

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY  
SAN DIEGO MILITARY AND VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MEETING NOTICE: In Person  
North Central Live Well Center  
5055 Ruffin Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, San Diego CA 92123  
Phone (858) 694-3222**

**Public Video Viewing/Comment Option:**

<https://zoom.us/j/95149281995>

**February 15, 2024  
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

<b>AGENDA</b>
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| 1:00 - 1:01 | 1. Call to Order   |
| 1:01 - 1:02 | 2. Pledge of Allegiance  |
| 1:02 - 1:03 | 3. Roll Call   |
| 1:03 - 1:05 | 4. <b>Action Item:</b> Approval of December 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes |

<b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>
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| 1:05 - 1:15 | 5. <u>Guidelines for Public Comment on Items not listed on the agenda:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Members of the public may request to speak about any issue within the purview of the Board</li><li>➤ Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes</li><li>➤ Board members may not discuss or take action on issues raised during public comment unless the issue is listed in this Agenda</li></ul> |
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<b>PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS</b>
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| 1:15 - 1:35 | 6. <b>Discussion Item:</b> New Community Connections: SDMVAC Council members share community events they had recently attended.   |
| 1:35 - 2:05 | 7. <b>Presentation Item:</b> California Council of Chapters of Military Officers Association of America; (CALMOAA); Fred Green, former President of the California Council of Chapters of Military Officers Association of America; (CALMOAA) |
| 2:05 - 2:35 | 8. <b>Presentation Item:</b> San Diego Military Advisory Council; (SDMAC); Mark Balmert, President and CEO at San Diego Military Advisory Council; (SDMAC)  |
| 2:35 - 3:00 | 9. <b>Discussion Item:</b> Suggested topic for future meetings: All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council  |

<b>ADJOURNMENT/ NEXT MEETING</b>
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The next regular meeting will be held on April 18, 2024, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, at 5055 Ruffin Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, San Diego, CA 92123.

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**SDMVAC Meeting Minutes  
December 21, 2023**

**Members Present**

Jude Litzenberger  
Danny Jackson  
Mark Balmert  
Tony Teravainen  
Philip Kendro

**Staff Present**

Rick Wanne, Director, Self-Sufficiency Services  
Alberto Banuelos, Assistant Director, Self-Sufficiency  
Services  
Amy Klock, OMVA  
Ray Flores, OMVA

**Members Absent**

Mia Roseberry  
Paula Jansen

**Guests**

Monica Moon, San Diego Military Family Collaborative  
Ron Stark, San Diego Veterans Coalition  
Vic Martin, San Diego Veterans Coalition  
Maurice Wilson, National Veterans Transition Services  
Steve Kappes, San Diego Wounded Warrior Tennis  
Program  
Erik Louis Mantsch  
Christine Menezes  
Jonathan Fish  
Mark Baldwin  
Tony Ewing  
Sharon Smith

1. Meeting called to order at 1:07pm by Jude Litzenberger, Chair
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
  - SDMVAC present members noted above.
4. The October 19, 2023, meeting minutes were approved with the 5 Council Members present voting yes.

5. Public Comments:
  - No public comment.
6. **Discussion Item:** New Community Connections: SDMVAC Council members share community events they had recently attended. The members provided the Council with an update on the recent service event organized for Veterans. Chair Jude Litzenberger recommended making this item a recurrent part of the agenda for future SDMVAC meetings.
7. **Presentation Item:** San Diego Military Family Collaborative (SDMFC): Monica Moon, Resource and Referral Manager of San Diego Military Family Collaborative. Miss Moon provided the Council with an overview of San Diego Military and Family Collaborative assistance to Veterans, including how they coordinate services for the Military families and organizations that support the Military family community.
8. **Presentation Item:** San Diego Veterans Coalition (SDVC): Ron Stark, President of San Diego Veterans Coalition. The Council was given an overview by Mr. Stark of the services offered by the San Diego Veterans Coalition to Veterans and their families.
9. **Discussion Item:** Suggested topic for future meetings: All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council. The Council was encouraged by Chair Jude Litzenberger to include any organization they would like to invite to present at upcoming meetings.
10. **Discussion Item:** Information Sharing. Chair Jude Litzenberger urged the Council's members to set goals for the upcoming year of 2024 to improve the support provided to Veterans and their families.

