

ACQUISITION & SUSTAINMENT SPOTLIGHT



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- Fortifying and Protecting DoD Installations through OLDCC

A&S GOALS

- ✓ Drive Competitive Advantage
- 🏠 Fortify & Protect DoD Installations
- ☢️ Modernize and Sustain the Nuclear Deterrent, and Protect Against Threats
- 📊 Shape a 21st Century DIB
- 🌐 Enhance Global Partnership
- 👤 Cultivate our Human Capital

UPCOMING OBSERVANCES

- **Independence Day**
4 July (*federal holiday*)

CURRENT HEALTH PROTECTION CONDITION

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For more information and resources please visit WHS.mil/Coronavirus/



A&S Team,

Throughout the remainder of summer, I want to reiterate Secretary Austin's recent [message to the force](#) and ask that you keep safety at the forefront of your mind as you embark on any well-deserved leave. We share a responsibility to ourselves and one another to help reduce risks, and to ensure we exercise sound judgment to protect our team and communities from unique summertime hazards.

In this month's Spotlight, we highlight the impact our Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation has on installations and surrounding communities. OLDCC's program portfolio is currently comprised of over 200 separate grants, exceeding \$1.3 billion, and represents partnerships between the Department and most states and communities that host DoD installations.

By leveraging the full capabilities of the Federal government, OLDCC helps towns, cities, and states plan and carry out a future that is both sustainable and in alignment with changes driven by the evolving military mission. In turn, OLDCC also provides value back to the Department by ensuring defense manufacturing and supply chains are agile and responsive, as well as ensuring communities can support their local military installations through sustainable economic development and other civilian activities. I invite you to learn more about some of OLDCC's ongoing projects in the pages that follow.

Bill LaPlante

DAU JULY LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

In DoD's development and harnessing of new technologies, the Commercial Technologies for Maintenance Activities (CTMA) program continues to provide game-changing solutions that improve readiness. Tune into the next installment of the **DoD Sustainment Series** on July 12th as panelists from the Services and industry address the path to success with the CTMA program and new approaches to transforming the way we maintain our platforms.

[WWW.DAU.EDU/EVENTS](https://www.dau.edu/events)

Fortifying and Protecting DoD Installations

Having a robust military presence in your hometown can bring great benefits to your community. Military veterans tend to vote and volunteer more than their non-military neighbors, and base realignments that increase military employment tend to increase local employment across the board. Where DoD has a footprint, it can influence many aspects of community life – especially the local schools.

The Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC) is a DoD Field Activity created in 1961 to provide technical and financial assistance to states and communities invested in the defense mission. OLDCC assistance supports the readiness and resiliency of defense installations and their host states and communities, a priority for the country's National Defense Strategy, by helping them respond to the impacts of a changing DoD presence and support the mission.

About 75 percent of OLDCC's efforts focus on Energy, Installations, and Environment-related concerns. The rest revolve around the organic industrial base, manufacturing, and modernization. They have broad authority, including addressing DoD dependencies and contractor reductions and helping communities update public infrastructure and services near military installations.

A Decade of Expansion

Since the Budget Control Act of 2011, OLDCC has expanded their efforts to help industry improve their resiliency to budget fluctuations and cyber threats, and to facilitate initiatives like the Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program. This program provides long-term community investments to deliver innovation in defense manufacturing and national security at the speed of relevance. Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program grants provide competitive funding for consortia working on the Department's current needs in kinetics, hypersonics, batteries, precious metals, ship and submarine building, and workforce capabilities.

"We support a lot of Acquisition and Sustainment equities," said OLDCC Director Patrick O'Brien, "but also several across Research and Engineering, Policy, and the Services." OLDCC also has a presence on the White House Task Force on Puerto Rico. "We also support communities responding to mission growth, including over \$200 million in outside-the-fence investments in support of the Pacific Deterrence Initiative on Guam. During Base Realignment and Closures, we engage with areas to absorb former Defense property and economically recover as installations close."

Benefitting Families and Attracting Talent

Leveraging the considerable capabilities of public, private, and other Federal agency partners through state and local government engagement, OLDCC delivers public infrastructure and services to enhance the military mission, while also supporting military families. Right now, that includes rebuilding more than 60 public schools located on military bases through grants from the Public Schools on Military Installations (PSMI) funding program.

"The Secretary of Defense prioritized the schools from worst to best, and we have received over \$1.5 billion to replace or repair condition and capacity problems," said O'Brien. "In Fiscal Year 2022 alone, we received over \$500 million, and eight schools have been already invited to submit proposals to remedy their local facilities."

