



A CELEBRATION OF  
AMERICA'S  
DEFENSE  
COMMUNITIES

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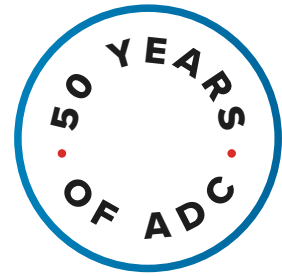
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WASHINGTON, D.C.



# COMMUNITY/STATE EVENT PARTNERSHIPS

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# THE BIG EVENT FOR AMERICA'S DEFENSE COMMUNITIES



**Imagine this:** An iconic D.C. venue filled with America's defense communities, top leaders from Congress, DoD, and key national partners, all coming together to celebrate **you** and the vital role your community plays in our nation's security. It will be a once-in-a-generation gathering and the must-attend event for military supporters like you. And you'll be front and center.

Because this is a community-driven celebration, we're offering exclusive early access to member communities and states. This limited pre-sale is expected to move quickly.

## MAKE EVERY SEAT MATTER

This event is about honoring defense communities, but it's not just for us. Our goal is to fill the room with the people who are essential to your mission—from Capitol Hill, DoD, and beyond. Your table is your chance to bring them into the celebration, share your story, and make a lasting impact.

### *How to Participate:*

Over the next nine months, you'll have several opportunities to secure your place, but the best options go fast. Our Community Supporter Package offer the best option to guarantee your space and include:

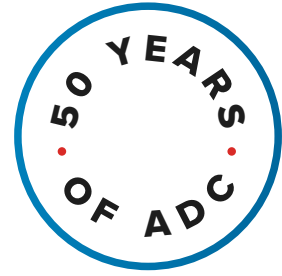
- **A private table on the main floor of The Anthem**
- **Seats for your community team, DoD, and congressional guests**
- **Discounted Summit pricing**
- **Access to exclusive sponsorship upgrades that will give your community/state a unique opportunity to be highlighted**

For more information, please contact the ADC Team at [info@defensecommunities.org](mailto:info@defensecommunities.org)

**RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW**

We are offering the final table options through March 30 or until supplies last. Once tables sell out, limited general admission tickets will be released across the venue.

# COMMUNITY/STATE EVENT PARTNER PACKAGES



## **COMMAND LEVEL (VIP) – \$5,000**

*Maximum visibility and access for top-tier partners*

- Premier main floor table with stage-adjacent placement
- Hosted/private table (standard size) with seating for 12 attendees or guests
- Prominent event signage featuring your community/state
- Special recognition from the stage and in event materials
- First access to exclusive sponsorship upgrades and branding opportunities
- Summit Benefit: Access to a Tier 1 Summit Package – discounted registration for up to 6 attendees

## **MISSION LEVEL (PREMIUM) – \$3,000**

*High-value placement with added visibility*

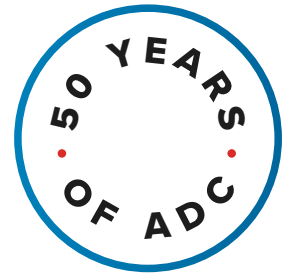
- Priority main floor table (prime location)
- Hosted/private table with seating for 8 attendees or guests
- Signage with your community/state name at table and in printed program
- Priority access to sponsorship upgrades
- Summit Benefit: Access to a Tier 2 Summit Package – discounted registration for up to 4 attendees

## **PATRIOT LEVEL (PREFERRED) – \$1,750**

*Essential access and presence at a great value*

- Standard main floor table (shared placement area)
- Hosted/private table (smaller size) with seating for 5 attendees or guests
- Table signage and recognition in event program
- Summit Benefit: Access to a Tier 3 Summit Package – discounted registration for up to 2 attendees

# EXCLUSIVE PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Take your Event Partner Package to the next level with limited opportunities for custom branding and highly visible activations during the event.

*First come, first served.*

- o **Community Showcase Package (\$15,000)**

Partner with ADC to spotlight your community through a customized pre-event engagement, on-stage recognition, featured marketing, and a Command Level Table.

- o **Taste of America Package (\$10,000)**

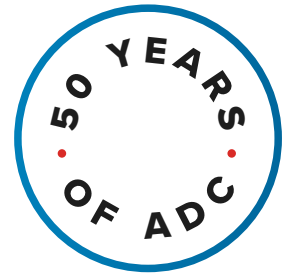
Celebrate your region through a culinary activation such as a featured dish, local beverage, or dessert station. Includes event branding, pre-event promotion, and a Mission Level Table.

- o **Featured Performer Package (\$10,000)**

Partner with ADC to spotlight a performer from your community whose story connects to the military. Includes support in sourcing talent, developing featured content, and on-stage recognition during the event.



# SUMMIT GROUP ATTENDEE PACKAGES



The 50th Anniversary Celebration will take place alongside the 2026 Defense Communities Summit, a special event tied closely to this important milestone. As part of this celebration, we're offering exclusive discounted registration packages for our Event Partners. These packages allow you to register your delegation at nearly 50% off the regular price once you confirm your table.

**Note:** These discounted group rates are available for a limited time only.

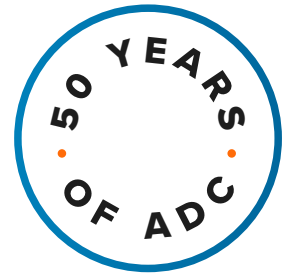
## RESERVATION PROCESS & PAYMENT DETAILS

ADC will begin accepting reservations for all packages starting **August 18**.

During the reservation process, you'll have the option to pay immediately or schedule a future invoice or payment date. If you're purchasing a Summit Group Package, we can bundle all costs—including registration—into a single, convenient invoice.

[RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW](#)

# FAQs



## **Can groups collaborate or partner to purchase a partnership?**

Yes. Many communities will join forces with partners to participate. In some cases, a small state may choose to purchase one table together. Please note there will be one sign with a single name, either the community or the state.

## **Budgets are tight; are there creative ways to fund our local participation?**

Absolutely. In addition to partnering with other communities or organizations, some are working with local sponsors to support their involvement. ADC can recognize all partners behind a table at the event (though only one name will appear on the sign).

## **How will we invite our guests from DoD/ Congress, and do we need to register them?**

ADC will provide tools for inviting your guests, including “save the date” materials and follow-up resources. You’ll also receive a link to submit names and contact information for your invited guests. Once submitted, they’ll be entered into our system and ready to attend.

## **Is there a value per seat/ticket?**

This event is officially a reception/mixer. While food and beverages will be available, participation is optional, and there is no per-ticket cost.

## **Is this a “widely attended event”?**

Yes. For federal ethics purposes, a “widely attended event” is one expected to be open to a large and diverse group from the public and private sectors, where attendance is appropriate for networking, professional development, and exchanging ideas relevant to the invitee’s official duties. This designation allows federal employees, including members of Congress and DoD officials, to attend under applicable ethics rules.

## **We only want a few seats. Can we still come?**

Of course! General admission tickets will open later this fall as part of Summit registration. While general seating does not offer the same ability to host guests as a table package, you will still be able to invite guests on a first-come, first-served basis.

## **What is included with a table package?**

Each package includes a private table on the main floor, seating for your delegation and guests, recognition benefits, deeply discounted Summit registration, and the option to purchase exclusive sponsorship upgrades.

## **Are sponsorship upgrades available to anyone? How can I learn more?**

No. Sponsorship upgrades are only available to those who purchase a Community Supporter Package. If you’re interested, ADC can meet with you to discuss your ideas. These packages are highly customizable.