



March 14, 2025

Senators,

Each year, With Honor Action endorses several pieces of bipartisan national security legislation. For the FY26 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), we ask that you consider including the following 16 provisions in your initial submissions to SASC. As a new Congress and a new Administration begin their work, we believe more than ever that the principled veteran and servant leadership of our elected officials is the path toward a more prosperous and more secure nation.

Modernizing the Department of Defense and Revitalizing the Defense Industrial Base:

1. Fostering Reform and Government Efficiency in Defense (FORGED) Act with special considerations for:
 - a. Sec. 201 - *Transition of program executive officer role to portfolio acquisition executive*
 - b. Sec. 310 - *Modifications to commercial product and commercial service determinations by Department of Defense*
2. Shipbuilding and Harbor Infrastructure for Prosperity and Security (SHIPS) for America Act with special considerations for:
 - a. Sec. 512 - *Plan of action for use of Defense Production Act of 1950 authorities*
 - b. Sec. 521 - *United States Center for Maritime Innovation*
 - c. Sec. 616 - *Military to maritime transition*

Expanding Pathways and Opportunities to Service:

3. Automatic registration for all men ages 18-25 years old with the Selective Service System
4. Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC)
 - a. With Honor Action supports authorization of funding for the JROTC program in alignment with the expected President's Budget Request for FY26
5. United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps (USNSCC)
 - a. With Honor Action supports a \$4.3M increase in authorized appropriations in addition to the expected \$2.5M expected in the President's Budget Request
 - b. Directive Report Language suggesting a change to section 508 of title 32 U.S.C. to include the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets among youth and charitable organizations authorized to receive assistance from the National Guard.
6. Civil Air Patrol (CAP)
 - a. With Honor Action supports authorization of funding for the CAP program at \$79.0 million, which is in alignment with the expected President's Budget Request for FY26
7. National Guard Starbase Program
 - a. With Honor Action supports authorization of funding for the the DoD STARBASE program at \$53M for FY26



Supporting Our Global Allies & Partners:

8. The establishment of a preservation process of the service records of recognized “Afghan allies” in the Department of Defense
9. [H.R. 1158](#) - Freedom First Lend-Lease Act

Addressing Military Food Insecurity:

10. Basic Needs Allowance (BNA): Exclusion of Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) from the calculation of gross household income of an eligible member of the Armed Forces
11. Exclusion of the BAH from allowable financial resources used to determine SNAP eligibility

Other National Security & Quality-of-Life Matters:

12. Handicap accessibility at our U.S. Service Academies
 - a. U.S. Naval Academy
 - b. U.S. Military Academy at West Point
 - c. U.S. Air Force Academy
 - d. U.S. Coast Guard Academy
13. [H.R. 530](#) - Aviator Cancers Examination Study (ACES) Act
14. \$30M in authorized appropriations for innovative virtual reality suicide prevention training and data collection for the Armed Forces
15. Counter Unmanned Aerial Systems (C-UASs)
 - a. Ensure DoD has the necessary authorities to defend critical bases from UAS incursions.
 - b. Authorize C-UASs systems for rapid fielding and employment.
16. Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Promotion Act
 - a. To amend Title 10 to authorize representatives of veterans service organizations to promote certain benefits available to veterans in the course of preseparation counseling under the TAP program of the Department of Defense.

Our Senior Vice President, Allan Filip, is available to assist your staff with any follow-up information you may need (filip@withhonor.org).

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