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Congresswoman Hartzler secures prominent role for FLW and Whiteman AFB in protecting national security



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Missouri's Fort Leonard Wood and Whiteman Air Force Base will continue to play prominent roles in America's national security thanks to approval of the National Defense Authorization Act by Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler (MO-4) and her fellow members of the House Armed Services Committee. The committee has passed the 2012 defense initiative and has sent it to the full House for its consideration.

"The legislation we have passed demonstrates support for our troops," said Hartzler. "It will provide them with the tools and support they need as they protect our freedoms and liberties."

Hartzler was pleased with passage of \$49 million in military construction for a Vehicle Maintenance Facility at Fort Leonard Wood and almost \$5 million in military construction for a Weapons Storage Area Security Control Facility at Whiteman Air Force Base. Hartzler was also able to secure \$40 million in Air Force funds for vital national security needs.

"Half of this \$40 million will allow us to house alert air crews in facilities closer to where they are needed to prepare for and to execute vital national security missions," added Hartzler. "The remaining \$20 million will support mixed conventional load capability for Air Force bombers, allowing them to hold a wide range of munitions. I believe this increase in funding will ensure our air crews have the full capabilities necessary to protect this country."

"In funding our military for 2012 we ensure our troops who are deployed in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere in the world have the equipment and resources they need to succeed in their missions," concluded Hartzler. "There is no higher priority than advocating on their behalf. Rest assured, I will continue working on providing what is needed for our brave servicemen and women as this bill moves forward. They deserve nothing less."

Vicky Hartzler was elected to Congress on November 2, 2010. She is a member of the House Armed Services Committee and the House Agriculture Committee.