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CDCA Newsletter

1. CDCA and 2022

In September 2021, CDCA conducted conferences in Los Angeles and Sacramento. These are a model for future outreach events. The pair of conferences were on the topic of Next Generation of Public/Private Partnerships. Also, in November, CDCA made a presentation on community organizations at the Association of Defense Communities San Antonio Installation Innovation Forum.

During 2021, CDCA supported California legislation related to spouse licensing. AB107 passed, and that is a large step to alleviate difficulties with obtaining licenses issued by California Department of Consumer Affairs.

We are developing plans for events to be held during 2022. Gathering insights from members improves the effectiveness and accomplishments of our organization. Prioritizing issues of concern of our members and developing action plans are the urgent early 2022 activities.

Per Co-Chairs Janie Nall and Mark Balmert, until we are able to safely meet in person, your Executive Board will continue to meet virtually on a regular basis addressing issues impacting all California installations and working with California's Governor Military Council. We planned an in-person meeting of the governing board next month, but in light of the ongoing pandemic, we opted to pause that meeting to a time safer for all. However, there's still work to be done and invite you to let us know what CDCA should be focused on this year. We will be formulating our 2022 priorities in several weeks and ask that you send your thoughts to us by January 14. We urge you to send your ideas to jsn@c-mp.com or executivedirector@sdmac.org

2. Military Spouse Licensure Legislation

Military spouses are a key element in California's workforce as they can offer the full spectrum of professional experience to California's labor market. It is essential that we advocate/support the ability of military spouses to provide for their families. The delay in obtaining new licenses for each state a military spouse moves to significantly hampers opportunities for military spouses to work in their new state of residence. Notably, one of the leading factors service members cited for leaving military service was concern over transferring to a location where there is a lack of available career opportunities for spouses.

The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) requires the Department of Defense to consider a state's military family readiness policies, including interstate licensure portability for military families in determining whether to process with any basing decisions or establishing major headquarters in the U.S. If California does not improve our policies around veteran and military spouse licensure, the state may be vulnerable to additional base closures and be ineligible for future base missions and platforms.

The Governor signed AB 107 (Salas), Expansion of the requirement to issue 12 month temporary licenses to all Department of Consumer Affairs boards:

- Accountancy, Board of
- Acupuncture Board
- Arbitration Certification Program
- Architects Board, California
- Athletic Commission of California
- Automotive Repair, Bureau of
- Barbering and Cosmetology, Board of
- Behavioral Sciences, Board of
- Cemetery and Funeral Bureau
- Chiropractic Examiners, Board of
- Contractors State License Board
- Court Reporters Board
- Dental Board of California
- Dental Hygiene Board of California
- Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists, Board for Professional
- Household Goods and Services, Bureau of
- Landscape Architects Technical Committee
- Medical Board of California
- Naturopathic Medicine Committee
- Occupational Therapy, California Board of
- Optometry, Board of
- Osteopathic Medical Board of California
- Pharmacy, Board of
- Physical Therapy Board of California
- Physician Assistant Board
- Podiatric Medical Board of California
- Private Postsecondary Education, Bureau for
- Private Postsecondary Education, Bureau for – Office of Student Assistance and Relief
- Professional Fiduciaries Bureau
- Psychology, Board of
- Real Estate Appraisers, Bureau of
- Registered Nursing, Board of
- Respiratory Care Board
- Security and Investigative Services, Bureau of
- Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board
- Structural Pest Control Board
- Veterinary Medical Board
- Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians, Board of

Note that insurance adjusters, real estate sales/brokers, teachers and attorneys are not licensed by Department of Consumer Affairs.

Further, occupational certification may be issued by professional organizations and are not subject to this law. A certification verifies that a practitioner has met a certain set of criteria for a skill or job as measured by a third-party assessment. A certificate may be issued by a training institution or university. Certificate and certification transferability and recognition are not addressed.

The legislation requires the applicant to supply evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is married to, or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is assigned to a duty station in this state under official active duty military orders. The operative date is July 1, 2023.

3. Defense Spending by State Report for FY2020.

The Department of Defense’s Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation released its Fiscal Year 2020 Defense Spending by State report to help states and communities better understand the components of defense spending on procurement and personnel.

The report’s graphs, maps and tables present a range of findings, such as total spending figures, categories of contracted goods and services, major defense vendors and number and types of defense personnel.

