

# CONGRESSMAN ANDER CRENSHAW

*Protecting National Security, Standing with our Veterans!*

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USS Freedom (LCS1) and MH-60R Seahawk helicopter at sea



Congressman Crenshaw honors Veterans for their service during his annual Veterans Special Recognition Ceremony at Naval Air Station Jacksonville.

## **UPCOMING THIS YEAR!**

### **VETERANS SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

If you are a Nassau County veteran, you may be eligible to receive my Fourth Congressional District Veterans Special Recognition Certificate. Go to [www.crenshaw.house.gov](http://www.crenshaw.house.gov) for details and to fill out an application!

### **FIRST COAST DEFENSE EXPO**

I'll be outlining my work on the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee at the fourth annual First Coast Defense Expo. Stay tuned for details on the fall event!

**Go to [crenshaw.house.gov](http://crenshaw.house.gov) to sign up for my e-newsletters – The Crenshaw Chronicle and Defense Loop.**

## WHAT IS SEQUESTRATION?

Sequestration is a series of across-the-board spending cuts mandated by the *Budget Control Act of 2011*. The measure sets the stage for future budget reduction and requires \$85 billion in cuts this year, with another \$1.1 trillion in reductions over the next decade. While Washington needs to cut spending, sequestration unfairly pulls more than half of the cuts from the Department of Defense.

In these dangerous times, that's the wrong approach. As a Member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, be assured I will make decisions based on strategy – not numbers – and push my colleagues to do the same. Anything less "hollows out" the force and would leave our servicemen and women and our national security at risk at home and around the globe.

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## HOW COULD IT IMPACT NORTHEAST FLORIDA AND THE NATION?

If sequestration occurs, thousands who depend on jobs at Northeast Florida military bases, including Naval Station Mayport and Naval Air Station Jacksonville, would be put at risk of furlough and lost pay. And, as work is deferred or put off entirely, the ripple effect would be felt down the line to companies that make up the regional defense industrial base.

But this is not just about Florida jobs. It's about national security. My bottom line: Take whatever steps are necessary to defend America and provide our military with the resources they need at home and around the globe. I've been underscoring that message at Capitol Hill hearings this spring with top military leaders, including Defense Secretary Ashton Carter and Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Jonathan Greenert, and will be sure to keep you up to date on our work to set defense funding levels.



Congressman Crenshaw discusses military readiness with Navy personnel as he helps guide the Littoral Combat Ship USS Freedom (LCS1) during a training mission at Naval Station San Diego.



Congressman Crenshaw shakes hands with Defense Secretary Ashton Carter before questioning him about the Fiscal Year 2016 Defense Department Budget request at a March hearing on Capitol Hill.

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## A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR FIRST COAST MILITARY BASES

First Coast military bases continue to enjoy increases in ships, aircraft, and personnel that are over two times that of other homeports – good news delivered by top Navy officials in February at a Defense Appropriations Subcommittee hearing. For the remainder of the decade, Naval Station Mayport is expected to see a steady increase of two to three additional ships per year until the year 2020. And Naval Air Station Jacksonville – the home to all East Coast P-8A

Poseidon Aircraft and MH-60R Seahawk helicopters – is in line to see additional aircraft and personnel.

## LISTEN FOR THE CALL

Ander may call you in June to join a live, telephone town hall meeting on top issues concerning national security and our veterans. He can't reach everyone, but if you get a call, just follow the instructions to participate and listen in.