

**MONDAY MORNING GROUP OF WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY
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**EARLY INTEGRATION OF THE MV-75 FUTURE LONG RANGE ASSAULT AIRCRAFT
INTO THE CALIFORNIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD**

ISSUE: The United States Army’s MV-75 Future Long Range Assault Aircraft (FLRAA) represents a transformational leap in tactical mobility, offering twice the speed and range of legacy rotary-wing platforms and improving operational reach, survivability, and responsiveness in contested environments. Early integration into the National Guard ensures equitable modernization and strengthens readiness for federal missions abroad and domestic missions at home. California is uniquely positioned for first-unit-equipped (FUE) fielding due to its premier training environments, expansive restricted airspace, and established aviation infrastructure.

ACTION: The Monday Morning Group requests Congressional support to prioritize the California Army National Guard (CAARNG) for early stationing of the MV-75 in the Army’s accelerated FLRAA fielding plan. Congress is asked to:

- Support early basing decisions that place an MV-75 unit in California.
- Ensure resource alignment for facilities, training requirements, and personnel preparation to meet initial operating capability.

BACKGROUND: The MV-75 is designed to modernize the Total Force by delivering next-generation lift, reach, and survivability to Army aviation.

Early integration in California supports dual federal and state missions:

- **Combat Operations:** Modernizes the 40th Combat Aviation Brigade to align with 40th Infantry Division priorities and supports theater requirements in the Pacific.
- **Domestic Operations:** Expands the state’s ability to rapidly respond to natural disasters, civil support missions, and homeland defense needs.

Additional rationale for consideration:

- **Strategic Basing Advantage:** California provides immediate access to world-class joint training environments, including the National Training Center (NTC), Camp Pendleton’s tilt-rotor units, Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, and Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms—enabling integrated joint exercises not replicable elsewhere.
- **Enhanced Operational Readiness:** The MV-75’s extended 800+ mile range, 320+ KIAS cruise speed, high-altitude hover capability, and 12,000-pound external lift capacity directly strengthen long-range search and rescue, aeromedical evacuation, wildfire support, and disaster response across California and the Western United States.
- **Alignment with Pacific Theater Priorities:** California’s geography and operational environment mirror the distances, maritime terrain, and dispersal challenges of the Indo-Pacific, making early fielding in the CAARNG a force-multiplying investment for joint readiness and future combat operations.

