



May 16-18, 2023

WASHINGTON DC FLY-IN

On May 16-18, 2023 a delegation of members from the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce will travel to Washington DC to advocate on behalf of the South Florida Business Community in our nation's Capital.

Advocating for The Chamber's Top Priorities:

- Transportation
- Workforce Housing
- Workforce Development & Education
- Resiliency

The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce will convene business and community leaders during the 2023 Washington, D.C. Fly-in. Participants will advocate for the Chamber's federal legislative priorities with elected officials and federal agencies while they are in the nation's capital as part of the 118th Congressional Legislative Session.

The 118th Congress convened on January 3, 2023 and will conclude on January 3, 2025.

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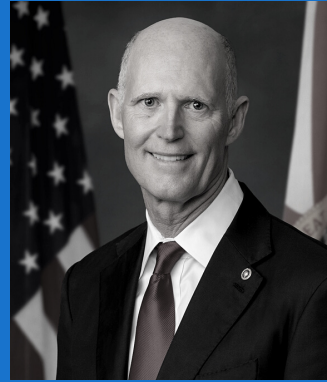
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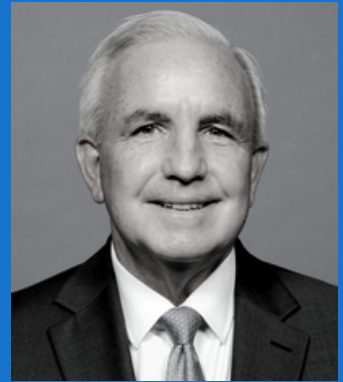
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2023 WASHINGTON, D.C. FLY-PRIORITIES

Economic Development

Support the long-term viability of the Homestead Air Reserve Base (HARB) mission by advocating that the Air Force should not retire any fighter force structure before there are sufficient replacement F-35, F-15EX and NGAD aircraft due to the growing INDOPACOM and EUCOM threats.

Transportation

Support policies and funding that expand transit and mobility options for South Florida residents through the County's SMART Program.

- Miami-Dade County will apply for funding through the USDOT's Reconnecting Communities Program (RCP) in FY 2024. The funding request is for \$1.35 million in station area planning activities along the North Corridor as part of the SMART Program.
- Miami-Dade County also submitted a \$1.35 million earmark request through Congresswoman Frederica Wilson for the same North Corridor project for FY 2024. The request has been selected to advance through the appropriations process.

Support policies and funding for the PortMiami NetZero: Cargo Mobility Optimization and Resiliency Project. Advocate for inland port expansion.

Support policies and funding as part of the Environmental Protection Agency's \$4 billion investment into the Clean Ports and Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicle Programs, which are programs focus on zero-emission port trucks and other port upgrades to reduce pollutants and improve air quality at U.S. ports.

Workforce Development and Education

Investigate opportunities for including language in the appropriations bill concerning the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act which would allow the Department of Labor Secretary to wave income eligibility levels for individuals who are already living in areas designated as an Opportunity Zones.

Resiliency

Support greater investment in Everglades restoration, Biscayne Bay restoration, and sea level rise and Hurricane Preparedness.

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2023 WASHINGTON, D.C. FLY IN Legislative Reception

The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce
Cordially invites you to a special Infrastructure Week
Legislative Reception
hosted by

Florida International University

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

FIU, Washington, D.C.
601 New Jersey Avenue NW
Washington, D.C.

Celebrate with the Sounds & Flavors of Miami: Greater Miami Chamber of
Commerce Reception Celebrating Florida Appointees and Congressional Staffers



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2023 WASHINGTON, D.C. FLY IN Welcome Dinner

The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce
Cordially invites you to our Washington, D.C. Fly in Welcome Dinner
sponsored by

Sandler Travis & Rosenberg

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Clyde's of Gallery Place
Conservatory Room
707 7th Street NW

2023 WASHINGTON, D.C. FLY-IN SCHEDULE

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Travel to Washington, D.C.

Breakfast and Lunch on Your Own

1:15 p.m.

Group Welcome & Briefing

Capitol Hill Hotel: 200 C Street SE

1:30 p.m.

Depart for Capitol Hill Meeting

2:00 p.m.

James Redstone, Majority Staff, House Appropriations Committee

2358B Rayburn House Office Building

(GMCC Group 2: Priority Issue Focus: Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Waiver)

2:15 p.m.

EJ Valentine, Senator Rick Scott Office

110 Hart Senate Office Building

GMCC Group 1: Priority Issue Focus: HARB and Transportation Project Funding)

2:30 p.m.

Depart for The Roosevelt Group

3:15 p.m.

Legislative Briefing by Christopher Goode, Managing Partner

The Roosevelt Group, 200 Massachusetts Avenue, NW

(Priority Issue Focus: Homestead Air Reserve Base)

4:30 p.m.

Depart for Florida International University Briefing & Reception

FIU, Washington, D.C., 601 New Jersey Avenue NW

5:00 p.m.

FIU Legislative Briefing

FIU, Washington, D.C., 601 New Jersey Avenue NW

Frontiers of Hurricane Research: Briefing on Advancements in Research, Technology & Experimental Facilities to Help Answer the Nation's Most Compelling Questions

6:00 p.m.

