

A Year of **Progress,** **Partnership,** and **Possibility**



USAF Chief of Staff Gen. David Allvin and Airmen assigned to the 9th Munitions Squadron (MUNS) pose for a photo May 28, 2025 (photo courtesy / USAF Airman 1st Class Chelsea Arana).



Advocacy work on Capitol Hill and at the Pentagon.

Donations made to better the lives of our Airmen and their families.

Partnerships between the local community and Air Force leadership.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

As I reflect on 2025, I am incredibly proud of what BMLC accomplished together with our partners, community, and the dedicated leaders and Airmen of Beale Air Force Base.

The first half of the year was defined by our collective focus on the Beale Air & Space Expo. This signature event required months of planning, coordination, and collaboration, and it showcased not only the incredible mission of Beale, but also the deep pride our region holds for those who serve. The Expo reminded us of the power of partnership and what is possible when community and mission come together.

Throughout the year, we were honored to welcome several distinguished Air Force leaders to our region, including General David Allvin, then Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force; General Adrian Spain, Commander of Air Combat Command; and Lt. General Thomas Hensley, Commander of the 16th Air Force, among others. For many of these visits, BMLC had the opportunity to break bread with senior leadership, share our passion for Beale, and highlight the unwavering support this community has for the base, its Airmen, and their families. These moments of connection matter, they strengthen relationships and reinforce why BMLC's role is so important.

This year also marked the retirement of three of the Air Force's very best: Colonel Heather Fox, former 9th Reconnaissance Wing Commander; Colonel Rich Shermer, 548th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group Commander; and Colonel

James Bartran, 9th Reconnaissance Wing Deputy Commander. We are grateful for their leadership, service, and lasting impact on Beale. We are especially fortunate that Colonel Bartran chose to continue his service to the community by joining the BMLC Board of Directors.

Speaking of our Board, 2025 was a year of growth. We welcomed two new Board Members, Colonel (Ret) Bartran and Chad Miller, bringing fresh perspectives and additional capacity to our organization. This expansion positions BMLC to do even more in the years ahead, and it lays important groundwork for the initiatives we are planning for 2026 and beyond.

One of the most powerful moments of the year came during the federal government shutdown this fall. In response, BMLC quickly mobilized and reached out to our Yuba-Sutter community. Through a partnership with Grocery Outlet in Yuba City, we were able to secure a 10% discount for members of Team Beale impacted by the shutdown. At the same time, our community rallied in an extraordinary way, donating nearly 11,000 diapers and more than 16,000 wipes for families who were suddenly without a paycheck. This effort was a true testament to the compassion and generosity of our region and a powerful example of what it means to stand behind those who serve.

While these highlights capture many of the defining moments of 2025, they represent only part of the story. I invite you to read the rest of this report to fully appreciate the breadth of BMLC's work and the dedication of those who make it possible.



As we look ahead to 2026, there is much to be excited about. We remain deeply committed to our vision, to make a meaningful difference in the lives of Beale's Airmen and their families, and we are energized by the opportunities before us.

Thank you for your continued support, partnership, and belief in our mission.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sami Nall".

Sami Nall
Board Chair
Beale Military Liaison Council (BMLC)

2025: A YEAR OF ADVOCATING AND PARTNERING

2025 was spent solidifying relationships with our friends on the Hill, Air Force leadership throughout the country, and our local community. With thousands donated back to Beale and quality of life functions held on base, we are proud to do what we can for our country, base, and the Airmen and their families.

Boosting Morale

We're honored to champion programs that celebrate and strengthen the lives of the Airmen, from the Annual Awards Banquet and Air Force Ball, to the Force Support Squadron's holiday gathering for exceptional children and those with deployed parents, bringing a bit of joy and connection to families during a meaningful time of year.

Advocating for Beale's Future

In February, our team visited Washington, D.C. to push forward Beale's top priorities, with a major focus on bringing new missions to Beale such as Collaborative Combat Aircraft (CCA). Our visit helps strengthen the partnership between our community, D.C. leaders and Air Force leadership. This trip included meetings at the Pentagon and on Capitol Hill.

