

*“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 PROFILE

## 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:**

The Florida Military Friendly Guide: <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/Florida-Military-Friendly-Guide.pdf>

The Florida Defense Factbook: <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/Florida-Defense-Factbook-2020.pdf>



- ▶ Florida’s 20 major military installations and defense business presence provide a \$94.9 billion annual economic impact, and account for 914,787 jobs in Florida.
- ▶ Defense is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest contributor to the state economy after tourism. The military spent \$43.9 billion across Florida in FY 2018 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.



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# Florida's Military Installations, Missions, and 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.

**NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY PANAMA CITY**

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

KEY ORGANIZATIONS:

- ▶ **NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE CENTER PANAMA CITY DIVISION**
- ▶ **NAVAL DIVING AND SALVAGE TRAINING CENTER**
- ▶ **CENTER FOR EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL AND DIVING**

**NS MAYPORT**

Fleet basing and support.

KEY ORGANIZATIONS:

- ▶ **US FOURTH FLEET**
- ▶ **HELICOPTER STRIKE WING, ATLANTIC**

**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**

**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.

**JACKSONVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

Florida Air National Guard Base.

**SAUFLEY FIELD**

Naval education.

**CORRY STATION**

Cyber warfare and intelligence training.

**HURLBURT FIELD**

Supports global special operations missions.

KEY ORGANIZATIONS:

- ▶ **AIR FORCE SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND**
- ▶ **1ST SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING**

**EGLIN AFB**

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

KEY ORGANIZATIONS:

- ▶ **96TH TEST WING**
- ▶ **AIR FORCE RESEARCH LABORATORY MUNITIONS DIRECTORATE**
- RDT&E for air-launched munitions
- ▶ **F-35 JOINT INTERNATIONAL TRAINING**
- ▶ **7TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP**
- ▶ **NAVAL SCHOOL EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL**

**TYNDALL AFB**

Advanced training for pilots, air traffic and weapon controllers.

KEY ORGANIZATIONS:

- ▶ **AIR FORCES NORTH / 1ST AIR FORCE** Command center for air operations in North America
- ▶ **601ST AIR OPERATIONS CENTER**
- ▶ **53RD WEAPONS EVALUATION GROUP** supports air-to-air and air-to-ground weapons system evaluation programs
- ▶ **325TH FIGHTER WING / F-22 TRAINING AND OPERATIONS**

**MACDILL AFB**

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

**US CENTRAL COMMAND**

United States command for Middle East.

**US SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND**

Worldwide command for counter-terrorism special operations.

**NAS KEY WEST**

The Navy's premier pilot training facility for transient tactical aviation squadrons.

KEY ORGANIZATIONS:

- ▶ **NAVAL AVIATION PILOT TRAINING FACILITY**
- ▶ **JOINT INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE SOUTH**

**CAMP BLANDING JOINT TRAINING CENTER**

Florida National Guard training base.

**USMC SUPPORT FACILITY BLOUNT ISLAND**

Maritime Prepositioning Force, Seaborne Logistics.

**PINECASTLE BOMBING RANGE**

Navy Primary Live-Fire Bombing Range.

**CAPE CANAVERAL SPACE FORCE STATION**

Supports access to space / space launch activities.

KEY ORGANIZATION:

- ▶ **NAVY ORDNANCE TEST UNIT**

**PATRICK SPACE FORCE BASE**

Supports launch, range, and expeditionary operations for the military, NASA, and civilians.

KEY ORGANIZATIONS:

- ▶ **45TH SPACE WING**
- ▶ **AIR FORCE TECHNICAL APPLICATIONS CENTER**
- ▶ **920TH RESCUE WING**

**NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY ORLANDO - MULTI-SERVICE MODELING, SIMULATION AND TRAINING ACQUISITION**

KEY ORGANIZATIONS:

- ▶ **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**

**AVON PARK AIR FORCE RANGE**

Air-to-ground and ground training range.

**U.S. COAST GUARD 7TH DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS MIAMI**

**HOMESTEAD AIR RESERVE BASE**

Provides combat air power, combat support forces, and humanitarian support.

**US SOUTHERN COMMAND**

United States command for Central and South America and the Caribbean.

**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.



- MAP KEY**
- Private Sector Defense & Homeland Security Establishments
  - ★ Unified Combatant Commands
  - ☆ State Capital
  - Florida's Largest Cities (by population)
- Note: Bases have multiple missions and key organizations—not all are listed on this map.