

# Pacific Forces Wish List Seeks \$3.5 Billion More Than Biden Budget

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*U.S. Indo-Pacific Command is asking Congress for a \$3.5 billion plus-up over the president's budget request as it seeks to bolster its presence in the region to deter China.*

The command's wish list is the largest request on the unfunded priorities lists of six combatant commands obtained by Defense News.

Africa Command came in a distant second at \$397.8 million for its unfunded priorities list, which is largely devoted to developing a "persistent presence" in Somalia.

The \$376.7 million Northern Command wish list asks for several key upgrades to the air defense architecture of North American Aerospace Defense Command. A significant portion of the \$278.3 million list for Southern Command, which oversees U.S. forces in Latin America, is also allocated for air defenses.

European Command's \$159.5 million list also includes more cash to upgrade its bases against missile threats, while Central Command, which oversees U.S. forces in the Greater Middle East, cites [the threat of Iranian drones](#) in its \$280 million unfunded priorities list.

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