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The Pierce County Library System is committed to reaching out and serving all parts of our community. The Military Task Force and Virtual Services has now launched the newest addition to our family of targeted web pages, called Military Connections. It is accessible by clicking on the link at the bottom of the PCLS home page www.piercecountylibrary.org or going to http://military.mypcls.org.

This web page takes information already found on the PCLS website and repackages this information in an accessible manner that addresses the information needs of our military families.

Military Connections joins the first member of the family of web pages, the Job and Business Center. It gives this segment of our community the ability to get started through our website, and provides them with a place to directly ask for additional information, or support or the ability to suggest additional links that would be of use to our military families.

There will be a demonstration of the new web pages at the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting in April.
Regional Highlights from Joint Base Lewis-McChord

Over the last two years, the South Sound Military & Communities Partnership has studied ten key areas affected by changes in JBLM’s mission:

- **ECONOMICS**
- **TRANSPORTATION**
- **SOCIAL SERVICES**
- **HOUSING**
- **LAND USE POLICY**
- **PUBLIC SAFETY**
- **EDUCATION, CHILDCARE & SCHOOLS**
- **HEALTH**
- **UTILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE**
- **QUALITY OF LIFE**

Quick Facts:

- At over 415,000 acres, Joint Base Lewis-McChord is the largest installation in the western United States.
- JBLM is a top requested installation for military assignment.
- Joint Base Lewis-McChord is the third largest employer in Washington State, representing $3.2 billion in payroll annually.
- Military-connected children attend more than a dozen local school districts.
- More than 40 unique strategies have been identified to help the region better support military needs and capitalize on its economic benefits.
- Madigan Army Medical Center is one of three designated trauma centers in the United States Army Medical Department, and in 1999 became the second hospital to ever receive a perfect score of “100” from the Joint Commission.
- Approximately $3.9 billion in construction spending is projected on JBLM between 2009-2016.
- By 2016, JBLM will support 136,124 soldiers, airmen, dependents, employees and contractors, plus the 117,971 military retirees already present.

Key Messages

- As a Power Projection Platform, JBLM continues to grow and is home to the Stryker Brigade Combat Teams, I Corps, and the 62nd Airlift Wing.
- JBLM is intersected by Interstate 5, which divides the installation into three regions (Lewis Main, Lewis North, and McChord Field) and creates difficult traffic congestion challenges.
- Over 100 local governments, agencies, school districts, and other public stakeholders are impacted by the operations, personnel, and environment at JBLM. Each is extremely supportive of JBLM’s mission and participated in the Growth Coordination Study.
- Improved partnerships will promote mutually beneficial investments and maximize opportunities for joint community and military cooperation.

Regional Partnership Successes (effort has leveraged over $74.5 million since 2009)

- **On-Base Schools Replacement Funding:** $47 million
  - Federal funding allocated to consolidate two elementary schools on JBLM into new, larger-capacity facilities that will accommodate growing enrollment.
- **TIGER III Funding:** $15 million
  - Federal transportation funding to improve traffic flow on the Interstate 5 corridor near JBLM, including enhancements to ramps, travel lanes and intersections.
- **Madigan Access Transportation Improvements Funding:** $5.7 million
  - Improvements of an existing freeway overpass and a series of other modifications to reduce traffic congestion.
- **Workforce Development Funding:** $4.7 million
  - Training services and job placement assistance to individuals affected by joint basing and installation closures.
- **Growth Coordination Plan and Implementation:** $1.6 million
  - Regional study of military growth impacts, implementation of plan strategies and ongoing communication to stakeholders.
- **I-5 Transportation Alternatives Analysis:** $500,000
  - A study to propose transportation improvements along primary interchanges of I-5 & 512.
- **Preferences Survey of JBLM Personnel:** $45,000
  - Survey of 42,000 individuals to collect demographic data that helps future regional planning.

JBLM & Surrounding Communities

[Map of JBLM and surrounding communities]