

2023-2024 Advocacy Season: By the Numbers

August 1, 2023 – July 29 2024

- 72 Base Visits
- 61 Alerts/Press Releases
- **42** Speeches
- **35** Congressional Meetings
- 25 USC Shield Graduates
- 21 States/Territories Visited
- **20** Press Interviews
- 17 Created and Implemented Missile Defense Demonstration Tests (Yuma Proving Grounds, Ramstein Germany, Smardan Romania)
- **8** Award Events
 - 5 Defender of the Year (DOY)
 - **3 Champion Events**
 - **107** Total Awardees
- 7 Congressional Roundtables
- 6 Countries Advocated In
- **6** Troop Visits
- **6 USC Shield Capstones**
- **4** Conferences and Forums
- 1 SHIELD Global Space & Defense Program Created and Founded at USC
- 1 AETOS Near Space Studies Program Founded with University of Arizona
- 1 ARTEMIS Program Founded with the University of Hawaii