

Minutes for the Florida Defense Alliance Teleconference on Tuesday, February 15, 2022

The Florida Defense Alliance held a teleconference from 9:00 AM – 10:52 AM EST.

Present at the Meeting:

First Name	Last Name	Organization
Mike	Aller	FloridaMakes
Maria	Barkmeier	FL Military Family Special Needs Network
Pamela	Berkowsky	South Florida Defense Alliance
Bob	Bienvenue	Military Officers' Association of America, Florida Chapter
Jonathan	Borgert	Homestead MAC
Cameron	Bowsky	Matrix Design Group
Cindy	Brown	Senate Military Affairs Committee
George	Cheros	National Center for Simulation
Jennifer	Codo-Salisbury	CFRPC/FDA Exec Board
Ray	Collins	Enterprise Florida, Inc.
Harrison	Conyers	City of Jacksonville
Chad	Corriveau	Enterprise Florida, Inc.
Dave	Dahl	Navy Region Southeast
April	DaSilva	Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Tim	Farrell	Military Child Education Coalition
Dr. Neal	Finkelstein	National Center for Simulation
Michelle	Griggs	Enterprise Florida, Inc.
MG Richard	Haddad	FDSTF/Tampa Bay Defense Alliance
Sarah	Hayenga	Homestead Air Reserve Base
Jim	Heald	FDSTF/Okaloosa County
Paul	Hirsch	Madison Government Affairs
Keith	Hoskins	FDSTF/Escambia County
Donna	Huneycutt	Tampa Bay Defense Alliance
Penny	Justice	Florida Employment Support Program
Kellie Jo	Kilberg	FDA Chair
Wendy	Layton	Blue Star Families
Buck	MacLaughlin	Avon Park Air Force Range
Elizabeth	May	Society of American Military Engineers
Ty	Martin, Esquire	Florida Attorney General's Office

Terry	McCaffrey	Enterprise Florida, Inc.
Trudy	McCarthy	EDC of Florida's Space Coast
Chris	Middleton	West Florida Defense Alliance
Rick	Miller	South Florida Defense Alliance
Dave	Murzin	850 Consulting Group
Kathleen	Nestor	FDA Exec Board/FSWG Chair
Tom	Neubauer	FDSTF/Bay Defense Alliance
Sal	Nodjomian	Matrix Design Group
Jim	Philpitt	Tampa Bay Defense Alliance
Patty	Piazza	Navy Region Southeast
Kay	Rasmussen	Okaloosa County EDC/DSI Committee
Guillermo	Rodriguez	Antares Aerospace
Tony	Rodriguez	MacDill AFB
Matt	Schwalb	Matrix Design Group
Emily	Spencer	Onward to Opportunity (O2O) Florida
Andy	Stack	Building Healthy Military Communities
Cory	Strickland	Department of Economic Opportunity
Nila	Thompson	Veterans ASCEND
Charlie	Tramazzo	USO
Brooke	Trawick-Gilbert	Bay Defense Alliance
Larry	Ventura	HARB
Craig	Williams	Bay Defense Alliance
Kent	Wimmer	Defenders of Wildlife
Jason	Zaborske	FloridaMakes
Clarence	Zarnes	St. Cloud, Florida
The Florida	Channel	

Agenda: See below

ZOOM / Teleconference Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

0900 – 1130 EST / 0800 – 1030 CST

- 900 – 0905 Roll Call..... Michelle Griggs**
- 0905 – 0910 Opening Remarks..... Kellie Jo Kilberg**
- 0910 – 0940 Florida Economic Impact Study.....Matt Schwalb**
Florida Defense Contractors Engagement Program.....Matt Schwalb
- 0940 – 1000 Best Practices: Community Military Website..... Rick Miller**
- 1000 – 1020 Mission Sustainment Update.....Chris Middleton**
- 1020– 1040 Family Support Update Kathleen Nestor**
- Purple Star School Implementation update
 - Spousal Employment Compacts update
- 1040 – 1100 Legislative & FDSTF Update..... Terry McCaffrey**
- 1100 – 1125 Around the State/Top challengesBy Region**
- Northwest: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Walton, Okaloosa & Bay
 - Northeast: Duval & Clay
 - East Central Florida: Brevard & Orange
 - West Central Florida: Highlands, Polk, Tampa & Pinellas
 - South Florida: Miami-Dade & Monroe
- 1125 – 1130 Closing Comments & Adjournment.....Chair**

A quorum being present, **Terry McCaffrey** began the call on February 15, 2022, at 9:00 AM EST.

1) Agenda Item I: Roll Call

Michelle Griggs announced that roll call will be provided by Zoom.

2) Agenda Item II: Opening Remarks

Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chairwoman, welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. She asked that during the meeting to be looking out for topics to include at the May FDA in-person meeting as she's still working on that meeting's agenda.

3) Agenda Item III: Florida Economic Impact Study

Matt Schwalb, Matrix Design Group, provided an update on their recently completed 2022 Economic Impact Study on Florida's defense industry.

Topics of discussion included:

Defense Industry definitions

- Economic Impact Analysis
 - Estimates how defense spending ripples through the Florida economy
 - Captures direct, indirect, and induced spending
 - Each economy is different, leading to varying impacts
 - Utilizes the industry standard REMI PI+ socio-economic model
- Spending Types
 - Installation Footprint
 - Procurement
 - Transfer Payments

Trends in Defense Spending

- Total Direct Spending was \$49.3 billion in 2020 – up 12% from 2018 (\$44.0B)

State and Regional Impacts

- Direct spending up 12% since 2018
- Total economic impacts increased 1.7% since 2018 to ≈ \$96.6 billion in 2020
- Total jobs supported declined by 6% since 2018 to ≈ 860,221 in 2020
- Household spending (induced impacts) did not generate levels of economic activity consistent with past
 - Result of COVID-19 changing household consumption patterns (Brick & Mortar vs E-commerce)
 - Contributed to ≈ 6% decrease in number of total jobs supported by defense-related spending
- Defense industry accounts for ≈ 8.5% of Florida's economy
- Florida defense economy acted as a stabilizing force
 - Outpaced total state growth during pandemic

Total Economic Impact by Year and Type		
Impact Type	Year	Impact
Total Direct Spending	2018	\$44.0
	2020	\$49.3
	% Change	12.2%
Economic Impact Gross State Product (Current USD)	2018	\$94.9
	2020	\$96.6
	% Change	1.7%
Total Jobs Supported	2018	914,787
	2020	860,221
	% Change	-6.0%

Source: REMI PI+ Version 2.5.0 (build 5955)

Dollar values are current USD.

Regional Impacts as a Percent of Whole, 2020

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Region	GRP (Billions USD)	Job Impact	Distribution
Northwest	\$21.8	186,689	22.5%
East Central	\$21.1	196,858	21.8%
Tampa Bay	\$20.2	175,108	20.9%
Southeast	\$14.6	130,484	15.1%
Northeast	\$14.4	122,056	14.9%
Southwest	\$2.4	24,558	2.5%
North Central	\$1.9	20,435	2.0%
South Central	\$0.3	4,033	0.3%

Source: REMI Pi+ Version 2.5.0 (build 5955)

Dollar values are current USD and totals may not sum due to rounding.

The full report can be found here:

<https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/Florida-2022-Defense-Industry-EIA-full-report-FINAL.pdf>

4) Agenda Item IV: Florida Defense Contractors Engagement Program

Matt Schwalb, Matrix Design Group, provided an in-depth demonstration of their Florida Defense Contractors Inventory Enhancement website (<https://www.fl-cyber.com/defense-contractors-inventory>), which is a mapping tool of all of the defense contracts performed in the state of Florida, as well as where they're awarded.

Over the next six months Matrix will be reaching out to Florida's defense communities and defense alliances on how they can meet and work with defense contractors to show them the value of the website. They'd like to set up meetings for a thorough demonstration to show this tool and how it can provide value to the rest of the state.

5) Agenda Item V: Mission Sustainment Update

Chris Middleton, Chair of the Mission Sustainment Working Group, provided an update on the mission sustainment grant. The University of West Florida has contracted The Roosevelt Group to produce an inventory and report of all available ranges in Florida in a whole of Florida format and to create an engagement plan or playbook that any region of Florida can use for their own purposes in mission sustainment. Recently The Roosevelt Group has inventoried most of the available capabilities of Florida, and they are now in the interview phase with certain members of defense alliances or the Task Force or other stakeholders in the range, so the desired outcome is a product usable by all alliance members for engagement purposes that tells this strong story for Florida in a whole of Florida format about the ranges available for operations. The final product will create the narrative for increased budgets and mission/unit growth. The project will be complete later this spring and will be available to all stakeholders.

Rick Miller added that the recently completed 3D range model is a phenomenal GIS-based tool and they're working with Staff on how that model can be leveraged to capture other elements of the Florida military complex and bring together all the disparate elements that support Florida's military bases, installations and personnel into one comprehensive 3D model that can be easily visualized.

Terry McCaffrey stated that Staff is working to update the M&D website to incorporate the 3D range model, in conjunction with state mapping of bases, dashboard numbers and information and defense videos.

6) Agenda Item VI: Family Support Update

Purple Star School Implementation Update

Kathleen Nestor, Family Support Working Group Chair, briefed that the Purple Star School Program is currently in rulemaking at the Florida Department of Education. The rulemaking period should be concluded by March then it will go to the State Board, hoping to make it through the State Board by the end of March. Applications would be due by August 1st. The rulemaking committee stated that each school must establish and maintain a dedicated page on its website, and they recommended the option of having the school district maintain the page, possibly a link on the school's website, so they have more uniform information disseminated within a district in terms of services available to families.

Spousal Employment Compacts Update

Kathleen Nestor briefed that the bills for the military licensure compacts/professional licensure compacts has made it through appropriations and is ready for the Senate floor. The House bill has one more stop and she's hoping it hits the floor before the end of the Legislative Session.

Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chairwoman, noted the list of the compacts they tried to get through this year.

