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Executive Summary

Created in 2011 under Florida Statute 288.987, the Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) held its first meetings in January 2011. Legislation allows the Task Force 13 members; four members appointed by the Governor (in addition to 1 personal representative), four members appointed by the Senate, and four members appointed by the House of Representatives. Legislative Task Force members will serve until the end of their elected terms and may be reappointed once, while non-legislative appointments are for four years.

Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI) has the role of administrative and logistical support for the Florida Defense Support Task Force. Two key members of the EFI staff departed and were replaced during the year. In May 2019 the Executive Director of the Task Force, Terry McCaffrey departed for a position with Volunteer Florida and was replaced by Ray Collins. In November 2019, the EFI Vice President for Military and Defense, Bruce Grant, retired and was replaced by Beth Medina.

The FDSTF mission is to make recommendations to preserve and protect military installations, to support the state's position in research and development related to or arising out of military missions and contracting, and to improve the state's military-friendly environment for service members, military dependents, military retirees, and businesses that bring military and base-related jobs to the state.

The FDSTF replaced the Florida Council on Military Bases and Mission Support which was created under Florida Statute 288.984. The Council has been deleted from Florida Statute. The FDSTF received an FY 2018-2019 appropriation of \$2 million to protect, preserve, promote and grow Florida military installations and missions. A copy of the annual budget is enclosed at Tab 3.

The Task Force developed an initial strategic plan to guide its actions in protecting Florida's military installations dated April 23, 2012. This plan is updated regularly, most recently in October 2019. The Task Force plans to update this strategic plan again in 2020. The most recent version of the strategic plan is posted on the Task Force website and at Tab 4.

The Florida Defense Support Task Force met 10 times during FY 2018-2019. The Task Force held meetings in August and October 2018, and February and April 2019 by conference call and met in-person for six meetings that included tours of military installations (when available) including:

July 2018	Homestead, FL – Homestead Air Reserve Base
September 2018	Ft Walton Beach, FL – Hurlburt Field
November 2018	Cocoa Beach, FL – Cape Canaveral Air Force Station
January 2019	Miami, FL – U.S. Southern Command
March 2019	Tallahassee, FL
May 2019	Tallahassee, FL

The Florida Defense Support Task Force website has been operational since August 2012. It has been helpful in publicizing meeting times and locations. Additionally, this site displays the award of grants along with copies of agenda and minutes from Task Force meetings, budget information and weekly Task Force updates. The address for the web site is: www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf

The Task Force published the 2020 Florida Defense Factbook in January 2020 based on the Economic Impact Analysis Study conducted by Matrix Inc. The Factbook can be downloaded from the Task Force web site at: <http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/Florida-Defense-Factbook-2020.pdf>. A copy is enclosed at Tab 5.

The Task Force published the 2019 Florida Military Friendly Guide in August 2019 with additions from the 2019 state legislative session. This guide contains a summary of the Florida laws that benefit active duty, National Guard and Reserve service members and their families. It has been distributed throughout the state and to the Florida Congressional delegation. The guide can be downloaded from the Task Force web site at: <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/Florida-Military-Friendly-Guide.pdf>. A copy is enclosed at Tab 6.

FDSTF FY 2018-2019 Progress Report

Governing Florida Statutes

The Florida Defense Support Task Force was established under Florida Statute (F.S.) 288.987 and operates under a Sunshine exemption in F.S. 288.985. See Tab 1.

Membership and Appointments

Membership on the Task Force is outlined in Florida Statute 288.987. Statute allows the Task Force to maintain up to 13 members. Task Force members who are members of the legislature may serve until the end of their elected terms and non-legislators may serve a four-year term.

Representative Jay Trumbull served as the Chairman of the Task Force from July 2018 through June 2019 when he relinquished the chair to Senator Doug Broxson. Mr. Tom Neubauer remained the Vice Chair throughout the year.

At the beginning of the year other Task Force members included Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Admiral Mark Fitzgerald, USN (Ret), Lt Col William Dudley, USAF (retired), Maj Gen Richard Haddad, USAF (retired), Brigadier General Chip Diehl, USAF (retired) and Colonel Jim Heald, USAF (retired).

Major General Michael Calhoun, USA, the Adjutant General, served as the Governor's designated personal representative under Governor Scott. Governor DeSantis appointed Major General James Eifert, the new Adjutant General of Florida, as his personal representative. Florida House Representatives Jay Trumbull and Clay Ingram both termed out on November 6, 2018. Speaker Oliva appointed Representative Thad Altman to the Task Force on February 7, 2019 and Representative Mel Ponder to the Task Force on June 20, 2019. See Tab 2.

Funding

The FDSTF received an FY 2018-2019 appropriation of \$2 million to protect, preserve, promote and grow Florida military installations and missions. The Task Force may annually spend up to \$250,000 of funds appropriated for Task Force staffing and administrative expenses. Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI) has the role of administrative and logistical support. The Task Force approved the annual budget for FY 2018-2019. See Tab 3.

Task Force Reports

The Task Force is required to submit an annual progress report and work plan to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives each February 1. The Task Force previously submitted these reports each February 1st describing the activities of the prior calendar year and the plan of work for the calendar year just underway. In order to align the Task Force's reporting requirement with the State of Florida's fiscal year and state government budget cycle this year's report changes that pattern.

This report describes the Task Force's activities in State Fiscal Year 2018-2019 (FY 2018-2019) with a work plan that covers the remainder of Florida State Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and all of Florida State Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (i.e. the months of January 2020 through June 2021). This will align the Task Force reporting requirement with other state reporting and budget documents written and submitted on a FY basis. It also allows the Task Force Work Plan to be better considered as an input to the state planning and budgeting process. In future reports, the Task Force will continue to submit each February 1, in accordance with statute, reflecting the prior FY activity and projecting the future FY plan rather than by calendar years.

Task Force Strategic Plan

The Task Force actions are guided by its Strategic Plan. This plan is a living document and evolves in response to unfolding events. This plan is updated regularly, most recently in October 2019. The most recent version of the strategic plan is posted on the Task Force website. The current version adjusts the Task Force goals to reflect the changing national defense budgets and its impact on Florida's military missions and installations. The Task Force plans to update this plan again in 2020. See Tab 4 for the current plan. It is also posted on the Task Force website at <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/FDSTF-Strategic-Plan-2019-2024-1.pdf>.

Task Force Meetings

The Florida Defense Support Task Force met 10 times during FY 2018-2019; six meetings in person and four by conference call. All meeting materials including agenda, presentations and minutes are available on our website at <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf/meetings/>. A summary of all FY 2018-2019 Task Force meetings is included below:

July 19, 2018 – Homestead

- **Attendance:** Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer chaired the meeting with Task Force members MG Mike Calhoun, Brig Gen Chip Diehl, ADM Mark Fitzgerald, Ms. Amy Gowder, Maj Gen Richard Haddad, Representative Holly Raschein and Commissioner Barbara Stewart present as well as Task Force members Senator Doug Broxson, Lt Col William Dudley, and Representative Jay Trumbull participating via teleconference.
- **Budget & Grants:** Ms. Marcy Sanders provided an update on the Task Force grants including DTF 17-161, Clay County Development Authority, who is requesting an extension due to unforeseen circumstances in closing two parcels previously identified in the original grant application and a second parcel approved in the subsequent amendment #1. They have identified two parcels, which have willing sellers that may be closed in the next six to nine months. These parcels have been moved to Priority 2 and they are looking to close on the approximately 2,200 acres in October 2018. They are requesting the grant be extended to April 30, 2019. The Task Force voted to approve the extension. **Task Force Member Updates:** Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state.
- **Advocacy Update:** Secretary Anthony Principi of the Principi Group briefed the Task

Force on current military and defense issues in Washington and their impact on Florida.

Florida Defense Alliance Update: Ms. Kellie Jo Kilberg, Chair of the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA), provided a report on current activities of the FDA including current work on the agendas for the upcoming conference call on Thursday, August 23rd and the in-person meeting in Cocoa Beach on Wednesday, November 14th.

- **FY 2019-2020 Grant Application Process:** Ms. Sanders discussed the FY 2019-2020 Task Force Grant Application noting changes that have been voted on and approved at prior meetings. It was noted that the new FY 2019-2020 application cycle will run from August 1-30, 2018.
- **South Florida Defense Alliance Update:** Mr. Will Leahy, South Florida Defense Alliance Interim Director, provided a discussion on the progression toward meeting the goals of the South Florida Defense Alliance.
- **2018 Military Friendly Guide:** Mr. Terry McCaffrey announced the completion of the 2018 Military Friendly Guides. Each Task Force member received a copy and he reported that most of the distribution has been completed with the remainder being sent out next week. The guide is also available online.
- **CY 2019 Task Force Meeting Schedule:** Mr. McCaffrey also presented a draft of the proposed 2019 Task Force meeting dates and locations which will be voted on and approved at the next meeting. The overview also included a positive discussion regarding having a Task Force meeting in Washington, DC next year.
- **Military and Defense Update:** Dr. Bruce Grant congratulated Tampa which was designated a Great American Defense Community at the most recent Association of Defense Communities (ADC) Conference. He provided the Task Force with a paper which summarized topics at the last ADC conference and announced that the next Installation Innovation Forum will be held in Miami, March 4-6, 2019.
- **Closed Session:** Finally, the Task Force conducted an afternoon closed session meeting to discuss advocacy strategy involving base strengths and weaknesses connected to protecting, preserving and enhancing Florida's military installations.
- **Base Tour:** Following the meeting, the Task Force conducted a tour of Homestead ARB including old maintenance facilities and open ramp space on the airfield.

August 16, 2018 – Conference Call

- **Attendance:** Representative Jay Trumbull chaired the meeting with Task Force members Mr. Tom Neubauer, MG Mike Calhoun, Brig Gen Chip Diehl, ADM Mark Fitzgerald, Ms. Amy Gowder, Maj Gen Richard Haddad, Representative Holly Raschein and Commissioner Barbara Stewart present. No Task Force members participated via teleconference.
- **Budget & Grants:** Staff provided an update on the Task Force grants and remaining Task Force budget. In addition to other grant reports, DTF #19-102, Central Florida Regional Planning Council, noted they would like to transfer ownership of the grant to the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners. Noting that the scope of the work would remain the same, the Task Force approved the change.
- **Task Force Member Updates:** Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state.

- **Advocacy Update:** Mr. Greg Kiley of the Principi Group briefed the Task Force on current military and defense issues in Washington and their impact on Florida.
- **Washington, D.C. Update:** Mr. John Patrick Walsh, from the State of Florida Washington Office, reported on issues of interest to Florida Governor's office in Washington D.C.
- **Florida Defense Alliance Update:** Dr. Bruce Grant provided a report on current activities of the FDA.
- **Enterprise Florida Update:** Ms. Katie Hogan, Business Development Manager of Aviation/Aerospace and Defense, Enterprise Florida, Inc., provided a presentation on Enterprise Florida's role in working to bring businesses to Florida and to help them to succeed once they've established.
- **Task Force 2019 Calendar Review:** Mr. Terry McCaffrey briefly discussed the 2019 Task Force meeting location schedule which was approved by the Task Force.

September 20, 2018 – Ft Walton Beach

- **Attendance:** Representative Jay Trumbull chaired the meeting with Task Force members Mr. Tom Neubauer, Senator Doug Broxson, Brig Gen Chip Diehl, Ms. Amy Gowder, Col Jim Heald, Representative Holly Raschein and Commissioner Barbara Stewart present as well as Task Force member ADM Mark Fitzgerald, participating via teleconference.
- **Closed Session:** The Task Force conducted a closed session Strategic Planning Workshop focused on the potential future of Military and Defense Programs in the state of Florida.
- **Base Tour:** Following the workshop, the Task Force conducted a tour of Hurlburt Field.

October 18, 2018 – Conference Call

- **Attendance:** The Task Force convened a public conference call chaired by Mr. Tom Neubauer with Task Force members Senator Doug Broxson, Brig Gen Chip Diehl, Lt Col William Dudley, ADM Mark Fitzgerald, Ms. Amy Gowder, Maj Gen Richard Haddad, Col Jim Heald, Representative Holly Raschein and Commissioner Barbara Stewart participating.
- **Budget & Grants:** Marcy Sanders provided a report on the status of Task Force Grants. DTF #16-154, Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce - Naval Air Station Pensacola Directional Signage was discussed due to changes that required Task Force approval. After bids for the original plan were received, it was determined that the fees had increased significantly placing the initial plan out of cost range. The County Public Works department refocused efforts on identifying locations along County roads where additional signs would still be of great benefit but not require the additional expenses of engineering and manufacturing overhead structures. After discussion, the Task Force approved the change.
- **Task Force Member Updates:** Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state.
- **Advocacy Update:** Secretary Anthony Principi of the Principi Group briefed the Task Force on current military and defense issues in Washington and their impact on

Florida.

