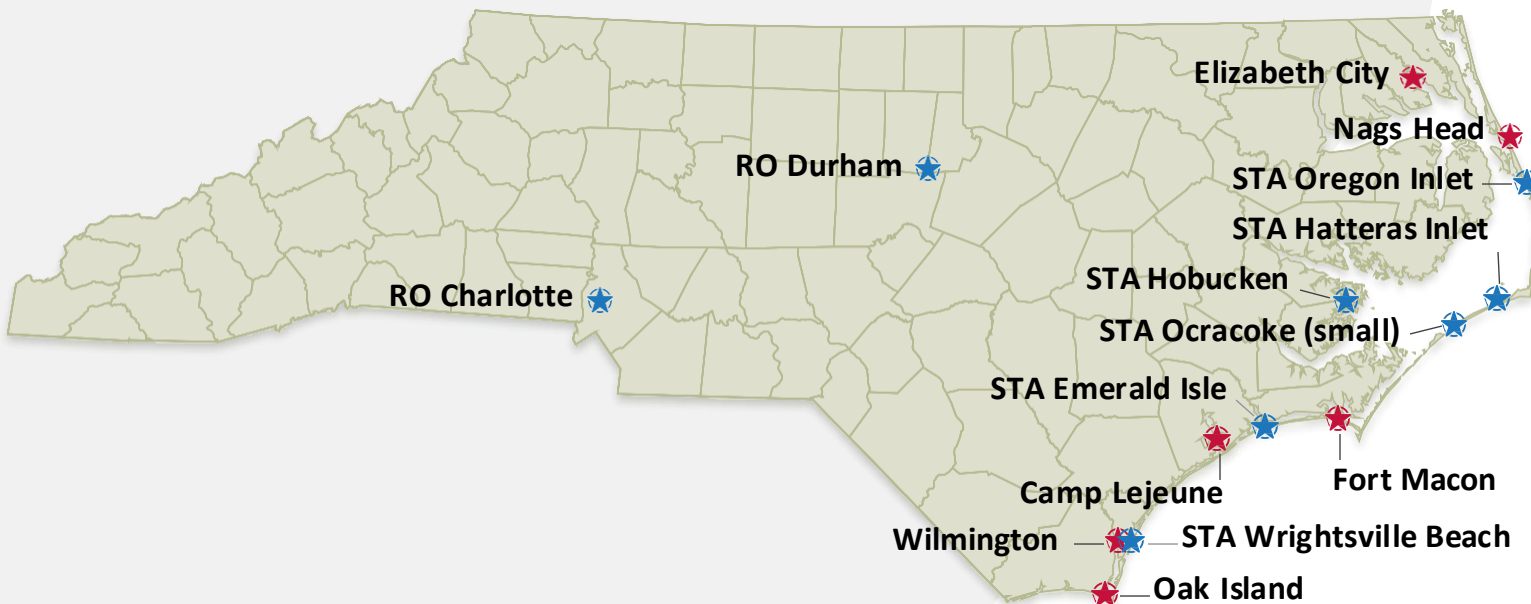


# 2025

## NORTH CAROLINA DEFENSE SUMMIT SPOUSE RESILIENCE



# The Coast Guard in North Carolina



## Camp Lejeune:

Special Missions  
Training Center  
ESD Camp Lejeune

## Wilmington:

Sector North  
Carolina  
ESD Southport  
RO Wilmington

## Oak Island:

STA Oak Island  
ANT Oak Island  
CGC Bayberry

## Fort Macon:

SFO Fort Macon  
STA Fort Macon  
ANT Fort Macon  
MSD Fort Macon  
ESD Fort Macon  
ISD Fort Macon  
FRC MAT

CGC MAPLE  
CGC SMILAX  
CGC Richard  
Snyder  
CGC Nathan  
Bruckenthal  
CGC Steelhead

## Elizabeth City:

STA E-City  
Air Station E-City  
Base E-City  
C27J Asset Project  
Office

Aviation Technical  
Training Center  
Nat'l Strike Force  
Coordination  
Center  
Aviation Logistics  
Center

## Nags Head:

MSD Nags Head  
ESD Nags Head  
ANT Wanchese  
SFP Cape Hatteras





# About



**The North Carolina Military Affairs Commission (NCMAC) aims to make North Carolina the most military-friendly state in the United States.**



[OurNCMilitary.com](https://OurNCMilitary.com)





# About DMVA

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) is focused on protecting North Carolina's military installations, working with communities around military bases, helping military families and veterans get the support and services they need, and helping connect veterans with jobs.







