

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable John McHugh  
Secretary of the Army  
1600 Army Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20310

General Raymond Odierno  
Chief of Staff of the Army  
1600 Army Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Secretary McHugh and General Odierno:

As Congressmen privileged to represent Fort Hood, we strongly encourage you to use FY15 Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) or FY15 Sustainment, Restoration, and Modernization (SRM) funding to renovate the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division headquarters. This facility is a critical enabler to mission command for a division with numerous subordinate units preparing for, deploying to, engaging in, and returning from multiple overseas contingency operations.

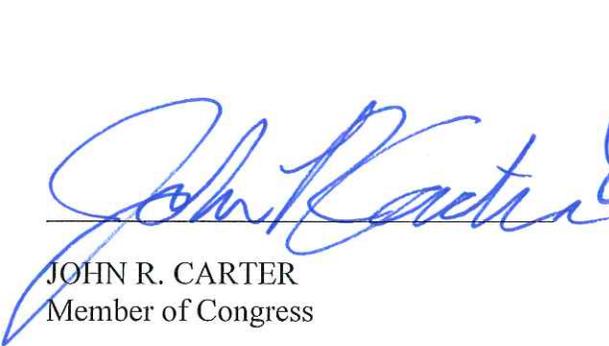
1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division is the nation's premier heavy armor two-star command. No other division headquarters provides mission command for three Armor Brigade Combat Teams and one Stryker Brigade Combat Team. We all acknowledge that two of the nation's most significant threats are Russia and North Korea, militaries with significant armor capabilities. We need to provide the leaders of 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division a renovated headquarters facility so they can successfully project combat power to oppose these threats.

1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division's headquarters building is the oldest in FORSCOM. Its outdated COIC only meets 25% of the Army standard and its Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility provides only 50% of Warfighter demand. Leadership is constrained by this degraded capability as they send their BCTs out the door to the Korean Peninsula or destinations in support of Operations Atlantic Resolve and Freedom's Sentinel. Modern division headquarter facilities must support simultaneous home station activities and deployed units participating in contingency operations; 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry's is falling short.

The most cost-effective way to modernize the Division headquarters and thus better enable our troops is to renovate it; this will cost an estimated \$46 million and will take approximately two years. It is my understanding that this repair and modernization of the Division headquarters is the III Corps commander's top priority for FY15 funding. The option to renovate the existing building was chosen over an \$80 million MILCON project to construct a new division headquarters.

We request your assistance with this matter and ask you to direct the use of FY15 OCO or FY15 SRM funding for this critical project. Thank you for your consideration and please let us know how we may be of any assistance with this effort.

Sincerely,

  
JOHN R. CARTER  
Member of Congress

  
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Member of Congress