- **Licensed Professional Counseling (LPCC)**
- **Psychological Interjurisdictional (Psypact)**
- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Speech Pathologists/Audiologists (ASLPC)
- Physical Therapy (PT)
- Occupational Therapy

The Licensed Professional Counselors compact, the Psychological Interjurisdictional compact and the extension to the Military Schoolchild Compact are the only ones making it through this Session. They're going to continue to work on the others next year.

Terry McCaffrey updated that The Roosevelt Group has been contracted by the Task Force to do a deep dive into the Air Force's most recent education report. The goal will be not just to correct the Air Force's assessment but influence the way DoD assesses education near installations.

SB 430 / HB 153 – Interstate Compact on Education Opportunity of Military Children, extends repeal of this important compact. Is through committee and on the floor for approval.

SB 1370 / HB 0953 - Psychological Interjurisdictional Compact is waiting to go into committee on the Senate; moving in the House (has passed two committees).

SB 358 / HB 590 - Licensed Professional Counselors Compact has passed one committee in the Senate: next to Approvals. Passed two committees in the House and is moving to final Approval.

Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chairwoman, added that for the 2023 Legislative Session they're going to switch up how they go after sponsorships for the compacts as they'll start getting sponsors on the House side because it's easier to get the sponsors from the Senate.

Kathleen Nestor added that they are working on ways to help support military children and families in terms of mental health and continuing education. She's meeting with **Dr. Maria Barkmeier** soon to discuss how they can further extend healthcare support for disabled children of military families.

7) Agenda Item VII: Legislative & FDSTF Update

Terry McCaffrey, Enterprise Florida, Inc., provided an update on events at EFI, the TF and Legislation:

- As of February 14th there are 66 bills that support military members:
 - SB 2500 – Defense funding:
 - FDSTF \$2 million
 - DIG \$1.6 million
 - DRG \$800,000
- SB 438 / HB 465 – US Space Force, includes space in definition of uniformed services. Is on it's second reading on both the Senate and House floor.
- EFI held their quarterly Board Meeting last week in Tallahassee, which highlighted military and defense. Major General Richard “Beef” Haddad was the keynote speaker and gave a wonderful presentation on relationships. They also showed several of the recently completed defense videos.
- The FDSTF had a robust January meeting
 - They approved their FY 22-23 meeting calendar and schedule
 - They approved the annual report and work plan covering FY 20-21
 - They approved a grant for the EDC of Florida’s Space Coast for wastewater solutions for Patrick Space Force Base
 - They approved two contracts for Matrix Design Group (resiliency projects by installation) and The Roosevelt Group (education review on how Florida is rated on education at installations)
 - The next FDSTF meeting is on Thursday, February 17th at 9 AM EST
- Since the last FDA meeting, the KC-46 was designated to MacDill AFB
- Florida Rock is a piece of property that, if developed, would have been a major problem for MacDill AFB to maintain flight operations. This land will be developed as a compatible use piece of property which is a big win, multiple years in the making.
- He has not heard anything official about the criteria for the STARCOM basing decision but expects that information to be released soon
- Upcoming events in which Staff will be participating:
 - AFA Air Warfare Symposium, Orlando’s Rosen Shingle Creek, March 2-4
 - ADC Annual National Summit, Washington, DC, March 7-9
 - 80th Doolittle Raider Goblet Turning, Fort Walton Beach, April 15-18
 - ADC Regional Summit – Florida is developing a regional program targeting September 2022 in Fort Walton Beach with a Resilience Funding Program theme
 - Veterans Florida Expo, Orlando, June 17-18, will provide more information soon
- The M&D website is being updated to add a map and incorporate information such as the 3D range model, a dashboard with economic impact data and the defense videos.
- EFI is working to increase their marketing around our military and defense programs as to tell Florida’s story. More information to come.

8) Agenda Item VIII: Around the State / Top Challenges

Northwest Florida:

Kay Rasmussen, One Okaloosa EDC/Tri-County Community Partnership Initiative Committee, discussed that their top challenge and main priority remains advocating for the Military Mission Line and the permanent moratorium to protect the Eastern Gulf Test and Training Range; they are finalizing their Annual Federal Legislative Point paper and will share once it's complete.

Other things that we're monitoring, advocating for and working for solution on remains a new childcare development center to be located in the north portion of Okaloosa County. Affordable workforce housing remains a challenge as mission sets are growing at Team Egin and they are challenged with having adequate housing, not only for military families but all also for civilian families. Traffic congestion on Highway 98 remains a mission readiness block for Hurlburt field and discussions are underway to improve that issue.

The Tri-County Community Partnership Initiative partnered with Egin AFB and Hurlburt Field leadership as well as SAF/IE last month to conduct a virtual workshop with three overriding topic areas: quality of life, infrastructure and education workforce training. They are identifying next steps in the community, primarily the Tri-County Community: Okaloosa, Walton and Santa Rosa counties, for continued partnership and collaboration opportunities. The Tri-County region signed a memorandum of understanding and agreement back in 2015 and this year they are looking at re-engaging a new charter and a new signing of that agreement.

Chris Middleton, West Florida Defense Alliance, briefed that NAS Pensacola had a change of command last month and NAS Whiting Field has received the first four new H-73 Leonardo built helicopters.

Brooke Trawick-Gilbert, Bay Defense Alliance, reported that Tyndall AFB, the US Army Corps of Engineers has awarded the fourth major military construction contract for Tyndall's 325 Fighter Wing's 27,265 square foot headquarters building. Many of the buildings are being constructed to withstand 170 mile per hour winds.

During the rebuild for the next several years Tyndall will track between 3,000 to 3,500 visitors per day, mostly contractors, using the new Defense System Visitor Enrollment System to keep the flow of people moving.

Lack of affordable housing for airmen is a growing problem within the Air Force. A committee of the Air Force Civil Engineer Leaders has embarked on a campaign to survey every installation to determine which bases have significant issues in locating houses for military members and families and, if so, how communities are responding to develop solutions. The surveys will go to all installations this month and the committee will review results and develop recommendations to SAF/IE. Committee members involved are from communities surrounding Tyndall AFB, Beale AFB, California, Hill AFB, Utah, Atlas AFB, Oklahoma and Mountain Home AFB, Idaho.

At NSA Panama City The next generation landing craft, Ship to Shore Connector (SSC), Landing Craft, Air Cushion (LCAC), successfully completed well deck interoperability testing with USS Carter Hall and demonstrated the craft are another step closer to fleet integration. The test event, a collaboration between, PEO Ships, USS Carter Hall, Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division and other stakeholders, was the culmination of months of preparation. The testing also has historical significance, as Panama City is the location of the Navy's Air Cushion Vehicle Center of Excellence with the first-ever well deck operations occurring off Panama City in 1985 between legacy LCAC 01 and USS Whidbey Island.

Jim Heald reported that the Okaloosa County Defense Support Initiatives Team is working with Oceana in support of a permanent solution for the Military Mission Line. They've recently met with staffs from both Senator Rubio and Senator Scott's office. The Gulf Coast's leading one-day technology, engineering, and manufacturing expo, the TeCMEN Industry Day is scheduled for April 26th. Colonel Meeks, Commander AFRL Munitions Directorate will be the Keynote speaker.

Northeast Florida:

Harrison Conyers, City of Jacksonville (CoJ), briefed that last week the CoJ hosted a Military Spouse Appreciation Night Out. They rented Veterans Arena and had 1,000 military spouses participate.

They recently hosted a meeting between the CoJ's new Chief Resiliency Officer and the Navy, focusing on mission readiness issues near NS Mayport that will impact not only NS Mayport but the Coast Guard Station. They are looking at 2023 BRIC funding to help with those projects.

Buffering efforts continue as they just closed on 3.91 acres near Outlying Field Whitehouse. The Navy has received \$2.8 million for this coming year's projects to help match with the funds received from the State.

Their multi-year agreement between the CoJ and the Navy expires in May. A new agreement has been drafted, has been approved by the CoJ and is with the Navy for approval. The new agreement will add the North Florida Land Trust to work on buffering issues around Pinecastle Bombing Range.

The first MQ-4 Triton has arrived at NS Mayport in December. Originally operations were set to start in 2024 but will now begin later this year. NS Mayport lost their last amphibious ship, the USS Iwo Jima, in December making room for additional frigates and destroyers.

East Central Florida:

Trudy McCarthy, Economic Development Commission of the Space Coast, thanked the TF for funding their grant for a wastewater study at Patrick Space Force Base.

Their community has been working hard to establish themselves as a Military Spouse Economic Empowerment Zone. They are going to officially be recognized at an event in April at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex. Senator Wright will be providing a keynote address and there will be panel presentations from local employers who hire spouses to discuss why more companies should pay attention to this program. Please let her know if anyone is interested in participating.

George Cheros, National Center for Simulation (NCS), reported that in November the National Center for Simulation, in conjunction with the Orange County Mayor, will sponsor the 8th Annual Florida Simulation Summit, usually held at the Orange County Convention Center. This year's theme is using digital twin technology to create the airport of the future, so the summit will be held at the Orlando International Airport.

As part of their TF grant awarded last year, they used some of that funding to update their economic impact analysis, as well as their strategy for the Metro Orlando Defense Task Force in central Florida, as it relates to the Central Florida Research Park. They've received some economic impact numbers and that are very close to what was presented this morning.

Infrastructure needs continue to be an issue at the Research Park. The military is growing faster than their infrastructure capabilities which aren't keeping up with that growth. The Army has recently opened a Partnership 6 building in downtown Orlando where employees will be devoted to cyber security activities. The building was opened downtown because of UCF's downtown campus and atmosphere of young professionals and a really cool working environment. Those are people the military is trying to attract for cyber security analyst positions.

Orlando has been selected as another STARBASE location for STEM education. They have completed most of lab being and have had a few delays due to COVID-19 but the first group of Orange County students will be in that facility starting the program tomorrow.

Kent Wimmer, Defenders of Wildlife, announced that on February 15, 2022, The Sentinel Landscapes Partnership, comprised of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Department of Defense and Department of Interior, announced three new areas are designated as sentinel landscapes: the Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape, the Camp Bullis Sentinel Landscape in Texas Sentinel Landscape and the Southern Indiana Sentinel Landscape.

The Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape Partnership, representing over four dozen federal, state, and regional agencies as well as non-governmental organizations in the region including the FDSTF, is working to ensure natural and working lands thrive alongside the region's military installations and ranges. The NWFSL designation will help their partners collaborate and attract federal, state and private funding to keep working lands working to protect military missions of six major military installations and to conserve habitat for sensitive wildlife species. As the nonprofit coordinator for the Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape, Defenders of Wildlife will be working with their agency and organizational partners, including the FDSTF and the FDA and its members, to identify and implement collaborative projects to achieve our mutual objectives.

West Central Florida:

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Central Florida Regional Planning Council, briefed that they have been joining meetings with elected officials from each of the seven local governments in the Military Influence Planning area. They are in the process of educating newly elected officials on efforts to prevent encroachment. They recently learned of a proposal for mobile homes near Avon Park Air Force Base but are hearing that the county staff is recommending denial.

They are working on coordinating agencies for the Landowner Expo for the Sentinel Landscape which will take place in June. She'll update on this event at future meetings.

Buck MacLaughlin, Avon Park Air Force Range, commented that they are coordinating with Air Force legal for a robust response to the mobile home threat. He looks forward to working with the CFRPC on the Compatible Use Plan. APAFR continues to stay busy with deploying units coming to the Range for that austere location and to use it as a forward operating base.

Jim "Birdman" Philpitt, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance (TBDA), updated that the team at TBDA continues to move the organization to more of a regional footing instead of the old MacDill AFB protection association model. He asked **Kay Rasmussen** to consider them as additional resources regarding Military Mission Line as it also impacts their region.

They continue to work with **Jennifer Codo-Salisbury** and **Buck MacLaughlin** as liaison to the Avon Park Air Force Range.

23 Army Reserve UH-60 Blackhawks are permanently stationed at MacDill AFB with the stand up of Army Aviation Support Facility MacDill. This facility is about a mile away from Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater and the Army intends to backfill that with a combination fixed wing unit of both UC-35 Citation jets and C-12 Huron Turboprops in an operational support airlift mission.

They continue outreach to CODELs and recently penned letters so that we're not just concentrated on one congresswoman who happens to have the largest installation in their region in her district, but they're also reaching out to the other CODELs, including both Senators.

March 1st will be an influencer event and the guest speaker will be Miss Lisa Hershman, former Chief Management Officer in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Lieutenant General (Promotable) Eric Perilla, the 18th Airborne Corps Commander who is currently dealing with issues around Ukraine, has been slated to replace General Frank McKenzie as the next Commander of USCENTCOM that will take place this summer.

Lieutenant General Jim Slife, AFSOC commander, is one of two potentially to replace SOCOM Commander General Clark.

Patrol Squadron 62 is a Naval Reserve P3 Squadron at NAS Jacksonville. Their airplanes are in bad condition and the Navy still has need for more P-8s, so VP 62 and their sister squadron VP 69 at NAS Whidbey Island, Washington will be transitioning the P-8 Poseidon starting later this year.

They've got some representatives from the Tampa Bay area who will be attending the National Security Forum at the Air War College this coming May. They are working to get more influencers with limited-to-no military backgrounds, with some situational awareness as far as what the state of play is both from local regional installation issues and from DoD and Coast Guard issues.

Former TBDA Board Member Jim Sampey is slated to go out on the Commander Naval Air Force's Aircraft Carrier Distinguished Visitor Embark Program, where folks are placed on an aircraft carrier at sea for 24 to 36 hours and let them see carrier aviation. If anyone from your region is interested in this program, please contact him directly.

South Florida:

Rick Miller, South Florida Defense Alliance (SFDA), updated that regarding the regional resilience project in South Florida, the South Florida Regional Planning Council has selected Jacobs as the lead contractor to do the bulk of the analysis and planning work for the regional resilience review. They are finalizing the contract with them, and South Florida Defense Alliance will be working with the regional planning council and Jacobs over the next year and a half to get the review completed. The study will cover four key installations in South Florida.

NAS Key West will have a change of command as Captain Mark Sohany is due to move on and will become the Commanding Officer of Joint Base Pearl Harbor. Captain Elizabeth Rigali will be coming down to replace him in early May.

9) Agenda Item IV: Closing Comments & Adjournment

Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chairwoman, closed with reminding everyone that the next FDA Meeting will be in-person in Tallahassee on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at the Four Points by Sheraton Tallahassee Downtown.

The conference call was adjourned at 10:52 AM EST.

This meeting can be seen on The Florida Channel at:
<https://thefloridachannel.org/videos/2-15-22-florida-defense-alliance/>

Minutes for the Florida Defense Alliance Bi-Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2022

The Florida Defense Alliance of Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI) held a meeting from 8:30 AM EDT-4:25 PM EDT.

Present at the Meeting:

First Name	Last Name	Organization
Coleen	Agner	The Able Trust
Ray	Collins	Enterprise Florida, Inc.
Harrison	Conyers	City of Jacksonville Military Affairs
Dave	Dahl	Navy Region Southeast
Chip	Diehl	Florida Defense Support Task Force
Jeff	Fanto	National Energy USA
Tim	Farrell	Military Child Education Coalition
Kathleen	Ferguson	The Roosevelt Group
Neal	Finkelstein	National Center for Simulation
Debi	Graham	Greater Pensacola Chamber
Michelle	Griggs	Enterprise Florida, Inc.
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Donna	Huneycutt	Tampa Bay Defense Alliance
Robert	Katz	World Innovation Network
Kellie Jo	Kilberg	Kilberg & Associates
Charlie	Kuhl	Matrix Design Group
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Dave	Murzin	850 Consulting, LLC
Kathleen	Nestor	Chair, Family Support Working Group
Dan	Paasch	Office of Senator Marco Rubio
Jim	Philpitt	Tampa Bay Defense Alliance
Kay	Rasmussen	EDC of Okaloosa County
Marcy	Muldrow Sanders	National Security Innovation Network
Mack	Sasser	11SeriesEnergy

Eric	Sherman	DoD Defense State Liaison Office
John	Skaggs	NSA Panama City
Andy	Stack	Building Healthy Military Communities
Cory	Strickland	Department of Economic Opportunity
Chris	Weller	Department of Economic Opportunity
Kent	Wimmer	Defenders of Wildlife
Jason	Zaborske	FloridaMakes
Don	Zavesky	Florida PTAC

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

May 18, 2022

0830-1700 EDT

0830-0845	Welcome Remarks/Introductions	Kellie Jo Kilberg
0845-0905	Sentinel Landscape/America the Beautiful	Kent Wimmer
0905-0925	Florida Procurement Technical Assistance	Don Zavesky
0925-0930	Connex Florida Announcement	Jason Zaborske
0930-1000	Resiliency Project Update	Charlie Kuhl
1000-1015	BREAK	
1015-1050	DEO Grants Discussions	Cory Strickland
1050-1115	Importance of Spousal Compacts	Eric Sherman
1115-1145	Military & Defense Team Update	Terry McCaffrey
1145-1200	Washington DC Update	Kathleen Ferguson
1200-1345	Lunch	
1345-1530	Working Groups Meet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission Sustainment • Family Support 	Chris Middleton Kathleen Nestor
1530-1540	BREAK	
1540-1600	Working Groups' Report / FDA Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission Sustainment • Family Support 	Chris Middleton Kathleen Nestor
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 & Bay • Northeast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Duval & Clay Counties • East Central Florida <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brevard & Orange Counties • West Central Florida <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Highlands, Polk, Tampa & Pinellas Counties • South Florida <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Miami-Dade & Monroe Counties 	Local Defense Partners

1645-1655	Next Meeting Planning There will be an FDA teleconference on September 12 or 13. The next in-person FDA meeting is Wednesday, November 16, 2022, in Cocoa Beach	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	

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A quorum being present, **Chairwoman Kellie Jo Kilberg** began the meeting on May 18, 2022 at 8:30 AM EDT.

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome & Introductions

Chairwoman, Kellie Jo Kilberg welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Introductions were made around the room and she reminded everyone that the meeting is being broadcast on The Florida Channel. She asked all Zoom participants to raise their hand or post in the chat box with any questions or comments.

II. Agenda Item II: Sentinel Landscapes / America the Beautiful

Kent Wimmer, Defenders of Wildlife / Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape Coordinator, first presented on the Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape.

Northwest Florida was designated as a Sentinel Landscape on February 15, 2022. It is supported by a partnership of over four dozen federal and state agencies, NGOs, regional coalitions and private landowners. Through this designation, they are seeking to attract additional funding for conservation projects in Northwest Florida.

Through identifying and taking advantage of mutual priorities of government agencies and the private sector, the sentinel landscape seeks to address the needs of local communities while also advancing the priorities of federal, state and NGO partners.

The 16-county Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape has hosted military bases since Spanish colonization and now is home to six of the nation's most important installations and ranges. Spanning 165 miles along the northeastern Gulf of Mexico coast, these installations include Eglin and Tyndall Air Force Bases, Hurlburt Field, Naval Air Stations Pensacola and Whiting Field, Naval Support Activity Panama City and the Eastern Gulf Testing and Training Range.

The opportunity still exists in Northwest Florida to create a network of lands that conserve watersheds, wildlife habitat, agricultural lands, forests, and outdoor recreation opportunities that support the missions of Northwest Florida's military installations. Among the common challenges facing our installations and the surrounding region are impacts from population growth and climate change.

But these opportunities may be fleeting. Between 2010 and 2018, the populations of the five counties home to the six principal installations increased between 6 and 30 percent. Development can limit the use of prescribed fire on conservation lands and negatively impact the quantity and quality of surface and ground waters and threatens ecologically and economically important estuaries on the Gulf of Mexico. Changes in land use also reduces the recreational opportunities and the quality of life of residents and visitors as well as our service members. Finally, development in the wrong places may threaten military missions. In 2020 the military represented 28.6% of the total economy of Northwest Florida.