- **Florida Defense Alliance Update:** Ms. Kellie Jo Kilberg, Chair of the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA), gave an update of FDA activities since the last meeting and briefed the Task Force on the upcoming FDA meeting scheduled for November 14, 2018 in Cocoa Beach, Florida.
- **FY 2019-2020 Grant Cycle:** Ms. Marcy Sanders discussed that the grant application window that was opened during the month of August 2018. There were six applications submitted worth a total of \$1,616,000.00. Terry McCaffrey discussed the forecasted FY2020 budget based on a possible \$2 million appropriated to the Task Force to see if the Task Force would like to ask for additional funds in the upcoming Legislative Session. The Staff did not recommend a request for increased funding during this next Legislative Session.
- **Military Base Protection Program:** Bruce Grant discussed the yearly Military Base Protection process where base commanders around the state identify those non-conservation lands, which includes any land that is not on the Florida Forever list. After being collected by the Department of Economic Opportunity, the list is provided to the Task Force for prioritization. Staff will provide the Task Force a recommended list to approve or modify at the November meeting.
- **Public Comment Period:** CMSgt Craig Deatherage, USAF (Ret) and Military Liaison to Congressman Neal Dunn's Office, commented that Congressman Neal Dunn, with the support of Congressman Matt Gaetz and others, is working on a bipartisan full Florida Delegation letter to request support for the rebuild of Tyndall AFB. Dr. Dunn is on site at the Emergency Operations Center in Bay County where he has been living and working since Hurricane Mathew struck. He remains much attuned to Tyndall AFB and should be visiting on Sunday with Congressman McCarthy to garner further support for the rebuild. He also noted that this is a wonderful opportunity to discuss an intelligent rebuild of Tyndall AFB with the MQ-9 beddown as one of the discussion items rather than the prior semi-piecemeal plan to bring the MQ-9 in and fit it in around existing missions. We have an opportunity to begin a discussion with the Air Force about an intelligent redesign of the base which will be even more sustainable for those missions.

November 15, 2018 – Cocoa Beach

- **Attendance:** Representative Jay Trumbull chaired the meeting with Task Force members Mr. Tom Neubauer, Brig Gen Chip Diehl, Maj Gen Richard Haddad, Col Jim Heald, and Commissioner Barbara Stewart present as well as Task Force members Senator Doug Broxson, ADM Mark Fitzgerald, and Representative Holly Raschein participating via teleconference.
- **Budget & Grants:** Mr. Terry McCaffrey reported on the Task Force Grant program for Ms. Marcy Sanders who could not attend.
- **Military Base Protection Program:** Mr. Bruce Grant provided a discussion on the prioritization of 20 non-conservation parcels nominated by 13 installations for the Military Base Protection Program. Following the discussion, the Task Force voted to approve the list in three tiers which will be sent back to the Governor and DEO for presentation to the Board of Trustees for possible acquisition.
- **Task Force Member Updates:** Task Force members provided updates on events,

- activities and issues impacting military installations around the state.
- **Washington, D.C. Update:** Mr. John Patrick Walsh from the Florida–Washington Office reported on activities in Washington D.C. primarily concerned with ongoing Mid-term election recount.
- **Advocacy Update:** Secretary Anthony Principi of the Principi Group briefed the Task Force on current military and defense issues in Washington and their impact on Florida.
- **Florida Defense Alliance Update:** Ms. Kellie Jo Kilberg, Chair of the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA), relayed important outcomes from the semi-annual FDA meeting which was held the day prior.
- **Space Florida Update:** Mr. Jim Kuzma, Senior VP and General Manager at Space Florida provided an update of space activities happening on the Space Coast. Of note is the large increase in space launch activity this year that included 21 launches to date and is forecast to conduct 48 next year.
- **Closed Session:** The Task Force conducted an afternoon closed session meeting to discuss advocacy strategy involving base strengths and weaknesses connected to protecting, preserving and enhancing Florida’s military installations.
- **Base Tour:** Following the meeting, the Task Force conducted a tour Cape Canaveral Air Force Station including viewing several military launch facilities and an actual SpaceX Falcon 9 launch.

January 17, 2019 – Miami

- **Attendance:** Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer chaired the meeting with Task Force members Representative Jay Trumbull, Senator Doug Broxson, Brig Gen Chip Diehl, ADM Mark Fitzgerald, Ms. Amy Gowder, Maj Gen Richard Haddad, Col Jim Heald, Representative Holly Raschein and Commissioner Barbara Stewart present as well as Task Force member Lt Col William Dudley participating via teleconference.
- **Budget & Grants:** Ms. Marcy Muldrow-Sanders, Task Force Grant Manager, provided an update on the Task Force grants and budget.
- **Task Force Member Updates:** Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state.
- **Task Force Progress Report and Work Plan:** Mr. Terry McCaffrey, Executive Director of the FDSTF, reported that the draft of the Annual Report was sent out to Task Force members earlier in the month for review. Input was received and incorporated into the report. With no further discussion, the Task Force voted to approve the report to be sent to the Governor and Legislature IAW Florida Law.
- **Military and Defense Update:** Mr. Bruce Grant, Vice President for Military and Defense Programs, reported that EFI has a new President and CEO, Jamal Sowell. The EFI Staff had not yet had a chance to brief Governor DeSantis but was looking forward to doing so soon. The Association of Defense Communities was holding their winter conference in Miami, March 4th through 6th, and allowed Florida to have a separate panel to highlight state successes. Finally, The Florida Defense Exchange is a business development project, an interactive portal where small businesses can compete for federal defense contracts. Through DEO, we were successful in applying and receiving a grant from DoD to create this tool.
- **U.S. Southern Command Report:** Terry McCaffrey provided a brief update based

on staff's visit to SOUTHCOM the day prior. SOUTHCOM had three main issues for the Task Force (primarily affecting junior service members with lower rank and pay); housing for the servicemembers of SOUTHCOM, relief for Turnpike tolls and problems with many local landlords requiring three months' rent for move in.

- **Closed Session**: The Task Force conducted an afternoon closed session meeting to discuss advocacy strategy involving base strengths and weaknesses connected to protecting, preserving and enhancing Florida's military installations.

February 21, 2019 – Conference Call

- **Attendance**: The Task Force convened a public conference call chaired by Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer with Task Force members Representative Thad Altman, Brig Gen Chip Diehl, Lt Col William Dudley, ADM Mark Fitzgerald, Ms. Amy Gowder, Maj Gen Richard Haddad, Col Jim Heald, Representative Holly Raschein and Commissioner Barbara Stewart participating.
- **Budget & Grants**: Staff provided an update on the Task Force grants and budget remaining for FY19. Ms. Marcy Sanders reported that the TF had \$474,999.96 to encumber by the end of the FY2018-2019 budget. She also discussed an out-of-cycle grant application received from Gulf Coast State College for \$144,000 for Tyndall Air Force Base Resiliency, Mission Return, Base of the Future. This grant will pay for advocacy by The Roosevelt Group for funding for the rebuild of Tyndall Air Force Base. The Task Force voted to hear a presentation from Gulf Coast State College at the March TF meeting to possibly fund their recently submitted grant application in the amount of \$144,000.
- **Task Force Member Updates**: Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state.
- **Advocacy Update**: LTG David Huntoon of The Principi Group briefed the Task Force on current military and defense issues in Washington and their impact on Florida.
- **Florida Defense Alliance Update**: Mr. Bruce Grant, Vice President for Military and Defense Programs, reporting for the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA), discussed the recent FDA conference call, which was held on Tuesday, January 29th.
- **Enterprise Florida Update**: Katie Hogan, Enterprise Florida Business Development Team, discussed ongoing EFI efforts to bring defense industry companies to Florida.
- **Task Force Strategic Plan Review**: Terry McCaffrey discussed the timetable for the development of the FDSTF 2019 Strategic Plan and briefed the Task Force members on their responsibilities under the Sunshine Law and Florida ethics laws.
- **Legislative Update**: Mr. Bruce Grant reported on military friendly legislation working through the Florida legislature.

March 28, 2019 – Tallahassee

- **Attendance**: Governor, Ron DeSantis chaired the outset of the meeting and passed off the Chairman's role to Representative Jay Trumbull upon his departure. Task Force members Mr. Tom Neubauer, Representative Thad Altman, Senator Doug Broxson, Brig Gen Chip Diehl, ADM Mark Fitzgerald, Ms. Amy Gowder, Maj Gen Richard Haddad, Col Jim Heald and Representative Holly Raschein were present with Task Force member Lt Col William Dudley participating via teleconference.

Following the welcome and administrative comments, Governor Ron DeSantis provided his guidance for the TF.

- **Governor's Priorities:** The Governor noted his top three priorities for military and defense are 1) to remain the most military and veteran friendly state in the country by concentrating on being the best on quality of services for our service members and veterans, 2) protect our active duty component and installations because it is good for Florida and more importantly, for national security, and 3) increase defense industry in the state including creating a workforce that is ready to fill jobs that support our installations and military missions / equipment our force need. The Governor also noted that he is very committed to rebuilding Tyndall AFB, protecting the Gulf range from oil drilling and getting the US Space Force to Florida.
- **Task Force Member Updates:** Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state.
- **Budget & Grants:** Staff provided an update on the Task Force grants and budget remaining for FY2019. Mr. Glen McDonald, Gulf Coast State College, presented to the TF the urgent need for a grant to assist in the rebuild of Tyndall AFB. This grant is requesting \$144,000 to hire The Roosevelt Group to advocate for Tyndall AFB's rebuild and bed-down of future missions stays on-track and receives all funding and approvals necessary. Kathy Ferguson, The Roosevelt Group, discussed their on-going and future team efforts to rebuild Tyndall AFB. A quorum being present, Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer asked for a motion to approve the out of cycle grant request for \$144,000 by Gulf Coast State College to assist with the rebuilding of Tyndall AFB. A motion was made by Ms. Amy Gowder, seconded by Admiral Mark Fitzgerald, all are in favor and the grant is approved. Ms. Amy Gowder suggested that the TF send a letter of support for the passing of the supplemental funds to rebuild Tyndall.
- **Washington, D.C. Update:** Ms. Katherine Anne Russo, Director of Federal Relations, thanked the TF for the opportunity to connect and noted that the Washington Office is still getting settled in DC. She views this is an opportunity to improve coordination between the State and DC. Admiral Mark Fitzgerald noted that the Northeast Florida delegation will be travelling to Washington, DC on June 4th and June 5th. Ms. Russo added they are very focused on the supplemental for Tyndall.
- **Florida Defense Alliance Update:** Kellie Jo Kilberg, Florida Defense Alliance Chair, discussed recent conference calls for the Family Support and the Mission Sustainment Working Groups and the need to increase PR and marketing to promote Florida's story and assets for the National Defense Strategy.
- **Florida National Guard Update:** COL Tad Warfel, Florida National Guard/Department of Military Affairs, discussed the mission of the Florida National Guard (FLNG).
- **Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs Update:** Captain Danny Burgess, Executive Director of the FDVA, discussed the role of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs.
- **Veterans Florida Update:** Joe Marino, Executive Director of Veterans Florida, briefed about Veterans Florida.

- **Legislative Update:** Mr. Bruce Grant, Vice President for Military and Defense Programs, provided a legislative update.
- **Public Comment Period:** Jim Kuzma, Space Florida, provided an update of the INFRA grant submission for the Indian River Bridge replacement and widening of Space Commerce Way.
- **Closed Session:** The Task Force conducted an afternoon closed session meeting to discuss advocacy strategy involving base strengths and weaknesses connected to protecting, preserving and enhancing Florida's military installations.

April 18, 2019 – Conference Call

- **Attendance:** The Task Force convened a public conference call chaired by Mr. Tom Neubauer with Task Force members Brig Gen Chip Diehl, ADM Mark Fitzgerald, Col Jim Heald, and Commissioner Barbara Stewart participating. Following the welcome and administrative comments, Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer announced that since there was no quorum at this meeting the minutes from the March 28, 2019 TF meeting would be approved at the next TF meeting on May 16, 2016.
- **Budget & Grants:** Ms. Marcy Muldrow-Sanders provided an update on the status of current Task Force grants and the Task Force budget.
- **Task Force Member Updates:** Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state.
- **Washington, D.C. Update:** Ms. Katherine Anne Russo, from the State of Florida Washington Office, provided additional insights from Washington DC focused on state of Florida issues including hearings on the creation of U.S. Space Force, hearings on the National Defense Authorization Act and the possibility of a supplemental appropriations bill for rebuilding Tyndall AFB, and extending the moratorium on drilling for oil in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico. Craig Deatherage, staff member for Congressman Neil Dunn, echoed that the supplemental funding is critical and remains Congressman Dunn's top priority.
- **Florida Defense Alliance Update:** Ms. Kellie Jo Kilberg, Chair of the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA), updated the Task Force on the FDA and their upcoming meeting agendas which focus on the Gulf of Mexico Test & Training Range. Terry McCaffrey added that at the recent Florida Chamber visit to Tyndall AFB, the wing commander provided a briefing on missions and gave an insightful presentation as to why the location of Tyndall to the Gulf Range is crucial to keeping it open.
- **Legislative Update:** Bruce Grant reported on the status of military and defense friendly legislation in the 2019 legislative session. Steve Murray, Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, added that the FDVA has been watching House Bill 501 which provides veterans alternative treatment therapies. Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer asked if the Military Friendly Guide will be updated this year? Staff said that it would and would most likely be published sometime in early September, after Session has ended.
- **Military and Defense Update:** Bruce Grant provided an update on efforts to advance the Governor's priorities for Military and Defense, local defense community engagement.
- **Task Force Member Appointments:** Terry McCaffrey briefed on how he was

working on reappointments to the TF through the Governor's office, the House and the Senate. He also thanked everyone for their well wishes as he prepared to depart for a new position with Volunteer Florida.

- **Public Comment Period:** Craig Deatherage commented that Honor Flight will be departing from Tallahassee on May 18th and encouraged everyone in town that day to see them off in the morning and welcome them home in the evening when they return.

