

STRENGTHENING ARIZONA'S MILITARY COMMUNITY

SENATOR MCCAIN WORKED THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER TO SUPPORT ARIZONA'S MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, STRENGTHEN THE STATE'S NATIONAL SECURITY BUSINESS COMMUNITY, AND PROVIDE FOR ITS PROUD SERVICE MEMBERS.

Spearheading Arizona's Military Alliances

Senator McCain was the visionary behind a series of civilian regional defense alliances to preserve military bases that are vital to national security and support the growth of Arizona's defense industrial base. Comprised of leaders from private industry, non-profits, and state and local government, these alliances include the Yuma 50, Southern Arizona Defense Alliance, Davis-Monthan 50, Huachuca 50, Mesa Industrial Defense Council, and the Northern Arizona Military Council. The collaboration of these organizations has greatly benefited the state and has enhanced Arizona's contributions to national security.

Keeping the A-10 Flying at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base

As Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Senator McCain championed several bills that prevented the Air Force from prematurely retiring the [A-10 Warthog](#), many of which are stationed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona. As the best close-air support aircraft in our nation's arsenal, the A-10 continues to play a vital role in the fight against ISIL and to support NATO's effort to deter Russian aggression.

Preserving the EC-130H Compass Call fleet at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base

Senator McCain also sponsored bills that [preserved](#) the EC-130H Compass Call electronic attack and electronic early warning airplanes stationed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. These jamming and surveillance planes are critical to protecting our ground troops from sophisticated electronic attacks in conflicts across the Middle East, as well as against potential threats in the Pacific and Europe.

Maintaining Search and Rescue Capability in Yuma

Senator McCain included provisions in the annual [National Defense Authorization Act \(NDAA\)](#) prohibiting the Marine Corps from retiring the last search and rescue unit in the country at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma. This unique search and rescue mission provides critical assistance for military air operations, as well as civilian and local law enforcement in the region.

Wildfire Management at Camp Navajo

Senator McCain championed legislation that included a [provision](#) supporting forest thinning activities using Camp Navajo, an Arizona National Guard facility located near Flagstaff, Arizona. Specially, the provision effectively transferred federal land under Camp Navajo from the Forest Service to the Department of Defense to help streamline an Arizona National Guard program to lease portions of the facility as an industrial park.