Fostering Education and Awareness

BMLC typically hosts an annual Yuba-Sutter Civic Leader trip to better educate our local leaders on what Beale does as well as the larger Air Force. In 2025 that trip was postponed due to the government shutdown and will take place in January of 2026 at Vandenberg Space Force Base. Throughout 2025 we were able to connect Air Force leadership to local leaders with small informal dinners. Local leaders were able to meet with General Spain (COMACC), Lt. Gen. Hensley (16th Air Force) and helped provide lunch and attend ceremonial speeches with General Allvin (Chief of Staff of the Air Force). We also deepened our knowledge by attending conferences hosted by the Association of Defense Communities, Air Force Association, and International Council of Air Shows, ensuring

we stay informed about Air Force and defense community priorities.

Hands-On Support

BMLC alongside local leaders jumped in to support base by hosting a Burger Burn in November, serving more than 300 Mission Support Group Airmen. In May, we helped put on some fun for Airmen and their families at a First Friday event welcoming home deployed Airmen. We were proud to help collect over 11,000 diapers in October and November, delivering them to base for affected civilian and military during the government shutdown. In April, we grilled hot dogs for families with deployed Airmen as they waited to welcome their loved ones home.

Enhancing Quality of Life

The quality of life for our Airmen is key to the success of Beale's mission and health of our local community. In 2025, we were happy to donate funds to the Air Force Ball, 7th SWS, Recce Town 5-6, Resilient Airmen Project, 74RS Booster Club and the 9th Civil Engineer Booster as well as help start a grocery store discount program for those affected by the government shutdown.



BMLC Board members attend meetings on Capitol Hill in February of 2025 for advocacy work.

FEBRUARY

Capitol Hill

BMLC Board Members traveled to Washington, D.C., to advocate for Beale's priorities, including future missions (Collaborative Combat Aircraft), Force Re-Optimization, and continued investment in mission-critical infrastructure. Emphasis on the need for clear congressional guidance on the U-2 divestiture timeline and community impacts of uncertainty on Airmen and their families, was a key talking point.



OCTOBER

Association of Defense Communities (ADC) Conference

Board Chair Sami Nall and Board Advisor, Janice Nall met The Roosevelt Group to discuss strategic plans for BMLC to help advocate for Beale.

OCTOBER

Grocery Store Discount Program

BMLC spearheads a discount program for government shutdown affected Airmen and families. Grocery Outlet and New Earth Market offer discounts during this period.

OCTOBER

Diaper Drive

BMLC started a drive to collect diapers and wipes for effected Airmen and staffers during the government shutdown. Donations were gathered at Recology, Racquet Club, Geweke Ford, and Express Employment—resulting in 10,910 diapers and 16,286 wipes collected.



SEPTEMBER

Air Force Ball

The Air Force Ball at Hard Rock Hotel & Casino was an incredible evening, featuring General Spain as the distinguished speaker. With 600 attendees filling the venue, we were proud to sponsor and attend this remarkable celebration of service and tradition.



FEBRUARY

Pentagon

As part of our advocacy efforts we made a trip to the Pentagon to speak with Air Force leadership. Discussions focused on the planned U-2 divestiture, Force Re-Optimization, and future mission opportunities, including Collaborative Combat Aircraft (CCA) and the potential establishment of the 14th Air Force at Beale. BMLC emphasized the importance of timely and clear guidance from Congress, noting that prolonged uncertainty has real impacts on local families, workforce stability, and the regional economy. The Council also highlighted the community's strong support for Beale through advocacy for mission-critical infrastructure, energy resiliency, and quality-of-life investments.



FEBRUARY

Commander, 16th Air Force Visit

General Thomas Hensley visited Beale, which included a High Flight, before joining BMLC and Beale leadership for dinner, creating a memorable opportunity to connect, and strengthen partnerships in support of the Airmen and mission at Beale.



MARCH

Association of Defense Communities (ADC) Conference

Board Chair Sami Nall and Board Advisor, Janice Nall met with Air Force leadership to talk about Beale's priorities.

APRIL

Expeditionary Air Base Welcome Home BBQ

BMLC hosts a BBQ for families waiting for loved ones to return from deployment. Team Recology, joined the fun and helped grill up hot dogs!

MAY

Col Heather Fox Retirement

Board Advisor, Janice Nall attends past Beale Wing Commander retirement celebration. Col Heather Fox (ret) celebrated over 25 years of service including two years of service to the 9th Reconnaissance Wing at Beale.



