

Minutes for the Florida Defense Alliance Teleconference on Tuesday, January 29, 2019

The Florida Defense Alliance held a teleconference from 9:00 AM - 10:01 AM EST.

Present at the Meeting:

First Name	Last Name	Organization
Chad	Allison	Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Aubrey	Anderson	State Veterans Programs Coordinator
Brian	Bilski	Military One Source
Lynn	Brannon	Building Healthy Military Communities
Jim	Breitenfeld	Okaloosa County Defense Support Initiative
Cindy	Brown	Senate Military Affairs Committee
Linda	Brown	NSA Panama City
George	Cheros	National Center for Simulation
Jennifer	Codo-Salisbury	CFRPC/FDA Exec Board
Harrison	Conyers	City of Jacksonville
Pete	Gandy	NAS Whiting Field
Debi	Graham	Pensacola
Bruce	Grant	Enterprise Florida, Inc.
Michelle	Griggs	Enterprise Florida, Inc.
Jonathan	Guarine	Enterprise Florida, Inc.
Pamela	Gunthorpe	Space Coast EDC
Chris	Hendricks	Navy Resource Officer
Frank	Hernandez	Saint Leo University Director of Military Affairs
LTG David	Huntoon	The Principi Group
Mike	Jones	Tampa Bay Defense Alliance
Tim	Jones	Cybrix Group/FDA Vice Chair
Steve	Kaufman	SJK Public Relations/Jax Chamber MIC
Kellie Jo	Kilberg	FDA Chair
Greg	Kiley	The Principi Group
Will	Leahey	South Florida Defense Alliance
Buck	MacLaughlin	Avon Park Air Force Range
Terry	McCaffrey	Enterprise Florida, Inc.
Rich	McFarland	Parsons

Liz	Miller	Department of Economic Opportunity
Nancy	Model	Santa Rosa County Grants Office
Patty	Piazza	Opportunity Programs
Jennifer	Rupert	East Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Jim	Scholl	Key West City Manager/MAC
Ted	Spangenberg	Bay Defense Alliance
Larry	Ventura	Homestead ARB
Carissa	Vergot	NAS Pensacola
Jana	Wibberley	Deloitte/Bay County

Agenda: See below

Teleconference Meeting Agenda

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Tuesday, January 29, 2019

0900 - 1000 EST

- 0900 – 0905 Roll Call.....Michelle Griggs**
- 0905 – 0910 Opening Remarks.....Chair**
- 0910 – 0925 Federal Update.....LTG David Huntoon/Greg Kiley**
- 0925 – 0935 FDSTF Update.....Terry McCaffrey**
- 0935 – 0945 Legislative UpdateBruce Grant**
- 0945 – 1000 Closing Comments.....Chair**
- 1000 Adjournment.....Chair**

*A quorum being present, **Michelle Griggs** began the call on January 29, 2019 at 9:00 AM EST.*

1) Agenda Item I: Roll Call

Michelle Griggs took roll of members on the call by region.

2) Agenda Item II: Opening Remarks

Chair, Kellie Jo Kilberg began the call by welcoming members and thanking them for their continued participation in FDA and then turned the call over to **Bruce Grant** who announced that Governor DeSantis will not allow EFI to move forward with the advocacy contract with The Principi Group at this time.

3) Agenda Item III: Federal Update

Lieutenant General David Huntoon reported on current events in Washington, DC including the reopening of the Government since the shutdown, noting that the deadline for the resolution of the border security debate is February 15th; the upcoming State of the Union address by President Trump on February 5th; the rollout of the 2020 President's Federal Budget Request; progress on emergency spending for recent natural disasters and the issue of raising the national debt ceiling; TPG's recent meetings on the Hill with Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman-Schultz and Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy; new leadership as Deputy Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan is in as acting Defense Secretary and the new acting Deputy Defense Secretary is David Norquist; and TPG's recent visit to SOUTHCOM.

Greg Kiley briefed on the moratorium on drilling in the Gulf of Mexico as Senator Rubio released his version of what he would like to see legislatively, extending the moratorium 5 years. On the House side, Representatives Buchanan, Castor, Crist and Rooney introduced their bi-partisan Florida Coastal Protection Act, making the current moratorium permanent. He suggests that when community representatives visit their delegates in Washington, DC, they ask what specifically they are doing to make sure the moratorium stays in place, not only to protect the Gulf and environment, but also the military installations and Test and Training Ranges.

4) Agenda Item IV: FDSTF Update

Terry McCaffrey discussed Task Force membership including vacancies left by Representative Clay Ingram and Representative Holly Raschein. He noted that the TF will have a large turnover in July as many are slated to term out at that time. Also MG Michael Calhoun, is scheduled to retire in April. The TF's Annual Report is complete and is currently available for viewing on the website at <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/2018-FDSTF-Annual-Report.pdf>. Some upcoming events that Staff will be attending are the Florida Defense Contractors Association Conference in Orlando, February 11-12; the Air Force Association Symposium in Orlando, February 27-28; and the Northwest Florida DC Fly-In in Washington, DC, March 11-13. The TF is entertaining an out-of-cycle emergent grants from Bay County due to Hurricane Michael in support of Tyndall AFB, NSA Panama City or others. The TF has received six (6) grant applications totaling \$1.6 million during their August 2018 cycle for FY2019-2020 funding.

5) Agenda Item V: Legislative Update

Bruce Grant discussed some of the non-fiscal, military-friendly items slated for the 2019 Legislative Session:

1. Protects service members by limiting the amount of security deposit and advance rent that a landlord may require. Limits the amount to the equivalent of 2 months' rent rather than 3 months. **(F.S. 83.49)**
2. Adds public-private government housing to existing protections for service members in their ability to break private leases when offered or required to relocate to government-owned housing. **(F.S. 83.682)**

3. Protects state-purchased military buffering lands from future tax deed sales. Prevents state from re-purchasing restrictive easements in case of tax deed sales/foreclosures. **(F.S. 197.572)**
4. Protects state-purchased conservation easements on rural lands from development that would be incompatible with the military mission of the adjacent military installation. **(F.S. 570.71)**
5. Adds 2 installations – NSA Orlando and USSOUTHCOM Miami -- for Military Base Protection planning under **Florida Statute 163.3175 (4)** requiring local governments to send copies of comprehensive plan amendments, proposed land development regulation changes and other development orders that might present an encroachment threat to the military installation. This would also allow these 2 installations to be included in the Military Base Protection Program and submit encroachment threats from adjacent non-conservation lands under F.S. 288.980. **(F.S. 163.3175)**
6. Protects in-state tuition rates for Florida military service members who receive orders to move out of state after their family members have been accepted (but before they are enrolled) to Florida colleges and universities. **(F.S. 1009.21)**
7. Allows military children to be enrolled in Florida Schools based on military orders. **(F.S. 1003.05)**
8. Adds clarity to the definition of “activities” for Defense Infrastructure Grants to more accurately reflect the actual activities for which these grants are used. Specifically adds marketing, advocacy, sponsorships outreach and military related community support events to the approved list of activities. **(F.S. 288.980)**

He discussed the Florida Panel which will take place at the upcoming Association of Defense Communities 2019 Installation Innovation Conference in Miami on March 4-6. Topics to be discussed are:

- **Florida Model / Telling the Military and Defense Story – (Terry McCaffrey)** – Map, Factbook and Military Friendly Guide; briefings to Legislature; highlighting this to business leaders via EFI Board Meeting.
- **Encroachment Protection (Kellie Jo Kilberg)** – consistent, long term effort to acquire land/easements on lands buffering military bases through Florida Forever, defense and TF grants, and MBP program for non-conservation lands. Also great use of Rural and Family Lands, REPI and DOD service specific funding. Robust Florida legislation encourages coordination with developers and land developers. Role of FDA in encroachment protection.
- **Protection of the Gulf Range (Jim Heald)** – TF support of the instrumentation leads to Congressional support to modernize/instrument the range for 5th and 6th generation aircraft. Local support for the range from communities, FDA and TF – White Paper, FL Legislative resolutions.
- **Sentinel Landscapes (Buck MacLaughlin)** – Avon Park, Eglin and Tyndall – Coordination and support from the state, local communities and interested agencies.
- **Establishing a New Defense Alliance (Will Leahey/Steve Williamson)** – Beginnings of the South Florida Defense Alliance; support from local community and the state of Florida.
- **Expanding Defense Industry – (Admiral Mark Fitzgerald)** Whiting Aviation Commerce Park and Cecil Field development. Florida Defense Exchange. Drone business to Florida.

He discussed the Florida Defense Exchange website which benefits small business competing for defense contracts in Florida. It should be established before the end of the year, and will be maintained by EFI.

He thanked The Principi Group for all of their efforts on behalf of Florida's military installations.

6) Agenda Item VI: Closing Comments

Chair, Kellie Jo Kilberg noted that FDA will hold another conference call in early April and the next in-person meeting will be on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 in Tallahassee. Also the Family Support Working Group and the Mission Sustainment Working Group will hold conference calls in late February or early March. The dates will be sent out once they have been decided. Finally, much discussion was had on the way ahead without the assistance of an advocacy firm.

The conference call was adjourned at 10:01 AM EST.

Family Support Working Group Conference Call Wednesday, March 20, 2019; 10:00 AM EDT to 10:48 AM EDT

Meeting Summary

Attendees:

Chair, Lynn Brannon, Building Healthy Military Communities
Cindy Brown, Florida Senate Committee on Military & Veterans Affairs
Kandi Debus, Navy Region Southeast
Bruce Grant, Enterprise Florida
Michelle Griggs, Enterprise Florida
Pamela Gunthorpe, Space Coast EDC
Tim Jones, Cybrix Group
Penny Justice, Florida Employment Support Programs
Kellie Jo Kilberg, Kilberg & Associates
Steve Murray, FDVA
Patty Piazza, Military Spouse/Family Employment Advocate for NE FL

Challenges in the State

- Physical Activity and Nutrition
- Behavioral health and substance misuse
- Family support – education, employment and childcare – the communication of these resources
 - Spousal certifications
 - Who do we partner with for these initiatives and challenges?
 - Utilize school liaison officers to facilitate the child education issue
 - Communities need to reconnect with their local K-12 liaison, get them re-engaged
 - Curtis Jenkins, POC at Department of Education, deals with school issues and military children
 - CareerSource representatives are helpful in each region to help with employment, need to have them involved in our meetings
 - USO Pathfinders (Brian Burt), programs include children (Lynn to give his information to Michelle)
- Disaster preparedness planning
 - Need to utilize the FDA to help military members during disasters
- Join forces with other organizations at the community level to address these challenges

Partnership and Collaboration

- Who can we partner with on the community level?
- What programs can we take advantage of?
- How do we shed light on these issues to initiate change?
 - Communication is a big challenge
 - Communication plan to get info out as to what programs are available in FL to address their needs

Panhandle Update – Kandi Debus

- Spent 3 weeks in Panama City right after Hurricane Michael and has recently returned
- Looked at families 120 days post-storm, resources have dwindled
- Challenges now: contractor delays, bad business practices, delays in insurance claims
- Rentals are coming into peak-season, so rent prices are going up
- Many medical providers have not reopened, people are travelling to Pensacola and other areas to find much-needed medical care
- What can we do to impact the needs in the Panhandle?
- Need to do better in reaching the population that doesn't come forward during the initial phase
- Need to do better in explain what disaster recovery looks like and what steps they can take pre-disaster and during the disaster to set themselves up for success post-disaster
 - Check insurance
 - Know that insurance companies don't pay out immediately
 - Prepare for financial surprises
- Let them know what resources to utilize
- Is there a POC to reach out to who can help us with coordinating disaster response or preparedness at the family support level?
- Each county has their own command center – coordinate with those centers for resources
- State level – preparing prior to a disaster would be EMS, also in every county. Rebuild 850 former Congresswoman Gwen Graham leading that effort from PC to places north – helping to recover
- Populations need to be educated on disaster recovery and what they can do in advance
- Educational piece at the state level to put together a packet with specific disaster preparedness tips
- Conference call with county EMS directors, have training and preparedness training, add component to reach out to military families – make sure they are connected to the bases
- Bases have rep actively participating in planning with EMS – coordination is already done – need to include family readiness and support
- Families need to attend Hurricane briefings on base – get packets on what to do post-storm – readily available – need to get packets in families hands
- How do we get this information in the hands of the families? Need info – not getting – not seeking
- During Hurricane season – can we put emphasis in the FDA newsletter? BG – yes, great idea.
- Mil very good at taking care of their own personnel, connect with right resources – we can help with links to take advantage of
- How do we Communicate the efforts that currently exist – get this info out to families – servicemembers are deployed – need to get info to families
- Tim Jones reached out to Base Commander at MacDill AFB to see what steps they have in place – will put Lynn in touch with Base rep

What's Next?