May 16, 2019 – Tallahassee

- **Attendance:** Representative Jay Trumbull chaired the meeting with Task Force members Tom Neubauer, ADM Mark Fitzgerald, Col Jim Heald, Representative Holly Raschein and Commissioner Barbara Stewart present as well as Task Force members Representative Thad Altman, Brig Gen Chip Diehl, Lt Col William Dudley, Ms. Amy Gowder and Maj Gen Richard Haddad participating via teleconference. Following the welcome and administrative comments, Chairman Trumbull thanked Admiral Mark Fitzgerald for his service to the TF and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation as this is his last meeting as a TF member. Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer then presented Chairman, Representative Jay Trumbull with a Certificate of Appreciation and thanked him for his dedication to the TF as this is his last meeting as the Chair and as a TF member.
- **Budget & Grants:** Ms. Marcy Sanders provided an update on the Task Force grants. Marcy Sanders discussed the FY 2019-2020 budget proposal specifically noting that the total for program expenses is \$1,750,000.00. A quorum being present, Chairman, Representative Jay Trumbull asked for a motion to approve the FY 2020 Budget. A motion was made by Admiral Mark Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Tom Neubauer, all are in favor and the budget was approved.
- **Task Force Member Updates:** Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state.
- **Florida Defense Alliance Update:** Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chair, discussed the FDA meeting held the day prior. They started out with a presentation on spectrum frequencies, which is one of the original five (5) encroachment issues dating back to the 1990s. It's now coming to the forefront as the Department of Commerce looks at selling off more spectrum. Family Support held a panel that looked at spousal employment, licensure and the K-12 schools and challenges which still exist. Tom Neubauer updated the FDA on the Tyndall AFB rebuild. The Family Support Working Group met and discussed Senate Bill 620 and its different components, specifically the issue of the ability of a military child to enroll in school as soon as orders are received. The Mission Sustainment Working Group continues to look at the Gulf Range Complex and what needs to be done to enhance and protect the Gulf Range. This prompted a discussion among various members of the Task Force, staff and FDA about alternative measures the Task Force could take to protect the Gulf Range.
- **Legislative Update:** Bruce Grant discussed legislation which was passed during the recent Legislation Session. Following the legislative update various Task Force members engaged in a discussion on possible ways to reduce encroachment of military bases around Florida.

- **Military and Defense Update:** Bruce Grant briefed about the GI LAW (Lawyers Assisting Warriors) program which provides pro bono legal services that are not covered by the military JAGs to military members and active-duty and reserve members of the National Guard, the Florida Economic Impact Analysis is due to be updated this year, the status of TF appointments and reappointments, the Florida Chamber Military, Defense and Veterans Opportunity Summit in August in Jacksonville, the next Association of Defense Communities National Summit in June in Washington, D.C., Governor Ron DeSantis's first Base Commanders Meeting in June at Camp Blanding, and work the staff is doing on updating the Strategic Plan and helping USSOUTHCOM with their housing issues.
- **FY 2019-2020 Grant Cycle:** The TF heard grant request presentations from the Santa Rosa County Board of County Commissioners, the Clay County Development Authority, the Economic Development Commission of the Space Coast and the Military Child Education Coalition. A quorum being present, Chairman, Representative Jay Trumbull asked for a motion to approve the funding of three of those grants. A motion was made by Admiral Mark Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Tom Neubauer, all were in favor and the funding was approved as follows:
 - Santa Rosa County for \$93,200
 - Clay County for \$500,000
 - Economic Commission of the Space Coast for \$125,000
 The TF requested additional information from the Military Child Education Coalition and invited them to present again at the July 18, 2019 TF meeting in Milton, Florida.

Activities/Achievements

Task Force's activities and achievements for FY 2018-2019 include:

1. **Onboarding New Members:** Five new Task Force members were appointed and assumed duties in 2019 and two Task Force members with expiring terms were reappointed to new, four-year terms. In July 2019 Senator Doug Broxson assumed Task Force Chair duties from Representative Jay Trumbull. EFI hired two new senior staff members to support the Task Force replacing departing staff. See Tab 2.
2. **Business Meetings:** The Task Force conducted 10 meetings and visited military bases around the state during 2019. The Task Force conducted the November 2018 and May 2019 meetings in coordination with the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) to ensure the voice of local defense communities are considered and included in Task Force decisions. Additionally, it has continued implementation of its long-range strategic plan for actions to protect, preserve and enhance Florida's military installations. The current Strategic Plan was updated in October 2019 and is available at Tab 4 or online at: <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/FDSTF-Strategic-Plan-2019-2024-1.pdf>
3. **Grants Awarded:** The Task Force approved the budget for FY 2019-2020. During FY 2018-2019 the Task Force awarded three grants totaling \$725,000. See Tab 7. <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf/funding-contracts/>

4. Installation Encroachment Prevention:

- a. **Non-Conservation Land Program**: The Task Force continued work with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to acquire “Tier 1” non-conservation buffering lands adjacent to military installations. Following the closing on the conservation easement on Rafter T Ranch in Highlands County to improve encroachment protection on the Avon Park Air Force Range, the FDSTF staff put together a list of lessons learned to help other organizations working to acquire these types of land. During the November 2018 meeting the Task Force discussed and rank ordered according to priority the non-conservation lands submitted to DEO by military base commanders across Florida in accordance with F.S. 288.980, then submitted this list to DEO for potential action under the Military Base Protection Program. Of note, the Bugg Spring facility at Okahumpka, used by the U.S. Navy for calibrating all types of SONAR equipment, was added to the List as a Tier 1 priority. Subsequent investigation revealed that there are valid, ecological reasons for protecting this land and DEP is currently working to protect it with Florida Forever Funds.
- b. **Wind Farms**: On multiple occasions Task Force members and staff met with Navy and DoD officials regarding wind turbine farms and adverse impacts these have on aircraft radar performance and general aviation safety. There is no action in Congress right now, however Congress may be looking at some language in the future that empowers the State and the DoD to challenge these wind farms, and the Task Force remains engaged and ready to respond as appropriate if and when this issue poses a threat to military operations in Florida.
- c. **Orlando, Modeling and Simulation Center of Excellence**: The headquarters for the U.S. Army Program Executive Office for Simulation Training & Instrumentation (PEOSTRI) moved to the Orlando area and into the Partnership 4 building using a lease facilitated through a grant using Task Force Funds. This effort by the Task Force convinced the Army to leave PEOSTRI in Orlando rather than moving it to Huntsville, AL and helped to maintain the synergy obtained by keeping PEOSTRI as part of the Simulation and Modeling Center of Excellence in Orlando, a key piece of a \$6 billion business for the state.
- d. **Avon Park AFR**: With the assistance of Task Force members, Avon Park AFR organized a visit for local community and business leaders, including several local mayors. This allowed the community leaders to understand the importance of the Range to the local area and National Defense and should facilitate efforts to resist future encroachment threats.
- e. **Florida Rock**: The Task Force remained continually engaged in efforts to acquire the northern 10 acres of the Florida Rock property. With no funding being added to the MBP program in the last several years, ability to support the new needs of Florida’s bases is limited.
- f. **Gulf of Mexico Test & Training Range / Military Mission Line**: The Task Force has continued to advocate for the extension on the moratorium on oil exploration and drilling east of the Military Mission Line by extending the

moratorium beyond 2022 which was established in the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act. The Task Force has produced and supplied Military and Defense informational publications, letters and briefs to Congressional Delegation members on Florida defense issues relevant in Washington DC as well as to chairs and members of the Florida state legislative committees that deal with military and veterans' affairs.

5. **New DoD Force Structure in Florida:** Although Congress has not authorized a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission since 2005, the services have continued to relocate assets and missions "under the radar".
 - a. **Mayport NS:** USS *Sioux City* (LCS-11) and USS *Wichita* (LCS-13) were commissioned into the U.S. Navy and assigned to NS Mayport during FY 2019-2019.
 - b. **Pensacola Coast Guard Station:** The U.S. Coast Guard assigned 210' Medium Endurance Cutters USCG *Dauntless* and USCG *Decisive* to Pensacola during the year.
 - c. **Washington, D.C. Engagement:** Throughout the year members of the Task Force along with community leaders from around the state visited Washington, called and corresponded with national leadership to emphasize the importance of solving various basing issues including the replacement of the Florida Air National Guard's F-15s with a newer aircraft type (such as the F-35) and the need to base the proper number of ships at NS Mayport so the base can efficiently manage ship maintenance cycles. After Tyndall AFB was virtually destroyed in October by Hurricane Michael, a significant effort by the Task Force, the Florida CODEL and Governor's Office led to a commitment to completely rebuild the base into a modern facility that will be the base of the future we need rather than the World War II era base we were modifying to except new missions. These statewide "under the radar" force structure changes increase the military value of the specific installations, support additional need to enhance the Gulf Range Complex, and reduce the risk of future closure to these Florida bases.

6. **Military and Defense Advocacy:** The Task Force has supported actions that will lead to increasing military capability in Florida. The Task Force has continued to advocate for the extension on the moratorium on oil exploration and drilling east of the Military Mission Line by extending the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act beyond 2022. The Task Force has produced and supplied Military and Defense informational publications, letters and briefs to Congressional Delegation members on Florida defense issues relevant in Washington DC as well as to chairs and members of the Florida Legislature committees that deal with military and veterans' affairs.
 - a. In response to an early January 2018 Trump Administration announcement that it would open both east and west coasts to future oil drilling opportunities, the Task Force helped coordinate a written response in protest from the Florida Governor and congressional delegation. Throughout FY 2018-2019, the Task Force met with senior Department of Defense and Interior officials, with congressional delegation staff, and hosted several instate roundtables to

coordinate strategy in support of the prohibition on drilling east of the military mission line in the Gulf of Mexico. Of continuing importance to Florida with respect to the military is to keep the current ban in place.

- b. During the 2018 Florida Legislative Session, the Florida House and Senate unanimously passed resolutions (HB 1379 and SB 1820) in support of extending the moratorium on oil drilling and exploration east of the Military Mission Line.
- c. The Florida House of Representatives also passed a memorial to the Congress of the United States (HB 1281) urging Congress to support the creation of the United States Space Force and the establishment of the Space Force and the United States Space Command in Florida.
- d. Admiral Mark Fitzgerald traveled to Washington, DC with the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce and met with US Air Force Staff Installations to discuss replacing the Florida ANG F-15s with F-35s. He also met with the US Navy regarding their proposal for a public/private venture at Cecil Field to help alleviate the problems with the older buildings and lack of room for expansion.
- e. Admiral Fitzgerald later headed a delegation with the Commander of the Naval Air Force Atlantic and the Chamber President on a visit to Cecil Field and Airport Authority to show them the depot issues and what is needed to fix them.
- f. In February 2019, Admiral Fitzgerald once again went to Washington to meet with senior Navy representatives to discuss Florida projects including concern about encroachment from wind turbine farms.
- g. In March 2019, the Northwest Florida Defense Coalition conducted a Fly-In to Washington, DC to meet with DoD and Congressional leaders in order to emphasize the importance to the nation and Florida of keeping the rebuild of Tyndall AFB on track, maintaining a strong force structure in the Panhandle, and just how much the people of NW Florida support the military and its presence in their communities.
- h. In June 2019, the Northeast Florida/Jacksonville delegation held a Fly-In to Washington, D.C. in conjunction with the Association of Defense Communities Annual Summit and met with DoD and Congressional leaders on various issues including ship basing at NS Mayport and replacing the Florida Air National Guard's F-15s.
- i. In supporting a robust military construction program for Florida, the Administration budget called for \$177.4 million for five projects across the State (two Littoral Combat Ship support facilities at NS Mayport, two F-35 support facilities at Eglin AFB and a KC-135 flight simulator at MacDill AFB). Congress then added an additional \$81 million for 4 additional projects – two at Patrick AFB, and one each at Eglin AFB and Whiting Field NAS. The Task Force monitored and supported these through final authorization and appropriation.
- j. Throughout the year, the Task Force tracked and provided input on numerous pieces of federal legislation being developed for the annual National Defense Authorization Act and Federal Appropriations.

- k. Naval Air Station Pensacola is home to the Naval Air Museum and Fort Barrancas National Cemetery that, together, see more than a million visitors annually making the base one of the top ten tourist attractions in Florida. Due to federal rules and security concerns, the Navy faced a dilemma providing access to these important national treasures and public attractions. The Task Force previously provided a grant to facilitate road signage changes to improve public access to these parts of the base, however project cost increases prevented completion of the project. During FY 2018-2019, the Task Force approved a scope change to the grant from one large sign to several smaller signs to ensure the project could proceed within budget.
- l. In October, as Hurricane Michael hit Florida, the Task Force mobilized its team to engage senior leadership within the State and Federal government, Office of the Secretary of Defense, and the Air Force. The Task Force, local Florida House and Senate members and selected community partners toured the devastation at Tyndall Air Force Base just days after the storm and remained active in ensuring federal level follow-up and commitment to rebuild. Those supporting Tyndall included Congressman Neal Dunn, Senator George Gainer, Task Force members including Chair Representative Trumbull, Senator Broxson, Tom Neubauer and Jim Heald as well as representatives from the Florida Defense Alliance, local community leaders and a representative of the Principi Group.
- m. Throughout the year the Task Force engaged with numerous entities expressing the concern of the local communities regarding issues ranging from encroachment to ensuring adequate funding for Florida bases to the replacement of aging equipment used by units based in Florida. On several occasions, the Task Force formalized these communications in writing. The letters sent by the Task Force include:
 - i. **October 1, 2018:** The Task Force sent a letter to Commissioner Graham Fountain, Chairman of the Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners, expressing concern about traffic congestion issues around both Eglin AFB and Hurlburt Field and offering the support of the Task Force to identify and work towards a solution to this problem.
 - ii. **January 16, 2019:** The Task Force sent letters to Senator Kelli Stargel of the Florida Senate Subcommittee on Education Appropriations and Representative Chris Latvala of the Florida House Subcommittee on Pre-K Appropriations, supporting the Okaloosa County School District's request for funding for school buses for the Florosa Elementary School. This appropriation would reduce traffic congestion in the community, in general, and especially around the Hurlburt Field gate.
 - iii. **February 26, 2019:** The Task Force sent a letter to Governor Ron DeSantis expressing support for his position on bringing the Headquarters of U.S. Space Command to Florida and offering the resources of the Task Force to work with the Governor's team on this project.
 - iv. **February 26, 2019:** The Task Force sent a letter to Governor Ron

DeSantis expressing concern that the Federal Government had not yet made a supplemental appropriation for disaster relief to rebuild Tyndall AFB and requesting the Governor engage anew with national leadership.

