Richard Russell
- GA governor—1 term
- U.S. Senator—7 terms
  - Worked with Armed Services Committee to gain influence in military policy
- Powerful Georgia legislators who brought more military presence to GA
- Helped to develop military programs around the nation and build 15 new military installations in GA

Carl Vinson
- U.S. House of Representatives—51 years (25 terms)
- Known as “Father of the Two-Ocean Navy”—strengthen the U.S. Navy
- Famous quote—“The most expensive thing in the world is a cheap army and navy.”
  - Having a powerful military was essential for the U.S. plus funding