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CDCA Newsletter

1. CDCA: Activities and Plans

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 licensed issued by California Department of Consumer Affairs.

We are developing plans for events to be held during the remainder of 2022. We planned an in-person meeting of the governing board, 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 therefore we invite you to participate in the in-person Summit in late summer (see the next item).

Invoices for the coming year's membership are being sent out by email. Should you not receive a statement, or should you desire a paper copy, contact CDCA Treasurer Sandy Person (sandy@solanoedc.org).

2. California Defense Leadership Summit

A statewide forum will be held jointly by CDCA, Association of Defense Communities and the Governor's Military Council August 30, 2022 at the Embassy Suites, Sacramento. Details will be provided as the agenda and speakers are determined. Sponsorship opportunities are available to help support the Summit.

3. California Defense Community Infrastructure Program Legislation

California legislation, Senate Bill 1395 introduced by Senators Bates and Melendez. Coauthors: Senators Dahle, Grove, Jones, Nielsen, Ochoa Bogh, and Wilk and Coauthor Assembly Member Smith was proposed to complement the federal Defense Community Infrastructure Program. Should this bill not be successful this legislative year, we expect that a similar bill will be introduced next year.

Existing law establishes within state government the Office of Planning and Research as the comprehensive state planning agency for long-range planning and research. Existing law, until January 1, 2026, establishes within state government a Governor's Military Council that serves under the direction of the Military Department to advise the Governor on efforts to retain military installations and operations within this state that are necessary for the defense of the nation, and to coordinate and focus those efforts.

This bill would establish the California Defense Community Infrastructure Program, which would require the Office of Planning and Research, with input and assistance from the Governor's Military Council, to grant funds to local agencies to assist with matching fund requirements in applications for funds from the federal Defense Community Infrastructure Program .

This bill would require the office to use specified project criteria, define an eligible project, and require the Military Council to rank the projects, as specified, and forward their recommendations to the office to award the grants, or, if the Military Council is abolished, would require the office to rank the projects based on the available criteria and funds.

This bill would appropriate \$50,000,000 for the purposes of the program. The bill would authorize the office to award these grants without regard to fiscal year and would require funds unencumbered after 3 years to revert to the General Fund.

4. Military Retiree Pay Tax Exemption Legislation

California legislation AB-1623 Personal Income taxes: exclusion: uniformed services retirement pay: survivor benefit plan payments is in the legislative process. As with the previous bill (SB1395) should this bill not be successful at this time, we expect similar legislation to be introduced in the next legislative year.

Introduced by Assembly Member Ramos (Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Seyarto) (Coauthors: Assembly Members Mathis, Reyes, Salas, and Waldron) (Coauthor: Senator Jones) bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023, and before January 1, 2033, would exclude from gross income retirement pay received by a taxpayer from the federal government for service performed in the uniformed services, as defined, during the taxable year.

The bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023, and before January 1, 2023, would also exclude from gross income annuity payments received by a qualified taxpayer, as defined, pursuant to a United States Department of Defense Survivor Benefit Plan during the taxable year.

5. Federal Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot 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 FY22 federal budget signed by the President makes \$90M available for DCIP projects in 2022.

The Notice of Funding Opportunity for the FY22 Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program is open. The Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program grant opportunity is available on the [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) site.

Section 2391(d) of Title 10, United States Code (10 U.S.C. § 2391(d)), 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, to assist State and local governments to address deficiencies in community infrastructure supportive of a military installation.” Community infrastructure projects are transportation projects, community support facilities (e.g., schools, hospitals, police, fire, and emergency response), and utility infrastructure projects (e.g., water, wastewater, telecommunications, electric, gas, etc.) that are located off of a military installation, support a military installation, and are owned by a State or local government or a not-for-profit, member owned utility service.

Complete proposals for Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program grants must be received by the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation by 5 p.m. PDT on July 18, 2022.

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

6. Spotlight on a CDCA member: San Diego Military Affairs Council

The San Diego Military Advisory Council (SDMAC) was founded in 2004 as a 501(c)(6) non-profit organization with a mission to support and promote the mutual business and other interests of the military, their quality of life, and the defense community in the San Diego area. SDMAC advocates on behalf of our military, those who serve or have served, and their families in the greater San Diego region. Since 2004, SDMAC has filled a vital role in advancing the partnership and communication between the military, elected and appointed officials, and the business community, while simultaneously working to enhance recognition of the military's many economic and social contributions to the San Diego area.

Our signature events are the SDMAC monthly breakfasts, which take place on the third Wednesday of every month and feature prominent speakers from the Department of Defense, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. These events provide both the opportunity to hear firsthand knowledge from military leadership and to network with more than 300 military and civilian business leaders of the San Diego community. SDMAC also hosts an annual Achievement Awards ceremony to honor those who show exemplary service to our military community.

The San Diego Military Advisory Council produces an annual Military Economic Impact Report (MEIR), in partnership with UC San Diego's Rady School of Management. The report highlights specific data on the positive financial impact of military spending in the greater San Diego region through federal defense budgets, veterans benefits, and employment impacts, amplified through the draw of defense contractors and defense development projects to our area. The most recent report can be found under the Reports tab at the top toolbar of the SDMC website (www.sdmac.org).

As issues develop where military, commercial, and political interests intersect, SDMAC continues to be a champion for communication, cooperation, partnership, and resolution in the San Diego region. In the past, SDMAC has been at the forefront of issues involving the San Diego military community to include: impact from the Congressionally-authorized Base Realignment and Closure process; impact on flight operations from the San Diego Regional Airport Site Selection initiative, and protecting the strategic role of San Diego's Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal. More recently, SDMAC is currently working to support the NAVWAR Headquarters redevelopment project, working to improve employment opportunities for military spouses in California through temporary work licensing, and strengthening our relationships with elected officials at every level.

Membership helps SDMAC accomplish the mission and is a show of support for the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families serving in the San Diego region.

7. CDCA and Association of Defense Communities

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 IGSA's (34 with the Marines) and about 50 in process, for base operating services.

8. 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>

9. 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 within 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.

10. CDCA Points of Contact

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

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

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

San Diego Military Affairs Council
<https://www.sdmac.org>

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.