- Mental health first aid – non-profit hospitals to help with mental health
- What are some great resources on which we can take advantage?

In Conclusion:

- Michelle will post minutes for this call to the FDA website
- Lynn will reach out to those on the call for next steps moving forward and schedule a next call to re-engage on what was discussed today
- FSWG needs to work to have something set for this hurricane season
- Bruce Grant asked what Kellie Jo and Lynn would like him to brief at the next Base Commanders' Meeting on June 12th at Camp Blanding regarding family support
- Rep. Mel Ponder's appropriations bill for \$1million for military children's education development targeted at Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Bay counties
- The next in-person FDA meeting is in Tallahassee on May 15th

Mission Sustainment Working Group Conference Call Monday, March 25, 2019; 12:00 PM EDT to 12:51 PM EDT

Meeting Summary

Attendees:

Chair, General Mike Jones, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance
Chad Allison, Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Lynn Brannon, Building Healthy Military Communities
Jim Breitenfeld, The Principi Group
Harrison Conyers, City of Jacksonville
Dave Dahl, Navy Region Southeast
Joe Giangrosso, Eglin AFB 96th Test Wing
Debi Graham, Pensacola Chamber
Bruce Grant, Enterprise Florida
Tim Jones, Cybrix Group
Dale Ketcham, Space Florida
Greg Kiley, The Principi Group
Kellie Jo Kilberg, Kilberg & Associates
Will Leahey, South Florida Defense Alliance
Buck MacLaughlin, Avon Park Air Force Range
Liz Miller, DEO
Cassie Muffley, NSA Orlando
Kay Rasmussen, Okaloosa County EDC
Chris Smith, Eglin AFB 96th Test Wing

Community Review of Top 2 Mission Threats for Installations

- Northwest Florida
 - Drilling and related exploratory activities in the eastern Gulf Test and Training Range
 - Lack of current operational capabilities for the Gulf Range enhancement plan or program as needed
- Northeast Florida
 - Incompatible land use around the bases
 - Competition for air space to include wind turbine mitigation siting
- Space Coast
 - Compatible growth
- South Florida
 - Urban growth (HARB), expansion areas
 - Lack of easements in the area
- Avon Park Area
 - Development pressures
 - Compatible land use
- Tampa
 - Compatible land use
 - Military Mission Line
- Central Florida
 - Bugg Spring - compatibility development pressure

- Orlando – difficulty finding workforce, talent war, need different ways to be competitive to hire the right people
 - No locality pay, makes it diff to compete with the private sector and Space Coast (lower cost of living)

Discussion of Common Threats and Opportunities for Collective Action

- Compatible land use/encroachment
- Military problem is encroachment, community issue is compatible development
- Florida has good programs in place and making progress
- Is there anything that the state needs to hear from us in terms of improvements on how we take collective action to be able to insure compatible development?
- List of what's compatible for the different bases
- 17 types of compatibility concerns
- Staff will post on the FDA website the rules for incompatible development for Air Force and Navy
- <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/information/>
- Installations are looking at redevelopment requirements or new infrastructure inside the gate, they are faced with available MILCON; community attempts to assist builds industrial parks and facilities outside the gate to support that installation
 - If there was a way that communities or the State could support our installations with developments that they require to support their mission inside the fence, that would take some demand in development outside the fence out of the concern and lessening that encroachment possibility
- This Session, legislative reconsideration based on the impact of Hurricane Michael at Tyndall AFB, proposal that would allow use of State funds for such projects but is restricted to counties with a population of less than 300,000
- Will update in the next FDA Newsletter

Review of Gulf Range Issue and Discussion for Way Ahead

- Military Mission Line – Gulf Range preservation, prevention of oil drilling and exploration in the eastern Gulf to interfere with the Gulf Range
- Any changes to extend the moratorium or additional legislation to prevent Gulf drilling?
- At State level, for second year legislature is looking at resolutions that would protect the Gulf Range from drilling and exploration – Rep Mel Ponder has submitted that resolution and has passed its first committee
- At the Federal level – no change to the CODEL's position. Senator Scott is still supporting the extension of the Military Mission Line (MML) as is Senator Rubio and all of our Congressional members up in DC
- Recently met with Florida CODEL at the NW Florida DC Fly-in and this was a hot topic; met with MLAs for both Senator Rubio and Senator Scott and stressed the importance of this; provided with additional information as sent up point papers; the general feel in DC is that DoD supports and recommends protecting the eastern Gulf and extending the moratorium of the MML or creating a new definition of that protective boundary; both Congressman Gaetz and Congressman Dunn are supportive; they will continue to work and carry that message
- Will legislation be introduced?
- Formal paperwork has been submitted for Legislative support to the Congress, both the Senate and House side, moving forward for the MML and the Gulf Range enhancement plan/program
- S13 submitted by Senator Rubio on January 3rd is among of about four or five pieces at the Federal level that either request an extension for 5 years or beyond or indefinite extensions

- Move quickly to submit a companion bill on the House side
- House side HR205 submitted by Rep Rooney
- Other items needed to bring to the attention of the State Legislature or Governor's Office or the Florida Defense Support Task Force?
- Governor attending TF meeting on March 28th - top three priorities for talking points: rebuild Tyndall AFB, Space Command in Florida, protection of the MML and the Gulf Range complex; other issues such as support of communities, support of continues protect from encroachment, support of compatible development around bases

Input of Suggestions and Discussion of Agenda for Next FDA Meeting

- Two common topics of concern to multiple military communities – have an opportunity for short discussions
- Space Force – what we are doing to make that happen?
 - Jim Kuzma to attend next FDA meeting and will address the issue of the location of the US Space Command
 - Governor DeSantis wrote a letter to the President requesting that the Space Command be headquartered in Florida; he wrote a second letter to Space Florida and tasked them with the mission of getting that command to Florida; we are working with Space Florida who has been working on a plan for getting that command to Florida (Colorado has some built-in advantages because of the facilities and communication links existing)
 - In time, FDA will be able to assist
 - First ask in plan is to get good representation who can help in the DC area to carry this out, cannot happen just here in Florida; need help in DC working pretty hard
 - Space Florida looking for additional support; challenge is lack of intelligence on exactly what the space command is going to look like; Pentagon is struggling with the fundamental concept of how do you fight a war in space; how would you stand up a us space command?
 - Colorado Springs is front-runner; US Space Command formerly headquartered there
 - Primary purpose of space command is to defend the assets in space that are supporting warfare
 - Cape is a good location, not trying to limit if there is a place better suited in the State, as long as it's in Florida
 - Need an active presence in social media, press, letters to the editor, decision will be processed in the Pentagon and also Oval Office; working hard to develop a political plan; Florida has 29 electoral college votes going into an election year
 - daleketcham@spaceflorida.gov – if anyone has any input
 - Jones suggests have Space Command update in the general session of the FDA meeting; Mission Sustainment can work on what the local communities can do to help
 - In working group, put together an analysis of alternatives for the different locations in Florida to use as talking points in DC to help define the ongoing requirements
- Spectrum Issue – growing threat at Eglin; better informed can find that it may be a bigger issue to other installations as well
 - Segue into compatible siting of large-scale wind turbine issue
 - Placing them out at sea, impact the Atlantic and Gulf ranges
 - Make sure local communities are talking to State Legislators to inform them of the wind turbine issue
 - Dave Dahl to lead discussion at next FDA meeting
 - Joe Giangrosso, glad to assist with spectrum issue

In Conclusion:

- Any issues that arise over the next few weeks please contact General Mike Jones
- Two military-friendly Legislative proposals; Representative Mel Ponder in the House and Senator Doug Broxson in the Senate; staff is amending and taking out some military-friendly provisions in those bills; working them in Tallahassee and we'll notify; Online Sunshine: HB#891 and SB#620
- Michelle will post minutes for this call to the FDA website
- Staff to send out to FDA members Dave Dahl's wind turbine attachments
- Next FDA meeting in Tallahassee on Wednesday, May 15th

Minutes for the Florida Defense Alliance Bi-Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 15, 2019

The Florida Defense Alliance of Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI) held a meeting from 8:40 AM EDT-4:20 PM EDT.

Present at the Meeting:

First Name	Last Name	Organization
Chad	Allison	Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Janice	Barnes	96 FSS/FSH, Eglin AFB
Lynn	Brannon	Building Healthy Military Communities
Jim	Breitenfeld	The Principi Group
Cindy	Brown	The Florida Senate
Diana	Caldwell	Florida Senate Committee on Military/Veterans Affairs & Space
Harrison	Conyers	City of Jacksonville Military Affairs
Joe	Giangrosso	96 th Test Wing/Eglin AFB
Debi	Graham	Greater Pensacola Chamber
Bruce	Grant	Enterprise Florida, Inc.
Michelle	Griggs	Enterprise Florida, Inc.
Paul	Hirsch	Madison Government Affairs, Inc.
Mike	Jones	Tampa Bay Defense Alliance
Wayne	Justice	RADM, USCG (Ret), Canaveral Port Commission
Kellie Jo	Kilberg	Kilberg & Associates
Julie	Lince	96 FSS/FSH, Eglin AFB
Ryan	Long	Ecology & Environment
Buck	MacLaughlin	Avon Park Air Force Range
Liz	Miller	Department of Economic Opportunity
Rick	Miller	South Florida Defense Alliance
Steve	Murray	Florida Department of Veterans Affairs
Tom	Neubauer	Bay Defense Alliance/FDSTF
Kay	Rasmussen	EDC Okaloosa County/Defense Support Initiatives Committee
Eric	Sherman	DOD OUSD P&R, Defense State Liaison Office
John	Skaggs	NSA Panama City
Teri	Wanamaker	NAS Jacksonville – Child & Youth Programs
Kent	Wimmer	Defenders of Wildlife

Semi- Annual Meeting Agenda
Four Points by Sheraton Tallahassee Downtown, Tallahassee, FL