With the rapid population growth and land use conversion surrounding the military installations, state and regional transportation plans call for widening many highways and constructing new highways. These planned highway projects are shown in light blue on this map. Wildlife crossings will be key to help protect wildlife movement of wide-ranging species like the Florida black bear. This photo of a wildlife crossing is like two that have been built under US 331 that connect protected habitat in Eglin Air Force Base and Nokuse Plantation's 50,000-acres to the east.

Climate change will significantly alter low-lying coastal areas threatening not only infrastructure, but also habitat of endangered and threatened species. Increasing

storm intensity and frequency heightens the urgency of regional collaboration to mitigate the effects of extreme weather, storm surge, sea level rise and coastal erosion on mission capabilities and natural systems.

Extreme weather events, such as Hurricane Michael's destruction of Tyndall Air Force Base in 2018, directly impacted national security by degrading mission capabilities. It also diverted significant national defense resources with approximately \$4.5 billion appropriated for Tyndall's reconstruction.

A primary objective of the sentinel landscape partnership is to enhance the resiliency and sustainability of natural systems in a changing climate. The partnership will implement projects that will bolster mission resilience and provide sustainable social, environmental and economic benefits to local stakeholders.

Landscape-level conservation is essential for listed species recovery and for working lands to persist despite the threats of climate change and land use conversion. A key strategy for our sentinel landscape is to conserve a connected network of wildlife habitats extending east and west across Northwest Florida. Our partners are also working to conserve the dozen north and south river corridors connecting upland habitats to estuaries critically important to maintaining the Gulf of Mexico's ecology. This map shows our partners' priority or focus areas including the Florida Wildlife Corridor.

Northwest Florida has exceptional biological diversity. The region provides habitat for 29 federally endangered, 20 threatened, and two candidate species. These species can benefit from innovative stewardship practices on the private and public lands surrounding and connecting our military installations.

Thriving and recovering populations of listed species on non-military lands provides potential to reduce the regulatory burden associated with on-installation training and testing. Restoring habitats and maintaining connections between public and private conservation lands will help reduce the risk to military operations. For example, the successful stewardship of Eglin Air Force Base, Apalachicola National Forest and the Red Hills ensures that three of the largest remaining populations of the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker will continue to thrive. Nokuse Plantation and Eglin Air Force Base are working to restore gopher tortoise populations which could help recover gopher tortoises and their commensal species. The Air Force has partnered with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to restore habitat for the endangered Okaloosa darter whose 95% of its entire range is found on Eglin Air Force Base. This partnership is allowing the Okaloosa darter to be removed from the Endangered Species list.

Florida is the first state with two sentinel landscapes – Northwest Florida and the Avon Park Air Force Range. In addition, a third sentinel landscape has been proposed in Northeast Florida. To ensure there will be effective coordination among multiple Sentinel Landscapes in Florida and their partners, 25 parties representing federal and state agencies and NGOs executed a Sentinel Landscapes in Florida Memorandum of Understanding this past January. This MOU provides an organized framework to strengthen collaboration and streamline activities that connect private landowners around military installations with voluntary government assistance programs.

The partners for the Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape are forming three work groups to aid collaboration and be their conservation delivery network focusing on

Climate Resiliency, Natural Systems and Private Land Stewardship. Federal, state and NGO partners in Florida are engaging, and we welcome others to participate in work groups who are meeting on Monday afternoons at 2:00 in May. The Private Lands Stewardship group met for the first time on Monday May 9, with the Natural Systems work group meeting on May 16 and the Climate Resiliency Work Group meeting on May 23. Work groups serve as our networks for delivering conservation successes.

www.sentinellandscapes.org

He also discussed the America the Beautiful Challenge Grants. These grants are for Local Conservation and Restoration Projects. These federal grants are funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

These grants leverage Federal conservation and restoration investments with private and philanthropic contributions to accelerate land, water, and wildlife conservation efforts across the country. These federal grants are being distributed by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Chartered by Congress, NFWF manages competitive grant programs including restoration efforts on the Gulf Coast following the BP oil spill.

The first round of funding will award up to \$85 million in grants. Over the next five years NFWF will direct at least \$1 billion in grants to accelerate land, water, and wildlife conservation efforts across the country. Eligible applicants are states, Tribes, territories, local groups, non-governmental organizations, and others. Applicants may apply for multiple grant programs through a single application to NFWF.

Themes:

- Conserving and restoring rivers, coasts, wetlands and watersheds
- Conserving and restoring forests, grasslands and other important ecosystems that serve as carbon sinks
- Connecting and reconnecting wildlife corridors, large landscapes, watersheds and seascapes
- Improving ecosystem and community resilience to flooding, drought, and other climate-related threats
- Expanding access to the outdoors, particularly in underserved

DOI Funding: \$375M over 5 years for:

- Implementation Grants ranging from \$1 million to \$5 million
- Planning, Collaboration and Engagement grants of \$200,000 to \$1,000,000 for projects that enhance local capacity to implement future on-the-ground actions.

DOD Funding: \$25M over 5 years for:

- Grants to Buffer and Benefit Public Lands ranging from \$250,000 to \$1.5 million that result in direct, on-the-ground conservation actions that benefit DoD facilities.

USFS Funding: \$25M over 5 years for:

- Grants ranging from \$250,000 to \$1.5 million that result in direct, on-the-ground conservation actions that benefit National Forests for:
- USFS lands focused on invasive species detection & removal
- Water quality/fish passage on Tribal or federal lands

NRCS Funding: \$5M over 5 years for:

- Grants ranging from \$200,000 to \$500,000 will support outreach and engagement with private landowners to advance voluntary conservation efforts on working lands that align with the NRCS Working Lands for Wildlife Framework.

Matching requirements range from:

- Zero for DOD Conservation and Restoration Funds
- 10% for States applying for DOI Conservation and Restoration Funds
- 20% for USFS Conservation and Restoration Funds and
- 50% for NRCS Technical Assistance Funds

For Information and to Apply Visit: www.nfwf.org/challenge

Applicant Webinar: Thursday, May 19 2:00-4:00 PM Eastern.
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5202734414284389387>

Full Proposal Due Date: Thursday, July 21

Awards Announced Early November

The NWFSL work groups are discussing potential projects. This program could be especially valuable to our partners in Northwest Florida because of its focus on community-oriented projects in sentinel landscapes. Due to the shortness of this first application cycle, it may be best suited to expanding upon existing phased implementation projects or programs or to seek capacity grants.

Implementation grants will range from \$1 to \$5 million.

NFWF understands that capacity to administer grants will be a hurdle to awarding these funds. They are also awarding Planning, Coordination and Engagement grants for projects that enhance local capacity to implement future on-the-ground actions through community-based assessments, partnership building, planning, project design, and other technical assistance-oriented activities.

III. Agenda Item III: Florida Procurement Technical Assistance

Don Zavesky, presented on the Procurement Technical Assistance Center Program. The Florida Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the Department of Defense:

Florida PTAC, www.fptac.org; National APTAC, www.aptac-us.org

PTAC provides federal, state, and local government contracting assistance focusing on education and training, information resources and consulting services.

The Florida PTAC Government Contracting Assistance Program is part of the statewide SBDC Network, since 1986 and has assisted with \$9.5B in contract awards and has created/saved 214,873 jobs. It is one of our Nation's largest, most productive, economically effective, and professional programs.

Federal, State, and Local Government consulting services include:

- Registrations
- Certifications
- Opportunities
- Bids/proposals
- Subcontracting
- Cybersecurity

- Bid matching
- Mentor-proteges
- Accounting and invoicing
- Business development
- Laws, policies, procedures
- Post-award functions

Program Resources and Impact:

- 9 Regional centers
- 100+ Training programs
- 100+ Outreach events
- 14 FTEs
- 10,500 Consulting hrs.
- \$1,769,895 Cost (Federal & State Funding)
- 67 Counties
- 3,600 Attendees
- 2,200 Clients
- 18,500 Contracts
- 6,700 Jobs
- 450M Dollars

IV. **Agenda Item IV: Connex Florida Announcement**

Jason Zaborske, FloridaMakes, presented an introduction to CONNEX, Florida's Supply Chain Solution providing sourcing resources for Florida manufacturers. Connex Florida is an online capabilities database and connection platform built by and for Florida manufacturers that helps you connect with manufacturers, find resources and adapt to changing market demands. www.SupplyChainFlorida.com

He also discussed a website with resources for Florida's defense industry: www.FL-Cyber.com/defense-contractors-inventory

This website provides a Florida defense contractors' inventory to learn more about defense contracts and contractors in your area and track subcontract and supply chain links across the state, the United States, and the world.

V. **Agenda Item V: Resiliency Project Update**

Charlie Kuhl presented an update on the Florida Defense Community Resiliency, Sustainability and Mission Assurance Project Inventory. This project will develop strategy and identify objectives for the State of Florida, along with Florida military installations partners, to improve installation and community resiliency.

Scope:

- Review DoD policy, guidance, and funding opportunities
- Develop state-level guidance recommendations
- Consolidate projects that enhance military value, installation resilience, and/or military family quality of life
- Share best practices across the state
- Develop library of actionable projects
- Recommend funding avenues and grant priorities

Process:

- Discovery: Research & literature review; Requests for information
- Assess Projects
- Report & Action Plan: Develop Guidance; Provide Recommendations
- Grant Support: Provide grant opportunities/best practices; identify grant candidates; support grant development

Community Input:

- Community contacts that have a role in resiliency
 - Power, water, wastewater, gas, communications, developers, etc.
- Projects and documentation/justification from:
 - Capital Improvement Plans
 - Emergency Operation Plans
 - Infrastructure Restoration Plans
 - Hazard Mitigation Plans
 - Transportation Studies
 - Joint Land Use Studies & Compatible Use Plans
 - Ongoing and Future/Planned Projects

Where We Are:

- Kickoff meetings – March 29 & 30 and April 1
 - 20+ Attendees
 - POCs now expanded 68
- Working with 10 Defense Communities: Bay County, Okaloosa, South Florida, Central Florida, Orlando, Space Coast, Clay County, Pensacola, Tampa, Jacksonville
- File repository provided to POCs - April 7
- Attended Florida Silver Jackets Workshop April 19-20
- Working through CPLOs for exclusively USN communities
- Received some information from 5 of 10 DCs
- Reviewing policy and guidance
- Building consolidated resources document
- Recent Opportunities
 - DCIPP - \$90M
 - EPA Brownfields Program - \$1.5B

VI. Agenda Item VI: Military & Defense Team Update

Terry McCaffrey briefed on the current ongoings with EFI's Military and Defense Team and the Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF).

