

MILITARY AND DEFENSE

Supporting Initiatives that Help Florida's Military and Defense Industry



Mark Wilson, President and CEO of the Florida Chamber, stands with Governor Rick Scott and military leaders in support of hiring veterans.

"Our country has invested in training America's service men and women in more than 100 occupational specialties across the spectrum of virtually every job. This presents a tremendous opportunity for Florida's private-sector businesses looking to fill jobs with trained professionals."

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Why It Matters to Florida

From small, family owned industries to multi-national corporations, Florida wins when private-sector job growth aligns with employer needs. Florida's well-rounded military and defense industry creates highly-trained, highly-skilled workers each and every day. Florida has the third largest population of veterans in the nation at more than 1.5 million — 12 percent of the Sunshine State's population. In fact, nearly one in every 10 Floridians is a veteran and Florida's military and defense industry makes up 10 percent of our state's economy.

Florida's Competitiveness Agenda

Championing Florida's valuable veteran population by advocating for our state's military and defense industry and opposing cuts that disproportionately impact Florida's economy will allow Florida's 20 active military bases and three combatant command centers, and Florida's defense contractors to provide valuable jobs and grow Florida's economy.

The Fight for Free Enterprise Continues

Florida's military and defense industry helps employ nearly 775,000 Floridians each year and contributes almost \$80 billion to our economy. Our state is also home to 20 military bases and three combatant command centers. The Florida Chamber will continue to support efforts to keep Florida the most military and veteran-friendly state by supporting efforts that protect from the next round of BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure).

ACT NOW:

Join our fight to protect our active military and defense industry. Florida wins when we stay the course toward free enterprise and support our state's veterans.

Watch our Florida Wins video at www.FloridaChamber.com/MilitaryDefenseVideo and learn how you can protect and grow this industry!



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