May 15, 2019

0830-1700 EDT

0830-0845	Welcome Remarks/Introductions	Kellie Jo Kilberg
0845-0930	Spectrum Frequencies	Joseph Giangrosso
0930-0945	DRG/DIG Grants Updates	Liz Miller
0945-1000	BREAK	
1000-1020	USSpace Command Update	Jim Kuzma
1020-1035	Legislative Discussion	Bruce Grant
1035-1045	FDSTF Update	Bruce Grant
1045-1115	Tyndall Rebuild Update	Tom Neubauer Glen McDonald
1115-1300	Lunch	
1300-1345	Family Support Panel	Lynn Brannon
1350-1530	Working Groups Meet	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission Sustainment • Family Support 	Mike Jones Lynn Brannon
1530-1540	BREAK	
1540-1600	Working Groups' Report / FDA Discussion	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission Sustainment • Family Support 	Mike Jones Lynn Brannon
1600-1645	Economic Development Community Significant Current Initiative Update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northwest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Escambia, Santa Rosa, Walton, Okaloosa, and Bay Counties • Northeast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Duval and Clay Counties • East Central Florida <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brevard and Orange Counties • West Central Florida <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Highlands, Polk, Tampa, and Pinellas Counties • South Florida <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties 	Local Defense Partners

1645-1655	Next Meeting Planning There will be an FDA teleconference on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 0900 EST. The next in-person FDA meeting is Wednesday, November 20, 2019, Tampa, Florida	Kellie Jo Kilberg
1655-1700	Closing Comments/Adjourn	Kellie Jo Kilberg
1800-2000	FDA / Florida Defense Support Task Force No-Host Dinner – Bird’s Oyster Shack 325 N. Bronough Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301 (Right next door to the hotel!)	

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A quorum being present, **Chairman Kellie Jo Kilberg** began the meeting on May 15, 2019 at 8:40 AM EDT.

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome & Introductions

Chairman Kellie Jo Kilberg welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Introductions were made around the room. She thanked Enterprise Florida for the breakfast snacks and beverage station sponsorship.

II. Agenda Item II: Spectrum Frequencies

Joe Giangrosso discussed spectrum frequencies explaining that the radio spectrum is the part of the electromagnetic spectrum with frequencies from 30 Hertz to 300 GHz and that electromagnetic waves in this frequency range, called radio waves, are extremely widely used in modern technology, particularly in telecommunication. Everyone uses spectrum in their daily life.

RF Spectrum is a defined natural resource that is not seen-it is invisible. It is controlled in the US by the authority of the President to the Dept. of Commerce. Those who use RF spectrum are Military Mission, civilian daily life, household items, automobiles, personal items, industrial applications, medical, transportation and the list goes on.

He discussed 5G and its popularity with the public, especially gamers. 5G stands for Fifth Generation global telecommunications standards and is needed for wideband high-resolution video. It is widely used by gamers who desire immediate online interaction. Benefits of 5G are high resolution video, no buffering of streaming, devices can talk to each other, uses a network application to improve data rate/flow, connect everyone with everything all the time and mainly used in metro areas with high population density.

Within Florida, the RF spectrum is heavily used. Federal assignments exceed 30,000 assignments. Civil use is unknown due to the extreme number of unlicensed devices used within the state. Most residents or visitors in Florida will use 10-12 different RF devices in a single day.

He discussed who controls Frequency Spectrum in the US. The Communications Act of 1934 as amended identifies the authority of Spectrum Management is vested to the President; identifies the Department of Commerce as the responsible authority to the President for Spectrum Management regulatory matters; and identifies two agencies within the Department to manage the spectrum: the Federal Communication Commission for Civil matters (two classes of licenses: licensed and unlicensed) and the National Telecommunications Informational Agency for Federal Agency matters.

Why is the Government Selling RF Spectrum? Selloff history: First selloff was in 1994; second selloff was in 2004; third selloff was in 2008; fourth sell off was in 2015; Fifth selloff is on-going and the next selloff will be in 2022. RF Spectrum is worth \$B. Spectrum is often referred to as the lifeblood of the wireless industry because of its commercial demands as a result of user desires. Spectrum can be obtained only through a government auction or by acquiring through a company with spectrum holdings.

The full presentation can be found at: <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/FDA-Presentations-2019.pdf>

III. Agenda Item III: DRG/DIG Grants Updates

Liz Miller discussed some staff and department head changes recently at the Department of Economic Opportunity. DEO has received many applications for DIG and DRG grants and all have been reviewed however none can be awarded until the Governor signs the budget. The

DRG request was for approximately \$1.1 million and the DIG request is for approximately \$2.5 million. The total for both is above what has been appropriated in the budget.

IV. Agenda Item IV: USSpace Command Update

Bruce Grant reported on the Presidential directive to establish a Space Command/Space Force and Governor DeSantis has tasked Space Florida to acquire the headquarters for the Space Command in the state of Florida. Space Florida has asked for support and assistance from Enterprise Florida and the Florida Defense Support Task Force and Space Florida has contracted The Principi Group to advocate on their behalf to advocate for the Space Command to Florida.

CNN recently leaked an unofficial report for the preferred six locations for the Space Command headquarters to be location in Colorado, Alabama or California. Space Florida, the Governor and the team was concerned about this report. They started moving quickly to generate support for the Space Command to Florida. A letter was drafted for the CODEL and gave it to Congressman Mike Waltz to present and circulate congress, then sent the letter to the Department of Defense. They implored them to use the Strategic Basing Process to ensure a fair and transparent process. They also drafted talking points for the Governor and put together a White Paper to present to the Department of Defense on behalf of the state of Florida.

Space Florida held a summit on May 9th which was attended by stakeholders and community leaders from around the state to sit on panels and provide information as to why the Space Command should be headquartered in Florida. Slides from a cancelled Air Force press conference were leaked which also listed the same six locations. At the very least, pieces of the Space Force will surely end up in Florida as we've got the infrastructure to support such programs.

V. Agenda Item V: Legislative Update

Bruce Grant discussed legislation which was passed during the recent Legislation Session including SB 212, Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. This became effective upon the Governor's signature on April 8, 2019.

He discussed legislation which was passed by the Legislature, but not yet signed by the Governor. SB 620, Military Friendly Initiatives and SB 292, Education.

A bill which was adopted by the Legislature is HB 1379 and SB 1820, Gulf of Mexico Range Complex Resolutions 2019.

A bill which was adopted by the Florida House of Representatives HB 1281, United States Space Command and United States Space Force 2019.

He discussed the Defense Grants Budget for FY 2019-2020 passed by the Legislature:
Florida Defense Support Task Force --- \$2 million
Military Base Protection -- \$150,000
Defense Infrastructure -- \$1,600,000
Defense Reinvestment --- \$850,000
Florida Forever --- reduced to \$33 million

He also discussed a few veterans bill passed by the Legislature. SB 1518/HB 0501, Alternative Treatment Options for Veterans; HB 427/SB 0718, Honor and Remember Flag; and SB 0910, Court-ordered Treatment Programs.

VI. Agenda Item VI: FDSTF Update

Bruce Grant updated on the current members of the FDSTF noting that the chair rotates between the House and the Senate and a new Chair will be appointed as of July 1, 2019.

The TF's top priorities are the Tyndall AFB rebuild, the US Space Command to Florida and the protection of the Gulf Range Complex.

EFI Staff continues to work with the Governor's office on The Principi Group contract.

Other items of interest:

- The Matrix Design Group has been selected, once again, to perform the new Economic Impact Study and create the new Defense FactBook, which is due to be completed in December 2019.
- EFI staff are currently working on and updated Military Friendly Guide to include changes from this recent Legislative Session and should be printed by September 2019.
- The GI LAW website providing pro bono legal assistance to military and family members is located on the FDA website and will soon go live.
- The 2019 Strategic Plan will be updated later in 2019.
- The Governor's Base Commander Meeting will be on June 12, 2019 at Camp Blanding.
- The Florida Chamber Military, Defense, Veterans Opportunities Summit will be in Jacksonville on August 13-14, 2019.

The TF has received four applications received for FY19-20 cycle worth ~ \$900,000 to be reviewed and voted on tomorrow. They are expecting to have about \$850K available for next years' Grant Program, possibly more if the Principi contract is not approved.

VII. Agenda Item VII: Tyndall Rebuild Update

Tom Neubauer reported on Tyndall AFB noting that they have had to educate the local citizens on the value of the base and the public has pulled together to make sure that bases are back on track. NAS Pensacola stood up all their missions within a week post-Hurricane Michael.

He showed a short video on how Tyndall AFB continues to rebuild and progress since the hurricane.

The Secretary of the Air Force has directed that if a supplemental has not been passed by May 1st no new projects will be started. There are currently 54 projects ongoing, and those will continue as many planners and workers remain on base. 91% of people who were working on the base prior to the hurricane are back and missions are up and running such as AFNORTH, the 53rd Weapons Evaluation Group, AFCEC, 337th Air Control Squadron and Red Horse Detachment 1.

Their installation development plan is designed to meet today's rebuild requirements while allowing for evolving missions in the near future and flexibility for additional growth over time. They are looking to minimize the total cost of ownership, replace obsolete and inefficient buildings while reducing operations and management costs, improve the land use, reduce reliance on cars while encouraging walking, bicycles and other alternative transportation and maximize the use of smart and resilient buildings.

At a recent Industry Day, John Henderson, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Energy put out a call for White Papers, asking what community members wanted to see in a base of the Future. 150 papers were submitted detailing ideas on smart basing, resiliency, master planning, design and construction, contract acquisition and program management.

Community primary objectives include:

- Support Returning Airman: Community commitment to housing, medical, schools, quality of life issues. (community capacity analysis- FSU-PC)
- Funding: Pass adequate supplemental through congress
- Design & Reconstruction:(redesign opportunity)
- Schools: Resolve on-base school issue (gate is moving)
- Engage Partners: Request Florida defense (grants)
- Mitigate Employment Gap: Minimize employment gap.
- Additive Missions: Focus on MQ9 Base Y bed down
- Open Communication: Keep CODEL and MIL leadership fully informed of progress.

VIII. Agenda Item VIII: Working Groups Meet

The Mission Sustainment and Family Support Working Groups met for separate discussions at this time.

IX. Agenda Item IX: Family Support Panel

Lynn Brannon, Chair of the Family Support Working Group (FSWG), led a discussion with **Teri Wanamaker, School Liaison Officer at NAS Jacksonville**, and **Eric Sherman, DoD State Liaison Office**, regarding issues such as military spouse licensure processes and how the Florida exemption model assists in obtaining Florida licenses and different licensing compacts across the country; Senate bill 620, virtual school access in Florida for those who are not residents in order to cause minor disruption for those who transfer in and out of the state during the school year and best practices in use by other states; and housing and medical issues for military families and how the FDSW can get more information into the hands of the families.

X. Agenda Item X: Working Groups' Report / FDA Discussion

Mike Jones, Chair of the Mission Sustainment Working Group (MSWG), reported to members that their working group focused on two major issues. The first is the Gulf Range issue and the support of the extension of the moratorium to prevent drilling in the Eastern Gulf. They plan to ask Florida Defense Support Task Force for assistance on a broader stakeholder analysis and informing the public of its importance not only the military but also for tourism and the environment. The second issue is the importance of preventing encroachment and making sure compatible development occurs. Taking advantage of the funding that can be leveraged at a national level and informing state legislators that state monies are important for many reasons to support our military bases. They have a few volunteers and will need the help of staff in terms of helping to identify those funding streams and creating a form to use prior to the next legislative session to help inform Legislators and their staffs.