## Defense is the #2 Economic Sector in North Carolina





# The Frontline of the Future

With the fourth largest active-duty military population and a healthy defense sector, North Carolina attracts top talent from across the nation.



# Honor Veterans By Hiring Veterans

**Our North Carolina military population is made of over 130,000 women and men. Annually, approximately 20,000 career-ready veterans transition into the workforce.**





# Leverage Military Skills

**“Honor Veterans by Hiring Veterans” is an acknowledgment of the attributes of military veterans and an employer call to action. Honoring veterans acknowledges their service to the nation while highlighting their education, training, and work experiences.**







## **Educated and Performance-Oriented**

**Veterans' work and leadership  
experiences are transferable to  
the civilian workforce.**





# Economic Report

**Overall, the military supports 653,263 jobs in North Carolina across the private sector, federal military, and state and local governments.**





# North Carolina for Military Employment (NC4ME)

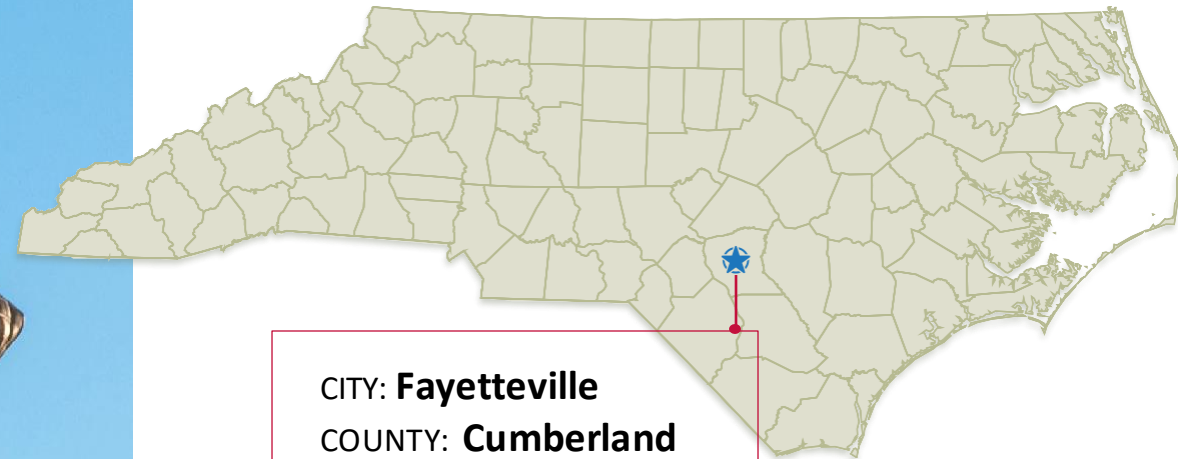
is a comprehensive public-private partnership dedicated to military employment. NC4ME's vision is to make North Carolina the number one state for military employment.

**NC4ME**  
NORTH CAROLINA FOR MILITARY EMPLOYMENT



# Fort Bragg

Fort Bragg, home of the nation's global response forces, equips, trains, rapidly deploys, and sustains full spectrum forces from a community of excellence where soldiers, families, and civilians thrive. Fort Bragg is the largest military base in the DoD, with over 50,000 active-duty military assigned.





# Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune

Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Home of Expeditionary Forces in Readiness, trains and maintains combat-ready units for expeditionary deployment. It is the second largest military base in North Carolina with nearly 39,000 active-duty military personnel, it is also one of the largest bases in the nation.





# Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point

Cherry Point is a Marine Corps Air Station and Naval Air Depot with more than 7,200 active-duty military members of the Marines and the Navy and 3,700 civilian contract employees.





# Marine Corps Air Station New River

Marine Corps Air Station New River provides aviation support, force protection, infrastructure, and community services to promote the readiness, sustainment and quality of life for II MEF and other military forces, tenant commands, personnel and their families.

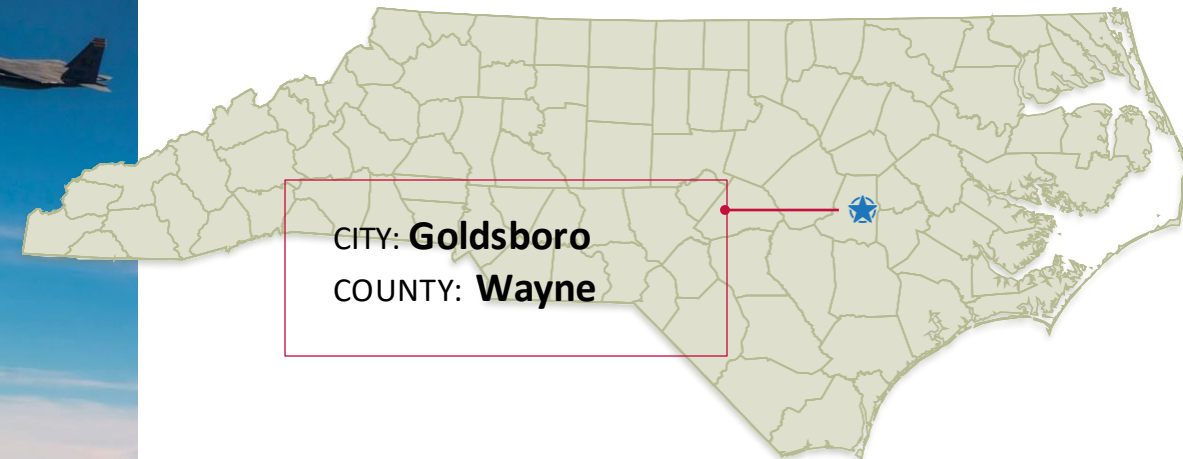


CITY: **Jacksonville**  
COUNTY: **Onslow**



# Seymour Johnson Air Force Base

The 4th Fighter Wing aims to be a capable, scalable, and adaptable wing ready to deploy. Multi-capable Airmen ready to deploy at a moment's notice to fly, fight, and win our nation's wars. It seeks to have Airmen steeped in the Air Force core values.

