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Rep. Carter #1
FY27 MILCON/VA
Manager's Amendment

**Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies
Appropriations Bill, FY27
Manager's Amendment
Rep. John Carter
April 21, 2026**

In the bill

Page 36, line 21, after the period insert the following: “: *Provided further*, That 25 percent of the funds made available under this heading shall not be available for obligation or expenditure until the Secretary of Veterans Affairs appears before the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress to testify on the President’s budget request for fiscal year 2027.”

Page 45, line 16, delete the period and add: “; and, in addition, \$53,715,000,000, which shall become available on October 1, 2027, and shall remain available until September 30, 2029.”

In the report

On page 7 after the header “Mass Timber” insert the following new paragraph:

Unified Facilities Criteria for Additive Manufacturing in Military Construction.—The Committee applauds the Department of Defense’s continued advancement and application of additive manufacturing technologies in military construction. The Committee encourages the Department of Defense, through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC), in coordination with the Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command and the Air Force Civil Engineer Center, to prioritize the development, validation, and standardization of Unified Facilities Criteria necessary to support the safe, scalable, and cost-effective use of additive manufacturing in military construction. The Committee notes the importance of aligning ongoing research and pilot projects with the development of Unified Facilities Criteria to reduce barriers to adoption and facilitate more rapid project execution. The Committee further encourages the Department to consider opportunities to incorporate additive manufacturing into contingency construction, expeditionary basing, and infrastructure resilience efforts.

On page 9, strike the header “Enhanced Use Lease Projects.”

On page 11, before the header “Maritime Prosperity Zones” insert the following new paragraph:

Joint Ammunition Manufacturing and Storage Infrastructure at Subic Bay.—The Committee recognizes the need for resilient forward-based ammunition infrastructure in the Indo-Pacific and encourages the Department to prioritize identification of the military construction requirements necessary to support a joint ammunition manufacturing and storage facility at United States Naval Base Subic Bay. Such requirements may include design, site preparation, utilities, explosive safety infrastructure, force protection, access improvements, and ammunition storage capacity. The Committee notes that the report accompanying the House version of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2026 (House Report 119-162), required a briefing on the feasibility of such a facility, and further directs the Secretary of War to provide an updated briefing to the Committee not later than 90 days after enactment of this Act on the status of that effort, including validated military construction requirements, estimated project costs, proposed phasing, and a timeline for inclusion in future budget submissions.

On page 12, before the header “Training Facilities at Naval Air Station Jacksonville”, insert the following new paragraph:

Stormwater Management.— The Committee recognizes ongoing challenges related to stormwater management and recurrent flooding at the United States Naval Academy. The Committee notes that inadequate storm water infrastructure poses risks to mission continuity, installation resilience, and the training of future naval officers. The Committee supports continued investment in modern, reliable storm water management systems and integrated infrastructure solutions to mitigate flooding risks and ensure uninterrupted operations and long-term mission readiness.

On Page 21, before the header entitled, “Less-than-Lethal Technology” insert the following new paragraph:

Herbicide Testing in Puerto Rico.—The Committee is aware of evidence indicating that the U.S. military conducted herbicide testing on mainland Puerto Rico from the late 1950s through 1968. The Committee notes that, despite this evidence, Puerto Rico does not appear on

the Department of Defense’s 2019 list of locations where tactical herbicides were tested, used, or stored outside Vietnam, and therefore is not reflected in current VA regulatory or sub-regulatory guidance. The Committee urges the Department to work with the Department of Defense to review this information and update its list as appropriate and urges the Department to evaluate whether its regulations and guidance fully account for the available evidence regarding herbicide activities in Puerto Rico. The Committee requests that both Departments provide an update to the Committees on Appropriations within 180 days of enactment summarizing any reviews conducted, any updates made, and if either Department determines it cannot make such updates, the rationale for that determination.

On page 22, before the header “Reproductive Health Services”, insert the following new paragraph:

Physical Identification Cards.—The Committee recognizes that veterans may prefer a physical identification card as opposed to the digital Veteran Identification Card. The Committee requests a briefing not later than 60 days after enactment on renewing production and distribution of physical Veteran Identification Cards to address veteran concerns.

On page 22, before the header “Stuck on Hold Act”, insert the following new paragraph:

Safe Parking.—The Committee recognizes the success of partnerships between Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Centers, including the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center, and local communities to develop Safe Parking programs that provide veterans living in vehicles with secure overnight parking and access to support services. The Committee encourages the VA to expand such partnerships, where feasible, and to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate not later than 180 days after enactment of this Act describing existing programs, barriers to expansion, and a plan for scaling these programs in communities with demonstrated need, including any additional authorities or resources required.

