

Association of the United States Army

Voice for the Army—Support for the Soldier

An Investment in Soldiers and Their Families

... an Investment in America



AUSA + 106th Congress = Good News

The signing into law of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 represents the achievement of many goals, which **AUSA has championed for many years**. Each member of AUSA is a **torchbearer**, carrying the message to our elected representatives and the American public. While much remains to be done, you should be proud of the fact that, as a member of AUSA, **you carried the torch and contributed to the effort that yielded so many positive results**. We owe the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the 106th Congress an immense debt of gratitude for their ingenuity and perseverance in the pursuit of this extraordinary achievement.

AUSA and others spoke out for:

Congress responded by:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Eliminating TRICARE Prime copayments for <i>active duty</i> family members receiving care in the civilian network. | <p>Eliminating the copayments, starting in October 2001. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Extending TRICARE-Prime Remote to family members of all <i>active duty</i> soldiers. | <p>Extending TRICARE-Prime Remote coverage to family members of all active duty personnel. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Achieving unrestricted access to quality health care for every category of military beneficiary. | <p>Providing lifetime TRICARE eligibility for Medicare-eligible military retirees and their families beginning in October 2001—no enrollment fees, no copayments, no deductibles. Reducing annual maximum out-of-pocket expense for retiree TRICARE beneficiaries from \$7500 to \$3000 per family. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Establishing a top-quality pharmacy benefit. | <p>Restoring pharmacy access to all Medicare-eligible retirees, starting 1 April 2001. Expanding Department of Defense mail order and network retail pharmacy programs to allow participation by all beneficiaries. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fully funding the Defense Health program. | <p>Authorizing \$11.8 billion for defense health programs (\$170 million more than the President's budget). Creating a retiree health care trust fund to make TRICARE-for-life a permanent and fully funded entitlement. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Closing the pay gap between military and private sector pay by 2006. Reforming pay table for grades E-5 through E-7. | <p>Narrowing the pay gap from 13.5 percent in 1998 to less than 10 percent for 2001 (4.8 percent (FY00) and 3.7 percent (FY01) military pay raises). Reforming pay table for grades E-5 through E-7 starting in July 2001. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reducing soldiers' out-of-pocket expenses for housing to 15 percent in 2001, with continued reductions each year thereafter, eliminating the expense entirely by 2005. | <p>Reducing soldiers' out-of-pocket expenses for housing to 14.5 percent in 2001, eliminating the expense entirely by the year 2005. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> |

well-being

Well-being

AUSA and others spoke out for:

- Achieving **affordable, adequate housing** for single/unaccompanied soldiers and soldiers with families.
- Fully funding the **Federal Impact Aid Program** in the Department of Education budget to preclude the children of military families from being disadvantaged in public schooling.

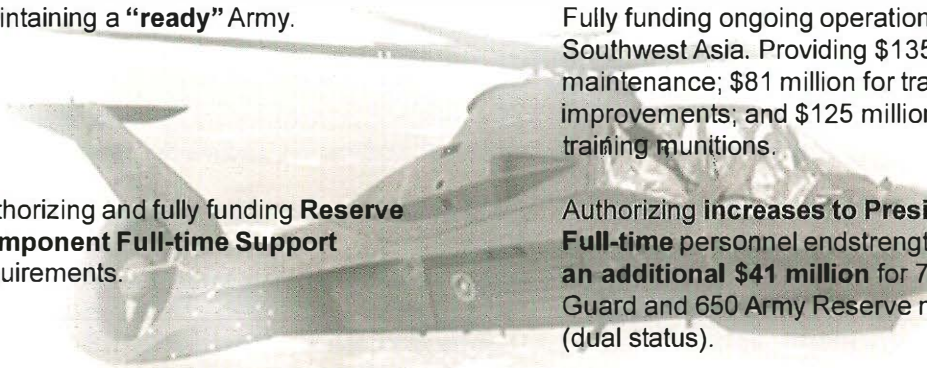


Congress responded by:

- **Extending authorization of privatization program** to build and maintain family housing. Appropriating \$874 million for family housing improvements to existing units; \$2.7 million for maintenance and upkeep of family housing (Army received funding for 382 units more than it requested); and \$758 million for construction of 47 new barracks.
- **Reauthorizing impact aid for school districts** with military and federal children at \$35 million.

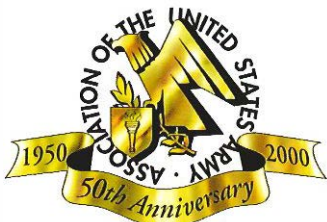
Readiness and Modernization

- DoD receiving **additional dollars**.
- Maintaining a **“ready” Army**.
- Authorizing and fully funding **Reserve Component Full-time Support** requirements.
- Restoring the Research and Development (R&D) program.
- Fully funding **Army Transformation**.
- Fully funding **Procurement** to sustain, recapitalize and modernize the Army.



- Appropriating \$309.9 billion (\$4.5 billion—1.5 percent—above President’s budget) and \$21.1 billion (7 percent) **more than was appropriated in FY 2000**.
- Fully funding ongoing operations in Balkans and Southwest Asia. Providing \$135.5 million for depot maintenance; \$81 million for training, training range improvements; and \$125 million for war reserves and training munitions.
- Authorizing **increases to President’s budget** for: **Full-time** personnel endstrength (\$26.5 million); and **an additional \$41 million** for 771 Army National Guard and 650 Army Reserve military technicians (dual status).
- Adding \$3.3 billion in R&D funding to the President’s budget, with **\$1.1 billion going to the Army**.
- **Authorizing \$1.6 billion for Army Transformation**, roughly doubling the President’s budget request.
- Authorizing \$2.8 billion for C-17 and moving funds to special airlift account. Appropriating \$160 million for Black Hawk and Apache helicopter programs; \$83 million for the Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS); \$72 million for Bradley sustainment; and \$77 million for the Wolverine Heavy Assault Bridge.

Take up the torch and join our crusade!



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