

Our mission is "to create superior value for all Chamber members, large & small; to cultivate economic & personal development; to promote & protect a competitive enterprise system of business; & to be a community leader while embracing Bay County's opportunities & challenges."

2025

Building a Better Bay

The Bay County Chamber is dedicated to driving initiatives that meet the needs of our businesses and community. Focused on innovation and guided by member feedback, we're addressing critical areas like workforce development, child care, member engagement, and regional economic security. Together, we're fostering growth, building a stronger Bay County, and shaping a vibrant future.

Child Care Task Force

The Chamber's Child Care Task Force is tackling challenges like affordability, accessibility, and workforce shortages to strengthen Bay County's child care system. By developing collaborative strategies, the Task Force supports workforce stability and ensures every child is prepared for educational success.

Workforce Development

A skilled workforce is essential for business success and community prosperity. By aligning education and workforce development with employer needs, the Chamber is advancing a talent strategy that strengthens Bay County's workforce pipeline and supports economic growth.

Enhancing Member and Community Impact

Based on feedback from our 2024 member survey, the Chamber is prioritizing impactful programs, reimagining traditional offerings, and finding innovative ways to engage and celebrate Bay County businesses in 2025.

Protecting the Gulf Training Range

The Chamber is championing a statewide initiative to secure permanent protection for the Gulf Training Range, a vital asset for national security and economic stability. Partnering with key organizations, we're working to preserve this resource and its benefits for our region and state.

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The Power of Partnerships

Staff: Aimee Bright, VP of Strategic Partnerships / Officer: Allen Armstrong, Chairman Elect

The Chamber's Strategic Partnerships advocate for policies that drive business growth and community success. Through the Governmental Affairs Committee and Legislative Priorities, we address critical issues, amplify member voices, and collaborate with leaders at all levels to ensure Bay County thrives.

Military Affairs Committee (MAC)

Staff: Aimee Bright, VP of Strategic Partnerships / Officer: Joe Holt, MAC Chair

MAC strengthens the bond between Bay County and our military community by fostering collaboration with local bases and honoring service members' contributions. From advocacy to organizing the Gulf Coast Salute Air Show, MAC drives economic stability and celebrates the military's vital role in Bay County.

Connecting Through Communications

Staff: Katherine Santana, VP of Marketing & Communications / Officer: Jeremy Bennett, Vice Chair Communications

The Chamber connects businesses and residents through platforms like BayBiz Magazine, eBiz newsletter, social media, and the Chamber website. By sharing impactful stories and resources, we highlight local successes, promote collaboration, and keep Bay County informed and thriving.

Empowering Our Membership

Staff: Tamara Barnes, VP of Membership / Officer: Tricia Berry, Treasurer

Our membership initiatives provide resources, events, and benefits to help local businesses succeed. By fostering connections and creating tailored opportunities, we empower members to thrive and build a stronger Bay County.

Inspiring Growth Through Events

Staff: Jennifer Wright, VP of Events & Sponsorships / Officer: Denise Rowan, Vice Chair

Chamber events bring businesses, leaders, and residents together for connection and growth. From networking to signature annual gatherings, our events inspire unity, foster learning, and support Bay County's business community.

Cultivating Future Leaders

Staff: Lisa Moore, Director of Foundation / Officer: Denise Rowan, Vice Chair

Through programs like Leadership Bay, Junior Leadership Bay, and Bay Young Professionals, the Chamber Foundation empowers emerging leaders with skills, mentorship, and experiences to make a lasting impact on Bay County's future.

