Smith, Wicker
Army National Guard	Mississippi	Meridian	Army Aviation Support Facility: Design	2,300	Hyde-Smith

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[Dollars in thousands]

Account	State	Location	Project	Amount ($)	Requestor(s)
Navy and Marine Corps	Mississippi	Construction Battalion Center Gulfport	Port Damage Repair Training Facility: Design	4,500	Hyde-Smith, Wicker
Army	Missouri	Fort Leonard Wood	Military Family Housing Investment	25,000	Hawley
Air Force	Nebraska	Offutt Air Force Base	SAOC Supply Storage Facility: Design	6,800	Fischer
Air National Guard	Nebraska	Lincoln Municipal Airport	Construct Aircraft Parking Apron and Taxiways: Design	4,000	Fischer
Defense-Wide (DPAA)	Nebraska	Offutt Air Force Base	DPAA Laboratory (INC)	25,000	Fischer
Air Force	Nevada	Creech Air Force Base	Mission Support Facility (INC)	28,000	Cortez Masto, Rosen
Air National Guard	Nevada	Reno-Tahoe International Airport	Engine Maintenance and Support Equipment Facility: Design	2,800	Cortez Masto, Rosen
Army National Guard	New Hampshire	Newington	National Guard Readiness Center: Design	4,000	Shaheen
Air National Guard	New Jersey	Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst	Cyber Operations Squadron Beddown: Design	2,500	Booker, Kim
Army National Guard	New Jersey	Lawrenceville	National Guard Readiness Center Alteration: Design	2,990	Booker, Kim
Army National Guard	New Jersey	Newark	National Guard Readiness Center (INC)	7,000	Booker, Kim
Army National Guard	New Jersey	Somerset	National Guard Readiness Center: Design	3,845	Booker, Kim
Air Force	New Mexico	Cannon Air Force Base	Deployment Processing Center (INC)	25,000	Heinrich, Luján
Air Force	New Mexico	Kirtland Air Force Base	Explosive Operations Building (INC)	7,750	Heinrich, Luján
Air Force Reserve	New York	Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station	Combined Operations Facility (INC)	38,000	Gillibrand, Schumer
Air Force	North Carolina	Seymour Johnson Air Force Base	Child Development Center (INC)	40,000	Budd
Air Force	North Dakota	Grand Forks Air Force Base	Pavement and Maintenance Facility (INC)	35,000	Cramer

Air Force	Ohio	Wright-Patterson Air Force Base	AI Supercomputing Resource Center: Design	20,000	Husted
Air Force	Ohio	Wright-Patterson Air Force Base	Human Performance Center Lab (INC)	21,000	Husted
Army National Guard	Oregon	Rees Training Center	Dining Facility Addition: Minor Construction	10,100	Merkley, Wyden
Army Reserve	Pennsylvania	Fort Indiantown Gap	Equipment Concentration Site (INC)	12,000	Fetterman
Air Force	South Carolina	Shaw Air Force Base	AFCENT Combined Warfighting Center: Design	21,100	Graham
Navy and Marine Corps	South Carolina	Joint Base Charleston	C5ISR Laboratory and Engineering Facility: Design	7,400	Graham
Air National Guard	South Dakota	Joe Foss Field	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar	40,000	Rounds
Air National Guard	Utah	Salt Lake City International Airport	Fuel Cell Corrosion Control Hangar (INC)	5,000	Curtis
Army National Guard	Vermont	Training Site Ethan Allen Range	Biathlon Infrastructure Improvements: Minor Construction	5,900	Sanders, Welch
Army National Guard	Vermont	Training Site Ethan Allen Range	Castle Trail Bypass (Training Area Roads): Minor Construction	6,000	Welch
Air National Guard	Virginia	Joint Base Langley-Eustis	Consolidated Headquarters Facility: Design	3,000	Kaine, Warner
Army National Guard	Virginia	Sandston	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar Addition	31,000	Kaine, Warner
Air National Guard	West Virginia	McLaughlin Air National Guard Base	C–130J Apron Expansion: Cost to Complete	5,000	Capito, Justice
Air National Guard	West Virginia	McLaughlin Air National Guard Base	Communications Facility: Design	3,000	Capito, Justice
Air National Guard	Wisconsin	Volk Air National Guard Base	ADAL ACS Complex	18,000	Baldwin
Army Reserve	Wisconsin	Fort McCoy	Multipurpose Athletic Field	17,000	Baldwin