MAY

First Friday Family Day

XAB Welcome Home from Deployment and 1st Friday event brought together Airmen, leadership, and board members for a community focused celebration. With games for kids and plenty of snacks, it created a relaxed, family friendly atmosphere.

MAY

Chief of Staff, Air Force Visit

Board Members visited the 548th to brief Mrs. Allvin on BMLC and our mission to support the Airmen at Beale. The team also provided lunch for General Allvin, his staff, and Beale leadership, creating a meaningful opportunity to strengthen relationships and highlight our commitment to the base community.



photo courtesy / Jessica Sanchez-Chen (Air Force)

NOVEMBER

Burger Burn

This year's Burger Burn was for the Mission Support Group, who brought together 300 attendees for a great afternoon of connection and support. It was a fantastic turnout and a strong reminder of the community spirit that keeps the mission thriving.



DECEMBER

International Council of Air Shows (ICAS)

Board members attended ICAS alongside Beale Airmen to learn best practices for planning and executing Air Shows, strengthening their ability to support the upcoming Beale Air Show scheduled for April 17-18, 2027. The collaboration helped build shared expertise and reinforced the team's commitment to delivering a successful event for the base and community.



NOVEMBER

Heros Among Us

Recognition of local first responders and military members was led by Yuba City Mayor David Shaw at Adventist Health and Rideout. During the event, artist David Garibaldi unveiled a powerful painting honoring first responders, which Shaw purchased and generously loaned to the hospital to support fundraising efforts. Proceeds will be directed to several local organizations, and BMLC was proud to be selected as one of the beneficiaries



SEPTEMBER

Air Force Association Conference

Board Advisor, Janice Nall met with Air Force leadership to better understand strategic priorities.



photo courtesy / Alexis Pentzer (Air Force)

AUGUST

Patriotic Golf Tournament

This annual event features local business leaders, civic leaders, Beale Airmen and Air Force leaders from across the country. As BMLC's primary fundraiser, the annual Patriotic Golf Tournament is not only fun but raises money to help further quality of life projects and advocacy for Beale AFB.



SEPTEMBER

Commander, Air Combat Command Visit

The event brought together General Spain, Beale leadership, and board members, for a meaningful gathering that highlighted partnership, community strength, and shared commitment to supporting Airmen and their families. BMLC was able to also catch up with the General at the Air Force Ball the next day where he gave the opening speech.

JULY

Richard Schermer Retirement

BMLC Board, along with Air Force leadership and the Intelligence Group honored the 27 years of service Commander Schermer (ret) gave to our country. With two tours at Beale AFB, the Schermer's became a true staple at base, across the wing, and in the surrounding community.



JUNE

Beale Air & Space Expo

BMLC partnered with Beale to host 25,000 people over the Air Show weekend. From months of lead up time and planning with base, to set up and day of festivities, it was a great partnership and great show.



JUNE

James Bartran Retirement

Celebrating the retirement ceremony of Col. James Bartran Deputy Commander, 9th Reconnaissance Wing, we honored his remarkable 25 year career of dedication and service to our country. BMLC was able to celebrate one of their own as well as catch up with Maj Gen Larry Broadwell, former 9RW Wing Commander and current Deputy Commander, 16th Air Force.



WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER **JAMES BARTRAN**

James Bartran is a retired Air Force senior leader, airline pilot, and management consultant. He served in the United States Air force for 24 years, culminating in his position as the Deputy Commander for the 9th Reconnaissance Wing, Beale AFB, CA.

The 9th is responsible for approximately 7,000 military, civilian, and contract personnel, and the entire Air Force high-altitude reconnaissance fleet of U-2 Dragon Lady aircraft. The wing is comprised of four groups and four overseas operating locations, executing worldwide missions in support of all six geographic combatant commanders.

Col (ret) Bartran received his commission from Washington State University in 2001, and has also earned two Master's Degrees, one from Air University, and one from the Army War College in Strategic Studies and International Security Studies.