Those school improvements can often make the difference in local staffing retention, especially when our military families can choose where to live and work.

“Edwards Air Force Base—where the nearby Palmdale aerospace engineering and development capabilities exist in close support of the mission—sounds like a great place to be assigned, but families started to pause because of the local schools,” O’Brien said. “In August, I’ll attend a ribbon cutting on a new, \$180 million elementary and secondary education complex there.”

Benefits Extend Beyond the Base Gates

Last month, an Early Childhood Program Center project was dedicated just outside Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. The project was one of 16 competitively selected out of 109 proposals submitted in Fiscal Year 2020. Facilitated by OLDCC, the project was enabled by a \$677,238 Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program grant and matched with funding directed toward communities with large concentrations of children who live on military bases or whose parents are Service members. Sixty-five percent of the respective Waynesville Reorganized (R)-VI district student body are military dependents.

The partnership between Waynesville R-VI School District and Fort Leonard Wood Garrison modernized the former Parker Fine Arts Center on the campus of Waynesville Middle School, adding two classrooms and additional space for fine arts, extracurricular, and community events; and reducing the number of military children on the district’s wait list for pre-kindergarten.

In his remarks at the June 1 ribbon cutting, OLDCC Army Military Liaison Colonel Patrick Hogeboom called the project, “a good example of the strong relationship that exists between the community, the school district, and Fort Leonard Wood. This project helps address the quality of life issues that are so important to our military families.”

OLDCC also expects to support local efforts at modernizing their defense expenditures, including the University of Southern Mississippi; and the team is working to introduce Net-Zero energy efficiency in its schools program.

“The recent eight schools invited to submit grants under the Public Schools on Military Installations funding program will submit proposals under the Net-Zero effort,” said OLDCC Deputy Director for Community Investment Dan Glasson.

Learn more about Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation programs and projects at www.oldcc.gov.

Current OLDCC Projects in the Area

Six projects in Maryland, totaling approximately \$1,477B

Six projects in Virginia, totaling approximately \$429.2M

One project in DC totaling approximately \$22.5M

Want to see what’s happening in the rest of the U.S. states and territories? Check out this interactive map: <https://oldcc.gov/projects>



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Pro Tip: Brevity is the soul of —

Fun fact: The podcast “Reply All” explores the roots of internet memes and modern culture and is an easy listen.

Business Operations Corner

DATA-DRIVEN FOCUS - A&S QUARTERLY PULSE CHECK As day-to-day operations within the Federal Government evolve under the auspices of real-world difficulties, OUSD(A&S) is steadfast in its interest with understanding A&S workforce needs. The process of understanding, learning, and optimizing A&S internal policies requires participation and engagement with A&S personnel – our greatest strength. For this reason, OUSD(A&S) Executive Director of Business Operations (DBO) focused this month’s outreach by initiating a Quarterly A&S Pulse Check. The voluntary, completely confidential, one-question survey will enable DBO to continue optimizing A&S internal policies to align with workforce needs. This month’s pulse check had over 80% participation and revealed 63% of employees are likely to recommend to a friend working for A&S.

JULY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAILS AND FAREWELLS:

Incoming

- COL Brandon Baer, SAPCO
- COL James Burke, USD(FO)
- Lt Col Aaron Capizzi, USD(FO)
- Lt Col Adam Coyne, ASD(A)
- COL Jarrod Gillam, ASD(NCB)
- Lt Col Jason Holman, ASD(A)
- Andrew Knox, ASD(EI&E)
- Shawn Lennon, DLA
- Stephanie Possehl, ASD(A)
- Widad Whitman, ASD(IBP)

Departing

- Scott Calisti, ASD(A)
- Sharon Croll, ASD(IBP)
- Roger Harms, ASD(S)
- Colonel Karen Landale, ASD(A)
- COL Wendy Lupo, ASD(A)
- TyTonia Moore, ASD(NCB)
- Tony Pham, DBO
- Col Jason West, ASD(A)
- Col Brian Young, ASD(S)

DID YOU KNOW? The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is an excellent resource to utilize in times of need. EAP is a voluntary, confidential program that can assist through various life challenges that may adversely affect job performance, health, and personal well-being to optimize an organization’s success. EAP services include assessments, counseling, and referrals for additional services to assist with personal and/or work-related concerns, including stress, family concerns, and substance-use disorders. For more information, please call WHS DoD EAP: (866) 580-9046 or visit www.MagellanAscend.com