



FOCUS AREAS

STRENGTHENING THE TOTAL ARMY

**PASS THE NDAA &
DEFENSE APPROPRIATION
ON TIME**

NO CONTINUING RESOLUTION



**SUPPORT THE
ARMY PEOPLE STRATEGY**

"PEOPLE FIRST"



**SUSTAIN & INCREASE
ARMY READINESS**

REGULAR ARMY, ARMY NATIONAL
GUARD, ARMY RESERVE, FAMILIES,
CIVILIANS, VETERANS, RETIREES



**SUPPORT ARMY
MODERNIZATION TO
IMPROVE LETHALITY
& ENSURE OVERMATCH**

TOTAL ARMY

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In 2021, the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) will advocate in support of our Focus Areas for the Total Army and our membership:

- **Total Army:** Regular, National Guard, Reserve, Army civilians, families, veterans and retirees
- **AUSA membership:** Individual members, National and Community Partners, and like-minded associations

1. On-time Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Appropriations and the National Defense Authorization Act

Pass the FY 2022 Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Appropriations, and pass the FY 2022 National Defense Authorization Act on time (by October 1, 2021).

2. People First

Support the Army People Strategy for Regular Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve Soldiers, Army Civilians, and Army Families. Support diversity and inclusion initiatives to include "This is my Squad." Support the Army's top quality-of-life programs to increase Soldier and family resilience, and to enhance readiness for the Total Army: quality housing for both families and Soldiers in the barracks; world-class health care; quality childcare and youth services; meaningful employment for spouses; and solving permanent change-of-duty-station moving issues.

3. Readiness

Provide on-time, adequate funding to continue improving Army readiness throughout the Total Army, so all attain their required readiness levels.

4. Modernization

Maintain the momentum of the ongoing Total Army modernization priorities in this once in a generation opportunity to modernize the Army. Modernization is essential to meeting the requirements of the National Defense Strategy and winning on future battlefields. Continue modernizing the Army to achieve and maintain overmatch in multi-domain operations (land, air, sea, space, cyber) against threats to the United States.

5. New Administration, New Congress and the National Defense Strategy

With the ongoing changes in the Executive and Legislative Branches of the U.S. Government, and the potential for flattening budgets, maintaining a balanced set of priorities for people, readiness, and modernization programs for the Total Army is essential. The Army requires 3–5 percent budget growth annually to fully support the National Defense Strategy. If budget growth is not immediately possible, maintaining the correct balance among these three areas is critical.

"Winning matters, and People are my number one priority. People are our Soldiers—Regular Army, National Guard and Reserve—their Families, Civilians, and Soldiers for Life—Retirees and Veterans. We win through our people, and people will drive success in our Readiness, Modernization and Reform priorities. We must take care of our people..."

General James C. McConville, 40th Chief of Staff, Army