7. **Task Force Web Presence:** The Florida Defense Support Task Force continues to maintain a website to disseminate military and defense-related information and continues distribution of weekly updates to keep members current on events and activities impacting Florida's military installations available at www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf.
8. **Economic Impact:** In 2019 the Task Force commissioned an update of the 2017 military and defense economic impact study on its regular, bi-annual schedule. The existing 2017 Florida Defense Factbook was available and used throughout FY 2018-2019. The 2017 version of the factbook is available on the Task Force web site at: <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/Florida-Defense-Factbook-2017.pdf>. Due to the importance of the real-time data, we have provided the 2020 results of the study which is the updated statistics and the 2020 Defense Factbook seen at Tab 5. This current version of the factbook can also be found on the Task Force web site at <http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/Florida-Defense-Factbook-2020.pdf>.
9. **Military Friendly Programs:** The Task Force published and distributed the 2019 Florida Military Friendly Guide summarizing programs and benefits for active duty, National Guard and Reserve service members and families. An electronic, searchable version of the guide is available for download on the Task Force web site at <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/Florida-Military-Friendly-Guide.pdf>. See Tab 6.

State Legislative Issues

The 2019 Florida Legislative Session initiated several actions which affected the statutory mission of the Task Force. Below is a listing of budget issues and legislation initiated or supported by the Florida Defense Support Task Force that were passed by the Florida Legislature and signed into law by Governor Ron DeSantis:

Budget: Approved Florida Defense Support Task Force Budget for FY 2019-2020 – \$2,000,000: Passed by Legislature and signed by Governor

Legislation:

Passed by the Legislature and Signed into Law by the Governor:

Assistance to transitioning students from military families

This change required a school district in which a military base is located to be consider children of military personnel being reassigned to that base to be residents of the

district as of the time their military sponsor receives orders to the base and for the school district to provide preferential treatment to those children in the controlled, open enrollment process under certain circumstances. **(F.S. 1003.05)**

Determination of resident status for tuition purposes

This law was changed to expand the parameters under which military personnel and their family members are considered Florida residents for purposes of student tuition. Under the new definition these persons are now considered Florida residents if they were residing or stationed in Florida at the time of acceptance to a Florida College System institution or state university. **(F.S. 1009.21)**

Legislative findings on compatibility of development with military installations; exchange of information between local governments and military installations

This law was modified to add Naval Support Activity Orlando (including Bugg Spring and Naval Ordnance Test Unit) and United States Southern Command to the list of bases in Florida that require special protection from incompatible development in their immediate environs. **(F.S. 163.3175)**

Specialty License Plates

This change to the law required the Florida Department of Transportation to design and make available for purchase specialty license plate honoring the Blue Angels. **(F.S. 320.08058)**

State Agency Licensing Requirement Changes

In 2019, several Florida Executive Departments and Agencies changed licensing requirements for military personnel, their families, military retirees and veterans which improved the military friendly environment in Florida. Below is a listing of these changes which were legislation initiated or supported by the Florida Defense Support Task Force:

Florida Licensure Reciprocity – Florida is the nation’s leader in providing licensure reciprocity for military spouses.

Health – Through their VALOR Program, the Florida Department of Health honors all valid and current medical licenses from other states and will issue the same license from Florida for no fee. www.flhealthsource.gov/valor

Professions – The Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation honors all valid and current professional licenses from other states and will issue the same license for the corresponding profession from Florida. www.myfloridalicense.com/DBPR/military-services/military-and-veteran-spouses/

Education – The Florida Department of Education honors all valid and current standard or professional teaching certificates from other states and will issue a corresponding Florida certification. www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/military/#MCFW

Law – The Florida Bar allows active duty military spouses who are members of the bar of other states to practice law in Florida when they accompany a military member stationed in Florida. <https://www-media.floridabar.org/uploads/2019/04/Ch-21-RRTFB-3-29-19.pdf>

Task Force Grants Funding Application Process

The Task Force decided that, within budget constraints, they may fund local initiatives that can be leveraged to promote, preserve, or enhance military missions and installations in Florida. The funding process will be a simplified one based on two criteria: supporting the mission of the FDSTF as described in F.S. 288.987, and/or supporting the FDSTF goals as stated in the FDSTF Strategic Plan.

The applicant must submit an FDSTF Project Application along with a budget and plan of action. When scheduled, the applicant will present the project proposal to the full Task Force for review and consideration. Approval requires a majority vote of eligible FDSTF members. State legislators are not eligible to vote on such matters. This entire process is posted on the Task Force web site.

Since the FDSTF Grant Program began in 2012 (FY 2013-2014), the Task Force has awarded \$12.48M in grants to support its mission of protecting and preserving military missions and installations. As of FY 2015-2016, the Task Force has aligned the timing of the grant program to the Florida legislative budget cycle. For a summary of progress of Task Force Grant Award Contracts, see Tab 8.

For the FY 2018-2019 grant cycle, the Task Force received eleven applications worth \$3,508,742.00 and the staff recommended the Task Force consider five applicants based on merit and potential. The Task Force awarded these five applicants a total of \$1,329,000.00. The Task Force Grant program details are available for review at <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf/funding-contracts/>.

FDSTF FY 2019-2021 Work Plan

Florida Statute 288.987 requires the Task Force to submit a work plan (along with the annual progress report) to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives each February 1. Previously, the FDSTF submitted Annual Progress Reports and Work Plans on a calendar year basis. Beginning with this report the FDSTF will submit these reports on the same timeline but in a State Fiscal Year format. This work plan covers the last half of FY 2019-2020 and all of FY 2020-2021. Subsequent Annual Progress Reports will cover the prior FY activities for review and the Work Plans will cover the future FY for consideration and adjustment as necessary for the state budget process.

During the remainder of FY 2019-2020 and all of FY 2020-2021, the Task Force will work with the Florida Congressional Delegation, state government and local defense communities to aggressively advocate promoting and growing Florida's military installations based on the Task Force Strategic Plan. Additionally, the Task Force will consider annual rounds of funding initiatives to assist in supporting and protecting military installations.

The Task Force will conduct nine in-person meetings on the third Thursday of every other month from January 2020 through the end of FY 2020-2021. The Task Force will meet via conference call and webinar during the off months. There will be no scheduled meetings in June and December 2020 or 2021. When possible, meetings will be held in various locations around the state and may include base visits.

Third Quarter FY 2019-2020

January – March 2020

- **January 16:** The Task Force conducted an in-person meeting in Tallahassee, FL
 - The Task Force reviewed and approved the Progress Report and Work Plan for submission to the Governor and Legislature.
 - The Task Force monitors progress on legislative initiatives that support the Task Force mission. Legislative session runs from January 14 – March 13, 2020.
- **February 1:** The Task Force submitted the Progress Report and Work Plan to the Governor and Legislature.
- **February 20:** The Task Force conducts a conference call.
 - The Task Force conducts required Public Records and Ethics training.
 - The Task Force coordinates with other state agencies on activities to prevent installation encroachment, improve transportation access, and enhance energy efficiency on military installations.
- **March 19:** The Task Force conducts an in-person meeting in Jacksonville, FL with a base visit to Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island.

Fourth Quarter FY 2019-2020

April – June 2020

- **April 16:** The Task Force conducts a meeting via conference call.

- The Task Force reviews / updates the Strategic Plan and proposes modifications to the Florida military support organizational structure as required.
- **May 21:** The Task Force conducts an in-person meeting in Tallahassee, FL, in conjunction with a Florida Defense Alliance meeting on May 20.
 - The Task Force reviews and considers annual grant requests for financial resource support to enhance local efforts to protect military installations.
 - The Task Force prepares the grant award announcement for the Governor.
 - Task Force reviews and monitors progress on federal, state and local military and defense issues, and makes recommendations to the Governor and Legislature.
 - The Task Force updates the Florida Military Friendly Guide to include successful military-related legislation passed during the 2020 session.
 - The Task Force develops the budget for New FY implementation.

First Quarter FY 2020-2021

July – September 2020

- **July 16:** The Task Force conducts an in-person meeting in Cocoa Beach, FL with a visit to Naval Ordnance Test Unit (NOTU).
 - The Task Force prepares a budget and legislative slate for the 2021 Session. They identify the fiscal resources needed to support and implement FDSTF recommendations to further prepare for any future realignment, closures, or budget initiatives.
- **August 20:** The Task Force conducts a meeting via conference call.
 - The Task Force publishes a new version of the Florida Military-Friendly Guide and distributes it statewide.
 - The Task Force may open the FY 2020-2021 Grant Application window to determine needs from the defense community.
- **September 17:** The Task Force conducts an in-person meeting in Key West, FL with a visit to U.S. Army Special Forces Underwater Warfare Operations (SFUWO).

Second Quarter FY 2020-2021

October – December 2020

- **October 15:** The Task Force conducts a meeting via conference call.
- **November 19:** The Task Force conducts an in-person meeting in Orlando, FL in conjunction with a Florida Defense Alliance meeting on November 18 and a Task Force visit to U.S. Army Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (PEO STRI).
 - The Task Force evaluates the Non-Conservation Land Encroachment threats submitted to DEO by the Florida military base commanders under the Military Base Protection Program (F.S. 288.980(2)(b) and 163.3175), rank orders them by tiers according to their urgency for action and submits the tiered list to DEO for potential state action.

- The Task Force refines evolving budget and legislative issues.
- The Task Force follows-up on actions regarding Florida's military installations and missions necessitated by the impact of the 2020 federal and state elections.

Third Quarter FY 2020-2021

January – March 2021

- **January 21:** The Task Force conducts an in-person meeting in Panama City Beach, FL with a visit to Naval Support Activity Panama City.
 - The Task Force reviews and approves the Progress Report and Work Plan for submission to the Governor and Legislature.
- **February 1:** The Task Force submits the Progress Report and Work Plan to the Governor and Legislature.
- **February 18:** The Task Force conducts a meeting via conference call.
 - The Task Force conducts required Public Records and Ethics training.
- **March 18:** The Task Force conducts an in-person meeting in Tallahassee, FL.
 - The Task Force identifies and monitors progress on legislative initiatives that support the Task Force mission. Legislative regular session runs from March 2 – April 30, 2021.
 - The Task Force coordinates with other state agencies on activities to prevent installation encroachment, improve transportation access, and enhance energy efficiency on military installations.

Fourth Quarter FY 2020-2021

April – June 2021

- **April 15:** The Task Force conducts a meeting via conference call.
 - The Task Force monitors progress on legislative initiatives that support the Task Force mission. Legislative session is from March 2 – April 30, 2021.
- **May 20:** The Task Force conducts an in-person meeting in Tallahassee, FL in conjunction with a Florida Defense Alliance meeting on May 19.
 - The Task Force reviews and considers annual grant requests for financial resource support to enhance local efforts to protect military installations.
 - The Task Force prepares the grant award announcement for the Governor.
 - Task Force reviews and monitors progress on federal, state and local military and defense issues, and makes recommendations to the Governor and Legislature.
 - The Task Force updates the Florida Military Friendly Guide to include successful military-related legislation passed during the 2021 session.
 - The Task Force reviews / updates the Strategic Plan as required.
 - The Task Force develops the budget for Third Quarter (New FY) implementation.

TAB 1

Governing Statutes

Governing Statutes – Florida Statute 288.987

288.987 Florida Defense Support Task Force.—

- (1) The Florida Defense Support Task Force is created.
- (2) The mission of the task force is to make recommendations to preserve and protect military installations to support the state's position in research and development related to or arising out of military missions and contracting, and to improve the state's military-friendly environment for service members, military dependents, military retirees, and businesses that bring military and base-related jobs to the state.
- (3) The task force shall be comprised of the Governor or his or her designee, and 12 members appointed as follows:
 - (a) Four members appointed by the Governor.
 - (b) Four members appointed by the President of the Senate.
 - (c) Four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
 - (d) Appointed members must represent defense-related industries or communities that host military bases and installations. All appointments must be made by August 1, 2011. Members shall serve for a term of 4 years, with the first term ending July 1, 2015. However, if members of the Legislature are appointed to the task force, those members shall serve until the expiration of their legislative term and may be reappointed once. A vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the initial appointment. All members of the council are eligible for reappointment. A member who serves in the Legislature may participate in all task force activities but may only vote on matters that are advisory.
- (4) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each designate one of their appointees to serve as chair of the task force. The chair shall rotate each July 1. The appointee designated by the President of the Senate shall serve as initial chair. If the Governor, instead of his or her designee, participates in the activities of the task force, then the Governor shall serve as chair.
- (5) The executive director of the Department of Economic Opportunity, or his or her designee, shall serve as the ex officio, nonvoting executive director of the task force.
- (6) The task force shall submit an annual progress report and work plan to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives each February 1.
- (7) The department shall contract with the task force for expenditure of appropriated funds, which may be used by the task force for economic and product research and development, joint planning with host communities to accommodate military missions and prevent base encroachment, advocacy on the state's behalf with federal civilian and military officials, assistance to school districts in providing a smooth transition for large numbers of additional military-related students, job training and placement for military spouses in communities with high proportions of active duty military personnel, and promotion of the state to military and related contractors and employers. The task force may annually spend up to \$250,000 of funds appropriated to the department for the task force for staffing and administrative expenses of the task force, including travel and per diem costs incurred by task force members who are not otherwise eligible for state reimbursement.

