

2025 Federal Legislative Agenda

The Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce's Mission is to promote and sustain the economic growth of the Calhoun County Region, resulting in a community that is a dynamic place to work, visit, and live.

Anniston Army Depot

- The Chamber supports the Anniston Depot's (ANAD) mission of "Providing superior industrial expertise, products, and services to support America's Warfighters, Allies, and commercial customers."
- The Chamber supports the ANAD's assignment as the Center of Industrial and Technical Excellence (CITE) by the Secretary of the Army for all Combat Vehicles (wheeled and tracked) (except Bradley), including Assault Bridging, Artillery, Stryker Family of Vehicles, Small Caliber Weapons and Locomotive and large generators. This includes the Army's latest systems—M10Booker and AMPV.
- The Chamber will work with our congressional Delegation and ANAD to stabilize the current workload and obtain new missions in the future.
- The Chamber will work to ensure that the Department of Defense and the Army assign future modernized combat systems and other CITE-related systems to ANAD as the "Depot Source of Repair."
- The Chamber will support ANAD, local Defense Contractors, and the community by encouraging and facilitating Public/Private and Community Partnerships and training local small businesses to compete in Government Contracts.

Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP)

- The Chamber recognizes the CDP as an essential training organization under the Department of Homeland Security with significant growth potential and positive economic impact for the county.
- The Chamber will work to ensure the CDP's budget never falls below \$72 million and to grow the CDP via Economy Act Agreements with the Center for Disease Control, the VA, and other organizations, including FEMA HQ and other organizations within FEMA.
- The Chamber will work with our Congressional Delegation to provide additional funding to execute the existing course level and offset the cost of inflation. This includes funding to maintain their facilities.
- The Chamber supports increased training at the CDP and additional funding to grow the necessary capabilities. The Chamber will assist in increasing the FEMA Training Mission at the CDP.

Alabama Army National Guard

- The Chamber will work with the 167th Theater Sustainment Command, the McClellan Army National Guard Training Center, and the State to ensure the Army National Guard's mission is sustained and its operations are expanded. We will also work with our congressional delegation and the state to fund and execute their modernization programs. The Chamber will continue to include National Guard and Reserve components in the Military and Security Affairs Committee for all events.
 - Plan another event this year to recognize all Armed Forces
- Work with Army recruiters to help the Army reach its Active and Reserve components recruiting goal.
 - Engage with local school systems and recruiters to promote JROTC programs.

Healthcare

- The Chamber will support efforts to reach an equitable resolution on the Medicare Wage Index Issue so that hospitals in the regions will be fairly reimbursed for the services provided to the Medicare population. The current wage index calculation penalizes Alabama hospitals, which are already some of the most efficient in the country in terms of costs, by paying hospitals in other states almost double what is produced in Alabama for the same care. ?