

DEFENSE COMMUNITIES: THE FOUNDATION OF OUR NATIONAL SECURITY



ABOUT DEFENSE COMMUNITIES

For generations, our military has found a home in America's defense communities. These unique places have provided the foundation for both missions and military families to thrive. As global risks increasingly threaten our homeland, the vitality and resilience of these communities are more critical than ever. Our national security depends on America's defense communities and the enduring spirit that forever connects the military to the places it calls home.

AMERICA'S DEFENSE COMMUNITIES

Defense communities are the towns, cities, counties, regions, and states that host our nation's military missions, installations, and industrial partners. They are home to over 70% of service members, the workforce driving defense manufacturing, vital small businesses supporting military operations, and essential resources like power and water. The fence line has all but disappeared, fostering a deeply interconnected relationship where base and community work as one.

Defense communities rely on a network of organizations and individuals, including local and state governments, to address critical issues such as infrastructure and military family support. These networks vary in form and size but are often anchored by a leading organization that drives community-military collaboration.



The **Association of Defense Communities (ADC)** is a 501(3) organization that brings together these networks of support, serving as a vital connection between the Department of Defense and civilian leaders in the communities, regions, and states our military calls home. With over 300 member communities, ADC has been at the forefront of supporting defense communities for nearly 50 years, fostering collaboration and building a unified community with the military.



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