The FDSTF will hear five (5) grant presentations at tomorrow's meeting for FY 2022-2023 funding. There will be no meeting in June. The next FDSTF meeting will be on July 21, 2022 in Pensacola.

Strategic planning with Space Florida for the next military basing decisions continue. The Air Force announced that the STARCOM basing decision is underway. Florida will gain Delta 10 and can compete for the HQ and Delta 13. Staff is working with Space Florida to support efforts to gain both STARCOM and Delta 13 (education). The Task Force submitted a letter to members of the HASC and SASC supporting the creation of a Space National Guard. The letter preceded and was in line with a bill co-sponsored by Senator Marco Rubio and Senator Diane Feinstein (D-CA) called the Space National Guard Establishment Act that would place Air National Guard members conducting U.S. Space Force mission under the Space Force command structure.

Upcoming Events:

- Florida Advisory Council on Military Education Workshop Meeting is on June 6 in Tallahassee
- Veterans Florida Expo is June 17-18 in Orlando

- NSIN Innovation Summit is June 27 in Orlando
- Enterprise Florida Board meeting is June 28-30 in Miami
- Farnborough International Air Show is July 15-24 in Farnborough, England
- FDSTF Meeting #107 is in Key West is on September 14-16
- ADC Regional Summit, the Florida Defense Forum, will be in Fort Walton Beach on September 22-23

EFI's new military and defense website is up and running and still working on a few minor changes.

Staff is working on the 2022 Military Benefits Guide which we hope to print in July and distribute in August of this year.

VII. Agenda Item VII: DEO Grants Discussion

Cory Strickland, Department of Economic Opportunity, briefed on the Defense Infrastructure and Defense Reinvestment Grants programs. The Defense Reinvestment Grant Program provides support for community-based activities that protect existing military installations, diversify the economy of defense-dependent communities, or develop plans for the reuse of closed or realigned military installations, including any plans necessary for infrastructure improvements needed to facilitate reuse and related marketing activities. The Defense Infrastructure Grant Program supports local infrastructure projects deemed to have a positive impact on the military value of installations within the state, encroachment, transportation and access, housing, environment, and security. Funds are used for projects that benefit both the local community and the military installation.

The application cycle for both programs opens annually each spring and remains open for about 30 days. The Request for Applications, along with solicitation documentation, is posted on DEO's website. Once the application deadline has closed, DEO begins their review process. The application period for this year has already closed, but staff are available year-round to discuss potential projects and answer your questions.

For this application cycle, due to their extensive knowledge in the field of military and defense, we enlisted the help of Colonel Terrance McCaffrey and Kellie Jo Kilberg to assist Chris Weller in evaluating the received applications.

The Defense Reinvestment Grant Program anticipates an allocation of \$800,000 and the Defense Infrastructure Grant Program anticipates an allocation of \$1.6 million, pending the Governor's approval of the state's budget for 2022-2023.

Cory will be managing the DIG and DRG contracts and will be the main point of contact until the Grant Manager position is filled.

Please reach out to Chris or Cory with questions via the DEO Military and Defense Programs email: DefenseGrants@DEO.MyFlorida.com

VIII. Agenda Item VII: Importance of Spousal Compacts

Eric Sherman, Department of Defense, Military Community & Family Policy, presented on Professional Licensure Interstate Compacts and how they facilitate Military Spouse occupational portability. He discussed the policies which help spouses get to work, and talk about how those policies have become a steppingstone to long term goals of attaining membership in these Interstate Professional Licensure Compacts.

The DoD works with professions to help them obtain state approval for licensure compacts because these compacts can create reciprocity for military spouses and improve interstate practice within their respective professions. This past year they worked with the Emergency Medical Services, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Psychologists, Audiology Speech Language Pathologists, and Licensed Professional Counselors to seek Florida membership in their respective Interstate Compacts because these compacts aid practitioners by supporting their mobility, which in turn can increase public access to services while preserving the regulatory authority of states to protect public health and safety.

Frequent moves combined with cumbersome licensing and certification requirements limit career options for military spouses. Many have given up careers altogether or live separately from their service member spouses. Removing these barriers, creating reciprocity in licensing requirements, and facilitating placement opportunities can improve a military family's financial stability, speed the assimilation of the family into its new location, create a desirable new employee pool for the state, and maintain a family's well-being. Spouse Employment continues to remain one of the DoD's top military family issues with over a third of working military spouses requiring a state license.

When DoD started working licensure portability for military spouses, the DSLO focused on using state specific laws to reduce the problems associated with the occupational relicensing of military spouses as they transferred from state to state. At that time, they worked with the FDA who brought the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, or DBPR, to the Table to develop policy for spouses and service members that became recognized Best Practices throughout the country:

- 2010- HB 713 introduced the nation's first temporary license for business professions, which enabled spouses to get to work within thirty days while their regular license completed the application process
- 2011- HB 1319 introduced temporary licensing for the healthcare professions
- 2016- HB 941 formalizes the endorsement process for military spouses
- 2017/2018- HB 29 and HB 615 introduce the concept of exempting military spouses from the license application process if they are in good standing with their sending state licensing boards and professional organizations. **These bills become the Gold Standard in enhanced state licensing law concepts.**

As they continued to study licensure portability, they learned the best possible licensure opportunity for military spouses comes through states using two lines of effort. One line of effort impacts current military spouse licensure transfers, and the other creates long-term follow-on opportunities for reciprocity. Together, they provide near term accommodations for military spouses and a long-term opportunity for reciprocity.

Policy changes in each state's licensing laws provide near term relief for military spouse, but still require them to relicense. These policy changes also require licensing boards to maintain special processes for military spouses and additional communication resources to make these processes readily available to military spouses. We see this condition in laws like F.S. 455.02 [DBPR], F.S. 456.024 [DoH] and universal licensure.

Occupational licensure compacts provide full reciprocity but take multiple state actions to become effective. However, when states commit to approving compacts, they provide true licensure reciprocity as each compact allows the spouse to practice their profession in different states without reapplying for a license.

Here's how these two approaches work together for military spouses: until multiple compacts are approved by multiple states, the individual state laws provide a more streamlined

licensing opportunity. Once compacts are established in multiple states, military spouses have the benefit of full reciprocity. Additionally, state licensing boards have the opportunity to begin streamlining their processes, since compacts impact all practitioners, and boards can start reducing the need to have special processes for licensing military spouses.

Both initiatives are important. Occupational licensing laws can reduce the number of unqualified individuals offering their services in that profession and increase overall public safety and welfare. However, because licensing laws are established independently by each state government, their criteria for evaluating competency often differs state by state.

Interstate compacts offer an opportunity to standardize qualifications for interstate transfer, which alleviates confusion for military spouses transferring between member states, and also allows licensing boards to simplify their process for assuring the qualifications of visiting professionals. Compacts can offer license reciprocity for military spouses and increase the availability of critical professionals in short supply.

Florida just became a member of the Licensed Professional Counseling Compact with the signing of HB 1521. Compacts like this allow military spouses to designate a home state for their license and use the "privilege to practice" provision to work in any member state without obtaining another license. The Emergency Medical Services Compact focuses to simplify endorsement requirements for transferring a license. In either method, these compacts will not only help our military spouses, but help Florida attract the healthcare veterans transitioning out of service in other states.

Florida has some awesome state policy and although some states, such as Florida, extend an extra effort to help spouses achieve employment opportunities, a military family's next move to another state can create a new set of problems, because procedures are inconsistent from state to state. Interstate Compacts address this situation.

IX. Agenda Item VIII: Washington, DC Update

Kathleen Ferguson, The Roosevelt Group, provided an update on ongoing defense issues in Washington, DC. Topic of discussion included:

Top Six Things Military Communities Need to Know in 2022:

1. FY23 Defense Budget - President's Defense Budget Request was submitted several weeks late, was incomplete and criticized on the Left and Right for either being too big or not enough. Congress will not pass a final Defense appropriations bill (or any bills) until after the Midterm Elections in November.
2. Defense Communities Infrastructure Program (DCIP) – Congress added tens of millions to DCIP in FY22. This year communities will compete for a share of \$90 million. Federal Funding Opportunity announcement out.
3. Air Force (Army/Navy coming soon!) Community Scorecard – Education, Housing, Reciprocity, DEI, medical, etc.
4. Energy Resilience and Climate Change – Congress added \$183M to the ERCIP budget providing a total of \$469M. Congress also provided \$25M to Army; \$40M to Navy/Marine Corps and \$40M to Air Force to develop projects, conduct studies and analyses to directly enhance military installation resilience.
5. Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) - Last BRAC was 17 years ago. The process IS HIGHLY POLITICAL and can be highly disruptive to defense communities, often based on bad ideas. Department of Defense is again talking of need for BRAC – driven by Secretary of the Air Force citing 20% excess capacity.
6. Community Project Funding – “earmarks” are back. MILCON must meet stringent thresholds but don't miss opportunity to compete for funding!