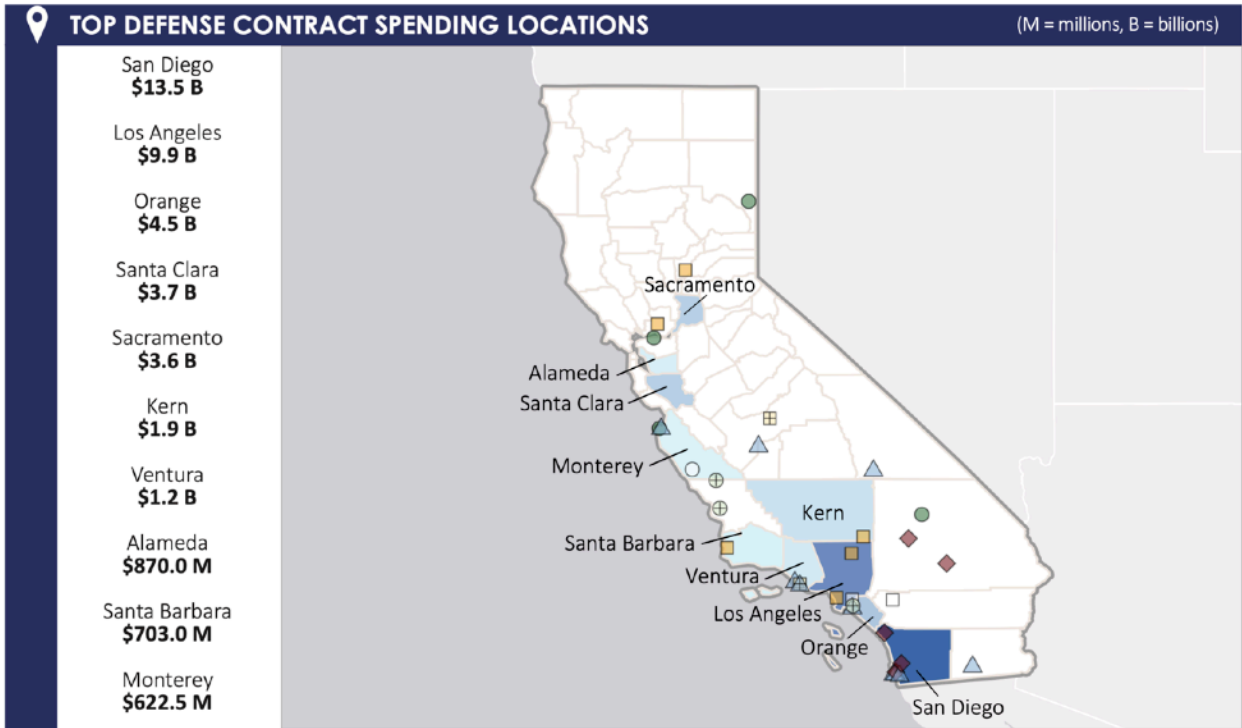
Top Defense Contractors		(M = millions, B = billions)
Northrop Grumman		\$4.1 B
Centene Corp.		\$3.1 B
Boeing		\$3.1 B
Lockheed Martin		\$2.5 B
General Atomics		\$2.2 B
Raytheon		\$1.9 B
Houdstermaatschappij Wilg BV		\$1.6 B
General Dynamics		\$1.5 B
Aerospace Corp.		\$1.0 B
Environmental Chemical Corp.		\$747.0 M

For Californias compared with the other states:

- California is #3 at \$61B
- California is #29 at 1.9% of state GDP
- Receives 10.3% of total US defense spending
- Receives \$1550 per resident
- California is #3 at \$44.0B contract spending
- California is #1 at 285922 personnel
- California is #2 at \$17.0B Personnel spending.

The snapshot provides public and private leaders with a starting place to assess how defense investments across installations and the private sector can be optimized by supporting regional innovation industrial capability and capacity, supply chain resilience, and cultivating a skilled workforce.

Patrick O'Brien, the Director of the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, states: “This report is presented as an opportunity for governors, local officials and other leaders to understand the businesses/ industries and workers presently supporting our nation’s defense, so they may enable them to remain competitive, be responsive to our future national security needs and remain resilient to natural and man-made threats.”



The report can be downloaded here: <https://oldcc.gov/dsbs-fy2020>.

