



National Guard Legislative Timeline

FY15 Budget

January - February

- Unify strategy and messaging – 1 united voice for the Guard in support of the same goal
- Engage with your Congressional delegation
 - Brief them on the Army's proposal for the Army National Guard, including end strength, force structure and aviation changes
 - Educate them about your state Guard, what they do, what they could lose and the economic impact to the state (job loss, etc.)
 - For new MLAs, share with them the history and role of the National Guard at a 101 level.
 - Maintain a positive, Guard-centric focus – “we're the solution” to current budget issues
- Support the soon-to-be-released House bill that will ask for:
 - A floor, an aviation freeze, and an independent commission
- Ask your CODEL to co-sponsor that legislation
 - Key targets include defense committee offices and offices that signed the House letter
- If they're back home in the district, encourage them to come out to see your units and what your state Guard does.

March – May

- President's Budget drops – March 4
- Hearing season begins in the House
 - HASC first, then HAC-D
- Work with your CODEL members on HASC and HAC-D to submit questions to General Odierno, General Grass and MG Lyons when they are called to testify at posture hearings
 - Proposed question topics include Army's analysis, force structure/end strength/aviation cuts, impacts to states, strategic vs. operational reserve, Guard counterproposals.
 - All MLAs welcome regular updates, and most are happy to accept hearing question recommendations – you can provide a unique insight into your state Guard and the larger ARNG.
- Work with HASC and HAC-D members to include the bill language in subcommittee markups.
- Letters to the Army asking for the analysis, floor statements and statements for the Congressional Record in support of the Guard are also helpful.
- For non-defense committee offices, get Congressional offices to request in-person meetings with CNGB and/or MG Lyons.
- If your state has a chairman or ranking member of a defense committee or subcommittee, request to meet with the associated professional staff. They like hearing from the TAGs.

May – July

- Hearing season begins in the Senate
 - SASC first, then SAC-D
- Repeat House strategy points

August – RECESS

September – End of the Year

- Keep the momentum going until House-Senate conference and ensure it all makes it in as written.
- Hope it becomes law.