



**National Defense Partnership for the 21st Century**

Washington, D.C. Visit

March 20-22, 2023

Presented At RDP-21 Board meeting 2023

**RDP-21**



# 2023 Washington Visit Report

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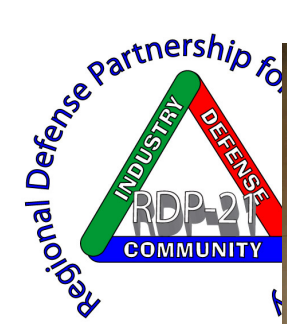


# 2023 Team

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- **Supervisor Long, County of Ventura District-3 Vice Chair, RDP 21**
- **Gene Fisher, Executive Director RDP-21**
- **Supervisor Lopez, County of Ventura-District 5**
- **Laura Hernandez, Port Hueneme City Council**
- **Martha McQueen-Legohn, Port Hueneme City Council**
- **Celina Zacarias, Dir. of Community and Government Relations, CSUCI**
- **Terry Clark, RDP-21 Strategic Planning Committee**
- **Brian Miller, Chief of Staff, County of Ventura-District 3**
- **Lynn Jacquez, HB Strategies**
- **John Assini, HB Strategies**



# 2023 Team





# Washington Visit Purposes

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- **Make & Support Legislative Requests & Issues.**
- **Address Important Issues With Appropriate Offices.**
- **Visit Potential New Work Sponsors to Show Community Support for them.**
- **Visit Base Sponsors and Customers to Show Community Appreciation and Support.**
- **Information Gathering and Socializing New Potential Issues** (*Very Important This Year*)



# 2023 Primary Issues

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- 1. Infrastructure Resilience /Deuteriation and Impacts:**
  - Lack of Funding over the years.
  - Infrastructure needs for Lab Space, etc.
  - **PRIMARY ISSUE: Electrical Power Reliability and Upgrade**
- 2. RF Spectrum Sell OFF**
- 3. Range Encroachment Issues:**



# Talking Points for 2023 Visit

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- 1. Ventura County Unmanned Systems Complex**
- 2. Stingray and numbers and concerns for Hangars and housing, etc.**
- 3. Pier Upgrades, Support for DDG 1000, Unmanned surface ships**
- 4. General Retention: Family Struggles, cost, allowances, child care, mental timely counseling.**
- 5. Test Ship for future**
- 6. MILCONs for laboratories**



# Offices Visited 2023





# Congressional Offices

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## **S E N A T E**

**Sen. Dianne Feinstein:** Ian Bryan, Legislative Director

**Sen. Alex Padilla:** Jose Villalvazo, Legislative Director

## **H O U S E**

**Congresswoman Julia Brownley:**

Sharon Wagener, Legislative Director



# DoD Offices Visited 2023

## Department of Defense

Director Operational Test and Evaluation:  
Nickolas Guertin

Test Resource Management Center (TRMC)  
George Rumford, Acting Director (Joyce Heilman)

Office of Local Defense Community  
Patrick O'Brien, Director

## Department Of Navy :

Assistant Sec'y of the Navy for Energy, Installations & Environment  
Robert Thompson

CNO N94, Director Test & Evaluation Division  
Rick Quade

Naval Air Systems Command  
Unmanned Deputy Program Officer  
Jeffrey Dodge

Chief of  
Naval  
Operations



# Other Visits

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**California's Governor's Office**

**Andreas Mueller**



# Congressional Offices Visited

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## ➤ **Office of Senator Dianne Feinstein: Ian Bryan, Legislative Director**

- ◆ Discussed Our Issues:
    - ◆ Infrastructure issues and need for upgrade to the power grid and water.
    - ◆ Need for additional funding to pay for a SCIF on base and that the new standards have made the existing SCIF obsolete.
    - ◆ Importance of child care and mental health services.
    - ◆ Support for the MRTFB budget
  - ◆ Thanked them for the Seabee MILCON Add
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## ➤ **Office of Senator Alex Padilla: Jose Villalvazo, Legislative Director**

- ◆ Discussed Our Issues with emphasis on 2 below:
  - ◆ Infrastructure issues and need for upgrade to the power grid and water
  - ◆ Explained encroachment issues NBVC to share responsibilities with a private utility.
- ◆ He Offered to Visit NBVC
  - ◆ **Visit Made April 4<sup>th</sup> and RDP hosted a Lunch**
    - ◆ Very Fruitful discussion and Started to Build a good relationship



# Congressional Offices Visited

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- **Congresswoman Julia Brownley Office: Sharon Wagener, Legislative Director**
  - **Discussed in depth the Infrastructure Issues at NBVC**
    - **Emphasis on The Electrical Power Grid**
    - **Secondary Issue on Water**
  - **Sharon offered to draft a letter to the Secretary of the Navy saying the base was in need of additional resources for hardscape, resiliency, and renewable power.**
  - **Follow-Up: RDP stated it would draft a letter for Sharon to send to Assistant Secretary for Installations on infrastructure improvements**



# Department of Defense

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## ➤ **Director of Operational Test & Evaluation: Director Nickolas Guertin**

- ◆ Continues to be a strong proponent of the T&E Infrastructure and Capability.
- ◆ Navy must conduct real tests, not just simulations.
  - ◆ Navy has successfully moved away from simulation-only tests, and that their implementation plan includes real tests.
- ◆ There Are No Plans For A New Self Defense Test Ship(SDTS), But Was Supportive Of Need In Future.

