

Army releases Army Posture Statement, 2012

2012 Army Posture Statement

The 2012 Army Posture Statement is the written expression of the Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Staff of the Army to Congress for the annual posture hearings. The Army Posture Statement informs Congress on the state of the Army and outlines the Armys priorities for Congress to consider when reviewing the Presidents budget for the following fiscal year.

The Army Posture Statement also informs internal and external audiences about recent Army accomplishments and current initiatives. The online version of the Army Posture Statement includes 18 addenda which explain key programs and policies, including ARFORGEN, Equipment Reset, Energy, Cyber, Equipment Modernization and the Army Profession. It also contains over 330 information papers which provide details on important initiatives and activities.

Strategic Contest and 3 Focus Areas

The 2012 Army Posture Statement describes this years strategic context and identifies three focus areas of the Army. After the Department of Defense published its Sustaining U.S. Global Leadership: Priorities for 21st Century Defense (http://www.defense.gov/news/Defense_Strategic_Guidance.pdf) and Defense Budget Priorities and Choices (http://www.defense.gov/news/Defense_Budget_Priorities.pdf) leaders across the Army Headquarters assessed the Armys posture and developed a plan

for the future of the Army as part of the Joint Force of 2020. The Army also developed a public website to publish the Army Posture Statement which includes supporting addenda and information papers. The Army Posture Statement, addenda, and information papers are accessible online at Army Posture Statement 2012. (<http://www.army.mil/aps/12>) (Note: This site will go live at 2 p.m. EST.)

The Army Posture Statement provides Congress, the Army community, think tanks, the defense industry, and other interested parties, an overview of the Army - strategic context and focus areas - in these times of fiscal realities. The Army Posture Statement is an authoritative document that highlights what the Army is doing around the world, and communicates the challenges the Army will face.

Additional Resources

The print version of the Posture Statement will be provided to each member of Congress prior to senior Army leader testimony related to the fiscal year 2013 budget. The on-line version of the Army Posture Statement 2012 (<http://www.army.mil/aps/12>) will be available today at 2 p.m. and will remain available throughout the year. The Posture Statement will be printed in booklet format and available in March through the Executive Strategy Group, Office of the Director of the Army Staff. Subject matter experts will periodically update information papers on the 2012 Army Posture Statement website to ensure that they remain current and relevant.

Sustaining U.S. Global Leadership: Priorities for 21st Century Defense (http://www.defense.gov/news/Defense_Strategic_Guidance.pdf)(PDF)

Defense Budget Priorities and Choices (http://www.defense.gov/news/Defense_Budget_Priorities.pdf) (PDF)

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