

FY2010 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Requests

**Project Title:** Add/Alter USAFCENT Headquarters (Current Mission)  
**Amount:** \$19,000,000  
**Intended Recipient:** Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter, SC  
**Purpose/Description:**

The Shaw Air Force Base – Add/Alter USAFCENT Headquarters (Current Mission) project would expand and modernize the USAFCENT/9<sup>th</sup> U.S. Air Force headquarters at Shaw Air Force Base to facilitate the command and control of air and ground operations within U.S. Central Command's (CENTCOM's) Area of Responsibility (AOR) and to enhance coordinated service support to the deployed units performing those operations. The project would alter 5,000 square feet of the existing infrastructure and expand it by an additional 49,880 square feet to accommodate various USAFCENT/9<sup>th</sup> U.S. Air Force operations and intelligence elements as well as an Army Battlefield Coordination Detachment (BCD) within a centralized command center.

The USAFCENT/9<sup>th</sup> U.S. Air Force operations and intelligence directorates are currently located in five geographically disparate facilities on the base, while the Army BCD is temporarily stationed in another facility slated for demolition. The project would consolidate the command's Operations Center, Air Operations Group, Combat Operations Squadron, Combat Plans Squadron, Information Warfare Flight, Reconnaissance Operations Center, Air Intelligence Group, Air Intelligence Squadron, and the Army BCD within a common Sensitive Compartmentalized Information Facility (SCIF). The SCIF would provide the headquarters with new administration, operations and planning spaces; technical libraries; storage facilities; secure communications capacities; and data processing centers for integrating strategic intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance functions into the command's operational control mechanisms. A consolidated headquarters facility would promote efficiencies in the management of CENTCOM's air assets and greater mission effectiveness, especially in time-sensitive, intelligence-dependent operations. Inclusion of the Army BCD would also prove instrumental in the continuing development and employment of responsive and effective joint air-ground strategy, tactics, and procedures within CENTCOM's AOR.

**Project Title:** Joint Force Headquarters (TAG) Building at McEntire JNGB  
**Amount:** \$1,300,000  
**Intended Recipient:** South Carolina Air National Guard, Columbia, SC  
**Purpose/Description:**

Number one on the Chief of the National Guard Bureau's "Essential 10" capabilities list, the Joint Force Headquarters is the most critical transformation the National Guard has undergone since 2001. What used to be the State Area Command (STARC) and Air Guard State Headquarters, administrative organizations for peacetime control of units, has now developed into a sophisticated headquarters and communications node capable of assuming command and control of units from all services and components when responding to a domestic emergency. Tested and proven during multiple National Security Events in 2004, these headquarters were further validated by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. \$1.3M is the ANG MILCON share of this headquarters, to be located at McEntire JNGB, which will fulfill the capabilities vision of the Chief, National Guard Bureau and the Adjutant General of South Carolina.