

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.



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SOUTH SOUND MILITARY & COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP

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About the South Sound Military & Communities Partnership



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SSMCP Organization

LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION:

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
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

TO JOIN: Go to ssmcp.org to fill out an application



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SSMCP HISTORY

2010 Growth Coordination Plan

The South Sound Military & Communities Partnership was formed in response to the 2010 Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM) Growth Coordination Plan (GCP), funded by a grant from the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA). The GCP process brought together military and community leaders to discuss how the rapid growth at the bases during the last decade was impacting the surrounding communities, and to develop a regional South Sound perspective.

New Direction Post-Growth

During 2014 and 2015, the SSMCP coordinated an update to the 1992 Fort Lewis Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) for JBLM. A JLUS is advisory in nature informing local and state governments with recommendations that protect the ability of the military to accomplish its vital training and operational missions while also promoting development compatible with military presence and protecting public health, safety, and welfare. For 2016-2017 SSMCP's focus is facilitating implementation of the 2015 JLUS and facilitating work groups in Social Services, Health Care, Transportation, Education, and Economic Development.

2017 State Legislative Agenda

- **Resolve Encroachment in the JBLM North Clear Zone (NCZ)**
- **Fund Transportation Blueprint for Sound Puget Sound**
- **Strengthen State Involvement in Military Affairs**
- **Direct Compliance with the REAL ID Act**

2016-17 Work Plan Tasks

- 1. Implement the 2015 JBLM JLUS recommendations**
 - JLUS implementation began in 2016. SSMCP assists local jurisdictions in integrating the study's land use recommendations.
- 2. Develop a path to resolve McChord Airfield Clear Zone Encroachment**
 - Obtain funds and collaborate with JBLM to identify an acceptable method to resolve CZ encroachment.
- 3. Monitor & Support Transportation Improvement Efforts in JBLM Corridor**
 - \$495M of 2015 WA Transportation Package dedicated to I-5 Corridor from Lakewood to DuPont. Seek \$3M to study anticipated I-5 traffic congestion between exits 116 & 93.
- 4. Enhance & Expand Regional SSMCP Coordination & Participation**
 - SSMCP collaborates with regional partners to inform and facilitate integration of military-support activities.
- 5. Educate stakeholders on military impacts across the South Puget Sound**
 - SSMCP promotes military related economic and business development initiatives with legislators, regional planning bodies, & local jurisdictions.
- 6. Participate and Advocate in State Level Activities**
 - SSMCP participates in the state-level Washington Military Alliance as well as advocates for regional needs to legislative bodies.
- 7. Conduct Periodic JBLM Community Survey, Circulate Results**
 - 2016 survey will gather data from JBLM service members with a focus on military economic impacts on the community and perceptions of life in the South Sound.
- 8. Support Active Duty, Veteran & Military Family Workforce Development, Healthcare, & Social Services**
 - Social Services and Healthcare working groups facilitate communication between military and civilian service providers.

Upcoming Events — 2016

Ongoing Meetings:

- ◇ **Executive Leadership Team** meets 3rd Wednesdays
- ◇ **Steering Committee** meets 4th Fridays

AUGUST

- ◇ 27th-28th: JBLM Air Show

SEPTEMBER

- ◇ Completion of SSMCP JBLM/Camp Murray Survey Results
- ◇ 17th: Women Veterans Summit

October

- ◇ 12th-14th: WA SFL Transition Summit
- ◇ 19th: SSMCP Steering Committee Retreat
- ◇ 26th: Health Care Forum

November

- ◇ 11th: Veterans Day

December

- ◇ 8th: Elected Officials Council Breakfast



Why Join SSMCP?

Member Benefits Include:

Connect with a network of elected officials, military professionals and community based organizations

- Recurring access to DoD Executives and national events

Improve awareness about planned military training and operations

- Information clearinghouse on military affairs

Advocate for a more impactful **shared legislative agenda**

- **\$523.1M** on transportation improvements

Be part of a **Great American Defense Community (GADC)**

- Recognition as the Nation's Inaugural GADC



REGIONAL FUNDING SUCCESSES

(>\$675 MILLION SINCE 2009)

1. Produce and Implement 2010 JBLM Growth Coordination Plan: **\$1.9M**
2. Replace Clover Park School District's On-base Elementary Schools: **\$140M**
3. Workforce Development: **>\$10M**
4. Regional Joint Land Use Study: **\$426,000**
5. Community-focused Survey of JBLM Personnel: **\$70,000**
6. Local Transportation Projects
 - ✓ TIGER III: **\$15M**
 - ✓ Interchange Justification Reports: **\$6.9M**
 - ✓ Madigan Access Transportation Improvements: **\$5.7M**
 - ✓ I-5 Transportation Alternatives Analysis: **\$500,000**
 - ✓ State Highway Transportation Bill: **\$495M**