FY22 Omnibus Appropriations Bill

- \$1.5 Trillion Package
 - \$782 billion for defense spending (an increase of 6%)
 - \$730 billion for domestic spending (an increase of 7%)

Winners:

- \$145B DoD Procurement - Shipbuilding; USAF/Navy Aircraft; USAF Classified; National Guard & Reserve Equipment; Missile Defense Agency; Army Trucks/Helicopters/Ground Combat Vehicles; Navy “Shipyards Infrastructure Optimization Plan”
- \$119B DoD RDT&E - Space; Micro-electronics; Missile Defense; T&E/Test Range Infrastructure; Classified; \$2.4B USAF RDT&E; \$1.7B Army RDT&E
- \$15B DoD MILCON

Losers:

- \$256B DoD Operations & Maintenance Account
- \$167B DoD Military Personnel Account

President Biden's FY23 Defense Budget

(Dollars in Billions)

By Department/Agency	FY 2021 Enacted	FY 2022 Enacted	FY 2023 Request
Army	173.6	173.4	177.3
Navy	206.9	220.3	230.9
Air Force	204.5	220.6	234.1
Defense-Wide	118.7	128.0	130.7
Department of Defense – Subtotal	703.7	742.3	773.0
Supplemental Funding*	1.0	14.3	--
Department of Defense – Total	704.7	756.6	773.0
Atomic Energy Defense Activities	27.5	29.1	29.7
Defense-related Activities	9.5	10.4	10.6
National Defense – Total	741.7	796.1	813.3

* FY 2021 Supplementals include \$521M for Capitol Security and \$500M for Operation Allies Welcome (OAW).
 FY 2022 Supplementals include \$4.3B for OAW; \$6.5B for Ukraine; \$895M for Natural Disasters; and \$350M for Red Hill.

Defense Priorities
 Renewing America's Advantages

- Strong and adaptive U.S. military remains a central pillar for U.S. Security
- DoD will focus on safeguarding and advancing U.S. vital national interests to:
 - Protect American security, prosperity, and values
- FY23 Budget supports and implements new National Defense Strategy
 - Recognizes China as our key strategic competitor and pacing challenge
 - Russia remains an acute threat to interests of U.S. and our allies
- DoD will advance our priorities through:
 - Integrated deterrence
 - Campaigning
 - Building enduring advantages
- FY23 Budget funds the Joint Force we need to execute our strategy
 - Lethal, resilient, sustainable, survivable, agile, responsive
 - Budget enhances our capabilities across multiple areas
 - Prioritizes capabilities to counter China or Russia: space, nuclear triad, cyber

The Department will advance our goals through Integrated Deterrence, campaigning, and actions that build enduring advantages

Defense Community Infrastructure Program: \$90 Million Available for 2022:

Eligible Projects: Must be complete and usable transportations, school, hospital, police, fire, emergency response, community support facility or utility infrastructure project.

- Support military installation
- Owned by state or local government or non-profit
- Will enhance mil-value, installation resilience, or quality of life
- Endorsed by local installation commander
- Are construction ready

Order of Prioritization:

- Enhancement of military value
- Enhancement of military installation resilience
- Enhancement of military family quality of life

Key Dates:

- July 18th - Proposals due to OLDCC
- Mid-August - OLDCC invites DCIP grant applicants
- NLT 27 September - Grant applications awarded

- MILCON for Florida
- President Biden's FY23 Defense Budget: Energy Resilience and Climate Change
- Air Force Support of Military Families Scorecard
- BRAC: The Ultimate Hot-Button Issue for Defense Communities
- Hot-Button Issues for Defense Communities
- 2022 National Defense Strategy

X. Agenda Item VIII: Working Groups Meet

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

XI. Agenda Item IX: Working Groups' Report

Chris Middleton, Chair of the Mission Sustainment Working Group (MSWG), reported to members that the Roosevelt Group executives debriefed a draft copy of a report on, "The value of Florida Ranges to existing and future military missions." The report was a result of a FDSTF grant. Recommendations and an executive summary were reviewed for edits and input. The theme of the report was a whole-of-Florida approach to the value of the Florida military range complex across all domains.

After the draft report out brief to the group, a discussion on subjects to support mission sustainment and future mission growth efforts resulted in a list of items for consideration:

- Range operations, areas and value (i.e., cheaper to operate in Florida, or more realistic training, or scale and availability of space)
- STEM pipeline support for defense companies
- Legislative packages for local defense alliances to track state-wide legislation and proposals
- US Coast Guard footprint is largest in the service and needs to be considered for defense alliance support
- Age of facilities and methods and legislation to replace (i.e., public-private partnership)
- Alternative energy placement and effects on mission sustainment (i.e., wind farms and solar farms)
- IGSA use for facility repair, innovations across departments for installation support (i.e., DOT or other infrastructure support)
- SCIF space in support of classified missions for academia and industry, specifically small businesses
- Talent pipeline engagement by industry, specifically mechanisms for industry to engage on campus (there are many successful tools available, but industry still doesn't seem to understand available assistance for recruiting)

Kathleen Nestor, Chair of the Family Support Working Group (FSWG), reported on the groups' discussions:

I Serve 2 Program: Dr. Alicia Gill Rossiter presented. Program aims to raise awareness among the medical community of the unique needs and potential physical and psychological issues affecting children who have a member of the family serving or who has served in the

military. 75% of kids who have an active-duty caregiver and 100% of Reserve/NG are seen by private practitioners. This alerts practitioners that they need to identify whether their patient falls within this subgroup and provides them with resources to help treat their patient. Virginia has adopted this program and was in the process of transforming the pocket card into a poster for school clinics. States can add local resources to the card.

2022/23 Legislation: Compacts. Develop a briefing presentation for legislators and begin the process of educating them on the necessity of compacts. Compacts benefit all parties involved. There are benefits to the military spouses by ensuring uninterrupted employment despite PCS-ing. The state benefits by providing more resources, i.e., PsyPac – more psychological professionals who are able to meet the needs of the community in-person and through telehealth, streamlining processes for oversight boards, and making the state more military friendly. Many other states have adopted compacts that FL has not, e.g., 34 states have adopted the Physical Therapists compact of which FL has not joined. We need state legislators to understand the importance of compacts and prioritize them in the next session.

Purple Star Schools of Distinction: We need to spread the word that the application is available. Communities need to help support schools with their application requirements. P.S.S. needs to be “messed” appropriately---This is a distinction that shows your support for your military constituency; it’s not an “obligation” that must be met. We need to get this across to school boards and superintendent associations.

Housing: Discussed the housing shortage affecting communities throughout the state. Andy Stack (Building Healthy Mil Communities) reminded us that the housing problem broadly touches on a variety of financial issues, including furnishings and food insecurity. Andy is hosting a housing conference next week with various stakeholders. Kathleen will participate.

IEP Processing Times: Discussed innovative solutions to help families learn what is included in an IEP packet and how “hand carrying” a packet can expedite review. Looking into how we can assist with tutorial videos. Follow-up with DOE re: processing of IEPs.

SB 662: Implementation issues continue to arise. Michele Taylor is working with DOE to resolve the requirement by some districts to fill-out a hardship request. Eric Sherman brought up that there may be a separate issue with districts who are over the advance enroll capacity with “proving up” intent to reside. Kathleen will check back in with Michele.

Heroes to Education: Pilot program launched in FL and CA to train and place veterans into open positions in school districts. This would be broader than Troops to Teachers and include many open positions in a district, e.g., bus drivers, facilities maintenance, teaching, etc. The program would be a private-public partnership with the federal government to train veterans to assume roles in school districts as a “second career.” The program is currently being prototyped in Pinellas, Hillsborough, Duval, Lee, and Miami-Dade Counties.

XII. Agenda Item X: Economic Development Community Significant Current Initiative Update

Northwest Florida:

Dave Murzin reported that NAS Pensacola is setting up a Resident Officer in charge of construction to manage the massive repair effort from damages due to Hurricane Sally. Two MILCONs are planned: a student fitness facility and 115 KV substation with water, power and light. They continue working on creative funding and short-term solutions for the base enclave and civilian access to the museum, lighthouse and cemetery.

The county has been working with the base to utilize the \$200,000 DIG for the west gate traffic signal improvements and dynamic message board for traffic around the Blue Angels

practices. The November air show is moving forward though there may be some changes due to access challenges.

Navy Region SE is working to advance opportunities for IGSA's throughout the region around NAS Whiting Field. The goal is to couple existing community military relationships to create opportunities.

NAS Whiting Field is working with city of Milton as they finalize their last steps in executing \$3 million plus for an upgraded wastewater facility funded by an OLDCC DCIP approved grant. They are working with Santa Rosa County on approving a DRG to study Peter Prince Airport military assets throughout the county and opportunities for win/win strategic growth.

Kay Rasmussen reported that their Tri-County Community Partnership Initiative held an internal workshop with Eglin AFB and Hurlburt Field to identify their pinch points, what they need assistance with from the community and are focusing on infrastructure, quality of life and education and training. There is a Unit Commander under each one of those three lines of efforts serving as a champion for that line of effort, then there are specific workgroups working on a specific need, such as cell phone coverage, the need for a firing range for training, housing and childcare, STEM and continuing the career readiness transition from military members. There is an enabler oversight work group to identify both state and federal funding sources.

A charter has been signed for this partnership by Eglin AFB Commander Brigadier General Cain, Hurlburt Field Commander Brigadier General Select Schermerhorn and One Okaloosa Executive Director Nathan Sparks.

Each year the Defense Supports Initiatives (DSI) team writes a comprehensive point paper on the hot topics for their local installations, they disperse that paper and the DSI leadership team fills out the respected NDAA forms and appropriation forms, to take to Congress for action. Those efforts have been completed for this year.

Governor DeSantis is in Okaloosa County today to announce a jobs growth grant fund that Okaloosa County applied for \$3 million in infrastructure support at the Shoal River Ranch Development.

Kent Wimmer reported that the Florida Forever program acquired 3,600 acres to protect the mission of NAS Whiting Field, covering the land between NAS Whiting Field and the Blackwater State Forest which provides habitat and recreation opportunities.

Northeast Florida:

Harrison Conyers reported on two changes of command this summer. July 8 at NS Mayport and August 19 at NAS Jacksonville. Just today they closed on a 60-acre parcel next to the flight line at NAS Jacksonville leveraged by both DIG and FDSTF funding. This is a multi-phase acquisition due to the value of the property. They were also able to draw down over \$2.6 million in federal funds, so it was a 300% drawdown or match for their funding.

