

2020 ADC Draft Policy Agenda

Support our Defense Infrastructure

Our military relies on a complex network of roads, buildings, facilities, utilities and land to provide the critical training and power-projection platforms needed to protect our nation. It is ADC's position that Congress support the following:

- Support a sustained, consistent defense budget that focuses on readiness and resiliency
- Make a long-term commitment to defense infrastructure by budgeting FSRM at a level of at least 80% of requirements
- Sustain investments and rebuild our defense infrastructure through a robust military construction program

Appropriate Funding for the Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP)

Authorized in the FY19 NDAA the Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) allows DoD to provide state and local governments with matching grants for the purpose of developing off-base infrastructure that supports our installations. Congress has not yet provided funding and DoD has yet to establish the program. It is ADC's position that Congress and DoD support the following:

- Fund the program at the full 2019 authorized amount of \$100M
- Develop the procedures and rules by which the program will be administered by the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA)

Enhance the Intergovernmental Support Agreement Authority

The Intergovernmental Support Agreement has become a key military-community partnership tool, fostering installation efficiency and resiliency, generating significant cost-savings and enhancing mission readiness. This authority should continue to be improved by:

- Allowing installations to retain a percentage of savings gained from Intergovernmental Support Agreements (IGSA)
- Expanding the term length of the Intergovernmental Support Agreement authority to 20 years

Reestablish the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Installations, Energy & Environment

Installations, Energy & Environment are issues too broad and complex to be included into a separate Senate confirmable OSD office. Military housing, PFOA/PFOS contamination, installation resilience and the importance of community partnerships critical to addressing these issues are fundamental to national security and require an independent, senate-confirmable position within OSD. It is ADC's position that Congress supports the following:

- Establishment of an OSD, Senate-confirmable office responsible for only installations, energy & environment

Support the DoD Office of Economic Adjustment & the Office of Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration

For nearly 60 years, DoD has maintained a single point of interaction and support with communities and states through the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA). OEA is the only means for the Department to directly support civilian activities that, in turn, provides direct value and savings to the warfighter by allowing the Department to reduce costs by shedding excess infrastructure, engaging a more resilient supply chain and competitive defense manufacturing sector, and enhancing the lethality of our assets through joint land use planning. On a similar note, the Department of Defense (DoD)'s REPI Program works closely with the services and communities to develop holistic, win-win solutions to complex installation encroachment challenges and is a key tool for combating encroachment that can limit or restrict military training, testing, and operations, protecting these key military missions by helping remove or avoid land-use conflicts near installations and addressing regulatory restrictions that inhibit military activities. It is ADC's position that Congress supports the following:

- Maintain OEA's capability to fulfill its unique mission supporting defense communities and installations
- Maintain REPI's capability to fulfill its unique mission supporting defense communities and installations

Support Communities Impacted by PFOA/PFOS Contaminants

By defining a clear standard for measuring contamination, communities impacted by PFOA/PFOS contamination can move forward with cleanup strategies. It is ADC's position that Congress and appropriate federal agencies/departments accomplish the following:

- Establish an EPA-directed maximum contaminant level (MCL) for all PFAS/PFOA, as well as defined cleanup standards for communities and installations
- Provide consistent funding to ensure impacted communities and installations are supported

POLICY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AND ADVANCEMENT

- Installation-community resilience (climate, energy, cyber, etc.)
- Quality of schools in defense communities
- Military spouse employment: standards, credentialing and opportunities
- Military family childcare access and affordability
- The future of military healthcare and its impact on defense communities
- 5G broadband implementation at installations
- Quality, Availability, and Affordability of On and Off Base Military Family Housing