History.—s. 38, ch. 2011-76; s. 47, ch. 2012-96; s. 7, ch. 2012-98; s. 11, ch. 2012-159; s. 9, ch. 2014-218.

1Note.—Section 35, ch. 2011-76, provides that:

“(1) The executive director of the Department of Revenue is authorized, and all conditions are deemed met, to adopt emergency rules under ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, for the purpose of implementing this act.

“(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, such emergency rules shall remain in effect for 6 months after the date adopted and may be renewed during the pendency of procedures to adopt permanent rules addressing the subject of the emergency rules.”

Governing Statutes – Florida Statute 288.985

288.985 Exemptions from public records and public meetings requirements.—

- (1) The following records held by the Florida Defense Support Task Force are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution:
 - (a) That portion of a record which relates to strengths and weaknesses of military installations or military missions in this state relative to the selection criteria for the realignment and closure of military bases and missions under any United States Department of Defense base realignment and closure process.
 - (b) That portion of a record which relates to strengths and weaknesses of military installations or military missions in other states or territories and the vulnerability of such installations or missions to base realignment or closure under the United States Department of Defense base realignment and closure process, and any agreements or proposals to relocate or realign military units and missions from other states or territories.
 - (c) That portion of a record which relates to the state's strategy to retain its military bases during any United States Department of Defense base realignment and closure process and any agreements or proposals to relocate or realign military units and missions.
- (2)
 - (a) Meetings or portions of meetings of the Florida Defense Support Task Force, or a workgroup of the task force, at which records are presented or discussed that are exempt under subsection (1) are exempt from s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution.
 - (b) Any records generated during those portions of meetings that are exempt under paragraph (a) are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

History.—s. 1, ch. 2009-156; s. 6, ch. 2012-98; s. 10, ch. 2012-159; s. 1, ch. 2014-185.

TAB 2

Members of the Task Force and Staff

Membership of the Task Force and Staff

Governor Appointees

- Representative Holly Raschein
- Rear Admiral Stan Bozin, U.S. Navy, Retired
- Captain Keith Hoskins, U.S. Navy, Retired
- Ms. Amy Gowder

Senate President Appointees

- Senator Doug Broxson – Chairman July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020
- Major General Richard Haddad, USAF, Retired
- Lieutenant Colonel William Dudley, USAF, Retired
- Mr. Tom Neubauer

House Speaker Appointees

- Representative Mel Ponder
- Representative Thad Altman
- Brigadier General Arthur F. Diehl, III, U.S Air Force, Retired
- Colonel Jim Heald, U.S. Air Force, Retired

Governor DeSantis retained Major General James O. Eifert, U.S. Air Force, the Adjutant General of Florida, as his personal designated representative.

The total number of appointees for the Task Force on December 30, 2019 is 13.

The support staff for the Florida Defense Support Task Force:

- Beth Medina, Vice President, Military and Defense Programs, Enterprise Florida
- Ray Collins, Executive Director, Enterprise Florida
- Marcy Sanders, Grants Manager, Enterprise Florida
- Michelle Griggs, Executive Assistant, Enterprise Florida

TAB 3
Task Force Annual
Budget for
FY 2018-2019

**Florida Defense Support Task Force
Annual Budget for FY 2018 - 2019
(as of: December 31, 2018)**

	<u>FY 2018/19</u>		
Revenues			
Program Revenues			
Program Appropriation	1,750,000		
¹ Prior Years Unencumbered Available	546,085		
Total Program Revenues	2,296,085		
Administrative Revenues			
Administrative Appropriation	250,000		
Total Administrative Revenues	250,000		
	<u>Encumbered</u>	<u>Unencumbered</u>	<u>Actual/Expended</u>
Expenses			
Program Expenses			
Advocacy	597,285	298,643	447,964
Analyses and Studies	-	-	-
² Task Force Board Meetings	20,000	-	9,188
Military Friendly Guide	5,000	-	4,508
Local Grant Program	1,329,000	46,157	-
Total Program Expenses	1,951,285	344,800	461,660
Administrative Expenses			
³ Staff Salaries & Benefits	190,000	-	89,670
⁴ Task Force Travel and Per Diem	25,000	-	15,092
Total Administrative Expenses	215,000	35,000	104,762
Total Expenses	2,166,285	379,800	566,422

Footnotes:

- 1 Included funds forfeited by Grantees all years and previously unencumbered funds.
Line includes venue expenses, A/V contractor and other meeting costs as required for approximately eight meetings.
- 2 Line for two salaried staff. (Executive Director and Grants Manager)
- 3 Line includes travel and per diem for the approximately eight board meetings.

TAB 4

Current Strategic Plan

<https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/FDSTF-Strategic-Plan-2019-2024-1.pdf>



Florida
Defense Support Task Force
Strategic Plan
2019 – 2024

Updated as of: October 1, 2019

Florida Defense Support Task Force Strategic Plan 2019-2024

October 1, 2019

The Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) was created in 2011 by Florida Statute 288.987 with the defined mission:

- To make recommendations to preserve and protect military installations and missions.
- To support the state's position in research and development related to or arising out of military missions and contracting.
- To improve the state's military friendly environment for service members, military dependents, military retirees and businesses that bring military and base-related jobs to the state.

Vision

The Florida Defense Support Task Force will be an aggressive and effective advocate to promote, preserve, protect and expand military missions and installations across the state of Florida.

Guiding Principles

- Champion Florida as the "Most Military-Friendly State" in the nation.
- Advocate for favorable resolution of military and defense issues from a statewide perspective and unify Florida's defense communities with one voice. Provide a plan for active and effective advocacy for military and homeland defense missions and facilities located in Florida including the United States Coast Guard.
- Promote Florida's military friendly atmosphere and optimum training environment and locations as the best and most cost-effective solution for the Department of Defense.
- Coordinate a unified consistent message of Task Force members, executive and legislative branches of Florida government, congressional members and defense communities.
- Maintain a proactive posture, assisting the Department of Defense in its effort to find efficiencies and develop synergies in the face of necessary formal and informal military mission consolidations or realignment actions.
- Help Florida communities become better prepared to present the Department of Defense with viable options and opportunities where realignment or consolidation actions are being considered.
- Identify, prioritize and address all current or potential base and range encroachment issues including, but not limited to airspace, environmental, energy, frequency spectrum, land and water use compatibility.
- Foster mutually beneficial communication and strengthen relationships between the state of Florida, installation leadership and community leaders.
- Enhance the Florida Congressional Delegation efforts in working defense and security issues at the federal level.

- Focus on advocacy efforts to obtain results which are mutually beneficial to Florida and the defense community.
- Identify, document and publicize the military value of Florida installations using core Department of Defense criteria and the results of previous data calls.
- Assist the Governor's office and state agencies in addressing and supporting the needs of Florida's installations identified as the result of base commander's meetings.
- Champion and continue legacy of Florida's warmth, embrace and respect for military family quality of life.
- Share relevant information to communities both directly and through the Florida Defense Alliance.

General Definitions

Defense is a multi-dimensional environment defined broadly to include the active service members, National Guard and Reserve forces, military family members, military retirees and military-related businesses in the state of Florida. This includes both Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security (i.e. US Coast Guard) personnel and families.

Military installations include all bases, ranges and airspace within Florida and in waters and airspace adjacent to Florida. This includes both Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security (i.e. US Coast Guard) military installations.

Time Frame Definitions

Long term – An ongoing period in which the state is responding to congressional actions that affect statewide installations.

Short term – The period in which the military services budget-driven realignments occur outside of a formal process such as the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process.

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Overall Long-Term Strategic Goals for All Military Installations

1. Prevent exploration, drilling and other activities that could limit military use of the Gulf of Mexico Test and Training Range Complex (Gulf Range Complex). Support the long term (permanent preferred) extension of the current Military Mission Line (MML) and oil drilling moratorium for eastern Gulf of Mexico in order to maintain mission capability in the Gulf Range Complex. Continue to advocate for full funding of the DoD's Gulf Range Enhancement program. Work with DoD to develop a cohesive strategy on how to efficiently and effectively use the Range Space in the Southeast Region across Services and the Test and Training communities.
2. Sustain the aggressive and well supported programs to counter encroachment to Florida's military installations. In cooperation with installations and local communities, identify encroachment challenges and work with state and local partners to reduce or eliminate encroachment affecting installations, ranges and flight corridors. Promote land use agreements to increase or sustain ranges and their associated or escalating requirements and capabilities. This includes purchase of conservation or non-conservation land or development rights / restrictive easements that limit incompatible use. Support installations in solving other encroachment issues such as lighting, noise, frequency and cyber or nontraditional encroachment challenges such as civil use of drones near military installations.
3. Sustain the State of Florida's multiple level, coherent, and consistent strategic communication campaign to provide accurate and complete information about the value of Florida's military bases, its supporting communities' programs and those of the State.
4. Sustain long term community planning that is collaborative with local military bases, shares key information, and sets the conditions for increased military value.
5. Work with military installations to identify ways to help in improving critical infrastructure projects which will increase their military value.
6. Continue to address concerns on quality of life issues for service members and families through state legislation and other state programs paying special attention to military retention "hot button" issues such as military spouse license reciprocity and employment, support for military families across education, housing, healthcare, transition and entrepreneurship.
7. Synchronize common goals between local military R&D efforts and adjacent academic institutions.
8. Actively advocate with senior national level government officials for new missions and new technology. Monitor actions and potential actions within the DOD and in Congress that could affect Florida's military presence and adapt the strategic plan to

take appropriate action to encourage maintenance and growth of the military presence in Florida.

9. Continue to identify areas where the state's presence and actions have sustainable impacts on Florida's military installations and missions including, but not limited to:
 - Protect all Florida ranges.
 - Inform DoD leaders of Florida installations' capacity to absorb future growth.
 - Provide support and incentives for defense missions to remain or relocate to Florida.
 - Increase existing missions and add compatible missions that fit with the capacity and infrastructure of the installation.
 - Lower installations' costs of doing business through public-private partnerships.
 - Expand ranges and bases in Florida in cooperation with Space Florida for Department of Defense Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) testing and training.
 - Support increased cooperative activity among and between AF, Navy and FLNG ranges.
 - Support better understanding of all types of installation encroachment threats.
 - Support improvement of transportation access in/around military installations.
 - Support bases' efforts in meeting Department of Defense renewable energy goals.
 - Support bases' efforts in dealing with environmental issues.
 - Support improvement of education programs in public schools adjacent to military bases.
 - Complete implementation of the Compatible Use Plans (formerly known as "Joint Land Use Studies" – JLUS) at all Florida military installations that have conducted them.
 - Strengthen and enhance quality of life of our military families/retirees statewide and within local communities.

10. Continue to coordinate with and support Florida Department of Veterans Affairs and Florida Is For Veterans, Inc. (Veterans Florida) to strengthen state support for military families and veterans with a focus on education, health care, employment and family programs and help Florida veterans decide to settle in Florida.

11. Continue to strengthen defense-related working relationships with the following state agencies:
 - The Department of Veterans Affairs
 - The Department of Economic Opportunity
 - The Department of Environmental Protection
 - The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Energy Office
 - The Department of Military Affairs

- The Department of Business and Professional Regulation
- The Department of Education
- CareerSource Florida

Short-Term Strategic Goals

Implement an aggressive advocacy and action plan based on the recommendations in the 2017 Principi / Spectrum Group analysis and updates based on recent installation visits. Plan will pursue installation specific strategic goals at national and state levels as shown below.

National Level -- (Alphabetical Order by Installation):

➤ Avon Park Range –

- Continue to pursue new or increased missions and expand use to additional range customers.
- Advocate for Smart Range infrastructure investment including adding electronic warfare training capability, increasing ability to support 5th/6th generation aircraft training, and enhancing ability to host deployed units with shower facilities and munitions storage.
- Encourage establishing a liaison with the US Navy to facilitate increased use.
- Enhance facilities to increase its use as a turnkey facility.
- Address limited manpower – advocate for new manpower study.
- Advocate for better funding.
- Stay engaged with ongoing range plans that may impact APAFR.
- Expand training and range capacity for the Florida Army National Guard.

➤ Blount Island Marine Logistic Center –

- Ensure Pentagon leadership awareness of the value of Blount Island.
- Support the MCSF-BI and Blount Island Logistics / Maintenance Support.

➤ Florida National Guard –

- Advocate for F-35 (Joint Strike Fighter) transition for the 125th Fighter Wing, Florida Air National Guard.
- Advocate for a “National Guard” service component in the newly established Space Command.
- Advocate for Federal resources to support Florida National Guard Armory/Readiness Center/Facility renovation and construction in support of established Florida National Guard facility staging plans and priorities.
- Support efforts to coordinate training area relationships, throughout Florida, to provide localized training area opportunities.
- Advocate for growth of Cyber capabilities in both the Florida Army and Air National Guard.
- Advocate for additional force structure in support of established Florida Army and Air National Guard force management plans.

