



ASSOCIATION OF  
**DEFENSE**  
**COMMUNITIES**

## **ADC Policy Agenda Townhall**

# Agenda

- ADC's history of policy advocacy
- What is the FOAC?
- Current Policy proposed
- Additional items being discussed
- What is your community's #1 concern?
- Q & A

# Federal Outreach & Advisory Council

- Consists of ADC public sector members who volunteer for a two-year term at the start of each new Congress
- Serves as the political advisory and action arm of ADC
- Provides feedback to the board of directors on proposed legislation and policy positions
- Responsible for developing a drafting an annual policy agenda for the Board's consideration

# FOAC Members

Jill M McClune - Co-Chair	Army Alliance
Sandy Person - Co-Chair	Solano EDC / Travis Community Consortium
Sal Nodjomian - ADC Board Liaison	Matrix Design Group / City of Niceville
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Daniel Mann	Fort Chaffee Redevelopment Authority
Ryan Lee	City of Glendale, AZ
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Jamie Miller	Mississippi Development Authority
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Brian Dicken	Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce
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Joseph Garrity	Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Mike Cooper	State of Oklahoma
Keith Sledd	Heart of Texas Defense Alliance
Diane Rath	AACOG
Glenn Barham	Sheppard Military Affairs Committee
Brian Garrett	Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs
Mark R Shepherd	Clearfield City
Stacie Henn	Prince William County, Dept of Economic Development
Rick Dwyer	Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance
Don Anderson	City of Lakewood
Alfonso Nieves-Vélez	LRG Roosevelt Roads Puerto Rico
John Simmons - FOAC Advisor	The Roosevelt Group
George Schlossberg - ADC General Counsel	Kutak Rock

# ADC Past Advocacy

- Establishment and funding of the Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) program
- Support and protection of DoD Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC), formerly OEA
- Support and protection of DOD key installation leadership offices
- Establishment and support of the Intergovernmental Support Agreements (IGSAs)
- Support for the continuation and funding of the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program
- Support for the establishment of Enhanced Use Leases
- Request for increased funding for installation infrastructure – particularly for sustainment and maintenance

# ADC One Community Policy Agenda - Draft

- The Defense Community Teacher Repayment Act
  - Legislation developed by ADC that would provide primary & secondary educators who serve in military-connected school districts with student loan forgiveness
- DC Considerations for Politically Appointed DOD Installation Leadership
  - Develop a document for the administration a series of considerations as they look to fill the various politically appointed installation leadership positions including the current position descriptions for DOD and the Services Assistant Secretaries of Installations, Energy & Environment
- Amendments to the Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP)
  - Amendment to the Senate NDAA w/ Sen. Elizabeth Warren willing to introduce the amendment. We are working on identifying a Republican co-sponsor.
- Challenges to the Intergovernmental Support Agreement (IGSA) in the Senate & House NDAA

# Defense Community Infrastructure Program (Sect. 2882) and OEA Re-designation (Sec. 905)

- The conference requested an increase of \$50 million for the program. DCIP awards have previously been administered through the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA). The 2021 NDAA stipulates that the OEA will be re-designated as the "Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation." Other changes to DCIP include:
  - *Project priority categories:* The Secretary will award DCIP funding based on the following priority areas: military value, resilience, or military family quality of life.
  - *Cost Share:* "The State or local government agree to contribute not less than 30 percent of the funding for the community infrastructure project." This doesn't apply to projects carried out in rural areas where the Secretary, "shall not penalize a State or local government for offering to make a contribution of 30 percent or less of the funding for the community infrastructure project."
  - *The law defines rural as:* a community with a population under 100,000 inhabitants (previously it was 50,000).
  - *Definition of what constitutes an infrastructure project benefiting quality of life:* "alleviating installation commuter workforce issues and the benefit of schools or other local infrastructure located off of a military installation that will support members of the armed forces and their dependents residing in the community."

# FOAC Proposed DCIP Amendment

## **SEC. XXXX. Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program.**

Section 2391(d) of title 10, United States Code, as amended, is further amended as follows:

(a) Subsection (d)(1)(B)(i) is amended to read as follows: *“Projects that will enhance military value at a military installation determined on a project-by-project basis assessed as to how that project contributes to the current and or planned mission for that installation.”*

(b) Subsection (e)(4)(A)(i) is amended to read as follows: *“is located off of a military installation, or on land under the jurisdiction of a Secretary of a military department subject to a long-term real estate agreement, such as a lease or easement; and”*.

# Challenges to the IGSA Authority

- Current Language in House and Senate versions of the NDAA contains language that could severely curtail the IGSA program. Language states that any installation service that could be performed by an AbilityOne contractor would not be eligible for an IGSA agreement.
- Given the list of installation services currently on the AbilityOne procurement list this could effectively eliminate the IGSA program.
- FOAC is working to have an amendment introduced when the Senate NDAA moves to the floor for a full vote.
- We are working to identify amendment sponsors in the Senate.
- Without negatively impacting the benefits of AbilityOne procurements, the FOAC is working hard to save the IGSA authority and its known benefit to installations across the country

# Additional issues being considered

- Challenges with licensure “reciprocity”
- Military value definitions being used by DCIP and other programs – particularly as it relates to education
- Military housing affordability and planning challenges
- How to manage DoD’s infrastructure footprint in collaboration with communities

## Consideration of Certain Military Family Readiness Issues in Making Basing Decisions Associated w/ Certain Military Units and Major Headquarters (Sec. 2883)

- This provision would require the "Secretaries of the military departments to factor military family readiness considerations, among other relevant factors, in future basing decisions." Additionally, each secretary of the military departments would, for each military installations in their jurisdiction, be required to create a "basing decision scorecard" to incorporate military family readiness considerations. Finally, the provision requires the Secretaries address retention and family readiness issues in a briefing to Committees on Armed Services for the Senate and the House of Representatives and the Committee on Education and Labor for the House of Representatives and Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate not later than March 1, 2021.

# What is your community's #1 issue?

- Is it an issue we already discussed?
- Lack of FSRM funding?
- Housing?
- What is the issue that your community is struggling with that others may share?

# FOAC Next Steps

- Continue to collect ADC member input as we develop our recommendations for the association's 2022 policy agenda.
- Host a virtual session in December to announce the final policy agenda.
- Develop materials and talking points that members can use to advance the policy goals.
- Prepare an advocacy strategy in preparation of the Defense Communities National Summit in DC, March 7 – 9

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# Q&A

- Thank you for contributing your ideas and concerns. Please continue to do so.
- Reach out to one of the following to pass on any examples, specific concerns, or any other items that you would like the FOAC to be aware or consider.
- Your support is appreciated.
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