MISSION
To foster effective communication, understanding, and mutual benefit by serving as the most effective point of coordination for resolution of those issues which transcend the specific interests of the military and civilian communities of the South Sound region.

VISION
The SSMCP is an innovative and flexible partnership uniquely positioned to provide regional leadership to bridge military and civilian communities.

2015 SSMCP MEMBERS
City of Lakewood
City of Lacey
City of DuPont
City of Olympia
Town of Steilacoom
City of Tacoma
City of Tumwater
City of University Place
City of Yelm
Pierce County
Thurston County
Nisqually Indian Tribe
Thurston Regional Planning Council
Joint Base Lewis-McChord
Washington Military Department
Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce
Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
United Way of Pierce County
Franklin Pierce School District
Tacoma Pierce County Association of Realtors
WorkForce Central

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Core Goals
Formalize New Methods of Regional Collaboration
Improve Regional Mobility
Improve Access to Information
Promote JBLM as a Center of Regional Economic Significance
Improve Access to Existing Services for Active Duty Service Members and Veterans
Improve Support for Military Families
SOUTH SOUND MILITARY

The South Puget Sound region is host to two military installations:

**Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM),** which was formed in 2010 when Fort Lewis and McChord Air Force Base merged; and

**Camp Murray,** the headquarters of the Washington Military Department (WMD), which includes the Washington Army and Air National Guards.

70 percent of the 40,000+ service members and 50,000+ family members assigned to JBLM live off-base in the surrounding communities. In 2013, a South Sound Military & Communities Partnership survey found that approximately 60% live in Pierce County and nearly 33% lived in Thurston County. The highest active duty populations are in Lacey, Tacoma, and Lakewood.

Washington State has the 6th highest regional concentration of military presence in the US. Of the top 10 Defense Companies doing business in 2012 in the US, 5 were located in Washington State. The top 10 Defense Contractors in Washington State made a total of $11.44 billion in 2012.

According to the 2012 Regional Economic Strategy: Military Cluster Strategy, the military cluster (direct employees and related industries) in the Puget Sound Region, generates over $3.1 billion annually in payroll within the region’s 4 counties, and annual local sales associated to military employment is estimated at almost $24 billion.

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**Elected Officials Council**
Reviews and confirms the annual SSMCP work plan
Coordinates legislative strategies
Supports outreach efforts to maintain high visibility for these issues

**Executive Leadership Team, Steering Committee**
Develops the annual work plan
Coordinates plan implementation strategies
Guides the work of staff
Seeks input from topical working groups and other subject matter experts

**Working Groups and Subcommittees**
Formed as necessary to research and implement specific strategies of the SSMCP’s Work Plan

**Members of the Partnership**
Open to any group, agency, or organization interested in community/military issues in the Pierce and Thurston Counties region

**2015-2016 SSMCP WORK PLAN**
Reflects that deployments have reduced substantially, over 8,500 JBLM service members are expected to transition off active duty per year in ’14 and ’15, and future situation is projected to hold further drawdowns and potential mission changes. Also looking to increase private sector participation in the SSMCP.

**Task 1** – Complete the ongoing JBLM Joint Land Use Study (jblm-jlus.com)

**Task 2** – Monitor and Support Transportation Improvement Efforts in JBLM Corridor

**Task 3** – Enhance and Expand Regional SSMCP Coordination & Participation

**Task 4** – Improve Outside Knowledge of Military’s Direct and Indirect Impact on Region and State and Vice Versa

**Task 5** – Participate and Advocate in State Level Activities

**Task 6** – Conduct Periodic JBLM Community Survey, Circulate Results

**Task 7** – Support Active Duty, Veteran and Military Family Workforce Development, Health and Social Services