- **125th Fighter Wing at Jacksonville International Airport –**
 - Continue to support base facility improvements including the construction of a base fire station to ensure 125th FW compliance to Air Force standards.
 - Continue advocacy for basing of the F-35.
 - Advocate for an “Active-Associate” unit at the 125th Fighter Wing.

- **Camp Blanding Joint Training Center –**
 - Support an interagency training establishment as a center of gravity for disaster response.
 - Pursue construction and expansion of ranges to meet DoD requirements and guidelines.
 - Promote the value of the Joint Training Center to national level entities (NGB, DOD, DHS, NORTHCOM, SOUTHCOM, SOCOM, and CENTCOM).
 - Identify adjacent eastern and northeastern land tracts for compatible military use.

- **Corry Station –**
 - Continue to advocate bringing additional mission / workload to the Center for Information Warfare Training.
 - Raise awareness of Corry Station’s infrastructure issues to Navy leadership.
 - Support efforts to expand the mission of Information Warfare Training Command and associated support facilities.

- **Eglin Air Force Base –**
 - Maintain Air Force Weapon Research, Acquisition, Development, Test and Evaluation functions, synergies and capabilities.
 - Support federal legislation to manage/control structures being built in the coastal waters to protect the Gulf Range Test and Training Complex.
 - Strengthen support for DoD and USAF Community Partnership Programs and provide communities adequate support and funding to fully support partnerships.
 - Raise public awareness of elements of the January 2014 USAF Report to Congressional Committees, 2025 Air Test and Training Range Enhancement Plan that support regional and state installations and test ranges.
 - Advocate for transformation of the Eglin Test & Training Complex (ETTC) into the leading weapons system integration test range for future developmental weapons systems providing operationally realistic environments for full scale test and training, integrating 5th/6th Generation Aircraft and Air Armament to include Integrated Air Defense Systems (IADS) capabilities, hypersonic systems and new threat emitters.
 - Enable full utilization of the Eastern Gulf of Mexico (NW Florida down to Keys) for test and training mission profiles.
 - Advocate for the establishment of a hypersonic weapons corridor.
 - Advocate a replacement aircraft for Bombardier E-9A range telemetry support aircraft at Tyndall.

- Advocate for completing federal implementation of the Gulf Regional Airspace Strategic Initiative's (GRASI) Landscape Initiative.
 - Advocate for eventual assignment of operational and developmental F-35 test aircraft and infrastructure at Eglin.
 - Support the growth of the Florida Air National Guard (FANG) F-35 operations at Eglin AFB.
 - Stay Engaged with AFMC as they develop their Air Armament Strategy.
 - Support NexGen Eglin: a concept for transformation for installation renovations and redevelopment.
 - Support the expansion of C4ISR and Cybersecurity test capability at Eglin. Capabilities needed include facilities supporting the Avionics Cyber Range, the National Cyber range, and an expanded advanced battle management test facility to meet national defense strategy.
 - Re-accomplish Compatible Use Plan.
- **Homestead Air Reserve Base –**
- Actively pursue the inclusion of Homestead Air Reserve Base into Joint Staff, SOUTHCOM, NORTHCOM and TRANSCOM contingency planning. Advocate for Homestead Air Reserve Base to be included among NORTHCOM and USTRANSCOM key contingency bases reports.
 - Advocate restoration of the hydrant system from the tank farm to the ramp; make the system useful and develop a means to keep the base “warm” for contingency operations.
 - Support encroachment management at HARB, including efforts to limit expansion of Urban Development Boundary and Urban Expansion Areas near the installation including pursuit to purchase easements on unprotected parcels in Homestead Park of Commerce to limit future incompatible development
 - Continue to advocate for F-35's to be based at HARB.
 - Improve two maintenance hangars that are degraded and near the end of their service life; insure improvements support future F-35 requirements.
 - Review and update previous Homestead ARB CUP.
 - Encourage the development of a HARB Growth Master Plan that:
 - Identifies and pursues South Florida Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security missions and entities that would benefit from being tenants.
 - Identifies and pursues equipment to enhance the 482nd Fighter Wing's lethality and to take advantage of HARB's strategic location (e.g., F-35 Fighters).
 - Supports SOCOM in its pursuit to acquire Miami-Dade County land adjacent to SOCSOUTH headquarters. The land provides additional space and direct access to the runway in order to more effectively conduct special operations missions.
 - Assesses infrastructure and land-use enhancements to support current mission and identify requirements to support expanded mission(s).
 - Assesses the potential for a joint military-civilian use airfield.
 - Develops solutions for housing, base support requirements and the lack of a commissary.

➤ **Hurlburt Field –**

- Encourage a strategy to ensure the SOW has ample access to range facilities.
- Advocate for upgrades and recapitalization of aircraft at Hurlburt Field.
- Champion a strategy to sustain the Florida Air National Guard CV-22 mission to include unit equipped force structure.
- Support efforts to achieve final solution to access and Main Gate traffic challenges.
- Develop strategy to overcome base limitations and foster additional operations and growth.
- Advocate for a manpower study of the 1st SOW.

➤ **MacDill Air Force Base –**

- Champion readiness, capacity, and capability of MacDill AFB to increase Air Refueling Mission force structure to include beddown of additional KC-135 tankers or new KC-46/future tankers.
- Identify and promote potential for MacDill to absorb new missions and activities emphasizing activities in support of the Air Mobility mission and cooperatively with Combatant Commands.
- Advocate for infrastructure improvements in support of the Air Refueling Wing.
- Monitor construction of facilities for beddown of helicopters from US Army Reserve 159th Aviation Regiment.
- Champion enhancement of Military Education (University to Community College to K-12) to include buildout of MacDill Middle School (DOD PSMI Program).
- Re-accomplish Compatible Use Plan.
- Champion continued modernization/improvements to Deployed Unit Complex (DUC) supporting Operational/Transient Air Units deployed to train at Avon Park.

➤ **Naval Air Station Jacksonville –**

- Monitor the health and future of NAS JAX based P-8A Poseidon squadrons, Triton UAS Command and Control Squadron (VUP-19), and HSM Squadrons in order to encourage the Navy to stay the course in these important national defense programs.
- Secure top Navy leadership support for NAS JAX and FRC's proposed MILCON Plan and PPV proposals by local community.
- Advocate for future depot level repair of new weapons platforms including F-35 and TRITON
- Continually work to ensure compatible land use near the base in accordance with the existing AICUZ and RAICUZ Studies, multiple local County and City Comprehensive Plans and the principles of the Compatible Use Plan process.

➤ **Naval Air Station Key West –**

- Educate / inform all levels of government and the American public the importance of the Key West mission.

- Improve the outreach effort regarding Naval Air Station Key West's important security role and unique capabilities.
 - Support Navy off-shore range development and increased cooperative operations for Navy Aviation assets across the Gulf Range Complex.
 - Ensure economic impact of NAS Key West is well known within the community.
 - Raise visibility and encourage a solution to the enlisted housing problem and cost of living and affordable housing.
- **Naval Air Station Pensacola –**
- Search for Base – Community Co-development opportunities.
 - Attract cyber domain commercial entities for community co-location.
 - Advocate for unfunded construction addressing base access control, repairs to airfield hangers and NATTC dormitories.
 - Re-accomplish Compatible Use Plan.
- **Naval Air Station Whiting Field –**
- Support an information campaign highlighting additional capacity / training opportunities in the vicinity of Whiting.
 - Continue further efforts to buffer training airfields from encroachment.
 - Support funding and complete the Whiting Field interior security fence.
 - Mitigate risk of future airfield rain runoff environmental problems.
- **Naval Ordnance Test Unit –**
- Champion NOTU facility improvements and recapitalization efforts necessary to maintain NOTU's support role in maintaining a safe, secure and effective nuclear deterrent which is the number one priority of the Department of Defense.
 - Advocate for accelerating/prioritizing the Engineering Test Facility MILCON budget planning timeline in order to support the Trident II D5LE2 development and testing, including pad launch testing requirements.
 - Maintain the railhead at the Kennedy Space Center Shuttle Landing Facility to receive motor shipments in support of Trident II D5LE2 development and testing.
 - Encourage the planning and development of infrastructure for mission expansion in the areas of system development and testing of hypersonics/Conventional Prompt Strike system.
 - Support development of multi-user vertical launch capability at Kennedy Space Center to reduce encroachment pressures on NOTU's mission at Cape Canaveral AFS from growth of commercial vertical landing activity at CCAFS.
- **Naval Station Mayport –**
- Advocate for a 2nd ARG (3 ships) to be stationed at NS Mayport and seek US Coast Guard ship basing at Mayport.

- Increase the perception of strategic value of NS Mayport; monitor the number of ships homeported at Mayport and to ensure future stationing plans stay on track.
 - Monitor the health and future of NS Mayport based Triton Airframes, Consolidated Maintenance Hub (CMH), HSM Squadrons, LCS Ships, LCS Support Facilities (LSF), and LCS Training Facilities (LTF), in order to encourage the Navy to stay the course in these important national defense programs.
 - Re-accomplish Compatible Use Plan.
- **Naval Support Activity Panama City –**
- Support installation efforts to leverage core competencies, unique range assets and a culture in support of unmanned systems research, development and test of autonomous and unmanned systems.
 - Protect Navy ranges used for research, development, test, evaluation and training in Florida’s littoral waters.
 - Assist NSWC-PCD in exploring ways to increase utilization of the Gulf of Mexico test and training range digital instrumentation resulting from the Department of Defense GRE (Gulf Range Enhancement) plan.
 - Support NSWC-PCD expansion of all expeditionary warfare capabilities in addition to MIW.
 - Support NSWC-PCD in becoming a Tech Bridge to harness Navy Technological Innovation.
 - Advocate for expanded turn basin and improved berthing capability suitable for larger vessels, including Littoral Combat Ships (LCS) and Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Cutters
 - Maximize the benefit of the 8.44 acres acquired to enhance mission growth and contractor support for NSA-PC and its tenant commands.
 - Emphasize future developments associated with long-term Navy strategic goals such as sustainable and renewable energy projects and leveraging NAVSEA competencies to support the National Security Strategy goal of retaining and expanding military overmatch through development of innovative capabilities.
 - Advocate for the continued development of mission packages and ISEA activities at NSA Panama City.
 - Advocate for continued SSDC work at NSA Panama City.
 - Continued support for joint service Dive Training at NDSTC (Naval Dive and Salvage Training Center) and Saturation Diving at NEDU (Navy Experimental Dive Unit).
- **Patrick Air Force Base and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station –**
- Continue to support the Indian River Bridge Replacement Program.
 - Support the beddown of the new US Space Command.
 - Pursue programs to develop sites suitable for mission expansion.
 - Support continued commercial space launch efforts.
 - Advocate for accelerated funding of the equipment portion of the XY building.
 - Advocate for aircraft recapitalization for CSAR unit based at Patrick AFB (920th RW).

- Monitor efforts to build rail lines across the installation property to identify any mission impact threats early.
 - Advocate for necessary repair/replacement/expansion of surface bridges needed to support ongoing and planned future space operations.
 - Secure the main gates at Cape Canaveral AF Station.
 - Advocate for Patrick AFB to become home for Battlefield Airmen Training.
 - Re-accomplish Compatible Use Plan at Patrick and Cape Canaveral.
 - Support the growth of the Florida Air National Guard in Space Operations.
- **Saufley Field** – Advocate implementing Enhanced Use Lease (EUL) or other agreement where the community can use portions of Saufley Field for commercial activities.
- **U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM)** –
- Articulate the need for the USSOUTHCOM mission and location. Advocate retaining SOUTHCOM Headquarters in Miami, and should there be a NORTHCOM/SOUTHCOM consolidation, advocate having the HQs located in South Florida.
 - Continue to work the FAA and private developers to support a solution to the housing limitation near the USSOUTHCOM garrison.
 - Support the development of a US Army-Garrison Master Plan that:
 - Expands its role as the ADCON support entity for all DOD and select DHS assets in South Florida
 - Creates an administrative and operational bond between USAG-Miami and Homestead ARB
 - Enhances its image and role in the South Florida community
 - Pursues options for base housing and consolidated logistics facilities
 - Pursue SOUTHCOM becoming a “Center of Innovation” combining military technology agencies, private industry and academic research and study.
 - Pursue SOUTHCOM/South Florida becoming a “Center of Excellence for Latin America & Caribbean Diplomacy.” Combine assets at DOD, DHS, DOS, SOUTHCOM, South Florida Universities, Central/South American Universities, think tanks, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and private entities to create a valuable synergistic partnership focused on the security, stability, resiliency and growth of the Western Hemisphere.
- **Team Orlando** –
- Continue to assist Metro Orlando Defense Task Force (MODTF) in further development and execution of the strategic plan and communications plan to retain Team Orlando as the epicenter of the world for modeling, simulation, and training (MS&T).
 - Continue to link Central Florida’s modeling and simulation community to Florida’s 20 major military installations and defense business which have an \$84.9 billion annual impact on Florida’s economy.
 - Continue to promote, protect, and grow the MS&T military, industry, and academia partnership throughout the State of Florida emphasizing innovation, high tech nature of the work, and high salary jobs.