Lynn Brannon, Chair of the Family Support Working Group (FSWG), discussed the Florida Resource Guide regarding hurricane preparedness, specific to Hurricane Michael, and the resources which were utilized in those areas. This guide was put together by the Army Reserve and the Group discussed creating an all-branch resource guide for different locations across the state. They discussed Florida's virtual school as in many counties military children cannot enroll in school until the family has residency. They discussed finding out the cutoff dates for when students can early-enroll into schools in the areas to which they

are moving so that they can obtain letters of intent or orders from the DoD prior to those cutoff dates and the student is able to enroll in school. Finally, they discussed the childcare issue which is an issue nationwide, as NAS Jacksonville has a two to three year waiting list for childcare.

XI. Agenda Item XI: Economic Development Community Significant Current Initiative Update

Northwest Florida:

Debi Graham from the Greater Pensacola Chamber reported that they've stood up the West Florida Defense Alliance which supports both NAS Pensacola and NAS Whiting Field; key areas of concern for the new commander of NAS Pensacola; and the opportunity to partner with Orlando, installations and state universities on cyber and training programs. **Kay Rasmussen** reported from Okaloosa County that the EDC and the DSI continue to strongly advocate for the Gulf Range, the Military Mission Line and the Gulf Range Enhancement programs; the current EIS study to determine the permanent bed down of the F-22 Formal Training Unit; the new effort of a planned F-35 squadron at Eglin AFB which is contingent on the F-22 going to Langley AFB; they have stood up a task force to work on childcare issues; they continue to focus on personnel resiliency and invisible wounds; and are working with partners at Eglin AFB on transition assistance. **Janice Barnes** from Eglin AFB added about the apprentice program for service members who are soon transitioning out of the military; they can try out several jobs while still receiving military pay and benefits and have a better chance of being hired. **Kent Wimmer** from Defenders of Wildlife noted that REPI staff from Washington, DC will be visiting in June; they will be meeting with representatives from the Air Force to discuss how to move forward with Sent Landscape proposals. **Jim Breitenfeld** added that he is part of an informal working group which meets on a quarterly basis; consists of community planning officers, civilians and representatives from the regional planning council; a great way to work on common issues. **Tom Neubauer** reported on how the Bay County community has come together since the hurricane; they have hired advisors on how Bay County can become the community of the future, to coincide with Tyndall AFB as the base of the future; on May 21st Andrews AFB will hold a farewell event for the Secretary of the Air Force, Heather Wilson; she is leaving to become a Dean at UTEP; Under Secretary Matt Donovan will fill the position until a new Secretary is confirmed.

Northeast Florida:

Harrison Conyers from the City of Jacksonville reported on the several recent changes of command in the Jacksonville area; they recently hosted the Military Spouse Appreciation Night Out attended by 1,300 military spouses; their Jobs for Vets website helps service members transition from military to civilian life and partners with 477 locally based companies with openings for veterans; on May 27th the City of Jacksonville will host their annual Memorial Day event which is attended by over 3,000 people; the Duval Fly-in to Washington, DC is on June 4th and 5th; and they continue to focus on encroachment protection and compatible land use as they currently have eight (8) active projects.

East Central Florida:

Wayne Justice from the Canaveral Port Commission reported on growth on the Space Coast to include more commercial launches; growth at NOTU, job expansion and the training of needed skillsets and qualified technicians.

Paul Hirsch from the EDC of the Space Coast advised on the commercial space industry and safety precautions; SpaceX had a launch that night with a payload of 60 satellites; the Joint Interagency Task Force visited Patrick AFB last month to conduct a site survey for future basing; the Commander of the 45th Space Wing held a State of the Installation event

last month and invited much of the local community; and Cape Canaveral AFS is close to completing a gate change to be in compliance with anti-terrorism rules and regulations.

West Central Florida:

Buck MacLaughlin from the Avon park Air Force Range noted that they recently hosted several local community and business leaders to educate them on the story and mission of the Range; he recently attended a Tampa Bay Defense Alliance meeting to provide an update on the Range and its support of MacDill AFB; The Range hosted the 119th Fighter Squadron from Atlantic City, New Jersey; and at this time the Range has \$12 million in projects underway. **Chad Allison** with the Central Florida Regional Planning Council discussed that they are working on growing the partnership, conducting monthly meetings and have added some new partners; they recently submitted a REPI Challenge grant application to try and secure another four thousand acres of an eight thousand acre ranch; looking at the agricultural component and how that ties into water quality and also ties into mental aspects and ultimately tourism on the coasts; much opportunity to spread the message of landscapes and how it ties back to Florida residents. **Mike Jones** with the Tampa Bay Defense Alliance reported that **Tim Jones** has been elected as President of the Tampa Bay Defense Alliance; the TBDA added two new board members, General Beef Haddad and Larry Martin and will be adding more soon; the changes of command at MacDill AFB; the TBDA is focused on issues such as compatible development around the base and at the Coast Guard facility in St. Petersburg, base access and lowering the burden of transportation and access for military members, energy resiliency, education and ensuring our bases have the facilities they need to do their mission; they will visit Washington, DC in conjunction with the ADC National Summit in mid-June and will raise issues such as the Gulf Range and at Avon Park AFR who is a central supporter of MacDill AFB.

South Florida:

Rick Miller from the South Florida Defense Alliance (SFDA) reported on the change of command at USSOUTHCOM; Admiral Faller and his family have become very engaged in the local community; he attended a Beacon Council event last month where he engaged with the local civic leaders in the community; there are two upcoming Blue Angel air shows in Fort Lauderdale and in Miami Beach around Memorial Day; Navy Week was held in Miami the last week of March; issues they are working are transportation, roads/tolls, housing at SOUTHCOM and the funding for a feasibility study for a department-wide resiliency center of excellence in Southeast Florida.

Lynn Brannon updated from Building Healthy Military Communities on Operation Livewell which is funded by the CDC in each states Department of Health; present the military as a separate population to address military issues; encourage holistic wellness in our military and their families; the Back to School Bash event which has twelve locations from Miami to Pensacola and last year gave away over 200 backpacks full of school supplies and is expected to double this year; the YMCA is helping to prepare service members for the ACFT at no charge to them and they are working on many more partnerships.

XII. Agenda Item XII: Next Meeting Planning

Chairman Kellie Jo Kilberg announced that there will be an FDA teleconference on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 0900 EDT. The Mission Sustainment Working Group will have a conference call the week of July 8th. The next in-person FDA meeting is Wednesday, November 20, 2019, Tampa, Florida.

XIII. Agenda Item XIII: Closing Comments / Adjourn

Chairman Kellie Jo Kilberg thanked everyone for attending and being engaged and again thanked Enterprise Florida for their sponsorship of the snacks and beverage Station.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM EDT.

Mission Sustainment Working Group Conference Call Wednesday, July 10, 2019; 10:00 AM EDT to 10:39 AM EDT

Meeting Summary

Attendees:

Jim Breitenfeld, The Principi Group
Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Ray Collins, Enterprise Florida
Harrison Conyers, City of Jacksonville
Dave Dahl, Navy Region Southeast
Bruce Grant, Enterprise Florida
Paul Hirsch, Space Coast EDC
Tim Jones, Cybrix Group
Wayne Justice, Canaveral Port Commission
Greg Kiley, The Principi Group
Kellie Jo Kilberg, Kilberg & Associates
Buck MacLaughlin, Avon Park Air Force Range
Trudy McCarthy, Space Coast EDC
Cathy Mann, Governor DeSantis's Office
Chris Middleton, Northwest Florida Defense
Liz Miller, DEO
Rick Miller, South Florida Defense Alliance
Kay Rasmussen, Okaloosa County EDC
Randy Roy, NAS Whiting Field
Chris Smith, Eglin AFB 96th Test Wing
Kent Wimmer, Defenders of Wildlife

Military Mission Line & Eastern Gulf Test and Training Range (Oceana update) – Kay Rasmussen

- Legislation was introduced to make the Military Mission Line permanent, however it was established in an appropriations bill
- Representative Crist has introduced new legislation to correct this issue
- Representative Rooney has been working hard to protect the Range from drilling and has introduced a bill amending the GOMESA Act of 2006
- After last year's conference call, Kent Wimmer connected Kay Rasmussen and Debi Graham with Oceana, a non-profit conservation group focused on preserving and restoring the world's oceans
- Kay and Debi have met with reps from Oceana as they recognize that they can create a partnership and work together on the common goal
- Representatives from Oceana are open to forming a partnership with groups focusing on the military component
- They are asking businesses, organizations, chambers, etc. to write letters of support
- They have provided a draft letter to that goal, which was shared with Bruce Grant
- The DSI has submitted a letter of support
- Bruce Grant is working on a briefing for the Task Force for next week's meeting based on the letter from Bay County, which was modified to be available for the Governor and others to move forward on outreach on information on the protection of the Gulf Range

- Tim Jones reported that he had a meeting yesterday with the Tampa Bay Business Journal, who was unaware of the situation in the Gulf
- They are planning on writing an article on the MML to help get the word out
- Dave Dahl reported that his partner Pat Bowers, is working with the Gulf Aquaculture Working Group which is looking at large scale aquaculture efforts in the Gulf. If they see something that will contribute to preservation, they will let the MSWG know
- Buck MacLaughlin suggested that The Nature Conservancy might be an organization that would have an interest in partnering with to protect the Gulf Range
- New contact at The Nature Conservancy is Lindsay Stevens, lindsay.stevens@TNC.ORG; (850) 222-0199

REPI Funding Match – Kay Rasmussen

- Match is a requirement to receive REPI funding and can sometime be a challenge
- List of potential funding sources which can qualify for REPI match:
 - Farm Bill
 - Forest Legacy Program
 - Endangered Species Grants
 - The Land and Water Conservation Fund
 - Florida Forever
 - Rural and Family Lands Protection Program
 - Land and Water Conservation Fund
 - Defense Infrastructure Grants
 - County Conservation Land Acquisition Program
- **Other Suggestions:**
- Association of Defense Communities: they have done work in this area in the past, may have something in their library under best practices, might be worth it to research
- NAS Whiting Field is working with an individual land owner who owns land near the flight path area and is receiving appraisals on this land in increments of 200-acre pieces, then creating a self-imposed easement on those properties that meet the Navy's intent. That value is transferred as their contribution for match.
- Land Trusts: North Florida Land Trust, Trust for Public Lands & Conservation Florida
- US Fish & Wildlife Grant Programs
- Kent Wimmer has compiled a list of state and federal assistance programs as part of the initial draft local action plan for the Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape designation application which will be submitted this coming fall. His goal in preparing this draft was to take advantage of the excellent existing reports and plans which have already been prepared. As you will see, he borrowed heavily (copy and pasted) text, tables, maps and graphics from the Air Forces' Florida Strategic Plan and other plans and sources. You may download a Word version of the document (75 Mb): <https://www.dropbox.com/s/ie49vjwpbioq1u2/Northwest%20Florida%20Sentinel%20Landscape%20Local%20Action%20Plan%20Outline.docx?dl=0>. If you prefer, here is the link to the pdf version (25Mb): <https://www.dropbox.com/s/bp5t2eygqn3j9wo/Northwest%20Florida%20Sentinel%20Landscape%20Local%20Action%20Plan%20Outline.pdf?dl=0>. These assistance programs are described on pages 36 through 44.
- Kent, Tom Tolbert from Eglin AFB and USAF REPI Staff will be meeting with DOD REPI staff on Tuesday, July 30 to discuss their proposal for designation of the Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape. They look forward to receiving guidance on their proposal and the process and

timeline for the next application cycle which they believe will be open this fall. He is happy to report back after their meeting.

