

# WHITE RIVER MILITARY COORDINATION ALLIANCE



## OUTREACH - July 2025

### WHO WE ARE

The Alliance is a community organization that was formed in 2018 to promote positive development and growth in the communities that surround Naval Support Activity Crane.

### MILITARY INSTALLATION RESILIENCE REVIEW UPDATE

The two primary efforts of the MIRR, the Southern Indiana Housing Resilience Initiative and the Southern Indiana Military Installation Resilience Review, have both made significant progress over the last several months and have come to a conclusion.

#### Southern Indiana Housing Resilience Initiative:

Execution of this effort centers on improving our housing ecosystem, with a focus on growing the pool of local development talent to increase residential options in the rural towns near NSA Crane. In the first half of the year, this effort has concluded after many months of uncovering vulnerabilities in housing across Daviess, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, and Sullivan Counties through the following efforts:

- Developed a housing data and action plan for Sullivan County
- Built a regional land database for all 5 counties
- Implemented a toolbox displaying feasible housing options tailored to the unique needs and opportunities of Southern Indiana
- Assessed housing demand and growth with a strategic growth analysis
- Conducted an in-depth review of zoning and parcel regulations in the area
- Held several small-scale developer training workshops
- Created a network for small-scale developers to stay connected and provide ongoing support

In conclusion, this effort established a path that can be followed to meet future housing demands while ensuring sustainable growth and prosperity for our rural communities.

#### Southern Indiana Military Installation Resilience Review (SIMIRR):

Execution of the regional resilience review is completed and has identified vulnerability issues on community infrastructure that may impact NSA Crane's mission readiness and help to understand shared risks both inside and outside Naval Support Activity (NSA) Crane and Lake Glendora Test Facility boundaries.

- Held stakeholder workshops and identified vulnerabilities by sector (Utilities, Transportation, Dams & Levees, Hazardous Materials Infrastructure and Land Use)
- Conducted vulnerability workshops with Infrastructure Identification & Threat Mapping
- Developed an action plan
  - Identified the top 12 priority projects and actions essential for enhancing installation readiness
  - More information on the full report is available upon request on the WRMCA website

### MAY QUARTERLY MEETING

The Alliance held its second quarterly meeting in May 2025 at the Greene County Event Center in Bloomfield. Greg Goode— Indiana State Senator and State Director for U.S. Senator Todd Young— was in attendance. At the meeting he showed his continued support of the defense ecosystem by giving a short speech centered on the importance of the defense sector and the continued development of the communities surrounding the installation.

Attendees also had the opportunity to hear from special speakers Greg Jones, Executive Director of the Southern Indiana Development Commission and Clay Chaffin, Eppley Director for the IU Eppley Center for Parks & Public Lands. Jones presented on the Association of Defense Communities National Summit, and Chaffin presented on the USS Constitution Park Feasibility Study.

Following the meeting, attendees had the opportunity to connect with the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) for an open house. There, INDOT representatives were available to discuss the State's Transportation Improvement Plan and other topics— allowing attendees to give feedback on INDOT initiatives.



## USS CONSTITUTION PARK AT WESTGATE FEASIBILITY STUDY

A recently proposed USS Constitution Park is planned to be located near the WestGate Technology Park. To see if the park is feasible, The Eppley Center for Parks and Public Lands at Indiana University will prepare a site analysis and preliminary design. Additionally, the Eppley Center analysis will determine site suitability, elements of the park, cost estimate, and a proposed timeline— a community survey was also sent out to measure community interest in the project.

## CRANE REGIONAL DEFENSE GROUP

Crane Regional Defense Group (CRDG), a subgroup of the Alliance, aims to elevate the strategic value of Crane and expand southern Indiana's defense innovation ecosystem through defense-related outreach and legislative initiatives that enhance military missions in the region.

### Connect to Mission (C2M)

CRDG hosts Connect to Mission events to assist current or prospective businesses with understanding the needs of NSWC Crane's mission areas. The last two quarterly events, which now include afternoon matchmaking sessions with various Crane departments and Crane partners, drew in over 500 attendees from multiple states across the United States. The following departments and guest speakers participated in our recent events:

- **February:** NSWC Crane Spectrum Warfare Department | guest speaker: Lindsay Maliqi, Outreach and Marketing Specialist at the U.S. Small Business Administration
- **May:** NSWC Crane Global Deterrence & Defense Department | guest speaker: Greg Goode, State Director for U.S. Senator Todd Young & Indiana State Senator

### Upcoming Events

**October 7:**  
C2M

**December 2:**  
C2M

### Washington D.C. Congressional Reception

Applied Research Institute (ARI), Crane Regional Defense Group (CRDG) and the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) held the annual Team Crane Congressional Breakfast and Reception June 3 - 4 in the nation's capital. The events brought together government leaders, defense and technology firms and academia partnerships to learn about critical updates and developments across Indiana's growing defense ecosystem.

Indiana Senators Jim Banks and Todd Young, and Indiana Congressman Mark Messmer and Congresswoman Erin Houchin hosted the breakfast, sponsored by ARI, the Crane Regional Defense Group, the Federal Manager's Association (FMA) Crane Chapter 170, and the IEDC. During recent remarks in the Oval Office, Senator Banks highlighted Crane's strategic contributions to national defense, underscoring how the base innovation and technical depth are critical to preserving America's military edge. His recognition reinforces the growing awareness in Washington of the pivotal role Crane plays across key defense missions.

For the fourth year, CRDG hosted the Crane Congressional Reception— with the help from its sponsor IEDC— the evening before the breakfast. This annual networking event is hosted in downtown Washington, and it brought together over 170 defense industry peers, academia, and government officials to discuss the current state of defense and future collaboration opportunities. CRDG officers and members were available to discuss the organization's role in the southern Indiana community as an effort to expand community support and advocate for Crane at local and federal levels.



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