- Advocate and support efforts for innovative technology of MS&T for technology transfer to other areas of Central Florida such as; UCF Innovative districts of NEOCity, Downtown Orlando Creative Village, Lake Nona, and thriving Space Coast.
- Submit and attract unique proposal ideas to support the promotion, protection, and growth of the \$6B MS&T community.
- Investigate opportunities for alignment of modelling, simulation, and training needs of Space Command with Team Orlando DoD MS&T initiatives.
- Advocate informing senior Service and Joint leadership on Team Orlando's capabilities and solidifying support for modeling and simulation synergy.
- Continue and grow the Orlando simulation community's support of the South East Range concept to leverage the modeling, simulations and training capabilities in central Florida.
- Advocate for and support the efforts to grow the medical simulations domain as a Center of Medical Simulations in Florida. Assist the Team Orlando members to strengthen collaboration with the new Veteran Administration's MEDSIM wing of the hospital in Lake Nona Florida.
- Advocate to publicize and support the efforts of the Team Orlando capabilities to support Cyber related training.
- Support the MODTF to establish routine strategic updates within the park stakeholders.
- Support the MODTF to update and implement a strategic communication and outreach plan.
- Strongly endorse expanded MS&T education at all levels of education from middle school through graduate school.
- Provide support for the MODTF to maintain updated economic report findings.
- Expand the MS&T Med Sim benefits into Family wellness and Medical professional training.
- Increase the MS&T contribution to the South East range initiative.
- Support the Army Futures Command led "consortium" concept for service cross sharing.
- Advocate for appropriate facilities (on or off installation) to support expected continued Team Orlando growth.
- Increase the Active Duty, NGB and Reserve connection.
- Fund a study to identify and showcase Team Orlando entity contributions to national security.
- Assist where appropriate the Army initiative to build a persistent cyber training environment in Partnership 5 building (project is underway and ongoing).
- Support emerging designation of NAWCTSD as a Tech Bridge location, emphasizing connection of emerging technologies, processes, and companies with defense needs or other secured spaces.
- Strongly endorse Team Orlando training effectiveness methodologies to determine the RIGHT technology for the desired training.
- **Tyndall Air Force Base –**
 - Support the commitment of the Air Force to complete the rebuild of Tyndall AFB as an efficient and resilient "Base of the Future" through support of the Industry Day contractor engagement process and development of a satisfactory workforce housing solution.

- Through engagement with CODEL and DoD leadership, Ensure that planned funding is secured and the National Environmental Policy Act (including EIS) process initiated September 17, 2019 is completed as required to achieve a record of decision (ROD) for each new mission, to include at least three squadrons of F-35s and bed down of RPA Base Y, including MCE (Mission Control Element) and LRE (Launch and Recovery Element) with 24 assigned aircraft.
- Promote engagement of all local government, municipalities and the county in developing a comprehensive alignment to ensure that the Base of the Future is supported by the community of the future, committed to the delivery of quality services.
- Provide direct support to the installation and to Bay County to ensure a Compatible Use Plan (CUP) is conducted as part of the rebuild effort.
- Provide direct support to the installation and to Bay County to ensure the successful scheduled completion of the Compatible Use Plan (CUP) launched August 13, 2019.
- Support the re-launch of Tyndall’s Community Partnership Program and leverage the engagement of program SME’ with grant support.
- Support efforts to secure adequate, affordable housing, access to medical care and day care in support of current and future missions.
- Support the efforts of Tyndall AFB and the community to provide future K-8 education facilities on the installation.
- Support the efforts of AFNORTH to secure federal legislation that would provide the commander with appropriate control over privately operated drones operating in Tyndall airspace.

State Level -- (Alphabetical Order by Installation):

- **Florida National Guard** – Advocate for State resources to support Florida National Guard Armory/Readiness Center/Facility renovation and construction in support of established Florida National Guard facility staging plans and priorities.
- **125th Fighter Wing at Jacksonville International Airport** – Support facility improvements and taxiway upgrades.
- **Avon Park Air Force Range** – Continue efforts to mitigate encroachment and encourage easement purchases.
- **Cape Canaveral Air Force Station** – Support the development of a state master plan for the complementary use of Cape Canaveral and Port Canaveral. Pursue the beddown of the new US Space Command and Space Force
- **Coast Guard Base Miami Beach** – Support efforts to protect the base from possible encroachment risks from potential re-zoning to permit nearby development incompatible with the base mission.
- **Eglin Air Force Base** –

- Support road improvements to facilitate Highway 85 and Highway 98 ingress / egress.
 - Study feasibility of light rail to support regional worker access from Pensacola, Milton, Crestview, Defuniak Springs and Eglin and Hurlburt.
 - Identify possible state contributions to Eglin Range sustainment and growth to support 5th and 6th gen weapons and aircraft.
- **Homestead Air Reserve Base** – Continue to fend off encroachment issues; support the purchase of land and or development rights of the parcels (Homestead Park of Commerce) under the flight traffic pattern adjacent to Homestead ARB to prevent future encroachment issues.
- **Hurlburt Field** – Support proposed “West Gate” construction and off base auxiliary roads to reduce / eliminate traffic congestion.
- **MacDill Air Force Base** –
 - Support the purchase of development rights of the remaining section of the parcel (Florida Rock) immediately adjacent to MacDill Air Force Base to prevent future encroachment issues.
 - Promote and support engagement campaign to raise senior DOD, Service and Joint leadership of MacDill’s operational readiness and capacity in support of national security interests.
 - Champion continued improvements toward efficient, accessible, quality Healthcare across Tampa Bay (MacDill, VA Medical Centers & FDVA) for Military and Veteran populations
 - Champion State support for Spouse Professional Reciprocity
 - Champion State and Community support for military families across Education, Healthcare, WorkForce, Transition and Entrepreneurship.
- **Patrick Air Force Base** – Pursue solutions for traffic management at Patrick AFB.
 - **Naval Air Station Pensacola** –
 - Establish a system to enhance air space management in Northwest Florida with guidance aimed at future growth in flight activity.
 - Continue initiatives with Navy to secure public access to National Cemetery, National Museum of Naval Aviation, Fort Barrancas and lighthouse.
 - Consider development of a more structured and robust cooperative mechanism involving the hospital, the Veterans Administration facility, and the three local hospitals, with a focus on disaster response.
 - Continue initiatives for shared functions (commercial, medical, recreation, etc.) with the communities and State through mechanisms such as enhanced-use leasing.
 - Support the purchase of land and / or development rights of the parcels under the flight traffic pattern to prevent future encroachment issues.
 - Support basing USCG Cutters at Pensacola.

- **Naval Air Station Key West** – Support the purchase of land and / or development rights of the parcels under the flight traffic pattern adjacent to Key West Naval Air Station to prevent future encroachment issues.
- **Naval Ordnance Test Unit** –
 - Support commercial utilities investment in electrical infrastructure to provide upgraded electrical power redundancy required to support VIRGINIA and COLUMBIA class submarines at Cape Canaveral Navy Trident Wharf.
 - Pursue a state master plan for development and complementary use of Cape Canaveral and Port Canaveral that fully integrates Navy and other federal entity port requirements to mitigate encroachment to national defense missions.
- **Naval Station Mayport** – Support stationing of additional Littoral Combat Ships (LCS) at NS Mayport.
 - **Naval Support Activity Panama City** –
 - Complete implementation of the Compatible Use Plan and adjacent land acquisition project to ensure merging commercial and military activities can each meet their objectives.
 - Support local activities to enable berthing capability of Littoral Combat Ships (LCS) at NSA Panama City.

What Does Success Look Like?

- Florida is fully prepared to assist the Department of Defense to maximize efficiencies in an era of defense build-up.
- Florida increases relative position in economic impact from defense spending.
- Task Force is the state focal point with support mechanisms, processes, data, and resources to effectively conduct military advocacy actions with the Florida Congressional Delegation and is an integral part of success.
- Florida successfully captures emerging military missions at Florida installations or with defense contractors. Florida continues to earn its reputation as the nation's top-ranked military-friendly state. Raise the bar within Department of Defense family support areas rated green.
- Florida maintains and funds an effective installation encroachment prevention program for conservation and non-conservation lands.
- Maintain communications plan and FDSTF web site that promote the military value of Florida installations. Ensure plan is linked to all local Florida defense support organizations to allow insight to and inclusion of regional and community partnerships.
- Florida has strengthened, mutually beneficial community relationships with installation leadership, the Florida Defense Alliance, community leaders along with, city and county officials to capitalize on local resources; efforts are integrated at all levels.

- Florida has increased defense business and is the national leader in veterans' employment opportunities.
- As the military space mission expands, Florida gains additional headquarters, field units and missions commensurate with its geostrategic advantages.
- Florida's national-level advocacy plan for military and homeland defense missions and facilities includes the United States Coast Guard; supports the Florida Congressional Delegation objectives.
- Working relationships with defense planners, defense contractors and leadership better anticipates changing needs and proposed actions to assist in developing solutions and strategies of mutual benefit to the Department of Defense and the state.
- The citizen-to-soldier/airman ratio for the Florida National Guard is sized correctly to support national defense requirements as well as possible Florida Department of Emergency Management and other critical state needs.

TAB 5

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TAB 6

**2019 Florida Military
Friendly Guide**

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TAB 7

**Announcement of
FY 2019-2020
Grant Awards**

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Governor Ron DeSantis Announces Florida Defense Support Task Force Grant Awards

Tallahassee, Fla. – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced that \$725,000 has been awarded through the Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) Grant Program to six projects to protect military installations across the state. This year, awards were given to the Clay County Development Authority, Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast in Brevard County and the Military Child Education Coalition in Duval, Hillsborough, and Okaloosa Counties. Florida's military and defense industry contributes more than \$84.9 billion in economic impact and supports more than 801,747 jobs, which is the second largest economic sector in the state.

"The awarding of \$725,000 in Florida Defense Support Task Force grants demonstrates Florida's commitment to protect, preserve and enhance Florida's military installations," **said Governor DeSantis.** "As the most military-friendly state, Florida is dedicated to the thousands of military and civilian families who live and work in our defense communities."

"Under Governor DeSantis' leadership, Enterprise Florida and the Florida Defense Support Task Force remain committed to strengthening and protecting our military installations and helping those communities that support our military men and women in uniform," **said Jamal Sowell, Florida Secretary of Commerce and Enterprise Florida President & CEO.** "This investment will provide Florida's military bases with the

resources to be resilient and continue Florida's reputation as the most military-friendly state in the nation."

Grant funding will support community projects at Florida military installations that will diversify local economies, provide support for local infrastructure projects and strengthen Florida's bases ahead of any potential Department of Defense realignment or closure actions. For more information on the individual grant award for projects throughout the state, see below:

Clay County: \$500,000 Defense Grant

\$500,000 was awarded to Clay County through the Florida Defense Support Task Force Grant Program to buffer Camp Blanding from incompatible land development. Camp Blanding trains over 350,000 Florida National Guard troops, active duty military members and law enforcement units.

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"In accordance with our principal purpose of promoting sound economic development of Clay County, the Clay County Development Authority is pleased to receive this grant," **said Josh Cockrell, Executive Director of the Clay County Development Authority.** "It will strengthen the strategic partnership with Camp Blanding Joint Training Center and improve the quality of life for our citizens by securing a buffer from future development and encroachment, thus protecting the installation that comprises almost one-fifth of the county and is tied to its economic viability."

Brevard County: \$125,000 Defense Grant

\$125,000 was awarded to the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast, the home of the 45th Space Wing which includes 27 mission partners plus tenants at Patrick Air Force Base (PAFB) and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station (CCAFS). The base is home to approximately 13,000 military, Department of Defense civilian and defense contractor personnel. PAFB and CCAFS serve a unique role as it serves to enhance space operations capability for the United States. The base is also critical to the local economy. This grant supports mission growth by identifying opportunities and resources by producing a detailed assessment of the conditions of critical infrastructure supporting Eastern Range space operations.

"This grant is both an investment in our nation's military assets and Brevard County's local community," **said Lynda Weatherman, President and CEO of the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast.** "We are pleased the FDSTF members recognize the value of our military installations and the significance of this project."

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Duval, Hillsborough, and Okaloosa County School Districts: \$100,000 Defense Grant

\$100,000 was awarded to Military Child Education Coalition® (MCEC) to support military-connected children in Florida. Frequent school moves and poor connections to schools have been linked with lower grades and test scores, poor attendance and higher dropout rates, an increased risk of failing or repeating a grade, adjustment problems, and an increased probability of engaging in risky behaviors. By demonstrating its support for military families through programs that will enhance the education experience of military-connected children, Florida continues to position itself as the most military-friendly state by supporting military families.

“The Military Child Education Coalition is proud of this strategic partnership with the State of Florida, home to over 93,000 military-connected children and 27 military installations covering all branches of service,” **said Jack Ballentyne, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of MCEC.** “Florida’s outstanding reputation of being military-friendly is backed by a history of deep support for Service Members, Veterans and their families. Working in collaboration with education, community and installation partners, the Military Child Education Coalition will offer student support services and a Military Student Transition Consultant-Affiliate embedded at the school level to meet needs as they arise. We are deeply grateful to Florida for their broad and generous support of the children of those who serve us all.”