- Dave Dahl passed Information along to Bruce and Kay this morning regarding REPI webinar today at 1 pm, which focuses on allowing use of REPI funds to support natural resource management outside the instantiation boundaries without purchasing an interest in the land
- Buck MacLaughlin added that part of this initiative is to capture, from a statewide prospective, the amount of federal funding coming into the state as a match for state and local programs; would be interesting to compare
- REPI report to Congress:
https://www.repi.mil/Portals/44/2019%20General%20Fact%20Sheets/2019_REPI_Report_to_Congress_FINAL_5FEB.pdf?ver=2019-03-05-095918-767
- Kay is moving forward, from an FDA prospective, to prepare heading into the next Legislative Session
- It's important to show how FDA works many angles to protect Florida's installations and at the same time help the state and local communities
- To possibly be added to the agenda at the next FDA meeting, addressing some of the hurdles that the state process presents in receiving match funds
- Possibly address this issue at the next Base Commanders Meeting

Briefing Update – Bruce Grant

- He is creating a briefing on protection of the Gulf Range to submit to the Governor's office by the end of this week, as without approval from them we cannot move forward with any type of marketing/outreach
- Once approved it will be presented to the TF at next week's meeting with a plan to create a public marketing program to spread the word on why protection of the Gulf Range is important for Florida

Comments from Around the Room

- Jennifer Codo-Salisbury from the Central Florida Regional Planning Council reported that they have recently finalized their conservation easement guidebook for property owners. She will send to Michelle to share with everyone. This guide lists several different agencies that come to the table that will assist with conservation easements. The guidebook can be found here:
<https://www.cfrpc.org/resources/landowner-resources/>

Family Support Working Group Conference Call Thursday, July 25, 2019; 10:00 AM EDT to 10:48 AM EDT

Meeting Summary

Attendees:

Chair, Lynn Brannon, Building Healthy Military Communities
Ray Collins, Enterprise Florida
Brandi Dereuter, Bay County Chamber of Commerce
Bruce Grant, Enterprise Florida
Michelle Griggs, Enterprise Florida
Tim Jones, Cybrix Group
Kellie Jo Kilberg, Kilberg & Associates
Wendy Leighton, Blue Star Families
Cella Logan, CareerSource Military Spouse Advocate
Danielle McNeil, Department of Economic Opportunity
Teri Wanamaker, NAS Jacksonville – Child & Youth Programs
Chris Weber, FACC FLNG
Clarence Zarnes, Orlando

Statewide Back To School Bash

- This event is for all DoD military and their families, all branches
- Kicking off this Saturday in five locations from Fernandina Beach to St. Augustine 10 am – 1 pm at the YMCAs
- Flyer was sent out by Michelle several times
- If you know anyone who's interested, please contact Lynn or Michelle for the flyer
- Still taking registrations, would love to see as many people as possible

Regional Task Force meetings for BHMC State Action Plan Starting In September

- BHMC is working on completing a State Action Plan which is geared toward issues that impact servicemembers and their families
- Some issues at the top are physical wellness and nutrition, behavioral health and substance abuse, education, employment and child care
- Everybody on this call fits into one of those areas
- Gearing up to kick off regional Task Force meetings to address these specific issues
- The Task Force is there to work and impact the community statewide
- First area holding a Task Force meeting will be in the Jacksonville area, encompassing from Nassau County down to St. Augustine sometime in September
- Lynn will get back to the committee on the date and location and have invitations sent out within the next week
- Big opportunity for our state agencies to assist and get ahead of these issues
- Want to establish a way ahead to get ahead of some of these issues to prevent in the future by providing resources, services and programs across the state
- Please reach out to Lynn with questions or to suggest someone to sit on the Task Force

Senate Bill 620 – Military Friendly Initiatives

- Issues for students of transferring parents in the Jacksonville area
- Teri Wanamaker discussed that when military families come to the area to look for housing, usually on short notice
- Base housing at NAX Jacksonville has an approximate wait window of 90-120 days
- Families often put into temporary housing
- Families are given waivers for local hotels for temporary housing
- In the past, concern has been for families in a temporary status registering their kids for school as public schools require 3 forms of residency before they can enroll
- Families often are met with resistance and are required to fill out paperwork that is reserved for homeless families
- Hoping SB 620 would address those concerns, but have found that it doesn't quite go far enough
 - Families are in a rental home until the renters in their home move out
 - Families are in a rental home until the home they are building is complete
- Families go online to register students but cannot register their children without an address
- Duval County is looking to fix this, possibly looking at a base address for enrollment purposes
- If they use a base address to enroll, it restricts their enrollment to the 3 schools that service the base
- Working on these issues
- Feel they should be able to come in and register in any school that is not a dedicated magnet school, using their PCS orders
- Usually looking for housing for up to 3 months
- Some families are getting notice of their moving within 6 weeks, not enough time to house hunt and close on a house
- SB 620 reads, in part: requiring a student whose parent is transferred or pending transfer to a military installation within a school district to be considered a resident of the district and provided preferential treatment in the controlled open enrollment process under certain circumstances
- Limited inventory in rental homes in desirable areas
- Shortened time when receiving orders to Jacksonville to the start of school
- Bill was meant to reduce the number of times students must move schools when moving to a new area
- Schools are highly populated, open seat policy is schools are claiming they are at capacity, denying enrollment for those out of zone
- Kellie Jo Kilberg suggested that in the Jacksonville region, contact the Daniel Davis at the Jacksonville Chamber and suggest a meeting with all the superintendents in that region, especially areas where military families are living
 - How can we use other partners on telling this story and bring everyone together, so we are on the same page and not having to do individual battles with each county?
 - Next, Kellie Jo Kilberg suggests a meeting with Secretary Corcoran at the Department of Education, and have him send out a memo that the superintendents should follow
- Bruce Grant commented that one of the problems is that when the bill went through the process the original language was changed in the House, so it didn't make it as all-encompassing as we had envisioned. Already have this on our list of things to fix during the next session, amending the wording
 - Taking each of these cases to the Department of Education and asking them to weigh in and fix
 - Trying to get influence in the state thru the Chancellor's office or Secretary Corcoran at the Department of Education

- New TAG MG Eifert's spouse is very involved and it might something that she would be interested in
- Lynn will schedule a meeting with Mrs. Eifert, as with her resources and contacts, she may be able to help
- Kellie Jo Kilberg added that the superintendents of Duval and St. Johns counties are appointed, so we need to get to the Chairs of the Board of Education for those 2 counties
- Bruce Grant suggested the three Senators Hudson, Bean and Gibson in those counties, need to get the complaints and issues to their offices so they are made aware and can help, they can sponsor bill next session

Open Comments

- Kellie Jo Kilberg added to keep on the radar the child care issue, getting quality childcare for military families, waiting lists, readiness is affected, spouses can't work without childcare
- Bruce Grant discussed that one of the issues of the FSWG is interested in is military children in schools and what the state does to support their transitions, their achievements, their successes
 - The Florida Defense Support Task Force has provided several grants over the years to Military Child Education Coalition and the National Math and Science Initiative
 - The FDSTF is asking the Department of Education to give a briefing or overview/summary of what the state does in terms of people, programs and funding to help military school children in every appropriate county around the state
 - They would like to know what the state does overall and then instruct the state to dedicate some funding for programs in those counties
 - This will be an agenda item for the September TF meeting as we hope to get some more information
- Is there someone who works with families who knows specific issues that the FSWG can look at to see if we can make an impact?
 - Teri Wanamaker has several CDC (Child Development Center) homes that are overseen by our child development center, issue tends to be the length of time it takes to certify those homes
 - Time needs to be sped up for background checks and certifications
 - Great answer to childcare issues in Jacksonville, they have 8 CDC homes in town that can help with that overflow, need probably 10 more
 - Certified through DoD, clearances are held up and are waiting months
 - Need to present those issues to DoD
 - CYP Director oversees that program and would be an excellent resource on how that process can be sped along; Lynn will connect with her
- Cella Logan added that issues for her families is mental health services for children
 - Under a specific age (under the age of 10), very limited resources in NE Florida
 - Having consistency with the CDC the Youth Center and schools on where to get help on behavioral issues has been a problem
 - Only help is in areas far from where they're living
 - Resource list for those types of programs, challenge is that there are mental health services that work toward addressing those needs for children, some don't know the challenges of military families
 - Programs to help the service providers learn more about the military background and can help more military families
 - Lynn will connect Cella with contact to help with kids' mental health in the Duval area

- Can connect with other resources in the community
- Teri Wanamaker: The Navy provides 36 military family life counselors in their local schools who are dedicated to military families
- They also have short-term counselors and are licensed clinical psychologists, and have Anchored for Life at high impact schools which is a program that covers deployment support, reintegration, moving, welcoming kids to the area, sensitivity issues that an adult addresses such as divorce and death grief
- Both DoD programs in their schools in Duval and Clay counties
- Can place counselors based upon the density of the military population; has one at Clay Charter; has 200 military students; also work with Reserves
- Anchored for life is paid for by the DoD, applies to all students
- Can be more of a student-to-student program, they have a lot of support materials in schools and youth activity center
- How can she easily get this information to parents?
- Anchored for Life is available at the Youth Activity Center
- Wendy – Blue Star Families – bigger issues she encounters daily when she talks to families is childcare issues, especially with spouses trying to find a job
 - Young families, not a lot of money, need reasonable child care

In Conclusion:

- Michelle will post minutes for this call to the FDA website once completed

Minutes for the Florida Defense Alliance Teleconference on Thursday, September 12, 2019

The Florida Defense Alliance held a teleconference from 10:00 AM - 10:58 AM EDT.

