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- Working with Florida’s Base Commanders to prevent encroachment from impacting mission capabilities of military forces based in Florida
- Maintaining and expanding the missions of Florida military installations
- Improving transportation access to Florida’s military installations
- Assisting installations in meeting DOD renewable energy goals
- Strengthening state support for military families and veterans with a focus on education, health care, employment, and family programs

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Nas Pensacola
- Provides aviation flight and maintenance training for Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard.

Corry Station
- Cyber warfare and intelligence training.

Eglin AFB
- Supports development, acquisition, testing, procurement, and deployment of all air-delivered weapons.

Jacksonville
- A master air and industrial base supporting anti-submarine warfare and aviation training.

Tyndall AFB
- Advanced training for pilots, air traffic and weapon controllers.

MacDill AFB
- Supports airlift and aerial refueling missions, and hosts two Unified commands.

NAS Whiting Field
- Multi-service primary fixed wing training and advanced helicopter pilot training.

NAS Jacksonville
- A NAS Jacksonville provides fleet basing and support.

Naval Support Activity Panama City
- RDT&E for amphibious warfare, diving, maritime special operations, mine warfare, and other Naval missions in coastal areas.

US Central Command
- United States command for Middle East.

US Special Operations Command
- Worldwide command for counter-terrorism special operations.

USMC Support Facility Blanding Island
- Marine Prepositioning Force, Seaborn Logistics.

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- Maritime Prepositioning Force, Seaborn Logistics.

US Southern Command
- United States command for Central and South America and the Caribbean.

U.S. Coast Guard 7th District Headquarters
- Miami

Homestead Air Reserve Base
- Air-to-ground and ground training range.

Naval Support Activity Orlando - Multi-Service Modeling, Simulation and Training Acquisition
- Naval Air Warfare Center Training System Division
- Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation, Army
- Program Manager for Training Systems, Marine Corps
- Air Force Agency for Modeling and Simulation

Joint Gulf Range Complex
- A critical strategic advantage in Florida is the Joint Gulf Range Complex. This encompasses 180,000 square miles of DoD controlled airspace over the Gulf of Mexico. Florida’s training area also contains multiple live-fire bombing ranges, including Pinecastle Range, Avon Park Air Force Range, and the Eglin Bombing Range. This integral part of DoD’s Training Resources Strategy allows for joint maritime, air, and land training exercises.

Jacksonville Range Complex
- 150,000 square miles of air, surface, and subsurface operational area, strategically located in Florida’s near coastal waters, supporting all services and integrating six instrumented ranges. Warm waters, temperate climate, lower sea states, and shore proximity make JRC the ideal training venue.