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[In thousands of dollars]

Item	2026 appropriation	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with (+ or −)	
				2026 appropriation	Budget estimate
TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE					
Military Construction					
Active Components:					
Military Construction, Army	2,381,909	1,931,638	1,832,268	−549,641	−99,370
Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps	5,725,724	8,266,703	7,836,179	+2,110,455	−430,524
Military Construction, Air Force	3,926,273	10,601,180	9,906,637	+5,980,364	−694,543
Military Construction, Defense-Wide	3,784,301	3,402,951	3,786,491	+2,190	+383,540
Subtotal, Active components	15,818,207	24,202,472	23,361,575	+7,543,368	−840,897
Reserve Components:					
Military Construction, Army National Guard	272,930	358,909	495,894	+222,964	+136,985
Military Construction, Air National Guard	292,546	525,221	829,451	+536,905	+304,230
Military Construction, Army Reserve	92,239	209,913	270,913	+178,674	+61,000
Military Construction, Navy Reserve	52,255	132,272	132,272	+80,017	.....
Military Construction, Air Force Reserve	116,468	22,172	61,172	−55,296	+39,000
Subtotal, Reserve components	826,438	1,248,487	1,789,702	+963,264	+541,215
North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program	481,832	604,270	604,270	+122,438	.....
Department of Defense Base Closure Account	465,161	372,317	380,317	−84,844	+8,000
Total, Military Construction	17,591,638	26,427,546	26,135,864	+8,544,226	−291,682
Appropriations	(17,591,638)	(26,427,546)	(26,135,864)	(+8,544,226)	(−291,682)
Family Housing					
Family Housing Construction, Army	228,558	240,495	240,495	+11,937	.....
Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Army	388,418	468,407	473,407	+84,989	+5,000
Family Housing Construction, Navy and Marine Corps	177,597	361,870	361,870	+184,273	.....
Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Navy and Marine Corps	384,108	385,609	390,609	+6,501	+5,000

Family Housing Construction, Air Force	274,230	243,022	243,022	−31,208	.....
Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Air Force	369,765	366,756	371,756	+1,991	+5,000
Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide	53,374	63,064	63,064	+9,690	.....
Department of Defense Family Housing Improvement Fund	8,315	8,412	8,412	+97	.....
Department of Defense Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund	497	501	501	+4	.....
Total, Family Housing	1,884,862	2,138,136	2,153,136	+268,274	+15,000
Appropriations	(1,884,862)	(2,138,136)	(2,153,136)	(+268,274)	(+15,000)
Administrative Provisions					
Unfunded Requirements (Sec 124):					
Military Construction, Army	144,000	.....	.....	−144,000	.....
Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps	.....	.....	32,000	+32,000	+32,000
Military Construction, Air Force	.....	.....	168,000	+168,000	+168,000
Military Construction, Army National Guard	15,500	.....	38,000	+22,500	+38,000
Military Construction, Air National Guard	11,000	.....	.....	−11,000	.....
Military Construction, Army Reserve	15,000	.....	.....	−15,000	.....
OIB (Sec 128):					
Military Construction, Army	5,000	.....	20,000	+15,000	+20,000
Military Construction, Navy & Marine Corps	5,000	.....	.....	−5,000	.....
Military Construction, Air Force	5,000	.....	.....	−5,000	.....
Barracks Replacement (Sec 129):					
Military Construction, Army	5,000	.....	.....	−5,000	.....
Military Construction, Navy & Marine Corps	5,000	.....	.....	−5,000	.....
Military Construction, Air Force	5,000	.....	.....	−5,000	.....
Authorized Projects (Sec 129):					
Military Construction, Army	10,000	.....	.....	−10,000	.....
Military Construction, Navy & Marine Corps	25,000	.....	.....	−25,000	.....
Military Construction, Air Force	10,000	.....	18,000	+8,000	+18,000
Total, Administrative Provisions	260,500	.....	276,000	+15,500	+276,000
Total, title I, Department of Defense	19,737,000	28,565,682	28,565,000	+8,828,000	−682
Appropriations	(19,737,000)	(28,565,682)	(28,565,000)	(+8,828,000)	(−682)

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[In thousands of dollars]

