

# SPAWAR

SPAWAR, an acronym that stands for Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center, put Charleston at the center of its Atlantic operations.

All told, more than 12,000 people work in this command dedicated to supporting our armed forces all over the world. That number includes 3,100 civilians, 107 military personnel and more than 9,000 contractors, with as many as a thousand deployed around the globe at any given time.

## LOCAL IMPACT

- The Navy's Hanahan-based high-tech engineering center awarded a sweeping contract for new equipment to 21 companies July of 2016, a deal worth as much as \$750 million over five years.
- In 2009, it was estimated that the SPAWAR employees brought in \$4.4 billion into the local economy of Goose Creek, South Carolina each year.
- The average age in the group is 44, with entry-level jobs starting at \$50,000 a year.
- The local SPAWAR facility is in charge of supplying Internet cafes in places like Afghanistan and Iraq so our soldiers can stay in touch with their families back home. The location has established over 800 electronic portals since 2009.
- This facility is also in charge of equipping armored vehicles with the latest electronics just before shipping into war zones.

