

2024 State of the Military

Who: Defense Communities Development Council and invited guests

Where: Old Capitol Inn, 226 N State St, Jackson, MS 39201

When: Wednesday, February 21

Purpose: In accordance with the Executive Order forming the Defense Communities Development Council, the first meeting of the year will be a State of the Military meeting with updates from bases and communities.

This year's meeting will also include panels and speakers to foster engagement among military, state and local leaders. The shared information will be relevant for defense community organization and collaboration.

The forum will provide opportunities for commanders to communicate on installation and family issues, and it will provide opportunities for communities to share efforts to support installations.

Agenda:

- 11:00 DCDC lunch meeting
- 1p – Start of symposium
 - Welcome from Chairman Tom Williams
- 1:10 – TBD – Senior Leader
- 1:25-1:30 – Transition
- 1:30 – Keynote – Challenges Facing the Air Force
 - Robert Moriarty, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Installations
- 2:00-2:15 - Break
- 2:15 – Military Spouses and Families Roundtable
- 2:40 – Encroachment Solutions
 - Capt. Luke Davis, NAS Meridian
- 3:00 - Climate and Energy Resilience
 - Lt Col Kevin Brockler, Keesler AFB; Ron Jenkins, NCBC Gulfport
- 3:25 - Break
- 3:30 - MS Defense Industry and Technology
 - Anduril, Camgian, Hyperion, OceanAero
- 4:00 – Installation Commanders Council Update
 - Col Britt Watson, 172nd Airlift Wing
- 4:20 - Defense Community Support of Military Installations
 - Dr. Chad Miller, University of Southern Mississippi; Jace R. Ponder, GOMA
- 4:40 – End
- 5:00-6:30 - Reception

The symposium will ensure attendees are knowledgeable on topics affecting defense communities and defense missions in the state.