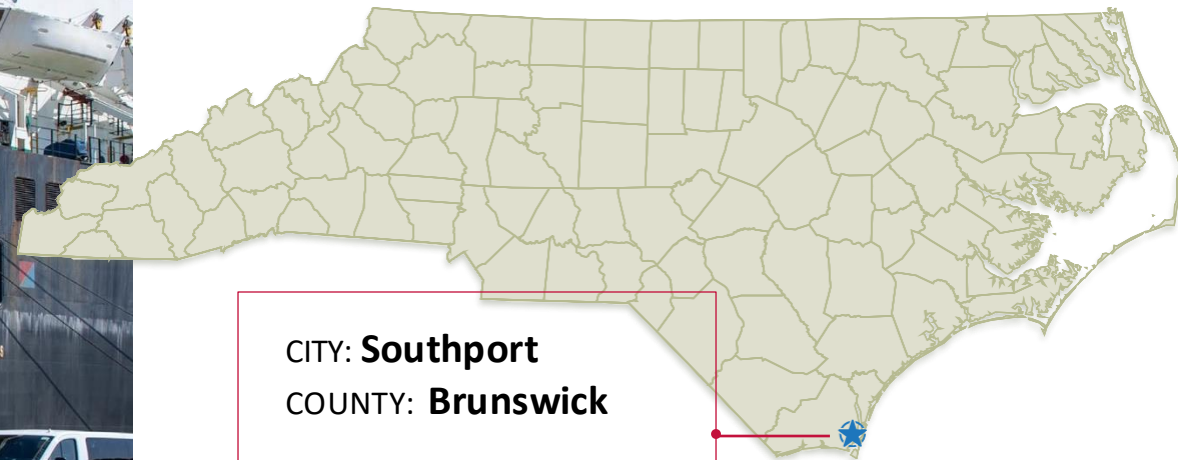


CITY: **Goldsboro**  
COUNTY: **Wayne**



# Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point

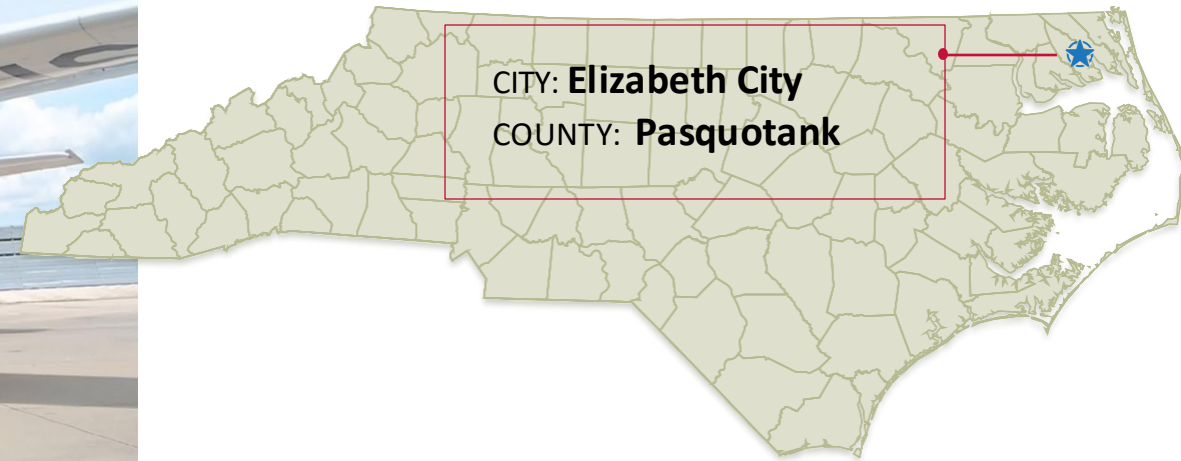
**Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point (MOTSU) is Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command's East Coast strategic ammunition port, and is DOD's primary ammunition seaport supporting the European, African and Middle Eastern areas of operation.**



