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### Florida is a pivotal location for military installations, infrastructure and veterans. How will our state continue to serve as a hub into 2030 and beyond?

The 2014 Florida Chamber Foundation's Military, Defense and Veterans Opportunities Summit will gather leaders from Florida's military and defense industry, economic development experts, policy makers and the business community to tackle an expanding challenge facing Florida throughout the next 20-plus years.

The 2014 Six Pillars Summits are unique opportunities to be on the front lines as we take on the *Goals, Gaps and Grand Plans* facing the Sunshine State now and into the future.

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#### DID YOU KNOW?

The Statewide impact of Florida's military economy is more than **\$70 billion** ...close to 10 percent of the state's GDP



More than **75,000** military and civilian personnel reside in Florida



Defense-related spending accounts for more than **750,000** jobs in Florida



**75%** of young Americans 17-24 are unable to join the military, primarily because they are poorly educated, physically unfit or involved in crime



More than **1.6 million** combat veterans reside in Florida



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