The mayor has just signed a multi-year agreement renewal which is an agreement between the City of Jacksonville, the Navy and the North Florida Land Trust. The North Florida Land Trust was included this year to work with the Navy on Pine Castle Range. This is a five-year agreement and can be renewed for another 10 years after that.

NAS Jacksonville is hosting the Jacksonville Leadership Academy, which is a group sponsored by the North Florida Regional Council. The Jacksonville Leadership Academy is a program of the Northeast Florida Regional Council that nurtures and cultivates a commitment

to regionalism. The Academy educates leaders and invests in the future of our communities through a mission to make Northeast Florida a better place to live and work.

West Central Florida:

Major General Richard Haddad reported that SOCOM and AFSOC will have changes of command this summer. Army General Richard D. Clark is retiring and Army Lieutenant General Brian Fenton will be the new SOCOM Commander.

The annual Special Operations Forces and Industry Conference (SOFIC) is in Tampa this week and over 300 international officers from other nations are participating.

Lieutenant General Tony D. Bauernfeind will be taking command at AFSOC this summer and Lieutenant General Jim Slife will become the Air Force A3 leading up to be the Vice Chief of the Air Force.

Regarding ranges, there's a potential for 300 F-35s within the region to include Dannelly Field in Alabama, Beaufort Field, Homestead Air Reserve Base, Jacksonville IAP, Eglin Air Force Base, Tyndall Air Force Base. Those bases could potentially be home to 300 5th generation fighters as we try to promote Florida's ranges.

South Florida:

Rick Miller reported from the South Florida Defense Alliance. Next Tuesday will kick off their regional Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR). This is the first time an MIRR has been done regionally. There are four installations, four city municipalities, three counties and officials from across all of those engaged organizations involved in the review which will take about 16 months to complete.

The Miami-Dade Community is advocating with their South Florida delegation pushing for a decision on the F-35 into Homestead Air Reserve Base as a replacement for the F-16s at the 482nd Fighter Wing. The P3 housing project for SOUTHCOM may finally going to come to fruition as they're in the final negotiations for a portion of the FAA land located across the street from headquarters.

In conjunction with the Miami-Dade Beacon Council, they recently hosted DoD's new National Security Innovation Capital's (NSIC) Director, Tex Schenkan. NSIC provides government funding to startups with innovative, clever, dual-use hardware technology applicable for national security. Mr. Schenkan hosted several startup entrepreneurs and venture and private equity finance market representatives. His visit places Florida and South Florida on his radar particularly realizing the high-level of tech, innovation and capital in the greater Miami area.

Some recent changes of command: Jo-Ann Burdian, the former US Coast Guard Sector Commander in Miami, was promoted to Flag and was relieved by US Coast Guard Commander Chris Cederholm. Captain Adam Chamie was the US Coast Guard Sector Key West Commander was relieved by Captain Jason Ingram. Last week NAS Key West Commander Captain Mark Sohaney was relieved by Captain Beth Regoli.

The US Coast Guard has a recognition program for communities of excellence and former US Coast Guard Sector Key West Commander, Captain Adam Chamie was instrumental in helping the City of Key West be designated as the 30th Coast Guard City.

XIII. Agenda Item XI: Next Meeting Planning

Chairwoman, Kellie Jo Kilberg announced that there will be an FDA teleconference on September 12th or 13th (TBA). The next in-person FDA meeting is Wednesday, November 16, 2022 in Cocoa Beach, Florida.

XIV. Agenda Item XII: Closing Comments / Adjourn

Chairwoman, Kellie Jo Kilberg thanked everyone for attending, reminded everyone about the dinner at Bird's Oyster Shack at 6:00 PM and asked everyone to return their nametag to the table outside the room.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM EDT.

All presentations can be found at:

<https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/FDA-Presentations-2022.pdf>

This meeting can be seen on The Florida Channel at:

<https://thefloridachannel.org/videos/5-18-22-florida-defense-alliance-part-1/>

<https://thefloridachannel.org/videos/5-18-22-florida-defense-alliance-part-2/>

Minutes for the Florida Defense Alliance Teleconference on Wednesday, August 31, 2022

The Florida Defense Alliance held a teleconference from 10:00 AM – 12:40 PM EDT.

Present at the Meeting:

First Name	Last Name	Organization
Katie	Allan	Bay Defense Alliance
Mike	Aller	FloridaMakes
Pamela	Berkowsky	South Florida Defense Alliance
Gregg	Billman	Florida Defense Support Task Force
Thomas	Bowman	Florida Defense Support Task Force
Cameron	Bowsky	Matrix Design Group
Rick	Brooks	Presagis
Commander James	Brownlee	NAS Key West
Christian	Caron	Matrix Design Group
Eric	Christianson	Emerald Coast Regional Council
Ada	Clark	Emerald Coast Regional Council
Jennifer	Codo-Salisbury	CFRPC/FDA Exec Board
Ray	Collins	Enterprise Florida, Inc.
Harrison	Conyers	City of Jacksonville
Dave	Dahl	Navy Region Southeast
Colonel Cory	Damon	MacDill AFB
Scott	Davidson	Eglin AFB
Dr. Jan	Del Signore	St. Leo University
Ron	Demes	Key West
Laura	DiBella	Enterprise Florida, Inc.
Jeff	Fanto	Retired / Former Eglin AFB
Tim	Farrell	Military Child Education Coalition
Dr. Neal	Finkelstein	National Center for Simulation
Igor	Ganapolsky	Easy Security, LLC
Christina	Gardner	NAS Key West
Debi	Graham	Greater Pensacola Chamber
Michelle	Griggs	Enterprise Florida, Inc.
Sarah	Hayenga	Homestead Air Reserve Base
Jack	Hession	Madison Government Affairs

Donna	Huneycutt	Tampa Bay Defense Alliance
Robert	Katz	World Innovation Network
Jacqueline	Kelley	Duval County Public Schools
Kellie Jo	Kilberg	FDA Chair
Peter	King	West Florida Defense Alliance
Katie	Lopez	Tampa Chamber
Buck	MacLaughlin	Avon Park Air Force Range
Elizabeth	May	Society of American Military Engineers
Terry	McCaffrey	Enterprise Florida, Inc.
Trudy	McCarthy	EDC of Florida's Space Coast
Chris	Middleton	West Florida Defense Alliance
Rick	Miller	South Florida Defense Alliance
Steve	Murray	Florida Department of Veterans Affairs
Dave	Murzin	850 Consulting Group
Kathleen	Nestor	FDA Exec Board/FSWG Chair
Tom	Neubauer	FDSTF/Bay Defense Alliance
Harold	Parker	Navy Region Southeast
Andre	Partin	U.S. Air Force
Sharwonda	Peek	Duval County Public Schools
Jim	Philpitt	Tampa Bay Defense Alliance
Tim	Proctor	The Florida Senate
Kay	Rasmussen	Okaloosa County EDC/DSI Committee
Captain Beth	Regoli	NAS Key West
Evelyn	Reyes	Enterprise Florida, Inc.
Guillermo	Ramos	Antares Aerospace
Brittany	Smart	North Star Borough, Fairbanks, Alaska
Chris	Smith	96 th Test Wing / Eglin AFB
Cory	Strickland	Department of Economic Opportunity
Karen	Taporco	Eglin AFB
Brooke	Trawick-Gilbert	Bay Defense Alliance
Larry	Ventura	HARB
Teri	Wanamaker	NAS Jacksonville – Child & Youth Programs
Chris	Weller	Department of Economic Opportunity
Kent	Wimmer	Defenders of Wildlife
Amanda	Woodyard	Military Child Education Coalition
Jason	Zaborske	FloridaMakes
The Florida	Channel	

Agenda: See below

ZOOM / Teleconference Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

1000 – 1230 EDT / 0900 – 1130 CDT

- 1000 – 1005 Roll Call..... Michelle Griggs**
- 1005 – 1010 Opening Remarks..... Kellie Jo Kilberg**
- 1010 – 1100 Housing Discussion Panel.....Kathleen Nestor**
- 1100 – 1110 Family Support Update Kathleen Nestor**
- 1110 -1145 Mission Sustainment Update.....Chris Middleton**
- 1145 – 1155 FDSTF Update.....Terry McCaffrey**
- *Florida Defense Forum Update*
- 1155 – 1225 Around the State /Top challengesBy Region**
- *Northwest: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Walton, Okaloosa and Bay*
 - *Northeast: Duval and Clay*
 - *East Central Florida: Brevard and Orange*
 - *West Central Florida: Highlands, Polk, Tampa, and Pinellas*
 - *South Florida: Miami-Dade and Monroe*
- 1225 – 1230 Closing Comments & Adjournment.....Chair**

A quorum being present, **Michelle Griggs** began the meeting on August 31, 2022, at 10:00 AM EDT.

1) **Agenda Item I: Roll Call**

Michelle Griggs announced that roll call will be provided by Zoom.

2) **Agenda Item II: Opening Remarks**

Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chairwoman, welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. She congratulated **Kay Rasmussen** as the newest appointed member of the Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF). She introduced **Kathleen Nestor**, Chair of the Family Support Working Group, to moderate the Housing Discussion Panel.

3) **Agenda Item III: Housing Discussion Panel**

Kathleen Nestor, Family Support Working Group Chair,

Peter King, West Florida Defense Alliance, Housing Task Force Chair and **Cameron Bowsky**, Matrix, Design Group, Consultant to West Florida Defense Alliance discussed housing issues in Pensacola referring to a report recently prepared by Matrix Design Group.

To close housing gaps for NAS Pensacola's personnel, Matrix recommends the following actions:

- Escambia County and Pensacola city officials should consider establishing a housing-focused task force that works towards meeting NAS Pensacola's housing requirements.
- NASP's Navy Housing Service Center should commission an update to its Housing Requirements and Market Analysis (HRMA) within the next three years.
- NASP's Unaccompanied Housing Office should pursue an updated R-19 report (Unaccompanied Housing Requirements), as the last report was performed in 2011.
- The Pensacola City Housing Department should hire a qualified consultant to conduct an in-depth exploration of state and federal funding/grants that could support residential development activities.

