



We often speak about the important contributions that military installations, like Luke Air Force Base in Glendale, make to our cities and to the state of Arizona. Since its establishment in 1941 Luke Air Force Base has played a vital role in our nation's security; but what may sometimes be overlooked is the positive economic impact the base has on cities and the state.

Recently, the state of Arizona conducted the Economic Impact of Arizona's Military Operations study. This week I want to provide you with some key findings from the study that clearly identify the positive impact all military installations in Arizona have on our economy.

The study concluded that Arizona's military industry, which includes the principal military operations as well as the businesses they support, is responsible for creating 96,328 jobs and \$9.1 billion in economic output. Of the \$9.1 billion, Luke Air Force Base alone contributes an estimated \$2.2 billion to the state and employs over 7,000 military and civilian individuals.

While the employment of over 96,000 individuals represents an important source of economic input, other spending by Arizona's military operations is an equally important economic stimulus. The military installations throughout our state spend over \$2.6 billion in contracts and purchasing goods and services to meet their production needs.

Another important factor is the tax revenue that is created through military employment and through the large purchases that the various military installations make across the state. Military personnel purchase homes, cars, and other goods and services in communities throughout our state, thereby generating significant revenue. The study found that over \$400 million was generated in tax revenue through payments of state and local sales taxes, state and local property taxes and state income taxes.

We cannot overlook the importance of our military industry to the economy of our cities and to the state of Arizona. The military industry provides substantial stable employment, and draws on many private, non-governmental vendors and suppliers. We often recognize the importance of our military to the nation's security, but we need to also stress its strong economic impact on our state.

Maintaining our military operations must continue to be a priority of our state and local government and I will continue to do everything I can to protect the mission of Luke Air Force Base.

Thank you taking the time to read my "Glendale Bulletins". Please contact me at (623) 930-2260 or mayorscruggs@glendaleaz.com, if you have any comments or questions. I strive to provide the most timely information and best possible service to you, the citizens of Glendale. I sincerely appreciate your feedback.