Present at the Meeting:

First Name	Last Name	Organization
Chad	Allison	Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Jonathan	Borgert	South Dade MAC
Jim	Breitenfeld	Okaloosa County Defense Support Initiative
Cindy	Brown	Senate Military Affairs Committee
Greg	Byers	Gulf Power
George	Cheros	National Center for Simulation
Jennifer	Codo-Salisbury	CFRPC/FDA Exec Board
Ray	Collins	Enterprise Florida, Inc.
Neal	Finkelstein	Army Research Lab/Team Orlando
Brooke	Gilbert	Deloitte/Bay Defense Alliance
Debi	Graham	Greater Pensacola COC
Michelle	Griggs	Enterprise Florida, Inc.
Chris	Hendricks	Navy Resource Officer
Tim	Jones	Cybrix Group/TBDA/FDA Vice Chair
Wayne	Justice	Canaveral Port Authority
Kellie Jo	Kilberg	FDA Chair
John	Konkas	AECOM
Sheri	Kotzum	Representative Mel Ponder's Office
Jim	Kuzma	Space Florida
Sarah	McCue	East Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Liz	Miller	Department of Economic Opportunity
Rick	Miller	South Florida Defense Alliance
Cassie	Muffley	NOTU
Tom	Tolbert	Eglin AFB
Jana	Wibberley	Deloitte/Bay County
Kent	Wimmer	Defenders of Wildlife

Agenda: See below

Teleconference Meeting Agenda

Dial-in number: (888) 585-9008
Conference Room: #262-492-927

(As of: September 4, 2019)

Thursday, September 12, 2019

1000 - 1100 EDT

1000 – 1005 Roll Call.....Michelle Griggs

1005 – 1015 Opening Remarks.....Chair

1015 – 1025 Space FloridaDale Ketcham or Jim Kuzma

1025 – 1030 FDSTF Update.....Ray Collins

1030 – 1055 Around the State/Top 3 challengesBy Region

- Northwest
 - Escambia, Santa Rosa, Walton, Okaloosa, and Bay Counties
- Northeast
 - Duval and Clay Counties
- East Central Florida
 - Brevard and Orange Counties
- West Central Florida
 - Highlands, Polk, Tampa, and Pinellas Counties
- South Florida
 - Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties

1055 – 1100 Closing Comments.....Chair

1100 Adjournment.....Chair

A quorum being present, **Michelle Griggs** began the call on September 12, 2019 at 10:00 AM EDT.

1) Agenda Item I: Roll Call

Michelle Griggs took roll of members on the call by region.

2) Agenda Item II: Opening Remarks

Chair, Kellie Jo Kilberg began the call by welcoming members and discussed the creation of the upcoming FDA Facebook page. We will be reaching out to communities for talking points and photos and will continually add items from regions as they arise. Please work with your communities to make sure your story is consistent and is permissible to be included on a public page. **Michelle Griggs** will have administrative rights to the page so as different comments come in, she'll be reaching out the communities for the correct responses. This will be a team effort and will help us reach out to many more people.

Rick Miller from the South Florida Defense Alliance suggested that the page might begin by highlighting the leverage of all the Florida facilities and commands in support of the response to Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas.

3) Agenda Item III: Space Florida Update

Jim Kuzma reported on current events regarding USSPACECOM as the Air Force continues moving forward. The US Space Command Joint Operations Center will be stood up at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colorado with \$13 million in the budget for that expense.

Space Florida continues to be engaged as he is working on setting up meetings in Orlando, then plans meet with Governor DeSantis before setting up additional meetings around the state. Those locations include Tampa, Volusia County, Jacksonville, Northwest Florida and Miami/Homestead and will be held during the last four months of 2019. He will provide the list of all the dates to send out to communities to coordinate visit dates.

Space Florida continues to talk with the Governor's office to keep them informed as they pursue mission elements to bring to Florida.

Chair, Kellie Jo Kilberg added that it's important to educate people in the state on the missions associated with the USSPACECOM which are a good fit in Florida. As we move forward, we need to understand the capabilities and resources in your area that would support the different elements in those missions.

Debi Graham from the Greater Pensacola Chamber added that Northwest Florida has excellent cyber training and a very large DHS footprint. **Jim Kuzma** added that Northwest Florida also has a large AI capability, as well.

4) Agenda Item IV: FDSTF Update

Ray Collins discussed the upcoming Task Force meeting next week in Orange Park and the tour of Camp Blanding the day prior. They recently sent a letter to the Miami Beach City Commission asking them to support the Coast Guard in their efforts to resist rezoning parts of Miami Beach that would change the light industrial area next to the Coast Guard base to an area which could be rezoned for residential use and allow construction for a high-rise residential building adjacent to the Coast Guard base. If anyone has encroachment issues, please let Staff know so we can assist and support. The House has recently passed a resolution that would permanently close off part of the Gulf of Mexico for oil exploration and preserve the Gulf Test Range. This still needs to move to the Senate. If anyone has additional insight on this, please let us know. **Bruce Grant** will be retiring very soon, and we expect that

EFI will announce his replacement in the very near future. Bruce will be at EFI until his replacement is up to speed and is ready to take over the reigns and run with his responsibilities.

Jim Breitenfeld added that the House passed a bill that was introduced by Representative Tom Rooney and the press is reporting that the White House and several Republican Senators have expressed their opposition. This bill is for a permanent ban. Senator Rubio has a bill in the Senate calling for only a ten-year ban and Senator Scott has supported that bill. Leases will be issued next year to oil companies who want to start drilling the first day the Gulf opens in 2022, so the process to start drilling has already begun.

Chair, Kellie Jo Kilberg added that we need to send thank you notes to those in the House from Florida who sponsored and who voted in support of this bill. Any Florida delegates who voted against need to be educated more on this issue.

Kent Wimmer from Defenders of Wildlife stated that he sent Michelle Griggs the press release from Oceana on this bill. Michelle will forward to the members after the meeting.

Chris Miller in the office of US Representative John Rutherford added that what has been mentioned regarding the focus on the Senate is correct moving forward. Representative Rutherford understands the multiple reasons why it's important that the moratorium remain in place. He has been pushing this issue very hard and has been educating his fellow congressman on the importance as many don't understand why it's so critical.

Chair, Kellie Jo Kilberg reminded the members to not wait until someone is elected to tell your story. As soon as someone is running for office, meet with them and discuss your different missions and challenges. Let them know how important these missions are to your economy, as well as the state and national security. Always check on your city and county staff for turnover in those offices. Educate them on state laws or they will allow changes because they're uneducated on the ordinances, laws, etc. and need to check with the installation. As changes happen, we need to be the ones staying diligent in making sure new people know the laws.

5) Agenda Item V: Around the State/Top 3 Challenges

Northwest Florida:

Debi Graham, Greater Pensacola Chamber, discussed challenges such as getting local services, education and employment information to new, incoming military servicemembers and families, continue to improve local education and the high suicide rate. **Jana Wibberley**, Bay Defense Alliance, discussed that Bay County's primary challenge is continuing to work to rebuild Tyndall Air Force Base.

East Central Florida:

George Cheros, National Center for Simulation, discussed that they are supporting Space Florida regarding USSPACECOM and that they are rounding out their STEM programs for middle and high school students. The labor force of the future is a huge challenge and they may be introducing some items to the Legislature for funding. **Cassie Muffley**, Naval Ordinance Test Unit, discussed that the Navy has stood up the innovation hub called Naval X Tech Bridges. Orlando is one of five locations that has been selected and is currently in the beginning stage, but they are very excited about bringing in new innovation and believe that it will help the Navy to be on the cutting edge of technology. A challenge they face is the fact that Orlando does not have locality pay and the cost of living continues to rise. **Wayne Justice**, Canaveral Port Authority, reported that the EDC/Space Coast Defense Alliance is running a simplistic Space Coast Salutes Our Military through city council visits/proclamations/bumper stickers etc.- see www.SpaceCoastSalutes.com.

West Central Florida:

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Central Florida Regional Planning Council, discussed that they are looking at closing on a large piece of land within MIPA 1 at the Avon Park Air Force Range within the next two weeks.

Tim Jones, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance, reported that regarding education, they are monitoring OEA and working with them to make sure that funding is in place for Tinker Elementary and Middle Schools as permanent buildings are needed on those campuses. They are currently number 21 on the list for funding. They are working to ensure their local government leaders understand the issues as he recently met with the new Mayor of Tampa, Jane Castor, who was unaware of the Military Mission Line and didn't know it was used for training. Tampa is looking to replace the water lines all the way down to MacDill AFB at a cost of over \$1 billion. Mayor Castor has committed to give the opening remarks at the FDA meeting in Tampa in November.

South Florida:

Rick Miller, South Florida Defense Alliance, discussed that they just recently concluded a formal partnership alliance deal with the South Florida Defense Alliance and Emerge Americas. They host a signature event each year and will be March 30th and 31st in 2020. He will get more info out to the members as it becomes available. This is an opportunity to connect the DoD elements to a large ecosystem which exists in South Florida and is unaware of defense needs and requirements, as well as generating business-to-business opportunities between the traditional defense contracting world and the new tech innovation going on. This is a great opportunity to help grow the defense base in South Florida and across the state.

They are focused on the Miami Beach encroachment issue and are working with the FDSTF to draft legislation to submit for the upcoming Session that will add the Coast Guard stations around the state to the encroachment protection list for DoD facilities.

They are working with challenges and opportunities regarding resiliency issues. Since the recent decision to maintain JIATF South in Key West they've identified some resiliency challenges and are working with USSOUTHCOM and JIATF South to get them addressed. They are working with Homestead ARB on some of their issues, as well, and with the Coast Guard who has access challenges at Base Miami Beach. They are looking at trying to find funding sources to help resolve those issues in the next year or two. They are working to develop a Quad-County resiliency assessment study, attempting to gain support and move forward within the next year to develop a new level of standard that can be used and tested in South Florida, then once it's successful it can be shared across the state.

Jonathan Borgert, South Dade MAC, in Homestead the South Dade Military Affairs Committee helped with the Hurricane Dorian relief effort as many local folks helped to support that program by supplying hot meals for the military servicemembers who are being deployed to the Bahamas. They are looking at some minor encroachment issues and are diligently watching the upcoming City of Homestead Mayor and City Council elections to make sure they have the right military-friendly people in office.

Liz Miller, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, updated that a few of the new contracts are out for execution and she's still waiting on some of the grantees to send in their first drafts. If anyone needs help or assistance in preparing their scope or working out their deliverables, she's more than happy to help. Please reach out to her. For the most part have wrapped up all the DRGs for 2018-2019, and she thanks everyone for working with her and getting their information in in a timely manner.

Kent Wimmer, Defenders of Wildlife, extended an invitation as they are having their kickoff meeting for the Partnership of the Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape on September 30th in St. Augustine. They are holding this meeting in conjunction with the Public Land Acquisition and Management Conference as many state and federal agencies will be represented at that conference.

6) Agenda Item VI: Closing Comments

Chair, Kellie Jo Kilberg informed that the Power Up Expo for resilient bases and smart communities is on November 13th and 14th in Panama City at the Sheraton. We will send out more information on that event.

Ray Collins discussed that Staff has been working on brainstorming ideas for alternative methods which we can conduct promoting Florida's military advantages within the boundaries that the Governor has made clear he will find acceptable. The TF will be discussing this at the next meeting. If anyone has ideas about alternative means which we can implement, please contact Bruce or Ray and they will add to the other ideas for the meeting next week.

Chair, Kellie Jo Kilberg added that Florida is missing having ears and eyes in the Pentagon where decisions are being made every day. Also important is knowing what's going on and being ready to act at a moment's notice when we find out about challenges, opportunities, missions coming and missions going.

Jim Breitenfeld noted that the real issue is that Florida needs representation in Washington, DC today. Who is following up on the passage of specific bills, looking at the opposition, who is the opposition, and how do we get into the Pentagon to find out where they stand? Other states have that representation in Washington, DC. He stressed the critical importance on meeting with and briefing the Governor on the issues in Florida.

Ray Collins added that staff continues working to set up a meeting with the Governor. The legislative members of the TF are also trying to meet with the Governor next week during committee week.

Chair, Kellie Jo Kilberg thanked everyone for participating today. We'll be in touch for the information from your community for our Facebook page. The next in-person FDA meeting will be in Tampa on November 20th at the Renaissance Hotel. The agenda will be sent out soon.