4. Defense Community Infrastructure Program

DCIP is a competitive grant program that addresses deficiencies in community infrastructure that supports military installations in order to enhance military value, installation resilience and military family quality of life.

The FY 2019 NDAA Section 2391(d) of Title 10, United States Code (10 U.S.C. 2391) authorizes the Secretary of Defense to “make grants, conclude cooperative agreements, and supplement funds available under Federal programs administered by agencies other than the Department of Defense” for projects “owned by a State or local government, or a not-for-profit, member-owned utility service to address deficiencies in community infrastructure supportive of a military installation.”

Congress approved \$50 million in funding in FY 2020, supporting 16 projects and \$60 million in FY 2021 supporting 13 projects.

Eligible community infrastructure projects are any transportation project, school, hospital, police, fire, emergency response, or other community support facility; or water, wastewater, telecommunications, electric, gas, or other utility infrastructure project that:

- support a military installation;
- will enhance military value, military installation resilience or military family quality of life at the supported military installation;
- are endorsed by the local installation commander representing the installation benefitting from the proposed project; and,
- are construction-ready.

Proposals are competitively reviewed and successful proposers are invited to submit a grant application.

In FY2020, the awards emphasized quality of life needs for service members and their families. The only California award was to Silver Valley USD Sports Complex:

Silver Valley Unified School District Sports Complex (\$521695) to undertake a project to enhance the sports complex to support military families at the Fort Irwin National Training Center.

In FY2021, several awards were made in California. These infrastructure projects benefit local installations and provide support to our service members, their families, and the Department's missions. Three awards were made in California:

Groundwater Resiliency Connection

\$4,329,268 to Western Municipal Water District to undertake a \$12,457,527 project to build a local groundwater resiliency connection to support March Air Reserve Base.

Fire Station to Support Emergency Response

\$3,500,000 to the City of Oceanside, California to undertake an \$18,601,703 project to construct a new fire station to support emergency response resources provided to Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

Water Treatment Facility

\$4,230,133 to United Water Conservation District to undertake a \$12,429,191 project to construct a treatment facility for three existing lower aquifer system wells in support of Naval Base Ventura County.

Key to success is having local base commander support, non-federal matching funds, and ready-to-go projects.

5. Small Business Development in Our Communities

Small businesses are important elements of our communities, so this information may be useful to those developing strong economic activity as support to our military bases, personnel and regions. Feel free to share. This description provides links to information on how to become registered in the state as a Small Business or Disabled Veteran Business to receive more visibility and extra consideration for award of state contracts:

Department of General Services (DGS) Office of Small Business and DVBE Services (OSDS)

DGS Office of Small Business and DVBE (Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise) Services is comprised of a team of professionals at DGS where businesses can become certified as Small Businesses and Disabled Veteran's Business Enterprises (DVBE).

<https://www.dgs.ca.gov/PD/About/Page-Content/PD-Branch-Intro-Accordion-List/Office-of-Small-Business-and-Disabled-Veteran-Business-Enterprise/Certification-Program>

How to do Business with the State of California

Visit the link below which has some other useful resources such as short videos:

<https://www.dgs.ca.gov/PD/Resources/Page-Content/Procurement-Division-Resources-List-Folder/How-to-do-business-with-the-state-of-California>

Applying for Small Business (SB) or Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Certification:

<https://www.dgs.ca.gov/PD/Services/Page-Content/Procurement-Division-Services-List-Folder/Certify-or-Re-apply-as-Small-Business-Disabled-Veteran-Business-Enterprise>

California State Government Marketplace (Cal eProcure)

This is where State departments and agencies post their public-facing solicitations for bid:

<https://caleprocure.ca.gov/pages/index.aspx>

Finding Certified Small Businesses or Disabled Business Enterprises:

Businesses that are registered with Cal eProcure can be found through the search portal in the link below:

<https://caleprocure.ca.gov/pages/PublicSearch/supplier-search.aspx>

6. Next Generation of Public/Private Partnerships Forums September 27 & 29, 2021

The California Governor's Military Council and California Defense Communities Alliance hosted forums on the topic of Next Generation of Public/Private Partnerships between the military and the private sector. The forums were held in Los Angeles and Sacramento in order to reach as large an audience as possible. Experts from the Army, Navy, Marines, Navy and Air Force presented on topics including Intergovernmental Support Agreements to Defense Community Investment Program. Examples were discussed as models for action.