James has over five thousand flight hours in a myriad of aircraft. He was an evaluator and instructor in both the TU-2S, U-2S and T-38A aircraft, and has also flown B-1B, T-38C, T-34C, UH-60, TH-57, and many other civilian aircraft. He flew 78 combat missions

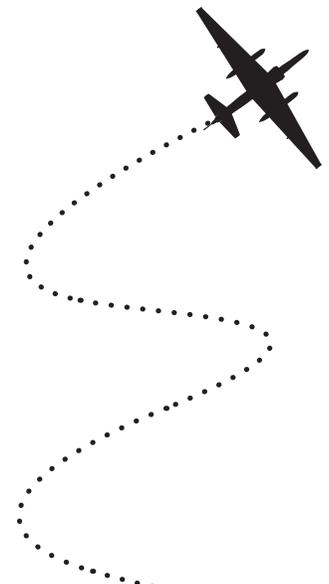
with over 700 hours of combat time. Following his military flying career, he is now a First Officer with United Airlines flying the 737.

James serves as the Director for Community Partnerships with the Yuba Applied Research Center (YARC). YARC serves as a catalyst for economic growth and improved quality of life for Yuba County and the greater Sacramento region. YARC goals are conducting technology and policy research, identifying and training a talented workforce, and providing a collaborative environment to link Yuba County to regional, state and national efforts.

James is also a dedicated husband and father to his wife and three children, devoted to serving our community through other organizations such as the Salvation Army, Military Officers Association of America, and The Civil Air Patrol.



Photos taken at James Bartran's retirement ceremony held at Beale AFB on June 30, 2025. Alongside Retired Col. Bartran is Maj. Gen. Larry Broadwell who led the ceremony.



WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER AND HONORARY COMMANDER **CHAD MILLER**

Chad Miller brings a strong combination of professional expertise, community leadership, and a deeply rooted personal connection to the United States Air Force, as a new Board Member of BMLC.

Chad Miller is the Co-Owner of Smart Marketing, a Yuba-Sutter-based public affairs and digital strategy firm. His professional background includes strategic communications, technical implementation, and stakeholder engagement for public, private, and nonprofit organizations. This experience provides valuable insight and practical perspective to his service on the BMLC Board of Directors and within the Honorary Commander Program.

A lifelong resident of the Yuba-Sutter region, Chad has demonstrated a sustained commitment to civic involvement and regional collaboration. He is a licensed private pilot, an achievement that reflects technical discipline, leadership, and a strong appreciation for aviation—values closely aligned with the mission.

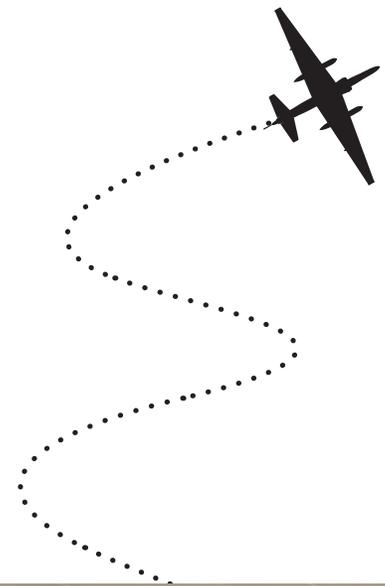
Chad's service to BMLC and participation in the Honorary Commander Program

are shaped by a long-standing family tradition of military service. Both of his grandfathers proudly served in the United States Air Force, instilling in him a deep respect for those who serve and the sacrifices made in defense of the nation. Continuing that legacy, his daughter, Lily, is currently a first-year cadet at the United States Air Force Academy.

As a member of BMLC Board of Directors and as an Honorary Commander, Chad is committed to supporting Beale Air Force Base by strengthening partnerships between the installation and the surrounding civilian community. He looks forward to gaining a deeper understanding of Beale's mission, advocating for its strategic importance, and contributing to initiatives that enhance long-term collaboration between military and community leaders.



Photo taken at the USAF Academy June of 2025, when the Millers dropped off their daughter Lily.



2025: A YEAR OF **STANDOUT MOMENTS**

U.S. AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF GEN. DAVID ALLVIN VISITS BEALE

U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David Allvin addresses Airmen at an all-call during his visit at Beale Air Force Base, May 28, 2025. Allvin highlighted Beale AFB's pivotal role in shaping the future force, not only through mission innovation and multi-capable operations, but through the resilience, unity, and mindset of its Airmen.



photo courtesy / Jessica Sanchez-Chen (Air Force)

WELCOME HOME DEPLOYED AIRMEN BBQ

The U.S. Air Force 9th Communications Squadron show their posters prepared for the arrival of deployed Airmen at Beale Air Force Base, April 7, 2025. Airmen returned after a six-month deployment supporting the 387th Air Expeditionary Wing.