**ADJOURNMENT/SET NEXT MEETING:**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on February 15, 2024

# **ITEM #6 New Community Connections: SDMVAC Council members share community events they had recently attended**

*All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council Members*



# **ITEM #7 California Council of Chapters of Military Officers Association of America; (CALMOAA)**

*Fred Green, former President of the California Council of Chapters of Military Officers  
Association of America; (CALMOAA)*





# CALMOAA



15 February 2024

E. Fred Green

# MOAA and CALMOAA

**The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) and CALMOAA are 501 ( c ) 19 organizations. Our mission is to protect the rights of military servicemembers and their families. MOAA members proudly hail from every branch of the uniformed services. MOAA's greatest mission is to improve the lives of those who serve and their families, which is achieved largely through the tireless advocacy efforts taking place in our nation's capital and our state capital. Membership is open to commissioned officers (active duty, former, retired, reserve, National Guard and Uniform Services), warrant officers, and their surviving spouses.**

**We advocate at both the state level and the federal level (for all active duty, veterans, and surviving spouses).**

**Our chapters support various community activities, JROTC, ROTC, Surviving Spouses, and Veterans. CALMOAA has 23 chapters in California. San Diego has 4 chapters (Miramar, San Diego, Silver Strand, Sweetwater).**

**The MOAA Foundation Community Outreach program provides grants to MOAA councils and chapters delivering services-either directly or through partnerships with other community organizations- in one of nine areas of critical military and veteran family need.**

**CALMOAA works with MOAA State Legislative Forum**

- **Facilitates the exchange of information across councils and chapters.**
- **Works with staffers/legislators at local level for state/federal issues.**
- **Sharing of programs, issues and processes at the state level.**



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Accomplishment(s)</b></li> <li>• <b>Wrote AB1623 and AB46 – Assembly James Ramos submitted the bill</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Got buy in and the support of the California State Commanders Veterans Council for 2022 &amp; 2023</li> <li>• Grassroots support for both bills.</li> <li>• Many state legislators, Congressmen and Congresswoman support our efforts.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Briefed the California Governor’s Military Council</b></li> <li>• <b>CALMOAA support SB-811 Teacher credentialing: Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact. We got the California State Commanders Veterans Council and it’s members to support this bill.</b></li> <li>• <b>MOAA Advocacy in Action</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Current Focus</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tax exemption of retirement</li> <li>• SB-811 Teacher Credentialing: Interstate Teachers Mobility Compact.</li> <li>• SB 770 Single Payer Health Care</li> <li>• Improve Advocacy both at the Federal Level and State Level.</li> <li>• Continue working on Issues Affecting Currently Serving Troops and Families with Defense-State Liaison Office (DSLO).</li> <li>• Continue working on Expanding usage of VoterVoice, Social Media at the state level.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Risks/Opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapters continue to engage all of its members (remember everyone served spouses and service members).</li> <li>• Educate the public and legislators on the difference between Veteran and Retiree.</li> <li>• Hold Town hall meetings</li> <li>• Participate in community activities.</li> <li>• Letters to the editor, TV interviews, testimony at committee hearings.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Future</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MOAA Advocacy in Action Federal Level</li> <li>• Transfer of Nurses License. New York is the only state that allows the transfer of license.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

# SB770 Single Payer Health Care

- Secretary of the California Health and Human Services (HHS) Agency to pursue waiver discussions with the federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to facilitate the creation of a unified healthcare financing system;
- Requiring the Secretary to establish a Waiver Development Workgroup of diverse healthcare system stakeholders appointed by the Governor, Speaker of the Assembly, and President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

## Requirement

- Require California pursue a 1332 Waiver to receive all federal health care funds that currently flow into California, so California can implement a state run, single payer health care system.
- State legislators must follow in preparing a proposal for a 1332 Wavier from the Human & Health Secretary at the federal level.

## Issue

- California needs to develop a state-run health care system that all agree will cost \$400 billion today. California will need to raise \$200 billion dollars in addition to the \$200 billion they are requesting from the federal government.
- California Health & Human Services Secretary form a "stakeholder committee" by June 2024. That the stakeholder's committee's recommendations be submitted to state legislators for approval by January 2025

- \* A 15% payroll tax on all business and a personal health care state based on an individual's income are things that have been discussed by legislators in the past.
- \* Veterans organizations are concerned as a disabled veterans receiving health at a VA Medical Facility may be subject to a health care tax based on that disabled veteran's income. Active-duty military families stationed at installations in California could find themselves paying a state-imposed health care tax and Tricare benefits reduced.