Ideas for the bases of the future were presented. For example, can we remove fences? Do we need gyms? Communities have the same issues as bases with water and housing. Quality of education compared with other states is an issue. As reference, there are 57 or 58 active IGSAs (34 with the Marines) and about 50 in process, for base operating services.

7. California Military and Counties Relationship

Does California law authorize a county to contract with the military for the county to provide certain governmental services—such as water, waste removal, sewage, landscaping, street maintenance, and emergency vehicle repair—in support of a military installation within the county?

Yes, in an opinion published by the attorney general of California. California law generally authorizes a county to contract with the military for the county to provide those kinds of services in support of a military installation within the county.

From the opinion: "... California is home to more than two dozen military installations, on which there are varying levels of federal jurisdiction.

We are presented with a general question, which would cover contracts with both federal and state military agencies. In elaborating on the question, the requestor gives the example of a proposed contract for Ventura County to repair emergency vehicles at the United States Naval Base in Ventura.

The requestor informs us that the then County Counsel advised that the County lacked authority to contract with the Navy to provide these services, but then negotiated a joint powers agreement for this purpose.

The disagreement over the basis of the County's authority prompted the requestor to seek our opinion on a county's authority to contract to provide the asked-about services to military installations throughout the State. We conclude that a county has the general authority to enter into such a contract."

The entire opinion is available at: <https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/opinions/pdfs/19-401.pdf>

8. CDCA Executive Board

In compliance with the CDCA Bylaws, the Board of Directors held an election of officers for the 2021/2022 fiscal year (July 1 to June 30).

Board membership is comprised of one representative from each of the Community Support Organizations and Local Government Support Organizations.

The officers of the corporation and board are the Co-Chairs, the Treasurer, and the Secretary. Due to the nature of the organization and corporation and the possible movement of people in leadership and with-in the membership groups, the Board of Directors has two co-chairpersons of equal status and responsibility for the purpose of continuity in the management of the corporation.

The Executive Board members are the two Co-Chairpersons, Treasurer, Secretary, and two members appointed by the Board.

The Co-Chairs are Mark Balmert of SDMAC and Janie Nall of Beale Military Liaison Council. Treasurer is Sandy Person of Travis Community Consortium. Secretary is David Janiec of China Lake Alliance. Appointed members are Gene Fisher of RDP-21 and Hans Uslar of Monterey Bay Defense Alliance.

9. CDCA Points of Contact

Feel free to contact the co-chairs, Mark Balmert (executedirector@sdmac.org) and Janice Soohoo Nall (jsn@c-mp.com). The web site is www.cadefensecommunitiesalliance.org. Twitter: @CaDefenseComm. (Take a look at these for the latest CDCA news.)

Mailing address is 1017 "L" Street #398, Sacramento, CA 95814.

10. Tools and Resources

For additional resources and tools to support military community interests discussed in this newsletter, see:

Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation

<https://oldcc.gov>

Defense Spending By State

https://oldcc.gov/sites/default/files/defense-spending-rpts/OLDCC_DSBS_FY2020_FINAL_WEB.pdf

Defense Community Infrastructure Program

<https://oldcc.gov/defense-community-infrastructure-program-dcip#blocktitle>

California Small Business Links

<https://www.dgs.ca.gov/PD/About/Page-Content/PD-Branch-Intro-Accordion-List/Office-of-Small-Business-and-Disabled-Veteran-Business-Enterprise/Certification-Program>

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<https://caleprocure.ca.gov/pages/index.aspx>

<https://caleprocure.ca.gov/pages/PublicSearch/supplier-search.aspx>

Membership

For membership, see the CDCA web site www.cadefensecommunitiesalliance.org or contact any Executive Board member.

About CDCA

More than a dozen nonprofit organizations formed the California Defense Communities Alliance (CDCA) with the shared mission of supporting Department of Defense presence in communities throughout California while advocating on behalf of active duty and veterans in their communities. Organizations work together under the CDCA umbrella to advance collaboration and communication among the military, elected officials, and other community leaders to enhance an understanding of the many contributions Defense organizations make to California.

CDCA mission is to support, promote, and represent the interests of our Defense Organizations throughout California while advocating on behalf of those that serve or have served in these organizations. CDCA will advance the collaboration and communication between the military, our elected and appointed officials, and our communities while working to enhance the recognition of the many contributions Defense Organizations make to California and our Nation.