



Military and Veterans Coalition



Legislative Letter of Support

12 April, 2011

**U.S. Navy F-35C West Coast Homebasing EIS Project Manager
Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Southwest (Code EV21/AK)
1220 Pacific Highway, Bldg. 1
San Diego, CA 92132**

Dear West Coast Homebasing EIS Project Manager,

On behalf of the Kings County Military and Veterans Coalition, I am pleased to write this letter in strong support of basing the new F-35C Joint Strike Fighter at Naval Air Station Lemoore. Not only is NAS Lemoore a prime economic engine for Kings and surrounding counties, the large population of veterans, especially retirees, in this area of the central valley rely heavily on the services provided by NAS Lemoore.

The Coalition represents a cross-section of county veterans, military members, Veterans Service Organizations, and agencies that work together to address issues effecting or local military and veterans. The Coalition is keenly aware of the many military families at NAS Lemoore and the local communities that have become an integral part of our community and now call Kings County home. We have always welcomed our military families and will continue to do so here in Kings County.

Sincerely,

**Vince Cummings
Chair, Kings County Military and Veterans Coalition**