# SB770 Single Payer Health Care

- CALMOAA will actively engage California State Legislators during the 2024 session and request that any 1332 Waiver proposal approved by state legislators contain language that specifically exempts;
  - Active-duty military families on Tricare stationed at installations in California from any future "health care tax", regardless of income, imposed to help fund a state-run health care system.
  - Disabled veterans who are residents of California, who have earned no cost health care from the Veterans Administration, be exempt from a "health care tax" regardless of income.
  - Military retirees who utilize Tricare for Life as a Medicare Supplement, regardless of income be exempt from paying any fees above the dollar amount set each year by Medicare.
- CALMOAA will also solicit the support of MOAA at the national level to lobby the United States Secretary of Human & Health, Xavier Becerra and Congressional leaders not to support California's request for a 1332 Waiver, unless the proposal contains language to exempt the above groups.



# MOAA Advocacy in Action

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Richard Star Act

Protect TRICARE For Life

BAH Restoration Act

# MOAA's Military State Report Card and Tax Guide

- MOAA has consolidated that annual State Report Card and State Tax Guide.
- The guide assess each state on the taxability of military retired pay and survivor benefits and whether states have enacted legislation addressing servicemember and military family issues tracked by the Defense-State Liaison Office.
- Access to **MOAA's State Report Card** has been temporarily granted to all members. If you are not already a **PREMIUM** or **LIFE** member, [join](#) or [upgrade](#) now to ensure your access to this and other valuable content from MOAA continues.
- <https://www.moaa.org/content/state-report-card/statereportcard/>



# CALMOAA

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# MOAA Advocacy in Action

## Richard Star Act

- Richard Star Act would end an unjust offset for ~27,000 combat- injured retirees who were unable to complete 20 years of service due to their combat injuries.
- Cost: CBO score inflated @ \$9B/10 years and did not factor DFAS CRSC/CRDP open season.
- Anticipated 27,000 would benefit from CRDP over CRSC due to time in service (longevity pay). Phase in of Star Act and DFAS open season likely cuts cost in half (target cost under \$5B).

# MOAA Advocacy in Action

- Protect TRICARE For Life
- For more than two decades, TRICARE for Life (TFL) has been a key component of the compensation and benefits package for career servicemembers.
- • When Congress created TRICARE for Life (TFL) they intended it to be free of charge and acknowledged retirees paid for TFL with their Medicare Part B premiums. In the 2001 NDAA conference report, the conferees instructed:
  - “While extending TRICARE/CHAMPUS eligibility to Medicare eligible beneficiaries, the conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to refrain from using deductibles and copayments, in recognition of their participation in Medicare Part B as a condition of participation.”
- • Congress has maintained this stance, repeatedly denying administration budget request proposals for TFL fees, thus solidifying expectations for TFL among career servicemembers and retirees.



# MOAA Advocacy in Action

## BAH Restoration Act

- Congress authorized BAH at 100% in 2005.
- In 2015, Congress reduced BAH to 95% of the estimated housing costs –5% cost share for servicemembers.
- In 2021 & 2022, DoD used their authorities to raise BAH in high-cost areas but did not adjust percentage calculations.
- Servicemembers go where told and compete for the better neighborhoods and schools without the full allowance for estimated housing costs – adding to the stress and strain of moves.
- Our troops deserve 100% of their BAH.

# ITEM #8 San Diego Military Advisory Council; (SDMAC)

*Mark Balmert, President and CEO at San Diego Military Advisory Council ; (SDMAC)*