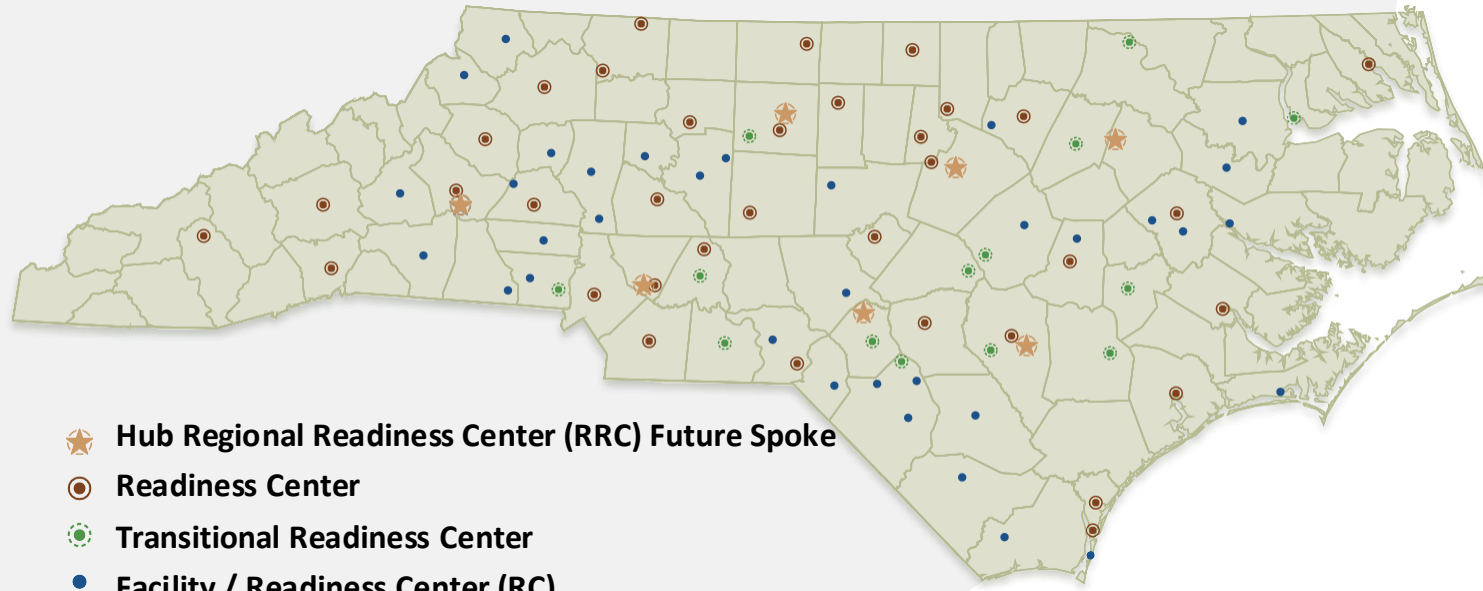


# U.S. Coast Guard Base Elizabeth City

**Provide World-Class Mission Support to our customers, including Aviation Logistics Center, Aviation Technical Training Center, Air Station Elizabeth City, Sector North Carolina, Aviation Projects Acquisition Center, National Strike Force Coordination Center, military retirees and dependents; through Teamwork, Communication, Collaboration, Proficiency and Professionalism. The U.S. Coast Guard installation has an active-duty population of more than 700 and about 1,600 civilian and contract employees.**







# North Carolina National Guard

## National Guard Presence Per County

|           |   |           |   |            |   |           |   |            |   |             |   |            |   |
|-----------|---|-----------|---|------------|---|-----------|---|------------|---|-------------|---|------------|---|
| Alamance  | 1 | Cabarrus  | 2 | Cumberland | 1 | Gaston    | 1 | Johnston   | 2 | New Hanover | 3 | Rutherford | 1 |
| Alexander | 1 | Caldwell  | 1 | Davidson   | 2 | Granville | 1 | Lee        | 2 | Onslow      | 1 | Sampson    | 3 |
| Anson     | 1 | Carteret  | 1 | Davie      | 1 | Guilford  | 3 | Lenoir     | 1 | Pasquotank  | 1 | Scotland   | 1 |
| Ashe      | 1 | Catawba   | 2 | Duplin     | 1 | Halifax   | 1 | Lincoln    | 1 | Person      | 1 | Stanly     | 2 |
| Bertie    | 1 | Chatham   | 1 | Durham     | 1 | Harnett   | 1 | Martin     | 1 | Pitt        | 3 | Surry      | 2 |
| Bladen    | 1 | Chowan    | 1 | Edgecombe  | 1 | Henderson | 1 | McDowell   | 1 | Randolph    | 1 | Union      | 1 |
| Brunswick | 1 | Cleveland | 1 | Forsyth    | 1 | Hoke      | 2 | Meclenburg | 1 | Richmond    | 2 | Wake       | 1 |
| Buncombe  | 1 | Columbus  | 1 | Franklin   | 2 | Iredell   | 2 | Moore      | 1 | Robeson     | 4 | Watauga    | 1 |
| Burke     | 2 | Craven    | 1 | Gaston     | 2 | Jackson   | 1 | Nash       | 1 | Rockingham  | 1 | Wayne      | 2 |
|           |   |           |   |            |   |           |   |            |   | Rowan       | 1 | Wilkes     | 1 |





# Veteran Workforce

- **TECHNOLOGY READY**

Many Veterans are expertly trained in next-generation technologies: robots, drones, cyber, satellite communications, and web-based systems.