On page 27, before the header “Veteran Transition Assistance Grant Program (VTAG), insert the following new paragraph:

Home Loan Flexibility – The Committee recognizes evolving housing preferences among veterans, including increased interest in non-traditional living arrangements—such as recreational

vehicles (RVs) and manufactured or mobile homes—used as long-term or permanent residences. The Committee further recognizes that in certain housing markets, lower-cost alternatives such as RV-based living and manufactured housing may provide an accessible pathway to housing stability for some veterans. Accordingly, the Committee directs the VA to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate, not later than 180 days after enactment of this Act, assessing the feasibility and policy implications of modifying existing authorities under chapter 37 of title 38, United States Code, to permit the use of the VA Home Loan Guaranty Program for the purchase of land on which an RV, manufactured, or mobile home would be permanently sited as a primary residence.

On page 30, after the header “Military Sexual Trauma”, insert the following new paragraph:

Outreach to Veterans.—The Committee continues to support the purposes authorized under 38 U.S.C. 6307 for outreach to States and Indian Tribes to carry out programs that improve outreach and assistance to veterans and associated parties and directs the Department to maintain funding levels from fiscal year 2026 for these purposes.

On page 31, before the header “Essential Medical Devices”, insert the following new paragraph:

Equitable Care for Veterans.—As the Veterans Health Administration considers policies that would disregard state anesthesia licensure and practice standards, the Committee requests the Under Secretary of Health submit to the Committee a report on how the Under Secretary intends to ensure that veterans who receive hospital care and medical services furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs, particularly veterans who are eligible for such care and services under the PACT Act (Public Law 117-168) and the amendments made by that Act, will not receive a lower standard of care than individuals who receive care in non-Department facilities located in the same state or jurisdiction.

On page 32, before the header “Support for FAS Veterans”, insert the following new paragraph:

Health Care Services in the Freely Associated States.—From funds appropriated for Medical Services, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in coordination with the Secretary of State

may advance the Circular 175 process and enter into agreements with the governments of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau, to facilitate the furnishing of health services, including telehealth, mail order pharmacy, and Beneficiary Travel, pursuant to and in order to carry out section 209(a) of the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2024 (Public Law 118-42). The Committee reminds the VA that that efforts to promote or enhance the Foreign Medical Program under 38 U.S.C 1724(b)(1) for veterans in the Freely Associated States does not suffice or meet Congressional intent outlined in Public Law 118-42.

On page 34, before the header “Reducing Health and Economic Burden of Chronic Liver Disease”, insert the following:

NAVIGATE Program.—The Committee recognizes the need to improve access to advanced cancer care for veterans, particularly in areas with high veteran populations and elevated cancer incidence rates. The Committee notes the value of collaboration between the Department and the National Cancer Institute, including through the NCI-VA Interagency Group to Accelerate Trials Enrollment (NAVIGATE) program and partnerships with NCI-designated comprehensive cancer centers. The Committee encourages the VA to leverage existing partnerships and explore opportunities to expand collaboration to improve veterans' access to cutting-edge cancer treatments and clinical research, including precision oncology and immunotherapy. The Committee further encourages the VA to assess geographic gaps in access to such care and partnerships, particularly in States with large veteran populations and high cancer incidence rates. The Committee directs the VA to submit a report to the Committee within 90 days of enactment of this Act detailing: (1) the current availability of NCI-supported clinical research opportunities for veterans across VA medical facilities; (2) existing partnerships with NCI-designated comprehensive cancer centers; and (3) options to improve access to advanced cancer care and clinical research opportunities for veterans in underserved areas.

On Page 37, after the header titled “Lymphedema”, insert the following paragraph:

Fall Prevention.—The Committee appreciates the work the Administration has done to address and reduce fall risks in older veterans. The Committee encourages the Administration to expand its work on fall prevention.

On page 44, in the header titled “Nonaddictive Opioid Alternatives” in the third sentence following the word “acute” insert “and chronic”.

On page 48, before the header “Naloxone by Mail”, insert the following new paragraph:

Medication-Assisted Treatments.—The Committee encourages VA to expand clinical education among its primary care practitioners on use of long-acting injectable medications (LAIs) that are FDA-approved for the treatment of alcohol use disorder, opioid use disorder, and serious mental illnesses, as clinically indicated.

