

# SOUTH SOUND MILITARY & COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP

## ***WELCOME TO SSMCP CONNECTIONS!***

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### **A SEASON OF POSSIBILITIES!**

**3 DECEMBER 2018**

SSMCP Social Services Working Group Chair, Dona Ponепinto, spoke at the second annual *From Poverty to Possibilities* poverty summit presented in partnership with United Way of Pierce County and The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation. She notes, "Creating an action plan, building public will and taking on systems goes far beyond the good program work being done in our community. We must get at the root of the problem and make some serious policy shifts." See event highlights [here](#).

The summit held discussions on aspects of policy shifts needed related to childcare and housing. The SSMCP Social Services Working Group is taking some of the discussions to action for military affiliated community members. Ms. Ponепinto's visionary leadership also motivates continued progress in initiatives including the SSMCP Resource Kits to take a systemic approach to connecting citizens with established services with intent to assist in lifting families out of poverty.



This time of year many think of how to contribute to permanent solutions that will assist others. Join in creating a stronger community by participating in the SSMCP Social Services Working Group. Contribute/ Distribute/ Learn More about Resource Kits. Contact Sarah Luna Email [sluna@cityoflakewood.us](mailto:sluna@cityoflakewood.us) or Call 253-983-7774

**Dona Ponепinto, United Way of Pierce County President and CEO**

***From Poverty to Possibilities* Keynote Speaker: Dr. Michael McAfee, President and CEO of PolicyLink**

### **Upcoming Events:**

**5 Dec: Social Services Working Group**

**14 Dec: Steering Committee**

**25 Dec: Christmas**

**1 Jan: New Year's Day**

**7 Jan: Resource Kits Available to the public**

**21 Jan: Observance of Martin Luther King Jr.**

**25 Jan: Homeless Connect Resource Fair**

**25 Jan: JLUS Task Force**

**We are only as strong as our membership - Click [here](#) to join.**

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## 16 November 2018 Elected Officials Council Review

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Nearly 100 legislators, Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM) and local community leaders attended the Elected Officials Council on 16 November 2018. Pictured right, Major General William H. Graham, Jr. Deputy Commanding General of I Corps and JBLM, updated the Elected Officials Council audience. Cameron Proudfoot, U.S. Oil & Refining Co. President/CEO spoke about the important relationship between the organization and fueling the military mission.

Colonel William Krueger, Vice Commander, Western Air Defense Sector and Commander 225th Air Defense Group, Washington Air National Guard lauded the SSMCP that it likened to a Weapons System Council that solves common problems. He also shared top military concerns include recruiting/retention. Community members could assist in promoting better Guardsman benefits such as free in-state tuition.

SSMCP Program Director and Retired Colonel Bill Adamson shared some of the key SSMCP initiatives to include the Regional Economic Impact Analysis. A shown Pierce County TV video illustrated how JBLM is a Regional Economic Center. Review the video [here](#). Mr. Adamson also provided an overview of the 2018 JBLM Workforce Survey results. Elected Officials approved the 2019 SSMCP Budget, Legislative Agenda and 2019-2020 Work Plan. All SSMCP presentations and materials may be found at [www.ssmcp.org](http://www.ssmcp.org).

Updates on SSMCP initiatives will be provided at the next Elected Officials Council on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at Eagles Pride Golf Course. The current agenda includes a special message from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. **Register at <https://ssmcpoeo16may19.eventbrite.com>.**



### 2019 Legislative Agenda:

#### **Capital Budget: Encroachment in the McChord North Clear Zone**

Resolving encroachment is a shared responsibility between Federal, State, and local authorities. SSMCP continues to coordinate with DOD for long term federal funding to resolve Clear Zone encroachment – roughly \$60 million. **SSMCP requests \$3 million towards the purchase of the highest risk commercial property** that poses the greatest public safety threat. To complete this purchase of this parcel, SSMCP is pursuing the cost differential from DOD and anticipates funding in 2019. The \$2 million state grant from the 2017-19 Capital Budget enabled access to DOD REPI funds because it was considered non-federal matching funds.

#### **Transportation Budget: I-5 Corridor from Mounts Road to Tumwater**

The 2018 Supplemental Transportation Budget included \$550,000 for implementation of a corridor study to identify potential improvements between exit 116 and exit 99 of Interstate 5. WSDOT, the Nisqually Indian Tribe, and Thurston Regional Planning Council leveraged the initial investment into \$2 million worth of planning work scheduled for completion in July 2019.

**SSMCP requests \$4.5 million to conduct the necessary NEPA/SEPA review of mid- and long-term actions.** This budget estimate was developed in consideration of work to be completed by July 2019 and comparison to similar WSDOT projects. The budget estimate was reviewed by WSDOT and other transportation professionals.

## Tideflats Substitution Regulation

The City Council of Tacoma considered a revision or substitute to current interim regulations that could limit current fuel supply and delivery activities such as the delivery of fuel resources to Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM). United States Air Force flight operations rely on the fuel pipeline and storage tanks at the port to sustain global airlift missions. The Substitute Ordinance would require a conditional use permit for expansion of existing uses when the proposed expansion requires a SEPA Review under Tacoma Municipal Code. SSMCP and others submitted both written and public testimony against this Substitute Ordinance. The ordinance failed to pass.

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## 2018 Accomplishments Review

- Increased SSMCP Membership
- Secured OEA \$500K grant, State Legislative \$550K for I-5 Transportation Strategy Development, Department of Commerce \$2M grant for NCZ, \$1.5M commitment from DOD REPI program
- JBLM JLUS Implementation Task Force completed 2016-2018 OEA grant objectives on 8 strategies identified in the 2015 JLUS
- Conducted 2018 JBLM Workforce Needs & Preferences Survey Results
- Performed 2018 JBLM Regional Economic Impact Analysis
- Active Working Groups' events and work products
- Updated JBLM Coordination Plan reflecting recommendations from current Working Groups
- SSMCP Position Statements, State and Federal Agendas
- Six SSMCP electronic newsletters, up-to-date SSMCP website, LinkedIn and Facebook pages

## 2019 SSMCP Invoices Sent in December

In an effort to assist our partners, SSMCP 2019 membership dues will be sent early this month with a January 2019 due date. New members are welcome! Please contact SSMCP Program Coordinator, Sarah Luna at [sluna@cityoflakewood.us](mailto:sluna@cityoflakewood.us) or 253-983-7774 with any questions, changes to organizational contacts or to increase the contribution membership level.



## Welcome SSMCP Intern Tina Hernandez

Tina Hernandez joined the SSMCP team as a Masters of Social Work (MSW) intern in October. She will remain on staff until her expected graduation from the University of Washington in June 2019. Tina is originally from Germany and has since lived in Bogota, Colombia and Washington State with her husband, an Army active duty service member of 14 years. She has a passion for issues related to military families and homelessness, and is looking forward to work with SSMCP on the Resource Kit Project with the purpose of making resource navigation more efficient for community members.