# Active-Duty Military Personnel by Service North Carolina

| BRANCH       | TOTAL PERSONNEL |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Army         | 46,754          |
| Marine Corps | 42,743          |
| Air Force    | 6,150           |
| Navy         | 4,525           |
| Coast Guard  | 1,511           |
| Space Force  | 5               |
| Grand Total  | 101,688         |

Source: Defense Manpower Data Center, February 2022



\*Information from Defense Manpower Data Center, February 2022



# Most Common Military Occupational Specializations in NC

Infantryman

Rifleman

Motor Vehicle Operator

Hospital Corpsman

Health Care Specialist

Combat Engineer

Wheeled-Vehicle Repairer

Field Radio Operator

Psychological Operations  
Specialist

Military Police





# Veteran Population by Prosperity Zone

| PROSPERITY ZONE | VETERAN POPULATION |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| North Central   | 133,000            |
| Southwest       | 123,000            |
| Southeast       | 108,000            |
| Piedmont-Triad  | 97,000             |
| Sandhills       | 88,000             |
| Western         | 54,000             |
| Northwest       | 38,000             |
| Northeast       | 38,000             |







# Veterans Are a Part of Our North Carolina Workforce

**20,000 North Carolina-based  
military service members  
complete military service and  
begin civilian careers annually**



An aerial photograph of a large, light blue aircraft carrier, likely a Sikorsky HO4S, parked on a light-colored concrete tarmac. The aircraft has two large rotors and a central fuselage. In front of the aircraft, a large group of Marines in green uniforms are standing in a precise formation, arranged in many rows. The scene is brightly lit, casting long shadows on the ground.

# Marine Corps Air Station New River



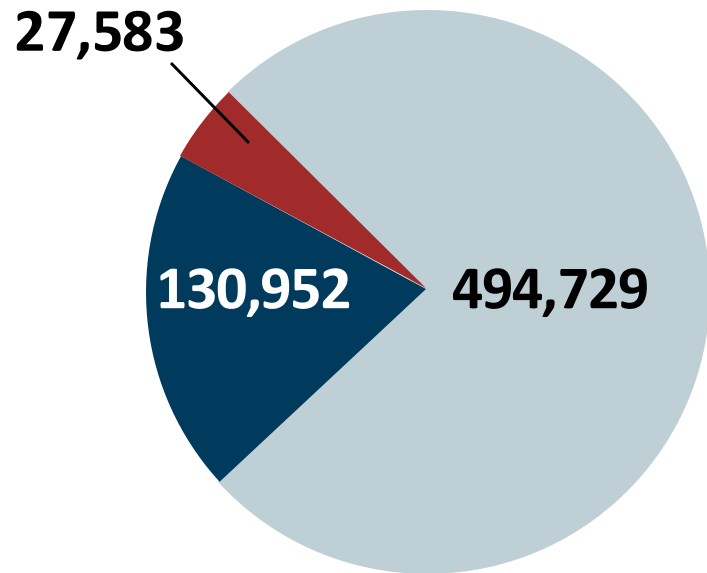
# Military Spending

Overall, military spending is estimated to support 653,263 jobs within North Carolina, which is roughly 11 percent of North Carolina's approximate 5.9 million jobs as of year 2020.





# Military Employment



- Private Sector
- Federal Government
- State and Local Government





# Veteran Workforce

- **VALUES**

Veterans are trained in strict, professional standards of behavior that provide principles of success.







# Veteran Workforce

- **PROBLEM SOLVING**

Military service members are experienced in time-sensitive and deliberate problem-solving.





# Veteran Workforce

- **SECURITY CLEARANCE**

Virtually everyone in uniform passes a background check and holds a security clearance. Veterans have received training to ensure the security of information and operations.



# Impact on personal & State Income

**The impact of the military on North Carolina's state personal income is \$49.1 billion, and the impact on gross state product is \$79.7 billion.**



# 4th Largest Military Population in the U.S.

The military has had a prominent presence in North Carolina over the last century. According to the Defense Manpower Data Center, North Carolina currently has the fourth largest military population.







