

MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL (MAC)

The Military Affairs Council was established in 1985 as a part of the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii. It advocates on behalf of Hawaii's military, as a major economic driver for the state. The MAC works to support Hawaii's location as a strategic U.S. headquarters in the Asia-Pacific region. Comprised of business, labor and community leaders, as well as retired U.S. military leaders, the organization aims to bridge the military and the community, support the needs of Hawaii-based military commands, and attract public-private ventures with the military.



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MAC's Mission

Recognizing the significant economic contributions to Hawaii, the Military Affairs Council of the Chamber of Commerce Hawaii is an effective advocate to promote, preserve and protect military missions and installations in Hawaii.

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The Military in Hawaii

The military is a critical part of Hawaii and its community. Hawaii is not immune to federal budget constraints – its strategic location is no longer sufficient to keep the existing military footprint, even as the nation pivots toward the Asia-Pacific. It is important to continue to proactively support the military's presence in Hawaii.

The following are the military commands based in Hawaii:



U.S. Indo-Pacific Command



U.S. Army Pacific



U.S. Marines Forces Pacific



Pacific Air Forces



U.S. Pacific Fleet



14th Coast Guard District



Economic Impact

Direct and indirect impacts of military expenditures are reported to generate \$14.7 billion into Hawaii's economy, creating more than 102,000 jobs for residents that generates \$8.7 billion in household earnings.

The military's investments in Hawaii totals \$8.8 billion annually and has elevated the defense sector's importance. Military procurement contracts amount to about \$2.3 billion annually, making it a prime source of contracting opportunities for hundreds of Hawaii's small businesses, including significant military construction projects.



Military Impact in Hawaii

The military is the second largest industry in the state supporting thousands of jobs for both military personnel and civilians. Additionally, military procurement contracts contribute nearly \$2.3 billion annually providing Hawaii's businesses with additional revenue and contracting opportunities.

Hawaii also attracts research and development projects with some of the nation's top defense contractors in the state, as well as provides Hawaii-based businesses the opportunity to partner and innovate on military projects.

Community Impact

Military members support the community through work with Hawaii's schools, non-profit organizations and civil defense.

Advocate & Communicate

The MAC supports the preservation of military installations and activities with business, labor, as well as city, county, state and federal leadership. The MAC communicates priority issues with key stakeholders and the broader community.

The MAC holds its annual meeting and partnership conference where key military leaders, government officials and representatives from the business community gather to network and learn more about the military's priorities in Hawaii and the Pacific region.

Community Outreach

Working together to improve the overall quality of life experience – from housing and education to becoming part of Hawaii's extended ohana – for service members and their families.

Job Creation & Efficiencies

Working with the military to create public-private partnerships, including energy, research and technology, the MAC supports job creation as well as opportunities for DOD to accomplish its mission and activities cost effectively.