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Five Communities Named 2020 Great American Defense Communities

Washington, D.C. – Five communities around the country have been named to the 2020 class of Great American Defense Communities, the Association of Defense Communities (ADC) announced this week in conjunction with USAA, the program’s official sponsor.

The Great American Defense Communities program, now in its fifth year, recognizes military communities and regions that help improve the quality of life for service members and military families. The 2020 class includes Central Arkansas; Davis and Weber Counties in Utah; the Greater Abilene region in Texas; Junction City, Kansas; and St. Clair County, Ill.

“The men and women who serve our nation deserve our full support whether they are on a mission abroad or on duty at an installation closer to home,” said Joe Driskill, ADC president.

“We at ADC feel it is important to recognize defense communities for the part they play in strengthening our military.”

The Great American Defense Communities program is designed to highlight the overall support that communities and regions in the U.S. provide to service members, veterans and military families. Communities are chosen through a competitive nomination process based on community and integration programs, educational and employment opportunities, and family support initiatives.

“Communities across the country have found many ways to show service families they are welcome and appreciated in and outside the installation gate,” said Mike Kelly, assistant vice president of Military Affairs at USAA. “The Great American Defense Communities program demonstrates USAA’s advocacy for the military community and allows USAA to express to the men and women who serve our nation as well as the communities where they live and work that they are supported.”

Defense communities and regions that are home to active military installations are eligible to apply each year. This year’s selected communities will be honored throughout the year, including a visit from ADC’s leadership and special recognition at the Defense Communities National Summit in Washington, D.C., in June 2020.

About ADC

ADC is the connection point for leaders from communities, states, the military and industry on community-military issues and installation management to enhance knowledge, information sharing and best practices. With nearly 300 communities, states, regions, and affiliated industry organization as members, ADC represents every major defense community/state in the nation. To learn more, visit defensecommunities.org.

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