**Our military veterans are an exclusive population with personal and professional attributes that make them a very important component of our North Carolina workforce. Employers gain great value in honoring veterans by hiring veterans.**





# Defense Impact on NC Economy

**Defense is the 2nd largest sector of North Carolina's economy and contributes \$66 billion annually.**



# Defense Impact on NC Economy

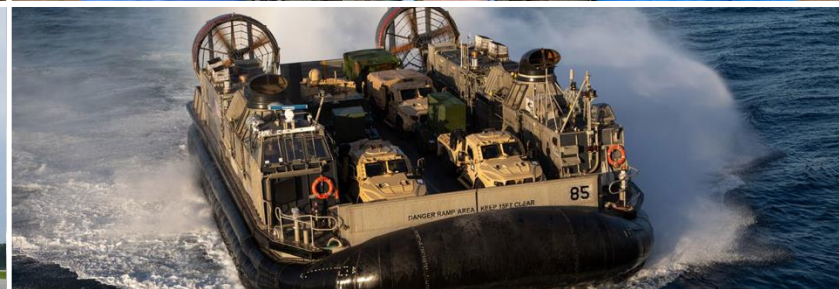
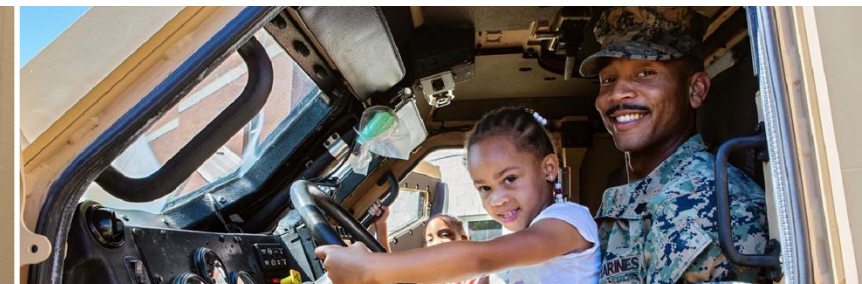
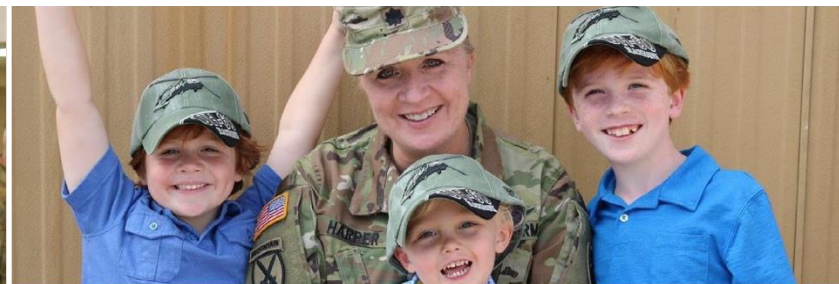
**18,000 military service  
members transition to the  
workforce in North Carolina  
annually**





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# The Defense Technology Transition Office (DEFTECH)

**The Defense Technology Transition Office (DEFTECH) aims to increase business for North Carolina companies by connecting them with the Department of Defense. This also increases federal spending in the state, boosting North Carolina's economy.**





**North Carolina has an exceptional military, phenomenal veterans and families, and an impressive defense economic sector.**





**Our goal is to ensure North Carolina installations remain the location of choice to bring new missions to our state.**





**Our defense sector provides jobs to thousands of citizens who provide the workforce in building military and commercial use products and services.**





# North Carolina United States Army

**FORT BRAGG, NC, U.S.A.  
05.29.2024**

**U.S. Army Soldiers assigned to 20th Engineer and 82nd Airborne Division conduct helocast operations from a UH-60 Black Hawk during a training exercise to perfect the necessary skills for waterborne operations.**

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**U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY  
SPC. P S BAILEY WHILDEN**





# North Carolina United States Army

**FORT BRAGG, NC, U.S.A.  
10.05.2024**

**Combat engineers assigned to the 27th Engineer Battalion, 20th Engineer Brigade, representing the Army Forces Command, test the Mark 19 40 mm grenade machine gun before a range.**

