



BEAUFORT, SC

REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the military and recognizes the installations' presence as Northern Beaufort County's primary economic driver.

Beaufort County is proud to have three installations: MCRD Parris Island, MCAS Beaufort and Naval Hospital Beaufort. These installations combined directly employ more than 19,240 military and civilian personnel. According to an [economic impact study](#) completed in January 2017 by the South Carolina Department of Commerce, the combined direct economic impact for military and civilians for the three installations is more than \$993.8 million for the area with a total impact of more than \$2.2 billion on the local economy.

Specifically, the Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce supports:

- Expanding the Tri-Command's \$2.4 billion economic impact by lobbying to maintain and grow our military installations and protect them from encroachment.
- Working closely with local, state and federal leaders to retain jobs associated with the region's military installations, and work to support military families and improve their quality of life.
- Advocating for the SC General Assembly will offer a **full exemption of state taxes on military retirement income.**