# SDMAC

SAN DIEGO MILITARY ADVISORY COUNCIL

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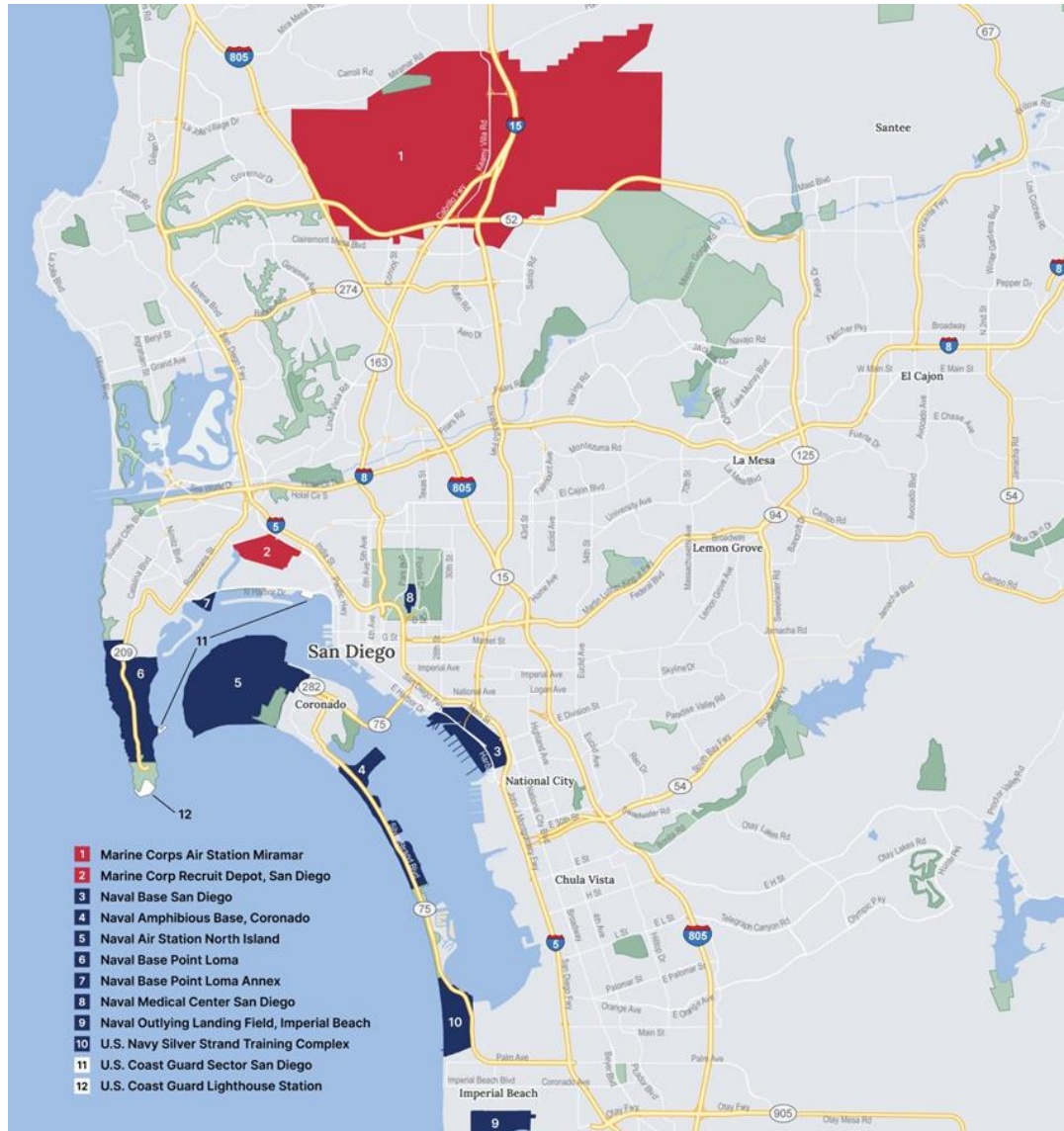
**SDMAC**  
SAN DIEGO MILITARY ADVISORY COUNCIL

**2023** MILITARY ECONOMIC  
IMPACT REPORT



**THE SAN DIEGO DEFENSE ECONOMY:  
STRONG. RESILIENT.  
FUTURE-FOCUSED.**

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## Why Defense is Big Here?

- **Deepwater Port**
- **Sea, Land and Air Training Ranges**
- **Emerging threats in the Pacific**

## How Big is Defense Here?

- **Home to 1 of every 6 Sailors**
- **Home to 1 of every 4 Marines**

# Defense Dollars: Proven Resiliency for San Diego's Economy

Direct Spending	Defense Driven Jobs	Gross Regional Product (GRP)	Fraction of SD Economy
\$36.1 Billion	354,000	\$56.4 Billion	23.6%







