



# New Mexico's Initiatives in Support of Mission Sustainment

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## Overview

- Military Installations in New Mexico
- State Organization
- State Initiatives
- Status



## New Mexico's Military Installations

- Cannon AFB: Air Force Special Operations Command
  - Cannon slated for closure in the 2005 BRAC Round; we worked hard to save it
  - BRAC Commission recommendation—place Cannon in an “enclave” status pending a new mission by December 2009
  - Air Force review, with State and community participation—new mission announced June 2006--Cannon to host a Special Operations Wing
  - 27<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Wing activated October 1, 2007: CV-22s; AC-130H Gunships; MC-130W; non-standard airlift; RPA units—Cannon becoming a robust outfit—now with its 3<sup>rd</sup> s.o. wing commander
- Holloman AFB: Air Combat Command
  - F-117s until 2009; then two squadrons of F-22s; Air Force reconfiguring F-22 force; Air Force announced Holloman to receive two squadrons of F-16s, commencing FY 3/14
  - Holloman has several tenant units, including the 46th Test Group (Air Force Materiel Command)
  - And, Holloman located in close proximity to White Sands Missile Range (across the Tularosa Basin)



## New Mexico's Military Installations (cont)

- White Sands Missile Range (Army Test and Evaluation Command)
  - Approximately 40 by 100 miles of restricted airspace
  - Significant tenants: two sub-directorates of the Army Research Laboratory; Center for Counter Measures (reports to OSD); TRADOC Analysis (TRAC); High Energy Laser Test Facility; Navy Detachment; Air Force Detachment of the 46th Test Group
- Kirtland AFB: Air Force Materiel Command—a complex installation (377<sup>th</sup> Air Base Wing)
  - Two Directorates of the Air Force Research Laboratory—Space Vehicles and Directed Energy; 58<sup>th</sup> SOW (AETC): Combat Rescue and Special Operations Initial Qualification training—all but AC-130s, non-standard airlift
  - Operationally Responsive Space Office (reports to SAF); Distributed Mission Operations Center (ACC)
  - Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center (AFMC); Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center (reports to HQ USAF)
  - And, Kirtland hosts Sandia National Laboratory
- Ft. Bliss (Army Forces Command)
  - 89% in New Mexico
  - #1 Military Value Installation in the Army, 2005 BRAC
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division activated in May
  - 9,000 soldiers in 2005 to over 34,000 by 2014—and a bunch of deployable units!
- TRIAD: Ft. Bliss, Holloman, WSMR

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## How we are organized

- State community-military partnering organizations:
  - Cannon AFB: Clovis Committee of 50; Portales Military Affairs Committee
  - Holloman AFB: Alamogordo Committee of 50
  - Kirtland AFB: Kirtland Partnership Committee (full time executive director)
  - Holloman AFB: Alamogordo Committee of 50
- Military Base Planning Commission (2003): composed of the leaders of the local support organizations—mission:
  - Work with and provide assistance to established community organizations that have as their purpose the support of the military bases in their local area
  - Ensure collaboration among the community-military support organizations in New Mexico
  - And advise the Governor on measures necessary to ensure the continued presence of military bases in the State.
- Office of Military Base Planning and Support—mission:
  - Support the Commission; identify issues, prepare information, provide for presentations necessary for the Commission to carry out its duties
  - Serve as a liaison with the community organizations
  - Work with the staff of the State's Congressional Delegation
- Process: Commission meets quarterly; Commission Steering Committee—other sessions, conference calls
- Strength: outstanding community expertise in support of all State initiatives

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## What we do

- Address “State level” issues in support of all military installations—this often means we address regional opportunities
- And, we try to fully employ our many contacts across municipalities and State/Federal agencies:
  - OSD, Air Staff, Air Force major commands, DA Staff
  - BLM, New Mexico State Land Commission/Office
  - And counties—increasingly important



## Specifics

- New Mexico Training Range Initiative: expansion of Military Operating Areas in eastern New Mexico: FAA (Albuquerque Center); airlines (SWA, Delta, American, Continental); an early State initiative; complete 2007
- New Mexico Gross Receipts tax deductions (State legislation)
  - Transformational acquisition programs: Operationally Responsive Space, Future Combat System
  - Military construction programs at Cannon 2008-2010
- Semi-annual (or more frequent) land use planning sessions: Ft. Bliss; Holloman AFB; White Sands Missile Range; Dona Ana County; Otero County; Las Cruces; Alamogordo; Spaceport America; NASA/WSTF
- Encroachment: Governor Executive Order—directing all State agencies to work with military installations on land use planning; we tried legislation this past Session, but too much going on; we will try again
- Renewable energy impacts: regional collaboration—all military installations (a/o level) participating; WSMR leadership on key issues
- Delegation staffers/Ft. Bliss/Holloman/WSMR have organized a southern NM “sustainability group”; includes Spaceport America, OMBPS; we are hoping to kick off a regional JLUS



## Specifics (cont)

- Regional Growth Management Plan: eastern NM (Cannon growth): prepared initial SOW, Commissioner and Director participation on Steering Committee
- Southern NM Growth Organization (pending BCT to WSMR): MOU, two counties, two cities; BCT cancelled, however
- Expansion of Melrose Air Force Range
  - State appropriated \$5 million to expand MAFR
  - Initial focus—procurement of several sections of adjacent State Trust Land
  - Now—working on an extended lease (Governor and Commissioner of Public Lands direction), Air Force to become long-term tenant (great progress on a complicated action)
- Kirtland Joint Land Use Study: OEA to Director, OMBPS
  - State request to Mid Region Council of Governments (MRCOG)
  - Several municipal government agencies, four counties
  - State and Commissioner involvement on Technical and Steering Committees
  - Next steps: MRCOG to receive grant to carry out JLUS recommendations
- Cannon Low Altitude Tactical Navigation Initiative: support of Cannon's outreach—Air Force to release EA next few weeks; concerns, Colorado/NM



# Status

- Great progress across the State
- But, more work required
  - Interface with counties, municipalities, federal agencies
  - State organizations/offices can help
  - Bases/installations: outreach important
- Outstanding support from OEA!