MARINE CORPS MISSION

The Marine Corps fulfills a vital role in national security as an amphibious, expeditionary, air-ground combined arms force, capable of forcible-entry from the air, land, and sea. On the east coast and within the mid and south Atlantic states area, this capability is supported by seven Marine Corps installations and two land and water bombing ranges that provide an unparalleled combination of land, sea, and air space to develop and sustain operational readiness. Within this strategic location, the Marine Corps Installations East (MCIEAST) region, state and local economies are inextricably linked to the installations which often serve as the largest employers within a geographical region. Community partnerships further strengthen the installation mission and provide opportunities to bolster the local economy and improve quality of life.

PARTNERSHIP TOOLS

As federal, state, and local budgets continue to change, MCIEAST’s dedication and commitment to local communities becomes even more critical and vital to economic growth. Additionally, MCIEAST’s ability to sustain its mission is inextricably linked with the continued support and cooperation of defense communities. Intergovernmental service agreements (IGSAs) are a popular partnering tool that enable military installations to enter into direct partnership agreements with local and state government organizations to provide, receive, or share support services that have mutual benefit. To date, MCIEAST has nearly $3 million in cost savings or avoidance using IGSAs. These agreements can also save the military significant time waiting for the completion of services and can provide additional revenue to their local cities, counties, and state. For example, MCB Camp Lejeune’s IIGSA with the City of Jacksonville enables a city traffic engineer to conduct maintenance or repairs within 24 hours on the installation, which typically would take up to 3 weeks for the installation to procure a contractor. Partnerships with local communities and state governments have proven vital for sustaining and growing the military mission in the southeast. We are committed to maintaining these positive relationships which continue to provide both the Marine Corps and surrounding communities mutual success.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

Marine Corps installations and their local communities have a long history of working together to support military sustainability and compatible economic development. One example of this effort is the Sentinel Landscapes Partnership, established by the United States Department of Defense (DOD), Department of Agriculture (USDA), and Department of the Interior (DOI). Sentinel Landscapes are working or natural lands important to the Nation’s defense mission – places where preserving the working and rural character of key landscapes strengthens the economies of farms, ranches, and forests; conserves habitat and natural resources; and protects vital test and training missions conducted in and around military installations that anchor such landscapes. To date, Sentinel Landscape partners have helped boost agricultural productivity in Eastern North Carolina and Georgia.
Home to the Marine Corps Logistics Command and Marine Depot Maintenance Command’s Production Plan. Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany supports the warfighter via logistics and by rebuilding and repairing ground combat and combat support equipment.

Location: Albany, GA | Acres: 3,300
Number of Active Duty Military: 349
Number of Civilian Employees: 2,378
Total Economic Impact: $1,568,425,465

As the hub of Marine Corps prepositioning programs, Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island serves as home of Blount Island Command with worldwide mission support for Marine expeditionary forces.

Location: Jacksonville, FL | Acres: 262
Number of Active Duty Military: 130
Number of Civilian Employees: 188
Total Economic Impact: $331,253,523

Responsible for the training of male recruits east of the Mississippi River and female recruits nationwide, Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island leads approximately 20,000 recruits through the foundations of rigorous basic training and shared legacy and core values of the Marine Corps.

Location: Beaufort, SC | Acres: 8,095
Number of Active Duty Military: 23,191
Number of Civilian Employees: 485
Total Economic Impact: $645,757,869