



# FOCUS AREAS

2023

STRENGTHENING THE TOTAL ARMY

ON-TIME APPROPRIATIONS  
& NDAA



SUPPORT THE  
ARMY PEOPLE STRATEGY



SUSTAIN & GROW  
ARMY READINESS ACROSS  
THE TOTAL ARMY



SPEED MODERNIZATION  
ACROSS THE TOTAL ARMY



STRENGTHEN THE DEFENSE  
INDUSTRIAL BASE  
& ARMY INFRASTRUCTURE



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The Association of the United States Army (AUSA) advocates in support of these Focus Areas for the Total Army and our membership:

- Total Army: Regular, National Guard, Reserve, Army Civilians, families, survivors, caregivers, and veterans.
- AUSA Membership: Individual members, National and Community Partners, and Association Partners.
- AUSA supports efforts to strengthen the Total Army – which is integral to national security.

*Whether it is defending the country at home or overseas, our nation counts on the United States Army to be the first line of defense.*

Secretary Christine E. Wormuth, 25th Secretary of the U.S. Army

## On-time Appropriations and Authorizations: Key to National Security

- Enact the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs appropriations bills, as well as all remaining bills, and the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), by October 1, 2023.
  - On-time appropriations and authorizations are critical to national security which requires a whole-of-government approach.
- Support Total Army unfunded priorities and provide additional funding over the rate of inflation.

## People First: People First, Always

- Support the Army People Strategy:
  - Fully resourced programs to address factors contributing to death by suicide, sexual assault, and harassment, and also provide support to survivors.
  - Initiatives to improve recruitment.
  - Competitive compensation for Soldiers and Army Civilians.
  - Top quality-of-life programs to strengthen Soldier and family resilience and maintain retention to enhance the Total Army. This includes health care, housing (and Tenant Bill of Rights), childcare, spouse employment, change-of-station moves, and education.
  - Programs to ensure dignity and respect for all, and build effective, cohesive teams.
  - 21st Century Talent Management and Army leadership programs.

## Readiness: Trained and Ready to Win

- Enact timely, adequate, predictable, and sustained funding for the Total Army to improve readiness.

## Modernization: Decisive Capability to Win

- Increase momentum of modernization efforts to ensure Soldiers have overmatch.
- Enhance strategic readiness and power projection capabilities of the joint force through improving Army Prepositioned Stock (APS), strategic sealift, and strategic airlift.

## Defense Industrial Base, Army Infrastructure: Enhance Capability for a Prepared Nation

- Modernize DoD support base and secure the defense supply chain to enhance readiness.
- Ensure access to materials critical to national security (e.g., medications, raw materials, and other resources) from secure sources.
- Strengthen cyber security.
- Support a healthy, resilient, and expandable defense industry and defense acquisition system.

*The Army is indispensable to preserving national security as a member of the joint force. We must provide the Total Army the resources and support it needs and deserves to achieve its mission.*

General Robert B. Brown, U.S. Army, Retired, President & CEO