The conference call was adjourned at 10:58 AM EDT.

Minutes for the Florida Defense Alliance Bi-Annual Meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2019

The Florida Defense Alliance of Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI) held a meeting from 8:15 AM EST-4:10 PM EST.

Present at the Meeting:

First Name	Last Name	Organization
Chad	Allison	Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Dr. Farshid	Azadian	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Nydia	Baez	81 st Readiness Division
Robert	Bhoolai	Hillsborough County Public Schools
Lynn	Brannon	Building Healthy Military Communities
Courtney	Cannon	NASA
Trey	Carlson	NASA
Jennifer	Codo-Salisbury	Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Ray	Collins	Enterprise Florida, Inc.
Cajun	Comeau	Department of Veterans Affairs
Harrison	Conyers	City of Jacksonville Military Affairs
Ernie	Farraresso	Cyber Florida
Kathleen	Ferguson	The Roosevelt Group
Debi	Graham	Greater Pensacola Chamber
Michelle	Griggs	Enterprise Florida, Inc.
Beef	Haddad	Tampa Bay Defense Alliance
Paul	Hirsch	Madison Government Affairs, Inc.
George	Howell	Holland & Knight
Mike	Jones	Tampa Bay Defense Alliance
Tim	Jones	Tampa Bay Defense Alliance
Wayne	Justice	RADM, USCG (Ret), Canaveral Port Commission
Katie	Lopez	Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce
Buck	MacLaughlin	Avon Park Air Force Range
Trudy	McCarthy	EDC of the Space Coast
Gabrielle	McClure-Nelson	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Beth	Medina	Enterprise Florida, Inc.
Chris	Middleton	University of West Florida
Hunter	Miller	Oceana

Liz	Miller	Department of Economic Opportunity
Rick	Miller	South Florida Defense Alliance
Cassie	Muffley	NSA Orlando & NOTU
Matthew	Pullis	Florida Army National Guard
Tony	Rodriguez	6 th Civil Engineer Squadron
Marcy	Sanders	Enterprise Florida, Inc.
Kim	Sukach	Hillsborough County Public Schools
Rachel	Walters	Hillsborough County Public Schools
Craig	Williams	Congressman Neal Dunn's Office
Jay	Wolfington	Eclipse Energy Systems

Semi- Annual Meeting Agenda
Renaissance Tampa International Plaza, Tampa, FL

November 20, 2019

0800-1700 EST

0800-0815	Welcome Remarks/Introductions	Kellie Jo Kilberg
0815-0830	DRG/DIG Grants Update	Liz Miller
0830-0845	Mayor of Tampa	Tim Jones
0845-0945	Strategic Basing	Kathleen Ferguson
0945-1015	Hillsborough County Public Schools Partnerships	Kim Sukach Robert Bhoelai
1015-1030	BREAK	Rachel Walters
1030-1100	Mission United Update	George Howell Cajun Comeau
1100-1115	FDSTF Update	Ray Collins
1115-1155	University-Industry Collaboration	Chris Middleton
1200-1330	Lunch	
1330-1515	Working Groups Meet	Rick Miller Lynn Brannon
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission Sustainment • Family Support 	
1515-1525	BREAK	
1525-1545	Working Groups' Report / FDA Discussion	Rick Miller Lynn Brannon
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1545-1630	Economic Development Community Significant Current Initiative Update	Local Defense Partners
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northwest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Escambia, Santa Rosa, Walton, Okaloosa, & Bay • Northeast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Duval and Clay Counties • East Central Florida <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brevard and Orange Counties • West Central Florida <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Highlands, Polk, Tampa, and Pinellas Counties • South Florida <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties 	

1630-1640	Next Meeting Planning There will be an FDA teleconference on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 1000 EST. The next in-person FDA meeting is Wednesday, May 20, 2020, Tallahassee, Florida	Kellie Jo Kilberg
1640-1645	Closing Comments/Adjourn	Kellie Jo Kilberg
1800-2000	FDA / Florida Defense Support Task Force No-Host Dinner – The Pub	

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A quorum being present, Vice Chairman Tim Jones began the meeting on November 20, 2019 at 8:15 AM EST.

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome & Introductions

Vice Chairman Tim Jones welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. The Pledge of Allegiance was said, and introductions were made around the room.

II. Agenda Item II: Aerospace & Defense Online Portal

Liz Miller, DEO, discussed that Florida has received a grant from the Department of Defense’s Office of Economic Adjustment to develop an Aerospace and Defense Online Platform through the FL Department of Economic Opportunity. The Platform will serve as a resource for networking, education and research to promote growth in Florida’s defense-related industries.

The Platform will be a free, web-based tool for Florida businesses interested in bidding on DoD contracts. They would like this Platform to be used as a tool where both prime and smaller contractors can utilize searchable resources and databases to find increased sub-contracting opportunities. The primary aim of the Platform will be to provide small- and medium-sized businesses the opportunity to partner on larger projects and to grow their customer bases as a result.

Specifically, the Platform will provide a business registration tool, search engine, database, DoD-compliant cybersecurity training, and real-time DoD data in the form of data visualizations. These tools will help provide opportunities to aerospace and defense-related businesses as well as other vendors interested in bidding on open DoD contracts. Businesses will register to use the site and then be granted access to browse prime contract

opportunities and network with other contractors outside the Platform. The Platform will also recommend contracts based on the industry of the user.

Part of the grant funding for the Platform will be used to develop cybersecurity training opportunities for Florida businesses who currently bid, or will bid, on DoD contracts. As of 2017, DoD requires that all DoD contractors that process, store or transmit Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) must meet the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) minimum security standards or risk losing their contract(s). All defense contractors and subcontractors that process, store or transmit covered defense information must be compliant with DFARS clause 252.204-7012. Additionally, the DoD plans to roll out a new certification model next year called the Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC), which will create a consistent framework for the cybersecurity compliance standards that contractors must meet before doing business with the DoD. They hope to utilize the Florida Defense Platform to provide a landing page and links to free web-based training on the Platform to help businesses obtain the necessary CMMC training and to find information on DoD cybersecurity certifications and requirements. The DoD has asked them to explore ways to use the Platform to assist businesses, particularly small and medium sized businesses, with education and training opportunities for this mission. The DoD grant will allow DEO to work with a partner, most likely a state college or university, with background in providing these types of training programs.

III. **Agenda Item III: Welcome from the Mayor of Tampa**

Mayor of Tampa Jane Castor welcomed the group to Tampa and thanked them for what they do every day in support of Florida's forces, veterans and businesses. She discussed the relationship between the Tampa community and MacDill AFB and is proud of the fact that when servicemembers retire, they choose to remain in the community. She's working on trying to bring more defense contractor businesses and organizations to the Tampa area and is focusing on issues to make life easier for those serving, such as licensure reciprocity and education. Her office works very closely with the superintendent of schools to ensure they have the best possible education system in their community. She discussed the recent Warrior Games and the huge success of that event as they are doing all they can to be supportive.

Tampa strives to be the community approached by others for innovative ideas. She discussed issues such as encroachment and climate change, suggesting the possible purchase of that type of problematic property. Her office is currently performing a nationwide search for a resiliency and sustainability officer to help mitigate the effects of sea level rise and what they can do to reduce their carbon footprint. She noted the success of the Water Street community, which is 100% green and will set an example for the rest of the country and the Chiller development which will heat and cool the entire community and will free up the roofs of the houses for foliage or solar applications.

IV. **Agenda Item IV: Strategic Basing**

Kathleen Ferguson, The Roosevelt Group, discussed how the Air Force makes their strategic basing decisions showing the criteria (including operations, capacity and environment) and funding, on which these decisions are made. The mission shown was the recent F-35 Ops 5 and 6 basing decision of which Jacksonville was in the running.

Ms. Ferguson updated on Tyndall AFB and its rebuild efforts post Hurricane Michael. The Air Force will build Tyndall as the "Base of the Future", a 21st Century installation built to meet today's mission and future mission not yet known. The estimated cost is \$4 Billion+ and is not fully funded.

Other items of discussion:

- Leadership changes in the Pentagon
- Leadership changes in the Army and Navy
- The status of FY20 Defense Bills
 - FY20 National Defense Authorization Act
 - FY20 Appropriations
- FY20 Legislative Issues
 - Defense Critical Infrastructure Program (DCIP)
 - Privatized Housing and Bill of Rights
 - Intergovernmental Service Agreement (IGSA)

Education and licensure will be included as important issues of discussion at the ADC National Conference in June 2020. She briefly discussed the importance of Installation Energy Plans and Energy Resilience and Cybersecurity and updated on climate change and the eight Florida installations at-risk due to climate change.

She concluded with discussion on the importance of the Military Mission Line and the Eglin Gulf Test and Training Range (EGTTR). The Eastern Gulf of Mexico (EGOMEX) Range stretches from the Florida Panhandle (commonly referred to as the Military Mission Line) south to Key West and is the largest military testing and training range in the United States. The MML was established by the 2006 GOMESA law to delineate the military testing area as being off limits to oil exploration. This moratorium will expire in June 2022 unless extended.

Vice Chairman Tim Jones asked Ms. Ferguson, on behalf of **Chairman Kellie Jo Kilberg**, to provide three (3) issues communities need to work on to support strategic basing. Ms. Ferguson replied that important on-going issues are schools, licensure and the ability to operate a sustaining mission.

V. **Agenda Item V: Hillsborough County Public Schools Partnerships**

Kim Sukach, Robert Bhoolai and Rachel Walters presented on the partnership between Hillsborough County Public Schools (HCPS) and MacDill AFB. Hillsborough County is home to 229,899 public school students to which is the third largest school district in the state. Approximately 4,500 of those students are dependents of active duty servicemembers.

The core of their partnership with MacDill AFB is the MacDill Council for Educational Excellence (MCEE) created to enhance the educational experience of military-connected students enrolled in HCPS. Meetings are held four times per year and are chaired by the Vice-Wing Commander from MacDill AFB. The Vice Chair is the Deputy Superintendent of HCPS.

Education strategy key points for the MCEE are to establish collaborative efforts between base officials and the HCPS Superintendent. It creates opportunities for excellence in military students' education and establishes a partnership between base and local school officials which will determine the success of desired outcome. It assists parents in navigating through their school system and enables both on and off base partners to work in unison to support military families.

The MCEE assists families with school choice and enrollment. Families who transition during the school year can apply for Magnet and school choice upon arrival. They've created an online application system which allows active-duty transitioning families to apply without a local address. They have access to Florida physical and immunization forms. It allows 10th and 11th grade students of transitioning active-duty service members to apply for the International Baccalaureate (IB) program and allows families to start the year at attendance

area schools during the home-buying or rental process. To assist students with graduation, the MCEE assists with weighted grade point averages. They assist in the training of High School counselors on Military Children's Compact (MIC3).

HCPS works with the MCEE on Exceptional Student Education (ESE) as it established a point of contact in the Exceptional Office for military families. It allows families to send Individual Education Plans (IEPs) prior to arrival for review. There is collaboration between Student Liaison Office (SLO), Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) and the school district to meet the needs of exceptional families. They provide information to stakeholders through collaborative trainings and town-hall meetings.

