

Army National Guard

Report Language: Morrisville, NC Army Aviation Support Facility #1 Facility Expansion

The Committee recognizes the importance to the North Carolina Army National Guard of Army Aviation Support Facility #1 located at Morrisville, NC. AASF#1 was constructed in 1988 and has not undergone any significant improvement or expansion since that date, despite growing facility needs for housing heavy aircraft. The Committee recommends that the Department move this project into the Future Year Defense Program, and requests the National Guard Bureau to submit a status report on design and construction for this facility no later than February 1, 2010.

The Army Aviation Support Facility (AASF) #1, located in Morrisville, NC, is a critical asset for the North Carolina Army National Guard. It is currently home to 24 AH64 D (Longbow Apache) helicopters, 4 LUH (Lakota) helicopters, 4 OH58 helicopters, and 1 C26 fixed wing aircraft. Built in 1988, this facility has not undergone expansion or upgrade in 20 years. Due to the size and number of advanced aircraft now stationed at AASF #1, all aircraft cannot now be sheltered. Moreover, storage space for parts and ground support equipment is extremely limited. Report language urging the Department of Defense to add AASF #1 to the Future Year Defense Program (FYDP) would ensure that the AASF #1 complex can continue its critical support for heavy air operations of the North Carolina National Guard.

Expansion and upgrade of the AASF #1 is necessary to support the heavy air operations of the North Carolina National Guard. These heavy air operations are vital to the North Carolina National Guard's national security and disaster response missions.