Nominated to serve as Secretary of the Navy for Acquisition.



# Department of Defense \*

**Test Resource Management Center:** George Rumford, Acting Director (Joyce Heilman) Rumford on TVL, Joyce led Discussion

- ◆ Discussed Our issues on: (Very Supportive of Issues)
  - ◆ Encroachment
  - ◆ Spectrum Sell Off
  - ◆ **Infrastructure: Rob Stevenson explained that the POWER infrastructure improvements could be a MILCON and pointed to a MILCON used in Hawaii.**

*(Follow-Up: Issue paper to TRMC explaining infrastructure problems so that TRMC can socialize)*

- ◆ They have a big focus Currently on Developing Range Support People.
  - ◆ TRMC Has Started an Intern Program
    - ◆ TRMC is very interested in CSU Channel Islands Participation and Would Like to engage with CSU on the ongoing internship program.
    - ◆ NAWC/WD NBVC location is set to get four interns from the TRMC internship program

Celina Zacarias Took Action to Follow Up With TRMC on Intern Program:  
CSUCI & TRMC Have Met Since Then



# Department of Defense \*

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## Office of Local Defense Community: Patrick O'Brien, Director

- Presented Our Concerns on Infrastructure.
- Mr. O'Brien Offered To Help With The Base's Ongoing Infrastructure Problems:
  - ◆ Pointed To Funding That Could Be Used To Improve Resilience Against Wildfire And Seismic Activities.
  - ◆ **Offered To Help Convene Local Offices, Base Commanders, And Utility Company To Hash Out A Deal To Improve The Electric Grid On Base.**
  - ◆ He Also Pointed Out Various Grants And Funding That Could Help Leverage Planning Dollars.
- His Sacramento Office Is Expanding.
  - ◆ He Said He would Have His Sacramento Office Engage With RDP

Sacramento Office Met With RDP & Visited NBVC on April 20th





# Department of NAVY \*

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## Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations, and Environment, Robert Thompson

- ◆ Presented Our Concerns on Infrastructure.
  - ◆ Mr. Thompson Stated That There Is An Ongoing Utilities Privatization Pilot Program In Virginia.
    - ◆ This Pilot Includes Slightly Higher Rates To The Base To Pay For Infrastructure Improvements.
    - ◆ This Is Easier Than Using Working Capital To Fund Improvements.
    - ◆ **He Believes The Navy Has Sufficient Authority To Engage In Area-wide Agreements To Transition Electrical Supply To A Private Entity.**
    - ◆ Any 1102 Contracting Officer Should Have Authority In The Field.
- ◆ Talked About Issues of Encroachment, Sand Replacement, Water, etc.
  - ◆ Understands the Issues and His Office is Actively Pursuing Funding to Support

Willing to Support Any Follow Up Issues on Commercial Power Authority



# Department Of Navy

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## **Chief of Naval Operations (N94):** Rick Quade, Director Test & Evaluation Division

- Mr. Quade Said That It Is Important To Maintain The Self-defense Test Ship.
  - ◆ Funding For Upgrades Is Necessary And More Effective Than A Replacement Ship.
    - ◆ At This Time No Additional Help Is Needed.
  - ◆ He Believes That The SDTS Is A National Asset That Needs To Be Sustained.
    - ◆ They Plan On Socializing A Replacement In The Fy26 Budget.
    - ◆ Then Pushing Hard For The Replacement In The Fy27 Budget.
- Strongly Supports Infrastructure Investments, Recognizing That They Often Do Not Make The Cut For Funding Priorities.
- RDP passed along the Issues On:
  - ◆ Infrastructure
  - ◆ MILCON Needs for Pt. Mugu.
  - ◆ Encroachment



# Department Of Navy

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## **NAVAIR, Unmanned Deputy Program Office, Jeffrey Dodge**

- RDP Discussed the Importance and Growth of Unmanned Activities in Ventura County (Provide Copy of Our New Brochure)
- RDP Ask for Update on MQ-25 program
  - ◆ Mr. Dodge understood the importance of the MQ-25 program to NBVC.
  - ◆ Pilots are currently being trained at Pax River but will be standing up at Point Mugu.
- He anticipates that 50-60% of aircraft on carriers will be unmanned within the next 20 years.
- Stressed the importance of unmanned activities at Pt. Mugu, including the Triton, Firescout, and MQ-25 for carrier operating environments.
- Stated he Would Continue the relationship with RDP-21 and provide updates on the stationing of 300 new unmanned pilots to the range.



# California's Governor's Office

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## Executive Director and Chief of Federal Policy, Andreas Mueller

- The primary subject of the call was to discuss the MAFFS units operated by the CA Air National Guard.
- There are two **new** MAFFS units located on-base.
- He pointed to the \$1.2 billion Forest Service operations and maintenance account as a source of money the Guard could use to purchase new equipment.
- RDP explained the difficulty with the existing billet structure and the Forest Service as Lead is the reason why it's hard to maintain staffing levels.
  - He supports the Guard taking over the program.



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