Other collaborations between the HCPS and the MCEE:

- Adding programs to schools that serve the installation
- Utilization of Military Child Education Coalition programs
- Partnering with MAFB on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) Day allowing students to experience STEAM related Air Force careers
- Yearly recognition of Month of the Military Child during April through a School Board Proclamation
- Conversion of an on base school from an elementary to a K-8

VI. Agenda Item VI: Mission United Update

George Howell explained that Mission United was started by Stephen Moss as his daughter was injured serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and he struggled to understand her VA and GI Bill benefits. Over 40,000 non-profit organizations provide services exclusively to veterans, service members and their families. Mission United makes these services easier to navigate by providing a coordinated care network with a simple entry point through 2-1-1. Mission United, through 2-1-1 connects veterans to resources to help with healthcare, employment, education, housing, legal assistance, transition, benefits and caregivers.

In addition to ensuring the military and veteran community can easily access the services and benefits they have earned, Mission United partners work together to advocate and organize around 5 key areas:

- Transition to civilian life
- Employment
- Benefits
- Family and Caregivers
- Changing the narrative for their military and veteran communities

Cajun Comeau, Senior Program Analyst for the Veterans Affairs Veterans Experience Office, discussed the Community Veterans Engagement Boards (CVEB) and how they align with Mission United across the state of Florida. In 2015 Secretary of the VA Bob McDonald visited San Diego, California and saw a collection of organizations which had been coming together for the past fifteen years to look at strategic and systemic problems in the community to do investigation and to attempt to resolve those issues. The CVEBs have partnered with Mission United and coaligned themselves throughout the state.

Current Florida CVEBs:

Orlando	Heart of Florida Mission United
St. Petersburg	Bay Pines Community Engagement Board
Pensacola	Pensacola Veterans Support Organizations Network
Fort Lauderdale	Mission United of Broward County
West Palm Beach	Palm Beach County Veterans Coalition
Tampa	Mission United of Tampa/ Hillsborough County
Jacksonville	Northeast Florida Veterans Advocacy Board

Future locations will be in Tallahassee, Gainesville and The Villages.

VII. Agenda Item VII: FDSTF Update

Ray Collins discussed Florida's military presence noting that there has not been a BRAC since 2005. He briefed the mission of the Task Force (TF): to make recommendations to preserve, protect and enhance Florida's military missions and installations; increase the defense industry in Florida; and improve the military-friendly environment for service members, families, retirees and businesses that bring military-related jobs to the state. Senator Doug Broxson is currently the appointed Chair and Rear Admiral Stan Bozin, Major General Jim Eifert, Captain Keith Hoskins and Representative Mel Ponder are new appointments since the last FDA meeting.

The TF's top priorities are:

- Tyndall AFB Rebuild
- Protection of the Gulf Range
- Space Command/Space Force

The TF's main issues are:

- Prevent encroachment/incompatible development.
- Military family quality of life concerns
 - Spousal employment
 - Schools
- Resiliency
- Influence Pentagon decisions on basing

VIII. Agenda Item VIII: University-Industry Collaboration

Chris Middleton, University of West Florida, began his presentation by discussing the West Florida Defense Alliance which supports NAS Whiting Field, Saufley Field, Corry Station and NAS Pensacola. Their mission statement is to actively facilitate community and government support to sustain and enhance current military missions and promote the region's contributions to the nation's defense. They do this by focusing on P4 partnerships, workforce, family readiness and technology. The West Florida Defense Alliance is part of a defense ecosystem that reaches across the state. In Northwest Florida alone, this ecosystem generates over 182,000 jobs and \$22 billion in economic impact. Approximately 40% of those impacts are realized in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties.

He discussed Florida's large state university system noting that in addition to the twelve universities, Florida's state college system hosts an additional 28 campuses including state colleges and community colleges. The Florida State University System has over 281,000 undergrads 68,000 graduate students 60,000 faculty and staff.

He discussed the many programs provided by the University of West Florida and the National Security Innovation Base. The security environment is affected by rapid technological advancements and the changing character of war. The drive to develop new technologies is relentless, expanding to more actors with lower barriers of entry, and moving at accelerating speed. New technologies include advanced computing, "big data" analytics, artificial intelligence, autonomy, robotics, directed energy, hypersonics, and biotechnology - the very technologies that ensure we will be able to fight and win the wars of the future.

Five key practices universities and corporate partners can implement to support successful, sustained industry-university innovation alliances:

- The alliance must integrate both company and university strategy.
- The industry partner and the university must be prepared to collaborate across the full innovation life cycle.

- The industry partner and the university must be able to leverage resources across the university to meet the company's needs.
- The university must have dedicated partner liaisons who understand the partner's strategic priorities.
- The university should be prepared to tailor education programs to provide support for industry partners' innovation needs.

He briefed on initiating industry collaborations and the necessary actions needed for those collaborations. He gave many examples such as the talent pipeline, Veteran spouses and data sources and analysis and discussed the talent outcome out of those examples which includes expanding and accelerating a value-added pipeline of students, researchers and collaborators to support mission growth and mission sustainment.

IX. Agenda Item IX: Working Groups Meet

The Mission Sustainment and Family Support Working Groups met for separate discussions at this time.

X. Agenda Item X: Working Groups' Report / FDA Discussion

Lynn Brannon, Chair of the Family Support Working Group (FSWG), reported that the group discussed the top issues across the state such as childcare, financial readiness and counselors, and suicide prevention. There is a Regional Task Force meeting in northeast Florida/Duval County on December 3rd which will discuss how community collaborations impact the military and communities and what happens when organizations come together to meet the needs of those communities.

Rick Miller, Chair of the Mission Sustainment Working Group (MSWG), reported to members that their working group had much discussion on several topics including the top three state issues: The Space Force/Space Command, Tyndall AFB rebuild and the protection of the Gulf Range. Most of the discussion was about how to replace what was lost when the advocacy contract was not renewed and how to leverage experience and ideas into a more comprehensive, statewide approach providing a systemic and repeated engagement with the right targets in Washington, DC. The last item they discussed was the U.S. Coast Guard in the state and how it is largely overlooked or neglected by our efforts as the FDA and FDSTF focus on DoD missions. The Coast Guard is important to the state's economic vitality and defense missions and he asked that other regions support them, as well.

XI. Agenda Item XI: Economic Development Community Significant Current Initiative Update

Northwest Florida:

Debi Graham from the Greater Pensacola Chamber reported that they are having a regional meeting on December 11th bringing together the base liaison officers from each of the installations and the community to discuss issues of interest between all the installations in their area. **Chris Middleton** from the University of West Florida reported on the West Florida Defense Alliance and its successful alignment under the FDA; he shared an example of JLUS or enhanced land use properties involving helicopter properties; hybrid funding looking for a solution to an enclave of a particular base and its access, using Tyndall AFB as an example; and regarding family readiness, they are leaning on a multi-party solution for issues such as veteran spouse hiring.

Northeast Florida:

Harrison Conyers from the City of Jacksonville reported on Jacksonville's Celebration of Valor events held from October to December to include a breakfast, career fair, Vetpreneur Summit and the Jacksonville Jaguars' Military Appreciation Game; next week they will

receive their seventh of fourteen expected Littoral Combat Ships (LCS) at NS Mayport; two changes of command at NAS Jacksonville and NS Mayport; the Navy has completed community outreach on the firefighting foam issue; the Pentagon has pushed back the MQ-4 Triton operations to 2025; the 411th Hospital Medical Center deployed last week to Kuwait; with the help of the state and FDA they have recently acquired the last major parcel in historic Mayport Village to protect from development and are working on a deal near NAS Jacksonville; and the marines at Blount Island have acquired \$32 million to blast the slipway at Blount island command for better ingress and egress to the St. Johns River commercial channels.

East Central Florida:

Paul Hirsch from the EDC of the Space Coast reported on the Space Command issue, adding that they expect a visit from Space Florida in December to complete the review of all the installations in the state with a report coming out in January; the local EDC has reinstated military family awareness with bumper stickers to keep people excited about the value that military families bring to their community; they currently have two intergovernmental support agreements underway and are trying to establish more; and they have about 40 commercial launches scheduled prior to the end of this year. **Cassie Muffley** from NSA Orlando & NOTU reported that they continue to work on partnerships and innovation; they are finalizing renovations on the final partnership building and acquired a new army mission over the summer; they were recently named one of five naval XTech bridges; and I/ITSEC is coming up on December 2nd through the 5th and is the largest modeling and simulation conference in the world.

West Central Florida:

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury from the Central Florida Regional Planning Council reported that Polk County recently used its FDSTF grant as match to close on a conservation easement in the military compatibility zone; and Highlands County completed the purchase of Rafter T phase 4 in MIPA 1. **Buck MacLaughlin** from the Avon park Air Force Range added that they are fighting an issue with Polk County on the Triple Canopy property and they would like support from the FDA and FDSTF with letters or support and/or presence at the meetings to help reinforce their concerns; they are hosting the 23rd Fighter Wing who are currently performing agile basing exercises at MacDill AFB; and in December they are hosting a Naval Special Warfare Group 2. **Chad Allison** with the Central Florida Regional Planning Council discussed that the DoD REPI program has contributed to over 10,000 acres of conservation easements at Avon Park Air Force Range in 8 separate parcels/transactions; Northwest Florida continues to push for the Sentinel Landscapes designation; the Sentinel Landscapes website was recently overhauled this week at sentinellandsapes.org; and he has copies of the annual accomplishment report for those who would like to review.

Tim Jones, President of the Tampa Bay Defense Alliance, reported that the 6th Air Mobility Wing has been renamed the 6th Air Refueling Wing; AMC continues to task the 6th with a secondary mission of cargo haulers; there are now officially 24 KC-135Rs at MacDill AFB; the Army Aviation Support Facility, 23 UH-60s moving from Clearwater to MacDill AFB has been delayed again; the Warrior games was held recently in Tampa; the Medal of Honor Convention was held recently and winners went to local schools to talk about what it was and what it stood for and made a great impact on the kids; International Night is on December 5th on base where 62 nation partners hold a large holiday party and local country food is prepared and shared; and the Tampa Bay Defense Alliance Annual golf tournament to support the Tinker school will be held on January 10th.

South Florida:

Rick Miller from the South Florida Defense Alliance (SFDA) reported on the HARB's and Coast Guard's relief response to Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas; they are heavily engaged

with the potential incompatible development encroachment issue around Base Miami Beach; they continue to engage on regional approaches to resilience and developing new ways to line up local, state, federal and interagency support behind understanding resilience challenges around the bases; in December, they will be attending the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Compact Summit Meeting in Key West and visiting NAS Key West and the Coast Guard, as well; and discussed the eMerge Americas event to be held in Miami on March 30th and 31st, 2020.

Nydia Baez from the 81st Readiness Programs Family Programs Team, discussed the realignment of their division and how many of their families don't live near a base and don't receive the same access to benefits such as childcare; she will pass on her team's contact information post-meeting in the hopes of keeping them informed of programs in their areas.

XII. Agenda Item XII: Next Meeting Planning

Vice Chairman Tim Jones announced that there will be an FDA teleconference on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 1000 EST. The next in-person FDA meeting is Wednesday, May 20, 2020 in Tallahassee, Florida at the Four Points by Sheraton.

XIII. Agenda Item XIII: Closing Comments / Adjourn

Vice Chairman Tim Jones thanked everyone for attending, reminded everyone about the dinner at The Pub at 6:00 PM and asked everyone to return their nametag to the table outside the room.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM EST.