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Washington Update
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COVID-19 Update

- ▶ The White House, House and Senate are currently negotiating a “Phase 5” COVID package.
- ▶ The House of Representatives passed the HEROES Act on May 15th. The Senate introduced the HEALS Act in July and it is a combination of 8 pieces of legislation. It has not passed the Senate at this time.
- ▶ Negotiations continue... HEALS includes more than \$18 billion in defense industrial base spending. Among the items the proposal would fund are additional C-130J aircraft (\$720 million), additional F-35A aircraft (\$686 million), a space sensor laser (\$290 million), and ground-based midcourse defense (\$200 million).
- ▶ HEROES contains no defense funding.
- ▶ Speaker Pelosi last week re-introduced a \$2.4T package with hopes of reopening talks with the White House and Senate
- ▶ A major difference between the proposals concerns state and local governments. The HEALS Act provides no additional funding, while the HEROES Act allocates \$1 trillion in additional aid to state and local governments.

Will the President’s Diagnosis change the politics of negotiations? TBD

DCIP Update

- ▶ The Secretary of Defense on August 10, 2020, instructed the Office of Economic Adjustment to invite grant applications to 16 Tier 1 proposals based upon their ranking by the Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program Review Panel to obligate the full amount of the \$50 million FY 2020 appropriations.
- ▶ DCIP is a 10-year pilot program that will continue through 2029.
- ▶ FY20 is the first year that OEA has made awards.
- ▶ The House has appropriated an additional \$50M for FY21. Awaiting Senate action.
- ▶ Cassidy will provide a “lessons learned” on this year’s DCIP as Columbia made the decision to not apply this year.
- ▶ Secretary Esper made military family quality of life the #1 priority in FY20.
- ▶ The priority may change in future rounds of DCIP funding.

FY21 Defense Authorization

- ▶ Both the House and Senate have completed their versions of the FY21 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).
- ▶ Staff level negotiations have ended, now on to “big four” issues
- ▶ Both bills contain language to create a commission to rename bases that are named after Confederate generals.
- ▶ President Trump has vowed to veto the final bill if it contains provisions to rename bases.
- ▶ Expect final passage after the November election.
- ▶ The Fort Jackson Training Barracks additional phase was authorized. An additional \$7M was added for a new “Trainee Barracks Complex 3, Ph2.” Thanks to the hard work of our Congressional delegation, the Army will be completing this project using previously unprogrammed funds

FY21

Appropriations

- ▶ The House has marked up and passed 10/12 appropriations bill, including defense and military construction appropriations.
- ▶ The Senate has not marked up any appropriations bills at this time, and if they do, they will move quickly and likely as a series of “minibus” bills.
- ▶ In a HUGE news story for the base, the House Appropriators added additional military construction, and Fort Jackson was one of the big winners with an additional \$42.2M being added for two cost to complete projects and one unfunded requirement.

In addition, for unfunded requirements and cost to complete projects of the Army, the bill includes \$567,500,000 in sections 123 and 126 for the following projects in the following amounts:

Project	Amount
Cost to Complete (Section 126)	
Fort Irwin—Multi-purpose Range	\$23,000,000
Lucius D. Clay Kaserne—Controlled Humidity	2,500,000
Kwajalein Atoll—Air Traffic Control Tower	17,500,000
White Sands Missile Range—Information Systems Facility	20,000,000
Fort Drum—Railhead	9,000,000
Fort Sill—AIT Barracks Complex, Phase 2	19,000,000
Fort Jackson—Trainee Barracks Complex 3, Phase 2	19,000,000
Fort Jackson—Reception Barracks Complex, Phase 1	18,200,000
Corpus Christi Army Depot—Powertrain Facility	4,300,000
Fort Hood—Battalion Headquarters Complex	19,200,000
Fort Hood—Vehicle Maintenance Shop	10,500,000
Camp Bullis—Vehicle Maintenance Shop	11,600,000
Camp Williams—Live Fire Shoothouse	4,100,000
Fort Belvoir—Vehicle Maintenance Shop	15,000,000
Joint Base Langley-Eustis—AIT Barracks Complex, Phase 4	32,000,000
Total, Cost to Complete, Army	224,900,000
Unfunded Requirements (Section 123)	
Fort Jackson—Trainee Barracks Complex 3, Phase 2	\$7,000,000
Fort Wainwright—Unaccompanied Enlisted Personnel Housing	59,000,000
Schofield Barracks—Child Development Center	39,000,000
Fort Shafter—Child Development Center—School Age	58,000,000
Fort Wainwright—Child Development Center	55,000,000
Fort McCoy—Transient Training Enlisted Barracks	29,200,000
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Continuing Resolution

