“Florida offers unmatched conditions for training air and sea forces with access to some of the highest quality test and training ranges in the country. Florida’s military and defense industry has never been more vital to the economic success of our state.”

Governor Ron DeSantis

**FLORIDA’s MILITARY ADVANTAGES**

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis is committed to maintaining Florida as the most military friendly state in the nation. Florida already offers:

- No state income tax, low corporate tax rates, and a favorable business tax climate
- Support for military spouses – including employment, professional certifications/licensing assistance and fee waivers, and more
- Proof of military service on driver’s license – to support community and business efforts such as veteran discounts
- In-state college tuition rates for military family members
- The Governor’s Initiative on Lawyers Assisting Warriors (GI Law) provides active duty men and women stationed in Florida the legal counsel and assistance outside military channels if they need it for landlord-tenant, consumer finance or family law issues
- An extensive veterans health care network – including seven state veterans nursing homes, plus two more scheduled to open this year; seven federal Veterans Medical Centers, one specializing in traumatic brain injuries; and special programs for veterans with substance abuse and mental health issues
- Veterans education benefits – including free undergraduate state university tuition for Purple Heart recipients, a troops to teachers program, early college registration, and college credit for military training
- A model framework for state military base, community and family support:
  - The Florida Defense Alliance;
  - The Florida Defense Support Task Force;
  - Defense Reinvestment and Infrastructure Grant Programs
  - The Governor’s Base Commanders meetings

For more information:

Florida’s 20 major military installations and defense business presence provide a $96.6 billion annual economic impact, and account for 860,221 jobs in Florida.

Defense is the 2nd largest contributor to the state economy after tourism. The military spent $49.3 billion across Florida in FY 2020 in goods and services, pensions, and salaries.

Florida offers an array of optimum military training environments vital to the U.S. national security strategy, including the Joint Gulf Range Complex, the Jacksonville Range Complex, and the Eastern Ranges on the Space Coast.
Florida’s Military Installations, Missions, and Key Organizations

**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 Pickett 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.

**MAP KEY**
- Private Sector Defense & Homeland Security Establishments
- Unified Combatant Commands
- State Capital
- Florida’s Largest Cities (by population)

**Notable Key Organizations**
- **NAS Pensacola**
  - Provides aviation flight and maintenance training for Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard.
  - KEY ORGANIZATIONS:
    - NAVAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND
    - NAVAL AIR TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER

- **NAS Whiting Field**
  - Multi-service primary fixed wing training and advanced helicopter pilot training.
  - KEY ORGANIZATIONS:
    - NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY PANAMA CITY

- **NAS Jacksonville**
  - A master air and industrial base supporting anti-submarine warfare and aviation training.
  - KEY ORGANIZATIONS:
    - NAVY REGION SE HEADQUARTERS
    - FLEET READINESS CENTER SE
    - NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND SE
    - PATROL AND RECONNAISSANCE WING ELEVEN

- **Camp Blanding Joint Training Center**
  - Florida National Guard training base.

- **Jacksonville International Airport**
  - Florida Air National Guard Base.

- **Jacksonville Range Complex**
  - Maritime Prepositioning Force, Seaborne Logistics.

- **USMC Support Facility Blount Island**
  - United States Marine Corps Training Facility.

- **Naval Support Activity Orlando - Multi-Service Modeling, Simulation and Training Acquisition**
  - Navy Primary Live-Fire Bombing Range.

- **Patrick Space Force Base**
  - Supports launch, range, and expeditionary operations for the military, NASA, and civilians.
  - KEY ORGANIZATIONS:
    - SPACE LAUNCH DELTA 45
    - AIR FORCE TECHNICAL APPLICATIONS CENTER
    - 920th Rescue Wing

- **Naval Support Activity Key West**
  - United States Navy Support Facility.

- **Naval Support Activity Panama City**
  - Supports global special operations missions.
  - KEY ORGANIZATIONS:
    - AIR FORCE SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING
    - 1st SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING

- **Naval Support Activity Jacksonville**
  - Multi-service primary fixed wing training and advanced helicopter pilot training.
  - KEY ORGANIZATIONS:
    - NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE CENTER PANAMA CITY DIVISION
    - NAVAL DIVING AND SALVAGE TRAINING CENTER
    - CENTER FOR EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL AND DIVING