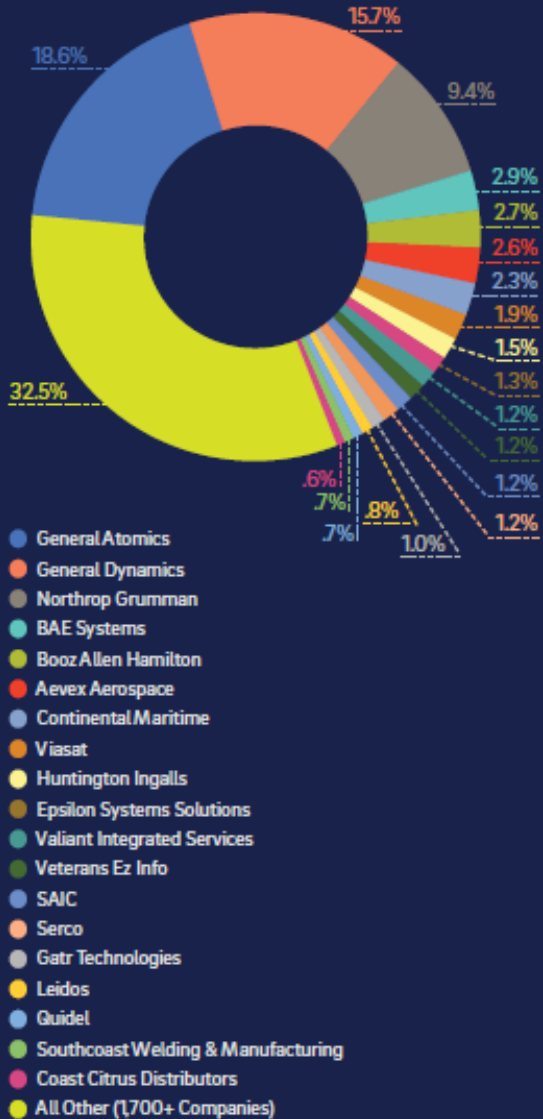
Exhibit 2.  
FY2023 Spending into  
San Diego Economy Through  
Many Different Channels



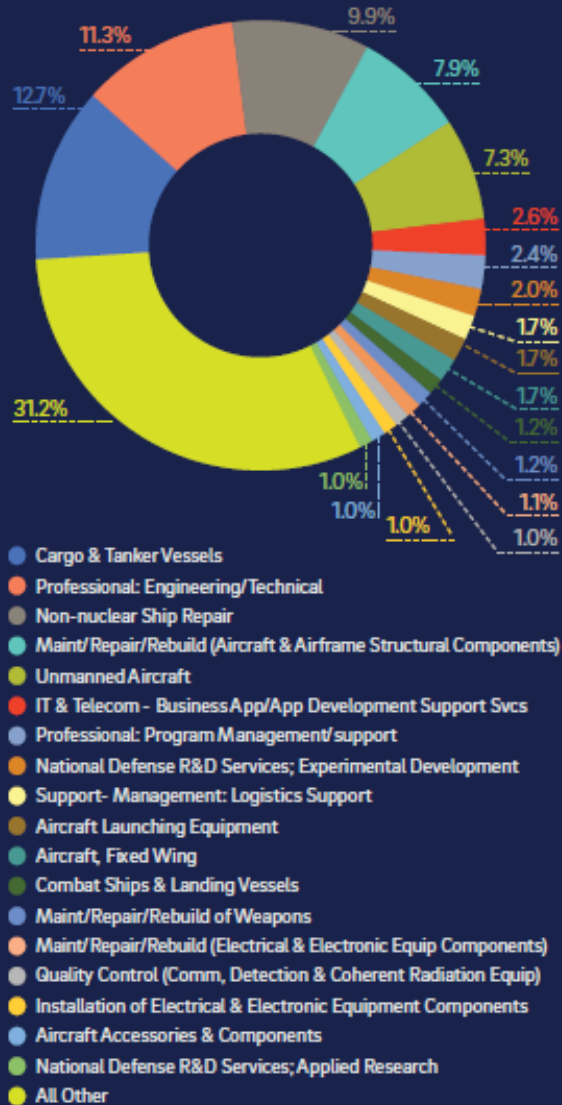
(\$\$ in Millions)	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
Employee Compensation	13,094	12,852	13,452
Retirement & VA Benefits	3,568	3,507	3,482
Contracts & Procurement	18,594	19,338	19,050
Government Purchase Cards	85	267	166
TOTAL DIRECT	35,341	35,964	36,092



