



TEAM CHARLESTON

HONORARY COMMANDERS PROGRAM

BACKGROUND: The Joint Base Charleston Honorary Commanders Program was developed to encourage an exchange of ideas and experiences between key members of the local civilian community and the Charleston military community. The program provides a unique opportunity for members of the Charleston area to shadow commanders of wing, group, squadron and tenant units associated with Joint Base Charleston.

MISSION: To increase public awareness and understanding of the Joint Base Charleston mission, policies, and programs by involving civic leaders and community partners in base activities and encourage them to share the Air Force and Joint Force story.

PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION: The 628th Air Base Wing Public Affairs Office is responsible for implementing the program, which promotes the Air Force's Civic Outreach Program goals. The office is responsible for the administration of the Honorary Commanders Program at Joint Base Charleston, as well as appropriate coordination of activities with various base organizations (i.e. protocol, security forces, force support, etc.) to ensure the program's success.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW: The Community Engagement team within the public affairs office matches Joint Base Charleston and mission partner commanders with a civic leader, who then holds the title of "Honorary Commander." The induction ceremony is typically held in the fall of every year, and Honorary Commanders hold their title for a two-year term, with an optional third year depending on engagement level. Each military commander is encouraged to provide a tour/overview of their unit, contingent upon operations tempo. In addition, Honorary Commanders will be invited to various base events throughout the year and included in potential opportunities to partner with their military commander.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Civic Leaders should:

- Be a United States citizen of outstanding character, integrity and patriotism.
- Be a leader in local/regional/national community affairs.
- Be in a position to provide individual perspectives to senior Air Force, Navy, Army, or Coast Guard (Joint Force) leaders on initiatives, issues and other matters of interest.
- Be in a position to disseminate information about the Joint Force to a broad cross section of the public and to other prominent citizens in his or her area.
- Be able to interpret and affect public attitude toward the Joint Force.
- Be able and willing to devote a reasonable amount of time as a civic leader for the installation.

Civic Leaders will not:

- Be an employee of the Federal Government.
- Be employed by a DoW contractor or working under a DoW contract.
- Be a federally elected or appointed official. Locally elected or appointed officials will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Be an active member of the National Guard or a member of the Ready Reserve (Selected), Individual Ready Reserve, or Standby Reserve.
- Be a paid employee of any political party.
- Hold financial interests that conflict with their role as a civic leader.

Questions?

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