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## **Michael Houlemard, Jr. Receives Association of Defense Communities Redevelopment Leadership Award**

June 10, 2019, Washington—Fort Ord Reuse Authority Executive Officer Michael Houlemard, Jr. has been honored with the 2019 John Lynch Base Redevelopment Leadership Award from the Association of Defense Communities (ADC). He accepted the award from Representative Jimmy Panetta (CA-20) at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., at the 2019 Defense Communities National Summit.

Houlemard has served as Executive Officer since 1997, accepting the responsibility of guiding the planning, implementation, and financing of the redevelopment of the former Fort Ord Military Base. Under his leadership, Fort Ord Reuse Authority has focused on projects that benefit the region, including the establishment of a university, residential units, a shopping district, and a medical facility that serves both active duty service members and veterans.

“The complicated management structure required a really skillful, multi-talented leader. We found that in Michael Houlemard,” said Sam Farr, former U.S. Representative (CA-20). “The Fort Ord community of today is his legacy, and the community is grateful to him for his vision.”

As Executive Officer, Houlemard led one of the largest and complex BRAC projects in the United States, encompassing the redevelopment of the 28,000-acre former base, which spans across seven underlying municipalities and land use jurisdictions. Fort Ord Reuse Authority was awarded the 2018 Office of Secretary of Defense Award for exemplary work in base redevelopment, and been acknowledged by the American Planning Association and the Special District Resource Management Authority.

“For years, Houlemard has been a key leader in Fort Ord’s redevelopment,” said ADC President Bill Parry. “His work envisioning and shaping a new community and commerce and recreation hub in Monterey County has provided countless benefits to the region.”

The award is named after John Lynch, a long-time employee of DoD’s Office of Economic Adjustment, who assisted communities and contractors dealing with base closure and defense downsizing.

ADC ([defensecommunities.org](http://defensecommunities.org)) builds resilient communities that support America’s military. It is the nation’s leading association representing communities and states with a significant military presence and their partner organizations.

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