



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

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Dear Friends:

Congratulations on Okaloosa County recently being recognized as a Great American Defense Community by the Association of Defense Communities and the Defense Communities Caucus. The hard work and dedication of your community's leaders and residents are helping Florida to be our country's most military friendly state.

Our goal is to create an opportunity economy in Florida where dynamic, growing industries create jobs and careers for generations to come. None of this would be possible without the dedicated service of our veterans, servicemen and women. In addition to supporting Florida's more than 1.5 million veterans, we are also proud to support our active duty military and their families, who also make sacrifices as their loved ones serve.

As Governor and a Navy veteran myself, I am committed to making sure Florida continues to be our country's most military friendly state. The defense industry is the third largest contributor to our state's economy and is vital to our national defense.

Thank you for your community's commitment to keeping our military installations and defense industry strong. Please let me know your ideas for how we can continue making Florida the most military friendly state in the nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott
Governor