- ▶ Fiscal Year 2021 began on October 1, 2020.
- ▶ Considering the Senate has not introduced appropriations bills, marked up appropriations bills, or otherwise made any progress on FY21 appropriations, FY21 began with a continuing resolution (CR).
- ▶ Both Chambers last week passed a CR through December 11th.
- ▶ The Senate's legislative calendar has been pushed back an additional two weeks due to three Senators being diagnosed with COVID-19. Judiciary Committee hearings on SCOTUS nominee Amy Coney Barrett will continue

Air Force Support of Military Family (SoMF) Report

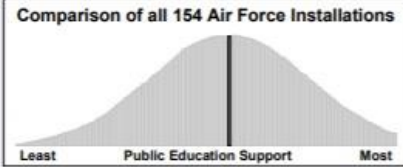
- ▶ The Air Force released the Support of Military Family (SoMF) comparative analysis results for Department of the Air Force installations on August 3rd.
<https://www.af.mil/Portals/1/documents/6/Active-Duty.pdf>
<https://www.af.mil/Portals/1/documents/6/Air-National-Guard-Bases.pdf>
- ▶ This initiative was undertaken to provide communities with information to help them determine how to better support Airmen and Space Professionals and their families.
- ▶ The results focus on education and spouse employment for our military families and are among several factors to be considered in future basing decisions.
- ▶ Other services are conducting similar studies to strengthen retention and improve quality of life for servicemembers and their families.
- ▶ Thanks to the hard work of the legislature, the Governor and the Military Base Taskforce, South Carolina was one of only six states to score all green in terms of spousal licensure. This is a huge accomplishment

Support of Military Families – 2019

McEntire Air National Guard Base, South Carolina

Public Education *

Key: ■ ≤ 33.3% < ■ < 66.7% ≤ ■ (Percentile)



Academic Performance Criteria

Graduation Rate ■

Student Learning Rate ■

School Climate Criteria

Chronic Absenteeism Rate ■

Suspension Rate ■

Service Offering Criteria

Pre-Kindergarten Availability ■

Student to Counselor Ratio ■

Student to Mental Health Support Ratio ■

Student to Nurse Ratio ■

Student to Teacher Ratio ■

Data Source	Survey Time Period	Most Recent Website Update
Civil Rights Data Collection District and School Data	SY 2015 – 2016	August 2019
EDFacts Graduation Rates District and School Data	SY 2016 – 2017	August 2019
National Center for Education Statistics Common Core of Data	SY 2017 – 2018	July 2019
National Center for Education Statistics Common Core of Data Public Elementary/Secondary School	SY 2017 – 2018	July 2019
Center for Education Policy Analysis: Stanford Education Data Archive (SEDA)	SY 2008 – 2009 through SY 2015 – 2016	July 2019

* Public Education is compiled using 60% Academic Performance, 20% School Climate, and 20% Service Offering.

Licensure Portability **

Key: ■ ≤ 1.5 < ■ < 4.0 ≤ ■ (Measure)

Licensure Portability in 50 States and DC



Accounting ■

Cosmetology ■

EMS ■

Engineering ■

Law ■

Nursing ■

Physical Therapy ■

Psychology ■

Teaching ■

Other Professions Named in Source Data ■

** Licensure Data Sources include State Laws, State Executive Orders, and State Supreme Court and Bar Association Rules

Areas Requiring Additional Support

PUBLIC EDUCATION
Suspension Rate ■

PUBLIC EDUCATION
Graduation Rate ■

PUBLIC EDUCATION
Student to Mental Health Support Ratio ■

LICENSURE LANGUAGE PROFESSIONS
No Improvement Necessary Null ■
Relative to Other Bases

Data Current as of December 2019



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Questions or Comments?