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MISSION, GOAL AND STRATEGY OF ARMS

- **Mission:**

- Ensure Fort Bliss, White Sands Missile Range and Holloman Air Force Base “the triad” remain an integral part of America’s National Defense Strategy

- **Vision**

- Maintain the relevance and enhance the military value of our region and our joint regional military complex, support our defense workforce, and sustain and strengthen our Nation's defense technical and industrial base

- **Strategy**

- Develop actionable initiatives to address goals and collaborate locally, regionally, and nationally to achieve results

OUR FOCUS

Assist and Coordinate with Local Economic Development Organizations to Grow Current and Attract New Defense and Aerospace Industries

Leverage Higher Education Partnerships to Attract R&D Projects

Retain and Attract a Highly Qualified Workforce to Support ARMS Goals

Improve Regions Appeal for Future Stationing

Identify and Influence Infrastructure Needs in the Region

Assist and Coordinate with Local Economic Development Organizations to Grow Current and Attract New Defense and Aerospace Industries

- Work directly with El Paso County and Horizon City to develop the Fabens Airport.
- Working with Army Test and Evaluation Command (ATEC) and WSMR leadership to coordinate with the FAA and regional states to allow ease of access to the air corridors for testing long range missile and indirect fire capabilities.
- Working line of effort to secure new industry by meeting with four separate defense industry companies to show our ability to provide defense related growth
- Work on funding for upgrade to the Holloman High Speed Test Track (HHSTT) to keep the most precisely aligned and instrumented facility of its kind in the world fully capable for years to come.

Leverage Higher Education Partnerships to Attract R&D Projects

- Working towards incorporating students who can be granted clearances into our existing programs to assist defense industry in hiring regionally educated students quickly and efficiently from all universities in the region.
- Working with higher education to develop curricula to assist with test and evaluation needs in the future.
- Work with New Mexico State University, UTEP and Community Colleges to develop curricula to assist with Test and Evaluation staffing needs for White Sands Missile Range.
- White Sands Missile Range – working with NMSU/UTEP to develop strategies to hire graduates as a pipeline to mitigate the delta created due to an aging civilian workforce.
- In coordination with educational institutions, analyze the skills and abilities required for White Sands Missile Range jobs to overlay onto Transition Assistance Program to determine how we can build them into positions

Retain and Attract a Highly Qualified Workforce to Support ARMS Goals

- We are conducting regular and reoccurring meetings with Fort Bliss Command to continue to determine needs for our transitioning service members and families and veterans.
- Met with the National Director of Soldier for Life/Transition Assistance Program to move forward with training opportunities for Soldiers prior to their transition from Fort Bliss and the region using rules for training known as 'credentialing – CA' implemented at Fort Bliss that provides occupational, academic and MOS (military occupational specialties) related options.
- Working through the County of El Paso to secure grant funding to build up the Fabens airport that can provide a transition center and program that allows both virtual and hands-on training.
- Using the completed Veteran's Assessment to determine how to better address needs in the region. The greatest need for veterans in the area is for employment and information.

Improve Region's Appeal for Future Stationing Initiatives

- Continually meet with the III Corps Commander and the new 1st Armored Division Commander to discuss moving forward with ARMS activities.
- Continue working MFGI by focusing on meetings with Division West, 1st Army and the National Guard and Reserve.
- Continue to meet with DoD leadership on manning and how we can increase troop strength and missions at our regional bases.
- Continue legislative advocacy of both Military Construction (MILCON) and Sustainable Readiness funding (SRM) streams to assist in updates to both Dona Ana and MacGregor ranges required for training.
- Take advantage of the regional appeal of Holloman AFB being the permanent location for the F-16 Block 40 Formal Training, as well as a Red Air Aggressor Squadron training program being finalized.
- Continue to work with Regional Military Leadership to advocate for new military missions for our region.

Identify and Influence Infrastructure Needs in the Region

- Working this line of effort to secure upgraded infrastructure by conducting multiple meetings with the Assistant Secretaries of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment as well as Manpower and Reserve Affairs
- Working with our elected officials on the House Armed Services Committee and the Senate Armed Services Committee to advocate for increased MILCON and SRM funding across the region
- Working with the Defense Health Agency to secure funding for the Veterans Affairs Clinic to be co-located with the new William Beaumont Army Medical Center
- Continue to push for funding for the Fort Bliss Rail Spur (#1 Fort Bliss priority)
- Support JTF-N by continuing to push for increased spending to cover billeting
- Continue to support the Non-Commissioned Officer Leadership Center of Excellence build/re-build

CURRENT GOVERNMENT PARTNERS

- El Paso County
- City of Alamogordo
- County of Otero
- Horizon Economic Development Corporation
- The City of Las Cruces
- The City of El Paso
- Dona Ana County - Pending

CURRENT BUSINESS PARTNERS

- First Light Federal Credit Union
- Southwest Land Development
- Hyundai of El Paso
- Casa Ford
- Tropicana Homes
- Jobe Materials
- Bohannon Development
- Pride Industries
- MCA
- Raytheon Technologies
- Pride Industries
- Tenet Healthcare
- River Oaks Properties
- El Paso Electric Company
- Rocky Mountain Mortgage
- GECU
- Hospitals of Providence
- Borderplex-Alliance

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Worked through the County of El Paso Economic Development Department to assist writing and tentatively received a multi-million-dollar grant to expand the Fabens airport.
- Working closely with AFC (Army Futures Command) in Austin to reengage bringing experts to El Paso to deliver needed information to small businesses in order to showcase El Paso's capabilities.
- Planning a meeting between General Murray (Commander, AFC) and Congresswomen Escobar (TX-16) and Herrell (NM-2) and Congressman Gonzales (TX-23).
- Briefed the professional staff for Senator Ted Cruz on the necessity of moving forward with the additional rail line at Fort Bliss.
- Briefed Congresswoman Herrell and Senator Lujan on ARMS priorities and focus.

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Continuing meetings with Army Medical Command and the Defense Health Agency officials to discuss their transition plans and to help ensure that the region retains appropriate health care.
- Conducted a pre-planning meeting with the Medical Center of the Americas to develop a Desert Medicine Center of Excellence to support WBAMC and on a broader scale, all Department of Defense Branches.
- Conducted a two-part, multi-week Town Hall meeting emphasizing testing with both White Sands Missile Range (BG Trybula) and Army Test and Evaluation Command (BG Gallivan)
- Conducted a town hall meeting with Army Futures Command Deputy Commanding General (LTG McKean).
- Hosted a Town-Hall meeting with Fort Bliss Garrison to discuss economic impact and missions.

WAY FORWARD

- Continue to modernize Fort Bliss as a Mobilization Force Generation Installation
- Proactively pursue continuous improvement of regional Military Medical capabilities
- Stay engaged with Army Futures Command and AFWERX
- Advocate for White Sands Missile Range capabilities
- Advocate for Joint Modernization Command, 32nd Air and Missile Defense Command and JTF-N headquartered at Fort Bliss
- **Working with area school districts to focus curricula on STEM, A.I., Autonomy and Data Mining**
- Sustain and improve the Defense workforce by building a pipeline of veterans training in the region
- Sustain safe, desirable, affordable off-post housing
- Prevent encroachment
- Continue to advocate for and improve air service at the El Paso International Airport
- Engage and Encourage political leaders to advocate for Fort Bliss, WSMR and Holloman AFB
- Developing talking points for community leaders regarding the regional military complex.

QUESTIONS?

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