On Page 50, after the header titled “Suicide Prevention Using Predictive Modeling”, insert the following paragraph(s):

Veteran Suicides and AI Threat Detection.—The Committee encourages the Department to implement AI security technology at Veterans Affairs locations to address the parking lot suicide problem and increase current safety efforts to protect Veterans and staff at VA locations. AI threat detection technology will integrate with security cameras to increase situational awareness and alerting for the proper authorities.

Veteran Suicide Prevention at VA Facilities.—The VA Office of Inspector General Report 25-01135-196 found that police positions were the most frequently reported severe nonclinical occupational staffing shortage at VA facilities. The Committee is concerned that these shortages may undermine the VA facilities’ ability to maintain safe environments for staff and Veterans seeking care. The Committee directs the Department of Veterans Affairs to submit a report to the relevant Committees within 90 days of enactment of this Act detailing the policies, procedures, and staffing levels in place to prevent incidents of self-harm within VA facilities, including an assessment of VA protocols for screening and securing firearms on VA property and notifying staff and patients when incidents occur.

On page 54, before the header “Staffing Report”, insert the following new paragraph:

Honoring Our PACT Act Related Staffing.—To support full implementation of the Honoring Our PACT Act, the Committee directs the Department to hire sufficient clinical

specialists to promptly diagnose and treat health conditions that may be related to toxic exposures.

On page 54, before the header “Cost Growth”, insert the following new paragraph:

Community Care Fee Schedule and Home-Based Services.— The Committee is concerned that Calendar Year 2026 updates to the Department’s VA Fee Schedule for certain home health aide and homemaker home health services may reduce provider participation and disrupt veterans’ access to clinically necessary home-based care in Texas and New Mexico, particularly in rural and underserved areas. Not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act, the Department of Veterans Affairs shall brief the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on: (1) the rationale, methodology, and data used to establish such rates; (2) the projected and observed effects on provider participation, continuity of care, and veterans’ access to services, including in rural areas; (3) actions taken to preserve continuity of care for affected veterans; and (4) options available to mitigate disruption in access to medically necessary home-based services.

On Page 61, before the header entitled, “National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific” insert the following new paragraph:

Emblems of Belief for Headstones and Markers. — The Committee is concerned that Catholic veterans do not currently have the option to select a crucifix as an approved emblem of belief, despite its central significance to the faith of a substantial portion of the veteran population. The Committee supports providing a complete and inclusive set of emblem options that is consistent with the VA’s mission and the constitutional commitment to religious freedom. The Committee directs the VA, in coordination with the National Cemetery Administration, to approve the crucifix as an eligible emblem of belief for inscription on headstones and markers in national cemeteries not later than 90 days after enactment of this Act. The VA shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate upon completion of this action.

On Page 72, before the header titled “Congressional Commitment to the PACT Act”, insert the following paragraph:

Center for Toxic Exposures within VISN.—The Committee understands that toxic exposed veterans have unique health needs, often leading to chronic and long-term health

conditions. These veterans need specialized care from environmental medicine experts, toxicologists, neurologists, and oncologists and may benefit from a central office within each VISN dedicated to providing guidance and expert care for their unique health needs. The Committee directs the Department to provide a study within 180 days of enactment to determine if toxic exposed veterans would benefit from the creation of a Center for Toxic Exposure within each VISN.

On Page 72, after the header titled “PACT Act Incremental Costs”, insert the following paragraphs:

Review of Processes to Remove Presumptive Conditions under PACT Act—The Committee is concerned about VA processes when deciding to remove a disease as a presumptive condition under the PACT Act. The Committee directs the Department to provide a report that includes the scientific evidence that the Department relied on when determining a disease should no longer be considered presumptive under PACT Act guidelines. The Committee directs no disease be removed as a presumptive condition under the PACT Act until the report is received.

Toxic Exposed Veterans at Nevada Test and Training Range.—The Committee is aware of certain members of the Armed Forces who are unable to make claims for health care and disability compensation with the Department due to a classification issue related to their assigned duty station, such as at the Nevada Test and Training Range. Within 120 days of enactment of this Act, the Department is directed to issue a report, in coordination with the Department of Defense, that outlines a process the Department will take to identify veterans impacted by this classification issue and the policies and procedures the Departments will take to assist these veterans with their health care and disability compensation concerns.