FIU Legislative Reception

FIU, Washington, D.C., 601 New Jersey Avenue NW

Celebrate with the Sounds and Flavors of Miami: GMCC Reception celebrating Florida Appointees and Congressional Staffers

7:30 p.m.

Dinner on Your Own

Suggestions:

Old Ebbitt Grill

675 15th Street NW

Joe's Seafood, Prime Steak & Stone Crab

750 15 Street NW

The Capital Grille

601 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

The Monocle Restaurant

107 D Street NE

Fogo de Chao Brazilian Steakhouse

1101 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Shelly's Back Room (Cigar Bar)

1331 F Street NW

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2023 WASHINGTON, D.C. FLY-IN SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

- 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast**
Capitol Hill Hotel
200 C Street SE
- 8:30 a.m. Depart for U.S. Chamber of Commerce**
1615 H Street NW
Entire GMCC Group
- 9:00 a.m. Legislative Briefing by U.S. Chamber of Commerce**
Entire GMCC Group
Infrastructure Policy Update
John Drake, VP Transportation, Infrastructure & Supply Chain Policy
Small Business Policy Outlook
Tom Sullivan, VP Small Business Policy
Economic Forecast
Curtis Dubay, Chief Economist Economic Policy
Federal Legislative Update
Ron Eidshaug, VP & Chief of Staff
- 11:00 a.m. Large GMCC Group Departs for the White House**
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
(Snack Opportunity On Your Own)
- 11:00 a.m. Small HARB Issue Group Depart for Pentagon Building**
1400 Defense Pentagon
- 12:00 p.m. White House Meeting: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal**
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
(Entire GMCC Group; Priority Issue Focus: Transportation Project Funding)
- 12:00 p.m. Small HARB Issue Group Briefing with Lt. Gen. John Healy**
1400 Defense Pentagon
Lt. Gen. Healy, Chief of Air Force Reserve
- 1:00 p.m. Depart for Capitol Hill**
- 1:15 p.m. Lunch on Capitol Hill, Longworth Café Cafeteria**
B-233 Longworth House Office Building
- 2:00 p.m. Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, District 26**
374 Cannon House Office Building
(GMCC Group 1; Priority Issue Focus: HARB & Transportation Project Funding)
- 2:00 p.m. Congresswoman Frederica Wilson, District 24**
2080 Rayburn House Office Building
(GMCC Group 2; Priority Issue Focus: HARB & Transportation Project Funding)
- 3:00 p.m. Congressman Carlos Gimenez, District 28**
448 Cannon House Office Building
(Entire GMCC Group; Priority Issue Focus: HARB & Transportation Project Funding)

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Wednesday, May 18, 2023, Cont.

- 4:00 p.m.** **Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar, District 24**
2162 Rayburn House Office Building
(GMCC Group 1; Priority Issue Focus: HARB and Transportation Project Funding)
- 4:30 p.m.** **Connor Tomlinson, Senator Marco Rubio's Office**
284 Russell Senate Office Building
(GMCC Group 2; Priority Issue Focus: HARB & Transportation Project Funding)
- 5:00 p.m.** **Return to Capitol Hill Hotel to Freshen Up for Dinner**
Capitol Hill Hotel, 200 C Street SE
- 6:30 p.m.** **Depart for Clyde's of Gallery Place**
707 7th Street NW
- 7:00 p.m.** **GMCC Group Dinner Sponsored by Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg**
Clyde's of Gallery Place, Conservatory Room
707 7th Street NW

Thursday, May 18, 2023

- 8:00 a.m.** **Continental Breakfast**
Capitol Hill Hotel, 200 C Street SE
- 8:30 a.m.** **Depart for U.S. Department of Transportation**
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
- 9:00 a.m.** **Legislative Briefing by the U.S. Department of Transportation**
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
(Entire GMCC Group; Priority Issue Focus: Transportation Project Funding)
- Roger Bohnert**
Director, Office of Outreach, Build America Bureau
- Ben Levine**
Special Advisor
Office of Research & Technology / SMART Program Director
- Stephen Goephert**
Special Advisor for Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Implementation Operations
Office of the Secretary
- Vince Mantero**
Director, Office of Ports & Waterways Planning
Maritime Administration (MARAD)
- Landon Bailey**
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Thursday, May 18, 2023, Cont.

