

Military Presence.

Northeast Florida's strong military presence has a significant economic impact on the region that provides stability and diversity within the local community. Area military installations such as Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Naval Station Mayport, Kings Bay Naval Base, Camp Blanding Joint Training Center, Naval Aviation Depot Jacksonville and Marine Corps Blount Island Command provide employment to more than 50,000 active duty, reserve and civilian men and women. Of the personnel who exit the military each year, more than 3,000 choose to remain in the region, providing a steady stream of highly skilled and disciplined workers for area businesses. Fully 1 of every 4 Jacksonville residents has a tie with the military.

Total County Impact (in Millions)	
County Economic Impact (Gross Regional Product)	\$11,922.7
Employment	108,901 Jobs
Sales Activity	\$10,205.9
Consumption	\$4,955.4
Capital Investment	\$671.5
Direct Defense Spending (in Millions)	
Procurement	\$791.8
Salaries	\$827.6
Pensions & Transfers*	\$1,242.2
Total	\$2,861.7

- Civilian Personnel: 7,070
- Buildings Owned: 643
- ◁ Naval Station Mayport
 - Total Acreage of Installation: 3,400
 - Military Personnel: 13,000
 - Civilian Personnel: 444
 - Buildings Owned: 643

veterans with an active license in another state, with most licensing fees waived.

Northeast Florida Military Support Organizations

City of Jacksonville. The Military Affairs and

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). ESGR is a Department of Defense agency that seeks to develop and promote a culture in which all American employers support and value the military service of their employees by recognizing outstanding support, increasing awareness of the law and resolving conflicts through mediation. Established in 1972, ESGR operates via a network of hundreds of volunteers within 56 Field Committees throughout the United States.

Operation New Uniform. Operation New Uniform is a nonprofit organization, headquartered in Jacksonville, Florida, committed to the professional success of veterans after service.

Children of Fallen Patriots. Children of Fallen Patriots is headquartered in Jacksonville their mission is to provide college scholarships and educational counseling to military children who have lost a parent in the line of duty. They are dedicated to serving the families of service members from all branches of the armed forces who have died as a result of combat casualties, military training accidents, service related illnesses, suicide, as well as other duty-related deaths as ruled by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The vision of Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation is to ensure that every child of a fallen patriot receives all necessary college funding. Jacksonville University partners with Children of Fallen Patriots to assist children of deceased service members to attain their college education.

K9s for Warriors. K9s for Warriors is headquartered in Jacksonville and they are dedicated to providing service canines to our Warriors suffering from Post-traumatic Stress Disability, traumatic brain injury and/or military sexual trauma as a result of military service post-9/11. Their goal is to empower them to return to civilian life with dignity and independence.

Five Star Veterans Center is a nonprofit corporation that opened in 2012. Our goal is to get homeless veterans mentally and physically healthy so they can return to work, reunite with their families and successfully regain control of their lives. Toward this end, we offer safe and secure housing, food and other support. The Center's Mission Statement: The Five S.T.A.R. Veterans Center puts military veterans who are experiencing homelessness back to work by providing safe and secure housing with wraparound services, intensive case management and counseling that promotes mental and physical wellness.

Jacksonville Military Veterans Coalition. Northeast Florida business, civic, and community leaders partnered with the City of Jacksonville's Military Affairs and Veterans Department to establish the Jacksonville Military Veterans Coalition (JMVC) in April 2012. The JMVC currently has almost 400 organization partners and maintains a web site www.coj.net/jobsforvets to provide military veterans who are interested in working for Northeast Florida businesses a "one stop" resource that provides information on:

- Northeast Florida businesses with employment opportunities for veterans
- Northeast Florida universities and vocational schools with educational opportunities for veterans
- Northeast Florida intern opportunities for veterans
- Northeast Florida career fairs
- Transition from military to civilian life resources
- Military 101 for employers with an overview of the United States military
- Best practices forum for employers
- Success stories of military members transitioning to civilian life
- Overview of Jacksonville as a community

Northeast Florida Military Veteran College Network. Earn Up is an initiative led by the JAXUSA Partnership to increase the college attainment rate to 60% for Northeast Florida by 2025. One of the three priority populations for this initiative is military veterans. As part of the Earn Up initiative, the Northeast Florida Military Veteran College Network (NFMVCN) was created to enhance collaboration between Northeast Florida universities and colleges, and provide better support to the military community. The College Network site <http://earnup.org/veteran-service-resources> provides sections on Veterans Resources, Veterans Benefits, and Training Opportunities. The NFMVCN establishes a forum for collaboration and sharing of best practices while also providing a regional group that will analyze (where appropriate) proposed or new veterans' initiatives for possible adoption by Northeast Florida universities and colleges. Goals of this Network include:

- Quarterly meetings to discuss new initiatives and collaboration opportunities
- Establishment of a NFMVCN web page on the JAXUSA Partnership/Earnup.org web site that will provide a summary of the NFMVCN members' veterans' programs and other pertinent information
- Review of new veterans' M sRev

Decrease barriers that prevent veterans from attaining their college
Share best practices
Develop and implement a Northeast Florida university and college orientation
program for local military installations
Other initiatives developed by the NFMVCN