

## Defense

The President's most important priority is protecting the American people. The President's FY 2006 Budget request reinforces his unwavering commitment to ensuring that our men and women in uniform have what they need to help protect our homeland, defeat terrorism around the world, and support new democracies in Iraq and Afghanistan. During this Administration, the Department of Defense (DOD) has received the largest increase in funding since the Reagan Administration – and this Budget builds upon that record.

The 2006 request represents a 41-percent increase over 2001 and a 4.8-percent increase over 2005. The Department has used these resources to transform our Nation's military capabilities to meet future threats, to improve the quality of life for our troops and their families, and to fight the Global War on Terror.

- The President's FY 2006 Budget builds on the successes of the last four years. It includes:

### **Overall:**

- A 4.8-percent increase in overall defense spending, or 41 percent since 2001; and
- A 3.1-percent pay raise for our troops and additional resources to support recruiting and retention.

### **War on Terror:**

- An increase of 1,400 special-operations personnel over 2005, whose capabilities have contributed significantly to the War on Terror;
- Authority to spend \$300 million, with substantial additional supplemental funding to be requested later, for the Commander's Emergency Response Program to help local commanders quickly deal with short-term needs such as education, healthcare, electricity, water, and security;
- Substantial resources to strengthen U.S. intelligence capabilities and a commitment to transform them to more effectively meet the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century; and
- Authority to spend \$750 million, with additional supplemental funding to be requested later, to train and equip Afghan and Iraqi security forces, which will enable the Afghan and Iraqi people to assume more responsibility for their own security.
- In addition to his FY 2006 Budget proposal, the President is planning a supplemental budget request for the War on Terror. About \$75 billion of this supplemental request is for the Department of Defense. This request would make good on the President's pledge to give our troops whatever they need for their ongoing missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. It also makes clear that we will continue to stand with the Iraqi and Afghan people against the terrorists desperately trying to block democracy and the advance of human rights.
- The President's Budget and FY 2005 Supplemental will continue the fielding of 8,275 Uparmored "Humvees", over 26,000 vehicle add-on-armor kits, and individual soldier body armor for all soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan, fully meeting the current requirements for protecting our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

- The President will seek authority to dramatically increase the payments made to the survivors of those troops who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country in the War on Terror.

**Quality of Troop Life:**

- \$4.2 billion for military housing to eliminate 30,500 inadequate housing units in FY 2006 and to ensure that families living off-base will have their total average housing costs fully paid;
- \$19.8 billion, an increase of \$1.6 billion over 2005, to continue providing troops and their families with comprehensive and quality health care;
- \$203 million for education assistance for members of the National Guard and Reserve who are mobilized in the War on Terror.

**Transformation:**

- \$35 billion more between now and 2011 for a modular and scalable Army and for increasing the number of active Army combat brigades by 30 percent;
- \$3.5 billion more between 2006 and 2011 to implement the Global Posture Initiative, which will increase U.S. responsiveness and allow for the return of 70,000 U.S. troops from Cold War bases;
- \$3.4 billion, an increase of \$600 million over 2005, for the Army's Future Combat System (FCS), which will provide 18 new systems (ranging from unmanned aerial vehicles, new sensors, unmanned ground systems, and new armored fighting vehicles) to re-equip the Army for the highly mobile, network-centric warfare of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century;
- \$1.7 billion for Unmanned Vehicles, which perform hazardous tasks without risking the lives of soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen; and
- \$613 million for the Littoral Combat Ship and its associated weapons systems – a transformational ship that can be configured into three different versions.