The South Sound Military & Communities Partnership (SSMCP), in collaboration with Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM), distributed a survey to over 40,000 active duty personnel and civilian employees at the installation in October 2013. The 2013-2014 study updated the original Needs & Preferences Survey conducted in 2011-2012. The findings are being used to strengthen local communities’ ties with the South Sound military presence and to bolster the levels of service provided to service members.

2013-2014 DuPont

Neighboring Joint Base Lewis-McChord and with direct access from Interstate 5, DuPont is a thriving community including approximately 2,135 uniformed men and women (not including their families.)

88% of JBLM-employed residents in DuPont feel the support of their local community is good or very good

SSMCP MISSION:
Foster effective communication, understanding, and mutual benefit by establishing the most effective point of coordination for resolution of those issues which transcend the specific interest of the military and civilian communities of the South Sound Region.

SSMCP VISION:
SSMCP is an innovative and flexible partnership uniquely positioned to provide regional leadership
Nearly 1 in 4 of DuPont’s population is Active Duty
77% Army | 20% Air Force
Of the JBLM service members living off-base . . .
60.9% live in greater Pierce County
32.5% live in greater Thurston County
6.6% (2,135) live in DuPont
3.6% live in greater King County

Approximately 15% of the JBLM-employed DuPont residents plan to transition out of the military in the next 2 years.

45% will stay in Puget Sound, 54% of those to seek jobs and 21% for school.

44% of those needing off-base childcare feel available services meet their needs.

Most JBLM-employed residents of DuPont like what they see and can do!

41% of JBLM-employed DuPont residents do their grocery shopping off-base. 67% of residents say nearby access to fresh and healthy foods is good or very good.

84% do their retail shopping off-base. 71% of DuPont residents say access to nearby quality commercial businesses and services is good or very good.

Good or Very Good in DuPont:
94% trails, parks, water access
78% walkable destinations
65% Schools
51% culture and entertainment facilities
91% of JBLM-employed residents feel DuPont is safe.