

# MILITARY CONSTRUCTION-VETERANS AFFAIRS

Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriations Bill At-a-Glance



**Provides \$250.9 billion in both discretionary and mandatory funding to uphold our commitment to servicemembers, Veterans, and military families.**

**Chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz on the FY2021 Military Construction Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies government funding bill:**

“This bill demonstrates our commitment to our servicemembers and their families and to our veterans. I am particularly proud of our increased investments in veterans’ health care.”

## Caring for Our Veterans

- Provides \$104.8 billion for the Department of Veterans Affairs, with \$12.5 billion in emergency funding to address the rapidly rising costs of veterans’ health care.
  - \$90 billion for veterans’ medical care, \$90 billion, \$9.8 billion above FY20
    - Includes targeted funding for mental health (\$10.3 billion), gender-specific care for women (\$661 million), homeless assistance programs (\$1.9 billion), opioid abuse prevention (\$504 million), rural health initiatives (\$300 million) and whole health initiatives (\$84 million)
  - \$840 million for medical and prosthetic research, \$40 million above FY20 and \$53 million above Trump’s request
  - \$2.6 billion to continue implementation of the VA Electronic Health Record System, \$1.1 billion above FY20, with continued GAO oversight to ensure timely implementation
  - \$1.8 billion for VA facilities construction, \$139 million above FY20
  - \$3.2 billion for the Veterans Benefit Administration, \$62 million above FY20, to ensure the prompt processing of disability claims

## Strengthening National Security

- Provides \$10.4 billion for Military Construction projects that improve our national security:
  - \$596 million for construction or alteration of National Guard and Reserve facilities, \$45 million above FY20 and \$28 million above Trump’s request
  - \$173 million for the NATO Security Investment Program, supporting infrastructure necessary for wartime, crisis, and peace support and deterrence operations, and training requirements – including robust deterrence of Russian aggression and responses to risks and threats from the Middle East and North Africa

## Supporting Military Families

- Within Military Construction, provides \$1.49 billion for Family Housing – \$1.49 billion, \$22 million above FY20 and \$135 million above Trump’s request
  - Includes funding to address issues such as mold, vermin, and lead in military family housing

## Promoting Equality and Inclusion

- Prohibits the use of funds for construction of facilities on military installations named for a confederate officer until the name has been replaced or a process has been initiated to do so

## Protecting Taxpayer Dollars

- Blocks President Trump from stealing appropriated funds from servicemembers to pay for the border wall or to backfill projects already canceled for that purpose