



## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Defense Community Champions program recognizes individuals who make a difference in their defense communities through deeds big and small. Defense Community Champions are leaders on base, in communities, and across local governments and industry. The program, which started in 2022, is presented by Navy Federal Credit Union and is open to all ADC members. Past champions have included members of local government, school counselors, nonprofit founders, chamber representatives and more.

Each year, the program recognizes champions from defense communities across the country at the local and national level. Defense communities nominate local champions, who are recognized by their community at the local level in collaboration with ADC and Navy Federal Credit Union. Then, a small number of local champions are selected to be recognized as national honorees at the Defense Communities National Summit, an annual event held by ADC in Washington, DC.



## NATIONAL IMPACT AWARD

The National Impact Award, first presented in 2023, is awarded to an individual whose work has benefited defense communities across the nation. The recipient for this award is hand-selected by ADC's Board of Directors. The National Impact Award is a subset of the Defense Community Champions program.

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