



## National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020

The House (H.R. 2500) and Senate (S. 1790) each passed their version of the NDAA. When Congress returns from summer recess in September they will, hopefully, quickly move to conference to resolve their differences. Here are some of the sections that need to be resolved:

- **House Section 511** – Reinstates the mandatory requirement for Reserve Chiefs to be appointed in the grade of lieutenant general. ([17-03 3-Star Reserve Component Chief and National Guard Director Positions](#))
- **House Section 512** – Authority to defer mandatory separation at age of officer in medical specialties in the RC. ([16-02 Mandatory Retirement Age for Medical Officers](#))
- **House Section 545** - Clarifications regarding scope of employment and reemployment rights (binding arbitration) of members of the uniformed services. ([16-28 Improve USERRA](#))
- **House Section 546** - Military orders required for termination of leases pursuant to the servicemembers civil relief act. ([16-27 Improve SCRA](#))
- **House Section 566** – Records of service for reserves to establish a DD Form 214-like form for the RC. ROA will continue to ask for changes to the DD214 and for the form to be accepted by the Department of Veterans Affairs. ([17-04 DD Form 214 Issued upon Separation from the Reserve Component](#))
- **House Section 575** - Absentee ballot tracking program. ([17-08 Need to Improve Military Voting](#))
- **House Section 576** – Annual state report card expands Military Student Identifier to include National Guard and Reserve children. (ROA has been working on this since the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission when they agreed the request by ROA to include RC children.)
- **House Section 520G** - Permanent extension of suicide prevention and resilience program for the reserve components. (Outcome of the Suicide Seminar that ROA co-chaired with NGAUS and EANGUS)
- **House Section 627** - Consideration of service on active duty to reduce age of eligibility for retired pay for non-regular service. (ROA legislative priority in the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress to fix pre-planned involuntary deployments (10 USC 12304b) that was established by DoD without benefits)



- **House Section 631** - GAO review of defense resale optimization study and Section 632. Report regarding management of military commissaries and exchanges. (ROA worked this as part of the AAFES Retirement council and [17-18 Retention of Military Commissaries as an Incentive](#))
- **House Section 703** - Modification of eligibility for TRICARE Reserve Select for certain members of the selected reserve. (ROA legislative priority in the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress)
- **House Section 718** - Limitation on the realignment or reduction of military medical manning end strength. (ROA emerging issue that ROA requested until determination could be made to the full effect to the Reserve Components.)

There were no sections in the Senate bill that were relevant to the Reserve Components but there may still be amendments to be posted that may apply.

This is a partial list of legislative sections that ROA supported that will be included in the end of year legislative accomplishments.