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.

**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.
Approximately 15% of the JBLM-employed Yelm 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.

Nearly 1 in 8 of Yelm’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
2.9% (938) live in Yelm
3.6% live in greater King County

48% of Yelm’s military-connected residents own their homes
39% rent their homes

80% of those needing off-base childcare feel available services meet their needs.

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

69% of JBLM-employed Yelm residents do their grocery shopping off-base. 91% of residents say nearby access to fresh and healthy foods is good or very good.

97% do their retail shopping off-base. 88% of Yelm residents say access to nearby quality commercial businesses and services is good or very good.

Good or Very Good in Yelm*:

89% trails, parks, water access
58% walkable destinations
65% Schools
83% culture and entertainment facilities

88% of JBLM-employed residents feel Yelm is safe.

*Greater Thurston Co. statistics