**Exhibit 3.**  
Funds Obligated in San Diego by Company



**Exhibit 4.**  
Funds Obligated in San Diego by Program Type



- **DoD, DHS, and VA employ 148,704**
  - **75% Active, 20% DoD civilian, 5% Reserves**
- **Contracts & Procurement employ 205,735**
  - **More than 1700 different companies**



# Defense Innovation Economy: \$434M R&D Funding in FY22





## Navy Region Projects between FY21 and FY26:

- 7% manpower increase (Active Duty + Dependents)
- 23% Operational Unit Increase (ships, subs, aircraft)

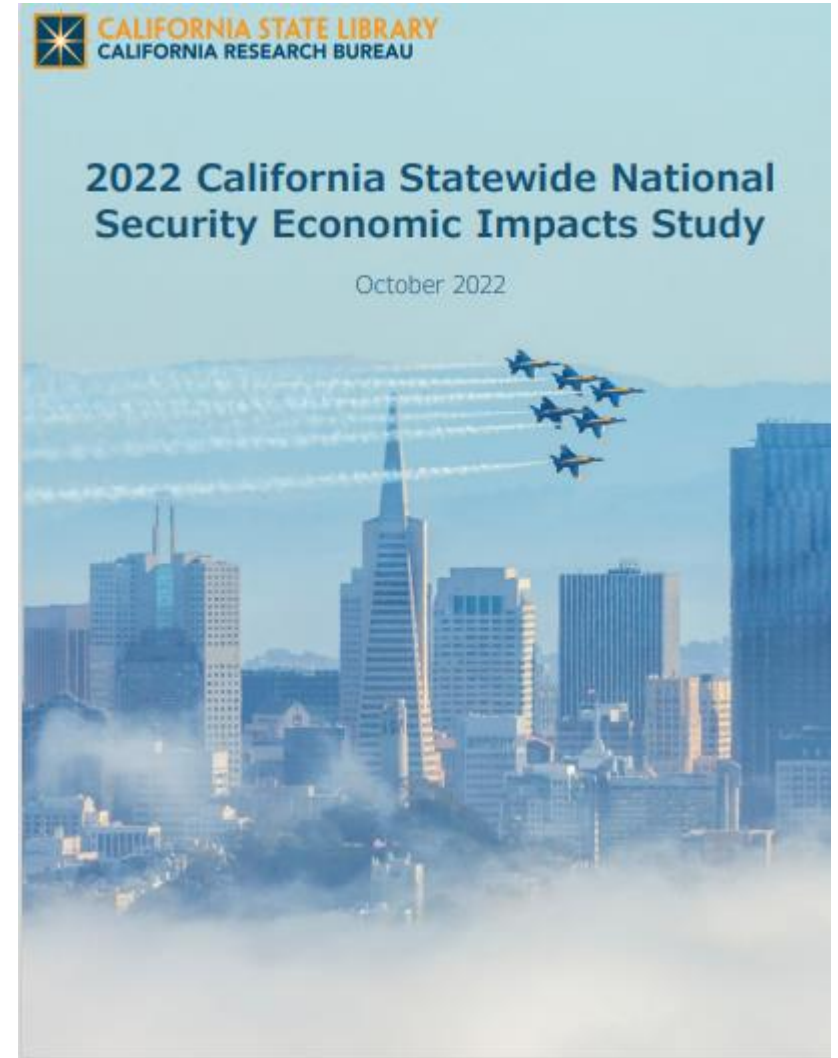
## Navy Installation Growth:

- 3 CVN presence (Coronado)
- CMV-22 (Osprey) replaces C-2A (Cod) by 2024 (Coronado)
- Upgrading SSN maintenance facility for VA Class (Pt Loma)
- NAVWAR HQ Redevelopment (PT Loma OTC)



## Annual Report Completed by California State Library

- DoD, DHS and VA generate 762,000 jobs
  - 162,000 Active, 122,000 Civilian, 56,000 Reserves
- Defense Economic Impact in California is \$158B
  - 4.7% of California GRP
  - \$86B in direct Defense spending
- Defense generates \$7.6B in tax revenue for the state
  - Includes \$2.2B in state income tax revenue









# SDMAC

SAN DIEGO MILITARY ADVISORY COUNCIL

- We advocate on behalf of our local military, those who serve or have served, and their families.
- [www.SDMAC.org](http://www.SDMAC.org)

# ITEM #9 Suggested topic for future meetings

*All San Diego Military and Veterans Advisory Council Members*