photo courtesy / Frederick A. Brown (Air Force)

U.S. AIR FORCE GEN. ADRIAN SPAIN VISITS BEALE

U.S. Air Force Gen. Adrian Spain, Commander of Air Combat Command (ACC) assembles a GBU-38 bomb during a visit to Beale Air Base, Sept. 5, 2025. Spain visited the 9th Munitions Squadron's Air Force Combat Ammunition Center main staging area as part of an immersive tour of the 9th Reconnaissance Wing. The visit deepened his understanding of the critical role the wing plays to advance ACC's mission by providing high altitude reconnaissance, mission ready airmen, and combat ammunition expertise to combatant commands, while integrating resilient installation services.



photo courtesy / Christopher Chen (Air Force)

AIR FORCE BALL

U.S. Air Force Col. Keagan L. McLeese, 9th Reconnaissance Wing Commander, honors local community partner during the annual Air Force Ball at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Sacramento, Sept. 5, 2025. The evening highlighted the Air Force's 78 years of heritage and resilience while honoring the people who continue to shape the service's future.



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BEALE AIR FORCE BASE ECONOMIC IMPACT



photo courtesy /
SSgt Frederick Brown (US Air Force)

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Beale Air Force Base plays a significant role in the economic and social landscape of the local region. As a major employer in Northern California, the base provides thousands of jobs to both military personnel and civilians, stimulating local businesses and housing markets. Its presence drives infrastructure development and supports industries such as retail, education, automotive, hospitality and more.

BEALE NUMBERS

With an economic impact of \$1.086 billion to our region, Beale has 9,151 personnel, with \$167 million in contracts and a payroll of \$401 million. That is \$249 million annually in job creation. With 542 Officers, 751 Reserves, 2,978 Enlisted and 895 civilians, the impact to our region is vast.



Installation &
9th Reconnaissance Wing
Commander
Col. Keagan L. McLeese



940th Air Refueling Wing
Commander
Col. Andrew P. Gray



195th Air National
Guard Wing
Commander
Col. Christopher Johnson

**Stats provided by Beale AFB (December 2024)*

A SKY FULL OF **ACHIEVEMENT**



photo courtesy / Vanessa Helder

In 2025, the Beale Air & Space Expo returned to the skies for the first time since 2018!

This long-anticipated event marked an incredible collaboration between Beale Air Force Base and BMLC. Planning and executing an air show of this scale is no small task, and for many involved, it was a learning curve. Yet through teamwork, adaptability, and a shared commitment to excellence, that challenge became a success story. The result was an Expo that proudly showcased Beale's mission while welcoming the broader community onto the base.

Over the course of two days, more than 25,000 attendees filled the flight line including families, veterans, aviation enthusiasts, and first-time visitors alike. The weather was undeniably hot, but the enthusiasm never wavered. When the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds took to the air, the crowd's excitement cut through the heat, delivering a moment that captured the spirit of the Expo: pride, precision, and patriotism on full display.

Beyond the aerial demonstrations, the Expo

provided a unique opportunity to highlight Beale's vital role in national defense. Attendees were able to learn more about the base's mission, meet the Airmen who carry it out, and gain a deeper appreciation for the professionalism and dedication that define Team Beale. Importantly, all funds raised by BMLC during the Expo are reinvested directly back into Beale, further strengthening the base and supporting the Airmen and families who serve here every day.



Looking ahead, the success of the 2025 Air & Space Expo has laid a strong foundation for the future. BMLC and Beale are already looking toward April 2027, energized by the lessons learned and motivated to build on this experience.

The return of the Air & Space Expo was more than an air show, it was a celebration of patriotism, a commitment to excellence, and a testament to the power of strong partnerships. With experience gained and momentum growing, the future of the Beale Air & Space Expo is bright, and we look forward to welcoming the community back to Beale for an even more impactful event in 2027.

SAVE THE DATE

2027 BEALE AIR SHOW

APRIL 17 & 18

Featured here are just a few highlights from the great air show held in 2025 at Beale Air Force Base. From hosting sponsor chalets and VIP seating for the public, to coordinating the food and beverage booths, and putting on the welcome party, this safe and successful event was able to invest money back into the local community and for future use of projects at Beale.