- 1:00 p.m.** **U.S. Capitol Building Tour - Afternoon Group Event**
Congressman Carlos Gimenez, District 28
448 Cannon House Office Building
- 2:45 p.m.** **Small HARB Issue Group Depart for Pentagon Briefing**
1400 Defense Pentagon
- 3:30 p.m.** **Small HARB Issue Group Briefing with Mr. Edwin Oshiba**
1400 Defense Pentagon
Edwin Oshiba, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Energy, Installations & Environment
- 4:00 p.m.** **2023 Washington, D.C. Fly-In Concludes**
- Pending** **Department of Homeland Security Legislative Briefing**
National Association of Counties, 660 North Capitol Street NW (Entire GMCC Group)

ENTIRE GMCC GROUP:

ROBERTO MUÑOZ – MEETING LEAD
ALEX DOMINGUEZ – PRIORITY OVERVIEW
ALFRED SANCHEZ – ISSUE BACKGROUND
GIOVANNI CASTRO – MEETING CLOSE

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2023 WASHINGTON, D.C. FLY-IN DETAILS

Uber Transportation Code, Instructions, and Rules/Restrictions

Washington, D.C. Trip Code: GMCCDC

Steps to complete in order to use the code:

1. Open your app
2. Tap "Account" on the bottom right
3. Tap Wallet
4. Scroll down to "+ Add Promo Code"
5. Enter code GMCCDC

Rider must apply promo code GMCCDC [Maximum Discount of \$25 per ride.] [Maximum of 5 rides per rider].

Discount/promo valid for ride(s) only that [begin/end] in Washington, D.C. USA and expires on 5/18/2023 at 11:00 p.m.

To activate the promo code, apply it in the Uber app prior to requesting your ride. Discount does not apply to [surcharges, government fees, tolls, or tips] and cannot be combined with other offers or discounts.

For accounts with multiple valid promo codes, the promo with the highest savings will automatically apply to a rider's next trip.

One time use only. Offer is non-transferable. Offer and terms are subject to change.

Suggested Washington, D.C. Restaurants

OLD EBBITT GRILL
675 15TH STREET NW

JOE'S SEAFOOD, PRIME STEAK & STONE CRAB
750 15 STREET NW

THE CAPITAL GRILLE
601 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE NW

THE MONOCLE RESTAURANT
107 D STREET NE

FOGO DE CHAO BRAZILIAN STEAKHOUSE
1101 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE NW

SHELLY'S BACK ROOM (CIGAR BAR)
1331 F STREET NW

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Homestead Air Reserve Base

- AF leadership stated intent is to retire legacy aircraft, including the older F-16s at Homestead Air Reserve Base (HARB). Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) has the oldest legacy fleets (average age 37.2 years). AF FY24 FYDP submission appears to have F-16 manpower reductions and aircraft retirements beginning in FY25.
- NO follow-on mission has been identified for HARB. These reductions put the long-term viability of the 482FW, Homestead ARB and the assigned 2340 Citizen Airmen at risk.
- HARB has a significant impact on the local economy, averaging \$380–400M per year directly and 4700+ jobs. Total economic impact is approx. \$1B. Currently funded AFRC MILCON and FSRM projects total over \$18.5M. Planned development includes the South Dade Aerospace Tech Hub, MIRR-related improvements, and National Guard Expansion
- HARB is strategically located to support the National Defense Strategy, particularly in South America/Caribbean where there have been 56 military interventions. HARB supports SOUTHCOM and Homeland Security Task Force Southeast CONPLANS across the AOR.
- HARB is superbly located for 5th Gen aircraft (F-35) basing with superior ranges and training airspace. Large number of DoD aircraft and joint assets readily available within Florida allowing large Joint, All-domain Exercises across a vast area equivalent to PACOM Oplan requirements.
- HARB provides resilient Florida DoD military basing, geographically separated from the Gulf Coast (MacDill), Panhandle (Eglin, Tyndall, Pensacola), Space Coast (Patrick), Northeast (Jacksonville) and Southwest (NAS Key West). Infrastructure supporting Homestead ARB assessed in recent MIRR as “highly resilient.”
- Critical mission partners supported by HARB include approx. 750 personnel (SOC SOUTH, CBP, FL ANG, USCG, 50th RSG, FEMA, Army Corps of Engineers). HARB is crucial in rebalancing Florida National Guard forces within the state – adding \$65M in MILCON and ~500 jobs to the local area in the next decade. HARB is a key USNORTHCOM/NORAD alert location, filling both peacetime and wartime requirements; 24x7 alert mission currently accomplished with Jacksonville F-15s, transitioning to F-35s by 2026. AF leadership, particularly ACC, has stated the USAF needs 60+ operational multi-role fighter squadrons; currently there are 48. The Air Force should not retire any fighter force structure before there are sufficient replacement F-35, F-15EX and NGAD aircraft due to the growing INDOPACOM and EUCOM threats.



BOTTOM LINE:

There must be a “hot hand-off” allowing the Homestead F-16s to remain in place and supporting the warfighter until F-35s are available to replace them.

Supporters of HARB & 482 Fighter Wing Mission

CONGRESS

- Senator Rubio
- Senator Scott
- Representative Gimenez
- Representative Salazar
- Representative Waltz
- Representative Gaetz
- Representative Diaz-Balart
- Representative Mills
- Representative Wasserman-Schultz



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- Governor's Office
- State of Florida Adjutant General
- Florida Defense Support Task Force
- Florida Defense Alliance
- Space Florida
- Florida Advanced Training Range Team



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- Town of Cutler Bay
- City of Florida City
- Village of Palmetto Bay
- Village of Pinecrest
- City of South Miami
- City of Sweetwater
- Village of Key Biscayne
- South Florida Defense Alliance
- Miami-Dade Beacon Council
- Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce
- United Way
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