Item	2026 appropriation	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with (+ or −)	
				2026 appropriation	Budget estimate
TITLE II—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS					
Veterans Benefits Administration					
Compensation and pensions:					
Budget year appropriations	5,850,000	10,555,052	10,555,052	+4,705,052	
Advance from prior year appropriations	227,240,071	246,630,525	246,630,525	+19,390,454	
Subtotal, Compensation and pensions available in fiscal year	233,090,071	257,185,577	257,185,577	+24,095,506	
Advance appropriations, FY 2028	246,630,525	283,806,848	283,806,848	+37,176,323	
Less appropriations from prior year advances	−227,240,071	−246,630,525	−246,630,525	−19,390,454	
Total, Compensation and pensions appropriated in this bill	252,480,525	294,361,900	294,361,900	+41,881,375	
Readjustment benefits:					
Budget year appropriations	4,877,886			−4,877,886	
Advance from prior year appropriations	20,372,030	24,703,528	24,703,528	+4,331,498	
Subtotal, readjustment benefits available in fiscal year	25,249,916	24,703,528	24,703,528	−546,388	
Advance appropriations, FY 2028	24,703,528	23,565,656	23,565,656	−1,137,872	
Less appropriations from prior year advances	−20,372,030	−24,703,528	−24,703,528	−4,331,498	
Total, Readjustment benefits appropriated in this bill	29,581,414	23,565,656	23,565,656	−6,015,758	
Veterans insurance and indemnities:					
Advance from prior year appropriations	131,518	97,893	97,893	−33,625	
Subtotal, Veterans insurance and indemnities available in fiscal year	131,518	97,893	97,893	−33,625	
Advance appropriations, FY 2028	97,893	90,893	90,893	−7,000	

Less appropriations from prior year advances	−131,518	−97,893	−97,893	+33,625	
Total, Veterans insurance and indemnities appropriated in this bill	97,893	90,893	90,893	−7,000	
Veterans housing benefit program fund:					
Credit subsidy:					
Direct	136,000	−59,000	−59,000	−195,000	
Guaranteed	1,019,000	2,004,000	2,004,000	+985,000	
Subtotal (Credit subsidy)	1,155,000	1,945,000	1,945,000	+790,000	
(Limitation on direct loans)	(500)	(500)	(500)		
Administrative expenses	266,737	285,437	285,437	+18,700	
Subtotal (available this fiscal year)	1,421,737	2,230,437	2,230,437	+808,700	
Vocational rehabilitation loans program account	45	35	35	−10	
(Limitation on direct loans)	(1,394)	(1,227)	(1,227)	(−167)	
Administrative expenses	507	513	513	+6	
Native American veteran housing loan program account					
Administrative expenses	5,845	5,968	5,968	+123	
Cost of Direct Loan	6,865	2,604	2,604	−4,261	
General operating expenses, VBA	3,881,000	3,811,000	3,811,000	−70,000	
Total, Veterans Benefits Administration	287,475,831	324,069,006	324,069,006	+36,593,175	
Budget year appropriations	(16,043,885)	(16,605,609)	(16,605,609)	(+561,724)	
Advance appropriations, FY 2028	(271,431,946)	(307,463,397)	(307,463,397)	(+36,031,451)	
Advances from prior year appropriations	(247,743,619)	(271,431,946)	(271,431,946)	(+23,688,327)	
Veterans Health Administration					
Medical services (MS):					
Budget year appropriations	−15,889,000	100,000	100,000	+15,989,000	
Advance from prior year appropriations	59,150,000	59,858,000	59,858,000	+708,000	
Subtotal, MS available in fiscal year	43,261,000	59,958,000	59,958,000	+16,697,000	
Advance appropriations, FY 2028	59,858,000	70,700,000	70,700,000	+10,842,000	
Total, MS appropriated in this bill	43,969,000	70,800,000	70,800,000	+26,831,000	