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**U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY  
SPC. JAYRELIZ BATISTA PRADO**





# North Carolina United States Air Force

**GOLDSBORO, NC, U.S.A.  
02.23.2024**

**A weapons load crew member assigned to the 414th Fighter Group, participates in an annual load crew competition. Load crews are tested on their dress and appearance, weapons knowledge, and speed and accuracy of loading munitions on an F-15E Strike Eagle.**

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**U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY  
STAFF SGT. KOBY I. SAUNDERS**





# North Carolina United States Air Force

**GOLDSBORO, NC, U.S.A.  
02.23.2024**

**U.S. Air Force F-15E's are staged on the flightline for an annual load crew competition at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base.**

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**U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY  
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# North Carolina United States Marine Corps

**MARINE CORPS OUTLYING  
FIELD OAK GROVE, NC, U.S.A.  
04.23.2024**

**A Marine rifleman assigned to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit patrols to an enemy observation post during a simulated raid.**

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**U.S. MARINE CORPS PHOTO BY  
CPL. NOAH BRASWEL**





# North Carolina United States Marine Corps

**MARINE CORPS AIR STATION  
NEW RIVER, NC, U.S.A.**

**09.10.2024**

**A UH-1Y Venom pilot with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron (HMLA) 167 prepares for a flight during Exercise Burmese Chase 24, an annual U.S-led, multi-lateral exercise alongside NATO allies.**

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**U.S. MARINE CORPS PHOTO BY  
LANCE CPL. MYA SEYMOUR**





# North Carolina United States Marine Corps

**MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP  
LEJEUNE, NC, U.S.A.**

**09.24.2024**

**Marines participate in a beach workout during Corporals Leadership Course. Corporals Leadership Course is designed to provide Marines with the knowledge and skills necessary to become successful small-unit leaders in the U.S. Marine Corps.**

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**U.S. MARINE CORPS PHOTO BY  
LANCE CPL. FRANCO LEWIS**





# North Carolina United States Navy

**MOREHEAD CITY, NC, U.S.A.  
12.07.2023**

**U.S. Sailors and Marines heave a line on the forecastle of the San Antonio class amphibious transport dock USS New York (LPD-21) during sea and anchor detail.**

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**U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY  
MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST  
2ND CLASS JESSE TURNER**





# North Carolina United States Navy

**MCB CAMP LEJEUNE,  
NC, U.S.A.**

**12.07.2023**

**An en-route care corpsman,  
assigned to Second Medical  
Battalion, demonstrates how to  
apply a tourniquet during a  
litter bearing/casualty  
assessment training course, at  
the Healthcare Simulation and  
Bio-Skills Center.**

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**U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY  
PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS JUSTIN WOODS**





# North Carolina Army National Guard

**SALISBURY, NC, U.S.A.  
09.27.2024**

**National Guard Aviation crews load pallets of water in support of the NC Emergency Management's response to Hurricane Helene.**

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**U.S. ARMY NATIONAL GUARD PHOTOS BY SGT. 1ST CLASS LETICIA SAMUELS**





# North Carolina Air National Guard

CHARLOTTE, NC, U.S.A.  
09.07.2024

**An en-route care corpsman, assigned to Second Medical Battalion, demonstrates how to apply a tourniquet during a litter bearing/casualty assessment training course, at the Healthcare Simulation and Bio-Skills Center.**

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U.S. AIR NATIONAL GUARD PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. JUAN PAZ





# North Carolina United States Space Force

**FORT BRAGG, NC, U.S.A.  
04.09.2024**

**1st Space Brigade Soldiers observe a U.S. Army Ranger raid during a large-scale combat scenario at the U.S. Army Special Operations Command Capabilities Exercise.**

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U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY BROOKE NEVINS





# North Carolina United States Coast Guard

**ELIZABETH CITY, NC, U.S.A.  
12.12.2023**

**A Coast Guard HC-130 Hercules airplane returns to Air Station Elizabeth City. Daily training flights prepare the aircrews for a variety of missions such as search and rescue, law enforcement, and intelligence gathering.**

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