

# COLLABORATION EVENTS

Crane Regional Defense Group hosts events throughout the year to increase collaboration and innovative thinking between NSA Crane and the communities that surround it. Below are events being held in 2022.

## Key Leader Series

This quarterly event brings together defense industry peers, elected officials, small businesses and community organizations to hear from influential keynote speakers on topics related to Naval Support Activity Crane and its missions.

## Connect to Crane

The event creates a space for small businesses that are developing cutting-edge innovations to network with strategists, contracting officials, policymakers, and local defense and business leaders.

## Congressional Reception

The networking event is a precursor to the NSA Crane Congressional Breakfast on Capitol Hill. CRDG officers and members will be available to discuss their role in the southern Indiana community as a grassroots effort to expand community support and advocate for Crane at the local and federal level.

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# ABOUT CRDG

**WHO:** A citizen-led committee established through partnerships between chambers of commerce, county councils, financial institutions and local business leaders.

**WHAT:** In 2020, the White River Military Coordination Alliance proposed to create a citizen-led committee, creating a grassroots vehicle for advocacy for Crane at the local and federal level, which would expand community support for Crane beyond those who currently serve as members of the Alliance. This committee will be referred to as the Crane Regional Defense Group.

**MISSION:** To preserve the strategic value of Crane by supporting local outreach and legislative initiatives that protect military installations in the region and state, and leveraging the installation's potential to bring economic growth to Southern Indiana.

## OBJECTIVES

Educate and Inform

Support Jobs

Build Consensus

Promote Defense

# MEMBERSHIP

**A Crane Regional Defense Group membership is a sound investment in the growth of your business and the success of this region.**

- **Influence** the agenda as thought leaders during collaborative events with Army or Navy leadership, NSA Crane installation command, federal, state, local and community leaders.
- **Learn** early and often via access to key regional stakeholders, decision makers, influencers and consultants, including direct briefings on the activities both inside and outside the NSA Crane gates.
- **Network** with Crane commands, other government agencies and organizations, federal, State, local jurisdiction, business and community leaders.
- **Stay informed** of the Defense activities inside and outside the gate in the Indiana Uplands region.
- **Shape the future** through CRDG priority initiatives in areas including mission priorities, economic diversification, workforce development, higher education, and infrastructure improvements.
- **Work together** in partnership with government, industry and military leaders to accelerate the economic and community development of Indiana Uplands.
- **Succeed** for themselves and others as influential members supporting high priority initiatives with impacts for local, state, regional and national communities of interest.

# ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

The following priorities outline CRDG's areas of focus for advocacy:

- **Support** modernization of the Army's organic industrial base and the Navy's laboratory capabilities in order for the tenants of NSA Crane to be well equipped to serve the Nation's Warfighters.
- **Ensure** infrastructure on base and in the surrounding region is improved where necessary to meet the current and future demand for NSA Crane products and services.
- **Advocate** for program and mission growth in alignment with the strengths and capabilities of NSA Crane and affiliated tenant commands.
- **Foster** compatible land use and growth that is mutually beneficial to the mission and functions of NSA Crane and the surrounding region.
- **Champion** efforts to attract, develop and retain the talent required by NSA Crane, tenant commands and the commercial defense industry within the region to meet the needs of the Nation.