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Item	2026 appropriation	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with (+ or −)	
				2026 appropriation	Budget estimate
Medical community care (MCC):					
Budget year appropriations	.....	1,027,000	1,027,000	+1,027,000	.....
Advance from prior year appropriations	34,000,000	38,700,000	38,700,000	+4,700,000	.....
Subtotal, MCC available in fiscal year	34,000,000	39,727,000	39,727,000	+5,727,000	.....
Advance appropriations, FY 2028	38,700,000	42,000,000	42,000,000	+3,300,000	.....
Total, MCC appropriated in this bill	38,700,000	43,027,000	43,027,000	+4,327,000	.....
Medical support and compliance (MSC):					
Budget year appropriations	−610,000	.....	−950,000	−340,000	−950,000
Advance from prior year appropriations	12,090,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	−90,000	.....
Subtotal, MSC available in fiscal year	11,480,000	12,000,000	11,050,000	−430,000	−950,000
Advance appropriations, FY 2028	12,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	.....	.....
Total, MSC appropriated in this bill	11,390,000	12,000,000	11,050,000	−340,000	−950,000
Medical facilities (MF):					
Budget year appropriations	145,917	.....	950,000	+804,083	+950,000
Advance from prior year appropriations	9,700,000	11,700,000	11,700,000	+2,000,000	.....
Subtotal, MF available in fiscal year	9,845,917	11,700,000	12,650,000	+2,804,083	+950,000
Advance appropriations, FY 2028	11,700,000	13,540,000	13,540,000	+1,840,000	.....
Total, MF appropriated in this bill	11,845,917	13,540,000	14,490,000	+2,644,083	+950,000

Total, VA Medical Care available in fiscal year	98,586,917	123,385,000	123,385,000	+24,798,083	.....
Medical and prosthetic research	945,000	922,000	922,000	−23,000	.....
Medical care cost recovery collections:					
Offsetting collections	−4,279,000	−4,207,000	−4,207,000	+72,000	.....
Appropriations (indefinite)	4,279,000	4,207,000	4,207,000	−72,000	.....
Subtotal	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Medical Care Collections Fund (MCCF) (transfer out) (Sec 214)	(−666,000)	.....	(−688,000)	(−22,000)	(−688,000)
Medical Community Care and Medical Services (by transfer) (Sec 214)	(666,000)	.....	(688,000)	(+22,000)	(+688,000)
VA medical funds (transfer out) (Sec 219)	(−654,954)	(−710,778)	(−710,778)	(−55,824)	.....
DoD–VA Joint Medical Facility Demonstration Fund (by transfer) (Sec 219)	(654,954)	(710,778)	(710,778)	(+55,824)	.....
MCCF to DoD–VA Joint Medical Facility Demonstration Fund (transfer out) (Sec 220)	(−739,918)	(−760,767)	(−760,767)	(−20,849)	.....
DoD–VA Joint Medical Facility Demonstration Fund (by transfer) (Sec 220)	(739,918)	(760,767)	(760,767)	(+20,849)	.....
VA Medical Care Funds (transfer out) (Sec 222)	(−15,000)	(−15,000)	(−15,000)	.....	.....
DoD–VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund (by transfer) (Sec 222)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	.....	.....
Total, Veterans Health Administration	106,849,917	140,289,000	140,289,000	+33,439,083	.....
Budget year appropriations	(−15,408,083)	(2,049,000)	(2,049,000)	(+17,457,083)	.....
Advance appropriations (FY 2028)	(122,258,000)	(138,240,000)	(138,240,000)	(+15,982,000)	.....
Advances from prior year appropriations	(114,940,000)	(122,258,000)	(122,258,000)	(+7,318,000)	.....
VA Medical Care	98,586,917	123,385,000	123,385,000	+24,798,083	.....
(Medical Services)	43,261,000	59,958,000	59,958,000	+16,697,000	.....
(Medical Community Care)	34,000,000	39,727,000	39,727,000	+5,727,000	.....
(Medical Support and Compliance)	11,480,000	12,000,000	11,050,000	−430,000	−950,000
(Medical Facilities)	9,845,917	11,700,000	12,650,000	+2,804,083	+950,000
(By transfer)	(2,075,872)	(1,486,545)	(2,174,545)	(+98,673)	(+688,000)
(Transfer out)	(−2,075,872)	(−1,486,545)	(−2,174,545)	(−98,673)	(−688,000)
National Cemetery Administration					
National Cemetery Administration	498,500	505,000	505,000	+6,500	.....
Departmental Administration					
General Administration	429,000	517,000	420,600	−8,400	−96,400
Board of Veterans Appeals	280,000	268,000	268,000	−12,000	.....
Subtotal	709,000	785,000	688,600	−20,400	−96,400
Information Technology Systems (IT Systems)	5,919,000	6,308,000	6,257,838	+338,838	−50,162

