

Providing unique regional leadership to bridge
military and civilian communities for mutual benefit

Transportation:

Address congestion issues and provide for better access to Washington State's military installations.

- Support the Creating Opportunities for Military Members to Use Transportation Efficiently Act of 2014 (COMMUTE Act) (HR 5290), which would establish a Military Community Infrastructure Program that would provide funds to military installations within or abutting an urbanized area (as designated by the Bureau of the Census) and designated as a growth community by the Office of Economic Adjustment to construct roads, mass transit and parking facilities, new and upgraded pedestrian and bicycle access, and upgraded public transportation systems.



Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC):

Establish criteria and review processes appropriate for joint bases before the next BRAC round is authorized.

- Support Association of Defense Communities amendments to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990.
- BRAC should continue to evolve, but the essential process, rooted in the existence of an independent commission assessing DoD recommendations to produce an all-or-nothing list of closures and realignments, should not change.
- Joint bases should be researched, evaluated and implemented jointly for all affected services under the BRAC process.



Sequestration:

- Oppose the continued use of sequestration in federal budgeting. Sequestration involves setting a hard cap on the amount of government spending within broadly-defined categories; if Congress enacts annual appropriations legislation that exceeds these caps, an across-the-board spending cut is automatically imposed on these categories, affecting all departments and programs by an equal percentage.



Defense Communities Caucus for the 114th Congress:

- Encourage participation of all Washington State federal legislators in the Defense Caucus. The bipartisan, bicameral caucus is as important as ever for providing members and staff information on the impact of budget cuts and sequestration on communities, installations, former and potential BRAC areas, service members, military families and veterans.



Reform the Department of Defense's acquisition system, including:

- Bring an end to sequestration
- Make the Government a Better Customer to Business - treat Business as a Partner for Success
- Empower and Grow the Workforce of Government Acquisition Professionals
- Improve Management, Administration and Accountability for Government Acquisition Professionals
- Commence Culture Change among Government Acquisition Professionals for Long-Term Success



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Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
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Tacoma Pierce County Association of Realtors
WorkForce Central

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Emergency Services
Economic Development Boards
School Districts
Public and Private Utilities
Public Libraries
Convention Visitor Bureaus
Parks Districts
Health Systems
Ports
Colleges & Universities
Wildlife & Environmental Advocates
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SSMCP 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**



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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.

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