Military ~ Civilian
Public Health Collaboration

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Military Footprint in NORTH CAROLINA

- N. Carolina ➔ 4th largest military population in US
- Eastern NC ➔ One of the highest military concentrations in the country
Onslow County Population = ~193,000

- **MCB Camp Lejeune**
  - Active Duty - 39,365
  - Family Members - 46,191
  - Retirees - 29,771
  - Civilian Workers - 5,946
  **Total - 121,273**

- **MCAS New River**
  - Active Duty - 7,945
  - Family Members - 6,902
  - Retirees - 4,448
  - Civilian Workers - 490
  **Total – 18,885**

> 70% of Onslow County’s population is affiliated with the military!
Unique PH Challenges of Military Communities

- Worldwide deployments bring new pathogens.
- Potential for terrorist attacks and plots against military targets
- High pregnancy rates
- High STD rates
- Large pediatric populations
- Unique psychological stressors

Overlapping and different public health systems of care between military and civilian sectors
Stages of “Play”

PARALLEL Play
- Playing side-by-side
- Little to no interaction

COOPERATIVE Play
- More structured
- Assigned roles & established rules
“Parallel Play”

Communicable Disease Investigations

- “Silo’d investigations
- Limited communication – reporting only
- Inconsistent rules for testing and treatment
- Contradictory messaging
“Collaborative Play”
Communicable Disease Investigations

- Co-investigations
- Exchange ideas
- Share investigation tools
- Enhanced communication
“Collaborative” Military/Civilian Meetings

MCTFER (Military Civil Taskforce for Emergency Response)
- Monthly meeting of military leaders and civilian counterparts
- Jointly plan exercises / emergency response plans; develop mutual aid agreements.
- Established connections and trusting relationships

Community Epidemiology Team Meeting
- Quarterly meeting of military / civilian healthcare agencies.
- Update on communicable disease situations in county.
- Education on communicable disease topics
“Collaborative”
Communicable Disease Investigations

Ebola Planning and Surveillance
Developed joint response plans
Shared tools for investigation and surveillance
Formed military/civilian teams for direct active home monitoring

Investigation of Marine w/ Active TB
Initially treated for LTBI in boot camp
70 contacts spread over several states
Shared contact investigations and DOT