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Item	2026 appropriation	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with (+ or −)	
				2026 appropriation	Budget estimate
Veterans Electronic Health Record (EHR)	3,400,000	4,240,000	4,120,000	+720,000	−120,000
Office of Inspector General	296,000	284,000	284,000	−12,000	
Construction, major projects	1,394,000	3,089,000	2,886,000	+1,492,000	−203,000
Construction, minor projects	350,000	861,000	861,000	+511,000	
Grants for construction of State extended care facilities	275,000	171,000	171,000	−104,000	
Grants for the construction of Veterans cemeteries	150,000	60,000	60,000	−90,000	
Total, Departmental Administration	12,493,000	15,798,000	15,328,438	+2,835,438	−469,562
Cost of War Toxic Exposures Fund					
Budget Year Appropriations	52,676,000	54,593,000	54,593,000	+1,917,000	
Administrative Provisions					
Recurring Expenses Transformational Fund (Sec 252)(non-add)	(900,000)		(1,450,000)	(+550,000)	(+1,450,000)
Total, title II, Department of Veterans Affairs	459,993,248	535,254,006	534,784,444	+74,791,196	−469,562
Budget year appropriations	(66,303,302)	(89,550,609)	(89,081,047)	(+22,777,745)	(−469,562)
Advance Appropriations, FY28:					
(Mandatory)	(271,431,946)	(307,463,397)	(307,463,397)	(+36,031,451)	
(Discretionary)	(122,258,000)	(138,240,000)	(138,240,000)	(+15,982,000)	
(By transfer)	(2,075,872)	(1,486,545)	(2,174,545)	(+98,673)	(+688,000)
(Transfer out)	(−2,075,872)	(−1,486,545)	(−2,174,545)	(−98,673)	(−688,000)
(Limitation on direct loans)	(1,894)	(1,727)	(1,727)	(−167)	
Advances from prior year appropriations:					
(Mandatory)	(247,743,619)	(271,431,946)	(271,431,946)	(+23,688,327)	
(Discretionary)	(114,940,000)	(122,258,000)	(122,258,000)	(+7,318,000)	

Total, available this fiscal year	428,986,921	483,240,555	482,770,993	+53,784,072	−469,562
(Mandatory)	(312,302,505)	(338,524,998)	(338,524,998)	(+26,222,493)	.....
(Discretionary)	(116,684,416)	(144,715,557)	(144,245,995)	(+27,561,579)	(−469,562)
Advances from prior year less FY 2027 advances	−23,688,327	−36,031,451	−36,031,451	−12,343,124	.....
Total, VA Medical Care available this fiscal year	74,898,590	87,353,549	87,353,549	+12,454,959	.....
Net mandatory	−23,688,327	−36,031,451	−36,031,451	−12,343,124	.....
(Discretionary)	98,586,917	123,385,000	123,385,000	+24,798,083	.....
TITLE III—RELATED AGENCIES					
American Battle Monuments Commission					
Salaries and expenses	110,000	107,925	107,925	−2,075	.....
Total, American Battle Monuments Commission	110,000	107,925	107,925	−2,075	.....
US Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims					
Salaries and expenses	49,000	50,300	50,300	+1,300	.....
Department of Defense—Civil					
Cemeterial Expenses, Army					
Salaries and expenses	118,780	118,780	118,780	.....	.....
Armed Forces Retirement Home—Trust Fund					
Operation and maintenance	50,928	48,000	50,000	−928	+2,000
Capital program	2,072	2,000	.....	−2,072	−2,000
Payment from General Fund	27,000	27,000	27,000	.....	.....
Subtotal, Armed Forces Retirement Home—Trust Fund	80,000	77,000	77,000	−3,000	.....
Total, Armed Forces Retirement Home	80,000	77,000	77,000	−3,000	.....
Total, title III, Related Agencies	357,780	354,005	354,005	−3,775	.....

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TITLE IV—GENERAL PROVISIONS					
Rescission	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total, title IV, General Provisions	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand total	480,088,028	564,173,693	563,703,449	+83,615,421	−470,244
Budget year appropriations	(86,398,082)	(118,470,296)	(118,000,052)	(+31,601,970)	(−470,244)
Rescissions	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Advance appropriations, FY28	(393,689,946)	(445,703,397)	(445,703,397)	(+52,013,451)	.....
Advances from prior year appropriations	(362,683,619)	(393,689,946)	(393,689,946)	(+31,006,327)	.....
(By transfer)	(2,075,872)	(1,486,545)	(2,174,545)	(+98,673)	(+688,000)
(Transfer out)	(−2,075,872)	(−1,486,545)	(−2,174,545)	(−98,673)	(−688,000)
(Limitation on direct loans)	(1,894)	(1,727)	(1,727)	(−167)	.....