The Florida Defense Support Task Force was created in 2011 with the mission to make recommendations to preserve and protect military installations, support the state’s position in research and development related to military missions and contracting, and improve the state’s military-friendly environment for service members, military families, veterans and businesses that bring military and defense-related jobs to the state. The Florida Defense Support Task Force Grant Program is administered by Enterprise Florida, and grants are awarded annually, on a project priority basis. For more information on the Florida Defense Support Task Force, visit www.eflorida.com/floridadefense

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TAB 8

**Summary of
Progress of Task
Force Grant Award
Contracts**

Florida Defense Support Task Force Grants & Contracts – Narrative Report

Created in 2011 under Florida Statute 288.987, the Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) mission is to make recommendations to preserve and protect military installations, to support the state’s position in research and development related to or arising out of military missions and contracting, and to improve the state’s military-friendly environment for service members, military dependents, military retirees, and businesses that bring military and base-related jobs to the state.

Initiated in 2013, the Florida Defense Support Task Force grant program provides grants to assist accomplishment of the mission of the Task Force. This narrative report provides quarterly updates on all open Task Force grants or contracts awarded in FY 12-13, FY 13-14, FY 14-15, FY 15-16, FY 16-17, and FY 17-18.

Funding Request Summary – As of December 31, 2019 for Task Force Grant Activity

Grant Closed 3rd Quarter Extensions

1. Florida Defense Support Task Force Grants FY 13-14

Grant # End Date Award Amount	Grantee	Status/Progress
14-05 06/30/2020 \$500,000	(FY 13-14) Economic Development Alliance of Bay County (BayEDA) – Bay Technology Initiative (Lambda Rail is a proprietary name)	<p>During this quarter the Bay Economic Development Alliance has held biweekly stakeholder meetings Sept. 12th, 26th, and October 10th. Representatives of higher education and defense have participated in discussions regarding overview, benefits, and costs and strategies for next steps of implementation. The next meeting will be held on October 24th.</p> <p><u>EDA Bay County contract amendment is pending execution. The new term of the contract is June 30, 2020.</u></p>

2. Florida Defense Support Task Force Grants FY 15-16

Grant # End Date Award Amount	Grantee	Status/Progress
16-136 06/30/2020 \$500,000	(FY 15-16) Highlands County Board of County Commissioners – Encroachment Prevention and Sustainability of Avon Park Air Force Range in Highlands County	Project Phase 1 Completed as of 09/27/2019 Grantee plans to use the balance of \$42,135.52 for pre-acquisition service and due diligence on remaining parcels of land.

3. Florida Defense Support Task Force Grants FY 18-19

Grant # End Date Award Amount	Grantee	Status/Progress
19-101 01/31/2021 \$500,000	(FY 18-19) Polk County – Encroachment prevention and sustainability of the Avon Park Air Force Range	Polk County closed on 187 acres of the FX Bar Ranch conservation easement. The plan is to use remaining \$65,631.27 of this grant to acquire additional FX Bar Ranch acreage.
19-102 03/17/2020 \$90,000	(FY 18-19) Highlands County Board of County Commissioners (HBCC) – Avon Park Air Force Range Sentinel Landscape priority action plan	<u>Activity 1:</u> Interactive GIS Database <i>(50 percent complete)</i> -Staff from the Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC), have developed a draft online webmap depicting pertinent data layers (Avon Park Air Force Range, MIPA boundaries, statewide conservation lands, Florida Forever projects, etc.). -CFRPC staff continues to work on refining the utility, performance, and overall design of the webmap. <u>Activity 3:</u> Work with Partners on Incentives Outside Conservation Easements <i>(30 percent complete)</i> -Staff from the Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC), have developed a preliminary list of incentive types to begin categorizing various opportunities for landowners. This list includes biological/wildlife conservation, hydrological/water conservation, financial, agricultural/forestry, developmental, and cultural opportunities.

		-CFRPC staff continues to meet with partners and organizations, such as Archbold Biological Station and members of the ranching community, that are able to provide experience and insight into this activity.
19-105 03/27/2020 \$144,000	(FY 18-19) Gulf Coast State College - Environmental Imp Tyndall AFB: Resiliency/Mission Return/" Base of the Future".	<p>Developed agenda, coordinated and attended first Community Partnership Steering Group meeting. Result to drive the way ahead for Community partnerships moving forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed energy resilience needs with numerous Air Force officials. • Scheduled and coordinated in-person Pentagon meeting with Asst Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Mr John Henderson to discuss Tyndall rebuild. • Participated in Industry Day #3 for Tyndall rebuild. • Participated in Joint Land Use kick-off meeting. • Held numerous discussions with AF officials on the Environmental Impact Statement and coordinated local cooperating agency involvement.

4. Florida Defense Support Task Force Grants FY 19-20

Grant # End Date Award Amount	Grantee	Status/Progress
20-100 07/31/2020 \$100,000	(FY 19-20) Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) – Transition Support for Florida's Military-Connected Children	Contract executed.
20-101 06/30/2020 \$500,000	(FY 19-20) Clay County Development Authority (CCDA) – Camp Blanding Joint Training Center (CBJTC) – Installation Encroachment Acquisition	Contract executed.

20-102 10/31/2020 \$125,000	(FY 19-20) Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast – Assessment of critical infrastructure supporting Eastern Range space operations	Contract Executed.
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Contracts Update

1. Florida Defense Support Task Force Contracts FY 19-20

Contract #	Grantee	Status/Progress
End Date Award Amount 19-214 12/31/2019 \$150,000	(FY 19-20) Matrix Design Group – Conduct and economic impact analysis of Florida’s Military and Defense Industry	Project completed as of 12/31/2019. The study results will be presented at the January 2020 FDSTF meeting. The FactBook will be printed and delivered in January 2020. Contract closed pending receipt of deliverables and final invoices.

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OPEN GRANTS

Contract TYPE #	Contractor	End Date	Award Amount	Paid to Date	Funds Remaining	Funds Forfeited Cumulative	Pending Payments	after pending payments
FY 13-14								
DTF 14-05	EDA of Bay County	06/30/19	500,000.00	80,150.00	419,850.00		-	419,850.00
Total			500,000.00	80,150.00	419,850.00	-	-	419,850.00
FY 15-16								
CON 16-136	Highlands County	06/30/20	500,000.00	2,357.42	497,642.58		3,474.29	494,168.29
Total			500,000.00	2,357.42	497,642.58	-	3,474.29	494,168.29
FY 16-17								
CON 16-154	Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce	06/30/19	250,000.00	39,238.06	210,761.94		13,496.95	197,264.99
Total			250,000.00	39,238.06	210,761.94	-	13,496.95	197,264.99
FY 18-19								
DTF 19-101	Polk County	06/30/20	500,000.00		500,000.00		434,368.73	65,631.27
DTF 19-102	Highlands County	06/30/19	90,000.00	21,529.84	68,470.16		-	68,470.16
DTF 19-105	Gulf Coast State College	03/27/20	144,000.00		144,000.00		36,000.00	108,000.00
Total			734,000.00	21,529.84	712,470.16	-	470,368.73	242,101.43
FY 19-20								
DTF 20-100	Military Child Education Coalition	07/31/20	100,000.00		100,000.00			100,000.00
DTF 20-101	Clay County Development Authority	06/30/20	500,000.00		500,000.00			500,000.00
DTF 20-102	EDC Space Coast	06/30/20	125,000.00		125,000.00			125,000.00
Total			725,000.00	-	725,000.00	-	-	725,000.00
Grand Total Open								
			2,709,000.00	143,275.32	2,565,724.68	-	487,339.97	2,078,384.71
GRANT TOTAL ALL GRANTS								
			12,833,964.00	9,712,224.40	2,565,724.68	543,578.84	487,339.97	2,078,384.71

CLOSED GRANTS								
Contract TYPE #	Contractor	End Date	Award Amount	Paid to Date	Funds Remaining	Funds Forfeited Cumulative	Pending Payments	Remaing funds after pending
FY 12-13								
DTF 13-02	National Center for Simulation	06/30/15	350,000.00	349,999.85		0.15		-
DTF 13-03	Florida 8 a Alliance	04/17/14	100,000.00	99,699.44	-	300.56		-
DTF 13-05	Highlands County	03/31/15	500,000.00	500,000.00				-
DTF 13-06	Santa Rosa	04/30/14	160,000.00	129,400.00	-	30,600.00		-
DTF 13-07	Tampa Bay Defense Alliance	01/31/15	130,000.00	129,230.63		769.37		-
DTF 13-08	The Andrews Institute	06/23/14	225,000.00	225,000.00	-			-
DTF 13-10	City of Jacksonville	05/11/15	200,000.00	171,525.77		28,474.23		-
DTF 13-11	City of Jacksonville	12/11/14	250,000.00	249,682.00		318.00		-
Total			1,915,000.00	1,854,537.69	-	60,462.31		-
FY 13-14								
DTF 14-02	Clay County (air space control)	07/31/15	474,000.00	474,000.00	-			-
DTF 14-03	Clay County (mass notification system)	03/12/15	255,000.00	255,000.00	-			-
DTF 14-04	City of Niceville	01/23/15	25,000.00	25,000.00	-			-
DTF 14-06	National Center for Simulation	12/31/15	350,000.00	350,000.00	-			-
DTF 14-08	Tampa Bay Defense Alliance	05/31/15	225,000.00	223,642.05		1,357.95		-
DTF 14-09	Florida 8(a) Alliance	05/31/15	150,000.00	150,000.00	-			-
DTF 14-10	EDC of Okaloosa County	05/30/15	195,000.00	172,708.46		22,291.54		-
DTF 14-11	Florida's Great Northwest	04/24/15	50,000.00	49,999.96		0.04		-
Total			1,724,000.00	1,700,350.47	-	23,649.53		-
FY 14-15								
DTF 15-01	Clay County (Purchase land)	07/31/16	400,000.00	394,725.75		5,274.25	-	-
DTF 15-02	Tampa Bay Defense Alliance	05/31/16	150,000.00	149,886.61		113.39		-
DTF 15-03	University of West Florida	08/31/16	350,000.00	350,000.00	-		-	-
DTF 15-04	National Center for Simulation	06/30/17	240,000.00	240,000.00	-		-	-
DTF 15-05	EDC of Okaloosa County	01/23/16	285,000.00	285,000.00	-	-	-	-
DTF 15-06	Florida's Great Northwest	02/16/16	25,000.00	25,000.00	-			-
DTF 15-07	Santa Rosa County	02/16/16	20,654.00	20,653.75	-	0.25		-
DTF 15-08	Florida 8(a) Alliance	04/30/16	100,000.00	99,680.83	-	319.17	-	-
DTF 15-09	Career Source Gulf Coast	08/24/17	150,000.00	38,035.25	-	99,528.92	-	-
DTF 15-10	Bay County	06/30/16	200,000.00	200,000.00	-		-	-
DTF 15-11	City of Key West	06/30/18	100,000.00	100,000.00	-		-	-
DTF 15-12	Air Force Enlisted	03/15/16	135,000.00	135,000.00	-			-
DTF 15-14	Polk County	04/20/17	500,000.00	500,000.00	-		-	-
Total			2,655,654.00	2,537,982.19	-	105,235.98		-

FY 15-16								
DTF 16-01	Clay County Development Authority	08/13/16	400,000.00	390,200.00	-	9,800.00		
DTF 16-02	Tampa Bay Defense Alliance	06/30/17	175,000.00	168,578.39	-	6,421.61	-	-
DTF 16-03	Santa Rosa County	08/13/16	41,310.00	41,310.00	-			-
DTF 16-04	Bay County (NSA PC)	03/31/17	120,000.00	111,814.00	-	8,186.00	-	-
CON 16-137	City of Key West	06/29/18	150,000.00	150,000.00	-		-	-
CON 16-138	EDC Okaloosa County	06/29/17	250,000.00	237,646.95	-	12,353.05	-	-
CON 16-139	National Math + Science Initiative	11/30/17	175,000.00	54,603.64	-	120,396.36	-	-
CON 16-140	Doolittle Institute	06/29/17	100,000.00	100,000.00	-	-	-	-
CON 16-143	Military Child Education Coalition	05/31/18	225,000.00	225,000.00	-		-	-
CON 16-144	Clay County	06/29/17	400,000.00	399,175.75	-	824.00	-	-
Total			2,036,310.00	1,878,328.73	-	157,981.02	-	-
FY 16-17								
CON 16-154	Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce	06/30/19	250,000.00	52,735.01		197,264.99	-	-
CON 17-161	Clay County Development Authority	04/30/19	400,000.00	400,000.00	-		-	-
CON 17-162	South Florida Progress Foundation	06/30/18	115,000.00	115,000.00	-		-	-
CON 17-177	*Tampa Bay Defense Alliance	08/14/18	135,000.00	33,750.00	-	101,250.00	-	-
CON 17-178	Gulf Coast State College	04/12/18	30,000.00	30,000.00	-	-	-	-
Total			930,000.00	631,485.01	-	298,514.99	-	-
FY 17-18								
CON 17-176	Indyne, Inc.	07/31/18	235,000.00	235,000.00	-		-	-
CON 18-192	South Florida Progress Foundation	05/31/19	140,000.00	140,000.00	-		-	-
Total			375,000.00	375,000.00				
FY 18-19								
DTF 19-100	Clay County Development Authority	04/30/19	500,000.00	500,000.00			-	-
DTF 19-104	*Bay County Board of County Commissioners	06/30/19	95,000.00	-		95,000.00		-
DTF 19-103	Gulf Coast State College	06/30/19	144,000.00	144,000.00	-		-	-
Total			739,000.00	644,000.00	-	95,000.00	-	-
Grand Total Closed			10,374,964.00	9,621,684.09	-	740,843.83	-	-
<i>*Contract Cancelled</i>								