A MESSAGE FROM THE ROOSEVELT GROUP

STATE OF OUR COUNTRY

As we look toward the year ahead, the Beale Military Liaison Council (BMLC) remains steadfast in its mission to support Beale Air Force Base (AFB) and the entire Team Beale through targeted advocacy efforts. We are entering a complex political landscape in our nation's capital, and the BMLC is prepared to navigate these dynamics to secure a higher standard of living and mission readiness for our Airmen and Guardians. From monitoring the 2026 midterm elections, to understanding the realities of congressional spending, to anticipating the rollout of next-generation capabilities—our team knows what matters to Team Beale.

2026 Mid-Term Elections

The 2026 midterm elections are already influencing the legislative rhythm in Washington, with all members of the U.S. House of Representatives and a third of the U.S. Senate up for reelection this November. Locally, the implications of California's redistricting efforts through Proposition 50 will be a primary focus for BMLC. With the new House map clearing federal judicial review, district lines are shifting, introducing new representation for Beale in the House of Representatives. Congressman Mike Thompson, under the new lines, would represent Beale while Congressman Ami Bera; John Garamendi and Kevin Kiley.

Although we are months from the elections, there are indicators that the House of Representatives could flip control to the Democrats. The Republican House majority remains narrow and combined with election results from 2025, frustration with a variety of actions from the Trump Administration as well as economic indicators makes national Democrats are bullish on their chances to take back the House.

In the Senate the Republicans have a 3 seat majority and the Senate seats that are up for election this cycle favor Republican incumbents, so generally speaking there is consensus that the Senate is not likely to change control after the mid-term elections. However, a series of unexpected retirements have the Republicans protecting more open seats than originally anticipated. As such, Democrats are banking on general frustration with the Trump Administration and a focus on "affordability" issues as a way to potentially regain control of the Chamber. Further, it is understood that Senator Padilla continues to seek a position on the Senate Appropriations Committee and a flip of control of the Senate could help to achieve that goal. Regardless of electoral outcomes, BMLC will continue robust education and advocacy with members of the California Congressional delegation on actions necessary to bolster Beale AFB and its tenant units.

FY27 President's Budget

As Congress continues to wrap-up the FY26 appropriations process in January 2026, the next fiscal year budget and appropriations process is about to begin. TRG understands that OMB and the Pentagon have been anticipating relatively flat budgets for the next several years, not accounting for the one-time increase as a result of the Reconciliation bill. As such, the fiscal environment at the Pentagon remains challenged. However, the President recently announced on social media that his FY27 budget for the Department of Defense would be at the goal of \$1.5 trillion. It is unclear how OMB or Congress would be able to achieve that goal given that the recently released FY26 defense appropriations bill had a topline of \$838.7 billion.

There is growing chatter that Congress may attempt a second reconciliation package as a way to provide additional defense funding as well as potentially address other Trump Administration priorities. However, given the narrow majorities for Republicans and growing frustration with the Trump Administration it's unclear if there is a workable path to a second reconciliation package.

Future Missions - Past Success

Over the coming year, Beale AFB will become the hub of the Air Force's new and critical mission platform - the Collaborative Combat Aircraft (CCA). Beale's location and unique capabilities made it the ideal location for the Air Force to select as the initial beddown of the CCA capability. This is due, in part, to the continued advocacy of BMLC with the Air Force and California Congressional delegation. BMLC will look to build adjacent economic development opportunities from this new mission at Beale.

Further, over the coming year, we will look to see prior military construction projects that BMLC advocated for cut ribbons and other projects begin to go on contract. BMLC achieved a major milestone in securing \$22 million as initial funding to begin construction of the Multi-Domain Operations Complex (MDOC), which is a critical enabler to current and future missions at Beale—this has been a top priority project for the base for several years and BMLC successfully advocated for funding with the help of Senators Padilla, Schumer and former Congressman LaMalfa.

MEET OUR **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



Our Board of Directors provide strategic guidance and leadership, ensuring the organization remains true to its mission and values. Comprised of professionals from diverse backgrounds, the board oversees governance, accountability, and long-term planning to foster growth and sustainability. Each of our members brings a unique expertise and shared commitment to our vision, driving impactful decisions that shape Beale Military Liaison Council and the organizations goal of Advocating, Educating and Partnering with and for Beale AFB.



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