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AMENDMENT #2
RC #1
NOT ADOPTED
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Rep. Chellie Pingree
FY27 – MilCon/VA
Amendment #1

**Amendment to the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related
Agencies Appropriations Bill
Offered by Ms. Pingree of Maine**

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

Sec. ____. Within 60 days of enactment of this bill, the Secretary of the Army shall conduct a study in coordination with Arlington National Cemetery on the impact of proposed construction of the Triumphal Arch on veterans, family members, and other visitors to Arlington National Cemetery. Provided, that the study must include the findings of consultation with a broad range of Veteran Service Organizations and organizations representing Gold Star Families.

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Rep. Madeleine Dean
FY27 – MILCON/VA Appropriations Bill
Amendment #1

LC #2
NOT ADOPTED
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**Amendment to the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and
Related Agencies Appropriations Bill
Offered by Rep. Dean of Pennsylvania**

In the report:

Pg. 22, strike the paragraph titled "Reproductive Health Services."

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AMENDMENT IN THE SECOND DEGREE
TO AMENDMENT #4 (TORRES #1)

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Rep. Carter#2
FY27-MilCon

Second Degree Amendment to Torres #1

AMENDMENT IN THE SECOND DEGREE OFFERED BY MR. CARTER OF TEXAS
TO THE AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MRS. TORRES OF CALIFORNIA

Strike the contents of Torres #1 Amendment and replace with the following:

IN THE REPORT:

On page 21, before the header for “Oversight on Delays in Obtaining DD214s from National Archives”, insert the following as a new paragraph:

Non-Citizen Veterans and Immigration Enforcement.—The Committee appreciates the contributions of all those who have served in the U.S. Military. The Committee further recognizes that thousands of U.S. veterans and active-duty U.S. military service members are non-citizens. On April 10, 2025, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Directive 10039.3, *Consideration of U.S. Military Service During Civil Immigration Enforcement Actions*, was issued. This requires ICE personnel to consider military service when exercising its discretion, and notes that ICE “will generally not initiate removal proceedings against aliens with U.S. military service who appear eligible for naturalization pursuant to the Immigration and Naturalization Act.” The Committee reaffirms and directs compliance with Title 8, Section 1362, United States Code, providing the right to counsel in any removal proceeding at no expense to the Government. The Committee further directs the Department to adhere to the Supreme Court’s 1953 decision in *Shaughnessy v. United States ex rel. Mezei*, holding that the Fifth Amendment entitles noncitizens to procedural due process, and may be removed only after proceedings conforming to traditional standards of fairness. The Committee directs the Department to submit a report to the Committee, not later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act, detailing the number of noncitizen veterans and active-duty U.S. military service members placed in removal proceedings in the preceding fiscal year, the outcomes of such proceedings, the legal representation status of each such veteran, and the duration of U.S. residency as noncitizen prior to removal.

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Rep. Torres
FY27 – MilConVA
Amendment #1

**AMENDMENT TO THE MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MRS. TORRES**

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

**SEC. __. PROTECTIONS FOR VETERANS IN REMOVAL
PROCEEDINGS.**

(a) **Access to Legal Counsel.**—None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to remove from the United States any veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States unless the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice certify that—

(1) the individual was provided access to legal counsel, at no cost, and

(2) the individual was afforded a full and fair hearing in removal proceedings before an immigration judge consistent with current law.

(c) **Reporting Requirement.**— Not later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate detailing—

(1) the number of non-citizen veterans placed in removal proceedings in the preceding fiscal year;

(2) the outcomes of such proceedings; and

(3) the legal representation status of each such veteran.

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AMENDMENT #5
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Rep. Torres
FY27 - MilConVA
Amendment #2

**Amendment to the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, AND
RELATED AGENCIES Appropriations Bill**

Offered by Mrs. Torres

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

**SEC. ____. PROHIBITION ON REPROGRAMMING FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE
IRAN WAR**

No funds in this Act may be transferred or reprogrammed to finance the involvement of United States military forces in hostilities in or over or from off the shores of Iran, unless specifically authorized hereafter by the Congress.

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AMENDMENT #6
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NOT ADOPTED
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Rep. Veronica Escobar
FY27 – MILCON/VA
Amendment #1

**AMENDMENT TO MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MS. ESCOBAR OF TEXAS**

In the bill:

On page 88, strike section 413.

**Amendment to the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and
Related Agencies Appropriations Bill
Offered by Rep. Perez of Washington**

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

“No funds from this Act shall be used for the construction of the Triumphal Arch.”

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AMENDMENT #7
RCHS
NOT APPROVED
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