

Readiness

10-11 Power Projection

Most national security experts predict persistent conflict for the next several decades. Local and regional frictions, fueled by globalization and other emerging trends, will be exploited by extremists to support their efforts to destroy our way of life. Given these circumstances, the Army must be strategically responsive and able to provide properly sized early entry forces fully prepared to operate in a joint expeditionary environment to engage and defeat our enemies. To meet these national security challenges, the Army must dominate across the full spectrum of joint and expeditionary operations by providing the agility and versatility required to transition rapidly from one event and location to another with the least loss of momentum.

The purpose of the Army Power Projection Program (AP3) is to institutionalize our Expeditionary Army Capability - the ability to rapidly deploy, employ and sustain combined arms forces worldwide in any operational environment and operate effectively upon arrival – to achieve Army deployment goals (as defined in the Army Campaign Plan) and enable Army Force Generation (ARFORGEN). Improving the manner and speed with which the Army responds is underscored by Joint interdependence, our National Military Strategy, the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR), OSD Transformation Planning Guidance and The Army Plan. Timely global projection of Army combat power against dynamic adversaries and into austere environments will most often begin from CONUS-based power projection installations and requires synchronized, complementary Joint and service force projection programs. Significant investment in facilities infrastructure, network infrastructure, reliable strategic airlift and improved sustainment initiatives is crucial to achieving this objective. Army Campaign Plan Deployment Goals can only be achieved with an appropriate mix of Joint capabilities, including deployment infrastructure upgrades; enhanced inter-theater and intra-theater airlift and sealift capabilities; reconstituted and improved Army Prepositioned Stocks (APS) unit sets and Army Regional Flotilla (ARF); optimum levels of War Reserve Sustainment (WRS) stocks; and better deployment processes and information technology tools. The Army contribution to DoD's force projection and distribution objectives is achieved by supporting and funding AP3 related Management Decision Packages (MDEPS) and Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Program (I3MP) initiatives. The I3MP provides expanded fiber optic networks and switching facilities. Infrastructure enhancements are critical to the installations capability to support growth due to Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), Army Modular Force (AMF) and Global Defense Posturing Review (GDPR) construction programs.

Modernization of information technology has not kept pace with requirements to upgrade Power Projection capabilities. The Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Program upgrades the Information Technology infrastructure that supports LandWarNET both at home station and when forward deployed. Only 34 of 95 CONUS installations are currently funded for upgrade/refresh. I3MP is not funded for upgrade/refresh of 61 other installations.

Rapid and assured provisioning of forces world-wide includes the Distribution Management and Transformation initiative, configured loads, Containerization/Field Pack Up (Storage and Shipping) System, Future Tactical Truck System (FTTS) and Integrated Logistics Aerial Resupply initiative, consisting of a suite of capabilities and enablers (e.g. precision airdrop, advanced platform and modular packaging technologies) integrated to provide an enhanced aerial resupply capability synchronized with surface distribution.

WE THEREFORE RESOLVE to urge the Administration and Congress to:

- Fund infrastructure improvements of Power Projection Platforms to include the Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Program (I3MP)

- Fund the Avionics Modernization Program (AMP) as well as the Re-Engining and Reliability Program (RERP) for the U.S. Air Force C-5 fleet to increase reliability, maintainability and availability in support of Army requirements
- Fund the development and fielding of inter-theater and intra-theater sealift, including Joint High Speed Sealift (JHSS) and acquisition of the Joint High Speed Vessel (JHSV) for waterborne operational maneuver and austere entry
- Fund an adequate level of munitions of all classes to support an optimum level of WRS stocks; fund adequate APS and ARF including combat weapon systems and sustainment supplies
- Accelerate the funding of the I3MP and APC Programs to support modernization of IT infrastructure
- Continue to fund the Transportation Coordinator's Automated Information for Movements System II (TC-AIMS II) and Joint Forces Requirements Generator II (JFRGII) to provide a single Joint capability to develop and report deployment and redeployment movement information to the Warfighter, and to provide real time in-transit visibility of units, cargo and equipment
- Fund requirements to enable the rapid and assured provisioning of sustainment to forces world-wide across the full spectrum of military operations
- Fund infrastructure, construction and mitigation of community support requirements at those installations experiencing rapid and significant growth due to BRAC and other realignment initiatives.