Base Allowance for Housing (BAH) is annually calculated, and emergency relief is available with supporting data. Housing Offices must provide currently but Realtor Associations have data if acceptable. Per diem for 10 days to find housing is not adequate. Base housing is in high demand with 96% occupancy. Base housing is woefully dated with no garages or storage. 75% are 50 years old or older. More PPV housing is required but difficult due to expense of land and building supplies.

Colonel Cory Damon, Vice Commander, 6th Air Refueling Wing, MacDill Air Force Base discussed the housing issues at MacDill AFB such as servicemembers' commute to the base and housing size. They have created the MacDill Community Housing and Family Resilience Task Force to focus specifically on childcare, education, healthcare, spouse employment and housing.

Captain Beth Regoli, Commander, NAS Key West, briefed on how NAS Key West's unique geographical remoteness creates a constraint of their finite ability of land to grow and have more housing. The two biggest housing challenges in Key West are availability and affordability.

Harold Parker, Navy Region Southeast, Regional Housing Director discussed housing issues in Jacksonville to include:

- Jacksonville Demographics for Military Installations
- Basic Allowance for Housing
 - 1 year behind from time of survey
- Decrease in Rental Units
 - Landlords/realtors decision to no longer rent
- Supply versus demand
 - Increase rent (~14%)

- Rental Partnership Program (RPP) Decreased
 - Landlords/realtors limited to BAH

Brittany Smart, Special Assistant to the Mayor/Economic Development, Fairbanks, North Star Borough provided a presentation on Housing Strategy and Analysis as created by the Fairbanks North Star Borough in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Items of discussion were as follows:

- Community Plans & Response
- Housing Task Force
- Unit Availability Study – 5-year average
- Understanding and Quantifying the Need
- Housing Availability vs. Net Gain
- Ongoing Analysis: Demand
- Data Indicators

4) Agenda Item IV: Family Support Working Group Update

Kathleen Nestor, Family Support Working Group Chair, provided an update on the needs for both State licensing laws and compacts, military spouse employment initiatives in Tampa and on the Space Coast and the status of the Purple Star Schools of Distinction Program.

5) Agenda Item V: Mission Sustainment Working Group Update

Chris Middleton, Mission Sustainment Working Group Chair, provided a tour of the Enterprise Florida Military and Defense Programs website to include the Florida’s Range Complex page and all the resources contained on that page. He discussed the value of Florida’s Gulf Range Complex and provided information needed in order to engage at the Federal and State levels; China as a strategic competitor to Florida; Florida’s role in the nation’s strategic priority to include the Gulf Range’s airspace, deep water / ocean floor, space recovery and training; the National Cyber Range Complex; and the range report and one-pagers completed this spring by The Roosevelt Group stemming from an FDSTF grant.

6) Agenda Item VI: FDSTF Update

Terry McCaffrey, Vice President of Military and Defense Programs, updated on several TF items:

- Kay Rasmussen was appointed as the newest FDSTF member as Jim Heald terms off
- Meeting #107 in Key West on September 15, 2022
- Current grant application cycle ends August 31, 2022, however the TF accepts grant applications at any time out-of-cycle
- Continuing Services Contract, three (3) Task Work Orders have been executed
 - The Principi Group – USAF Strategic Basing Process – US Space Force
 - The Roosevelt Group – FY 2023 NDAA Legislation Analysis and Evaluation
 - Matrix Design Group – Affordable Housing Opportunities for Florida’s Military Installations
- Please register for the Florida Regional Defense Forum in Fort Walton Beach on September 22 – 23, 2022
- The Military Benefits Guide is in its final review and will be printed and sent out very soon

7) Agenda Item VIII: Around the State / Top Challenges

Northwest Florida:

Chris Middleton, West Florida Defense Alliance, reported on the Greater Pensacola Chamber 2022 Military Family Expo taking place today at the National Naval Aviation Museum; change of command at Corry Station and NAS Whiting Field; and recovery of SpaceX capsules in the Gulf.

Kay Rasmussen, One Okaloosa EDC/Tri-County Community Partnership Initiative Committee, discussed that Okaloosa County is working with Higher Ground Education on the childcare issues at Eglin EFB as they have purchased land in Okaloosa and Santa Rosa counties to build childcare development facilities; One Okaloosa EDC and the Defense Support Initiatives Committee's new website: <https://www.militaryfriendlynwf.com/>;

Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, reported on the changes of command at the Navy Dive and Salvage Center, the Offshore Patrol Cutter Executive Officer Program, the Coast Guard Station Panama City and Tyndall AFB; and observations of foreign investment around military installations and ranges.

Kent Wimmer, Defenders of Wildlife, announced that a government cabinet approved an 800-acre addition to Blackwater River State Forest to protect the mission of NAS Whiting Field; his participation on a panel at the Florida Defense Forum; the Inflation Reduction Act which includes billions of dollars for agricultural conservation credits, renewable energy, forestry programs and climate resiliency projects; BOEM to host a virtual public hearing tonight, please join to advocate for no drilling in the Gulf; two grants were submitted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: 1) DoD REPI Program 2) the U.S. Forest Service Natural Resource Conservation Service to clean remaining debris from Hurricane Michael;

Northeast Florida:

Harrison Conyers, City of Jacksonville, briefed on changes of command at NAS Jacksonville and NS Mayport; main focus is on improving the ship count at NS Mayport; working with the 125th Fighter Wing on events to celebrate their 75th birthday; and encroachment protection around NAS Jacksonville.

East Central Florida:

Neal Finkelstein, National Center for Simulation (NCS), briefed that he's looking forward to attending the Florida Defense Forum at the end of September; and he's been attending a record number of ground breakings and ribbon cuttings in the modeling and simulation industry in central Florida recently as many new companies are moving into the area.

West Central Florida:

Buck MacLaughlin, Avon Park Air Force Range, reported on the change of command at Avon Park Air Force Range; good news as mobile homes will not be permitted at the RV park located near the range.

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Central Florida Regional Planning Council, briefed that she'll be attending the Florida Defense Forum to participate in a panel on Sentinel Landscapes; and she's excited about the conservation easements through Florida Forever.

Kathleen Nestor, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance (TBDA), updated on MacDill AFB's upcoming golf tournament, September 9th, to support the Tinker School; recently held influence events with dynamic guest speakers; the upcoming Tampa Bay Trophy event; MacDill AFB's Housing Task Force; and she is working with a local school to develop a pilot program for a National Security Institute to help get young people involved and excited about government and government careers.

South Florida:

Rick Miller, South Florida Defense Alliance (SFDA), updated on changes of command at Coast Guard Base Miami Beach, Special Operations Command South and U.S. Southern Command; SOUTHCOM and the U.S. Army have chosen a contractor to support the development of a public-private housing project; they are ensuring that the resilience needs of the community are built into their ongoing MIRR which is nearing the end of the data collection phase and will move onto analysis of that data; South Florida communities are doing the groundwork to replace the F-16s with F-35s at Homestead Air Reserve Base; he's looking forward to working with **Colonel Gregg Billman** as the newest TF member representing South Florida.

Terry McCaffrey introduced **Colonel Gregg Billman** as one of the newest appointed members of the FDSTF.

8) Agenda Item IV: Closing Comments & Adjournment

Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chairwoman, closed with reminding everyone that the next FDA Meeting will be in-person in Cocoa Beach on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at the Courtyard by Marriott Cocoa Beach.

The conference call was adjourned at 12:40 PM EDT.

All meeting presentations can be found on the FDA website:
<https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/military-defense/florida-defense-alliance/>

This meeting can be seen on The Florida Channel at:
<https://thefloridachannel.org/videos/8-31-22-florida-defense-alliance/>

Minutes for the Florida Defense Alliance Bi-Annual Meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2022

The Florida Defense Alliance of Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI) held a meeting from 8:30 AM EST-4:22 PM EST.

Present at the Meeting:

First Name	Last Name	Organization
Mike	Aller	FloridaMakes
Robert	Bienvue	Florida Council of Chapters – Military Officers Association of America
Robert	Brown	UCF
Peter	Caspari	DoD / Florida Employee Support of the Guard & Reserve
Rebecca	Caspari	DoD / Florida Employee Support of the Guard & Reserve
Traycee	Chapman	Tyndall AFB, Community Planning & Deployment
Jennifer	Codo-Salisbury	Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Ray	Collins	Enterprise Florida, Inc.
Harrison	Conyers	City of Jacksonville Military Affairs
Pamela	Davis	Sidus Space
MG Garry	Dean	National Guard Bureau
Chip	Diehl	Florida Defense Support Task Force
Amy	Doolittle	U.S. Space Force
Kathleen	Ferguson	The Roosevelt Group
RADM Mark	Fitzgerald	USN, (Ret.)
Suzanne	Frie	CareerSource Brevard
Secretary Melanie	Griffin	Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation
Michelle	Griggs	Enterprise Florida, Inc.
Richard	Haddad	Tampa Bay Defense Alliance
Jack	Hession	Madison Government Affairs
Robert	Katz	World Innovation Network
Dale	Ketcham	Space Florida
Kellie Jo	Kilberg	Kilberg & Associates
Rob	Lawrence	Florida Employee Support of the Guard & Reserve

Katie	Lopez	Tampa Bay Chamber
Terry	McCaffrey	Enterprise Florida, Inc.
Trudy	McCarthy	EDC of Florida's Space Coast
Chris	Middleton	West Florida Defense Alliance
Mike	Miller	Space Florida
Rick	Miller	South Florida Defense Alliance
Barron	Mills	Florida Photonics Cluster
Angela	Neal	EDC of Florida's Space Coast
Kathleen	Nestor	Chair, Family Support Working Group
Jim	Philpitt	Tampa Bay Defense Alliance
MG Rob	Polumbo	USAF, (Ret.)
Kay	Rasmussen	EDC of Okaloosa County
GeorgeAnn	Rice	Heroes to Education
Eric	Sherman	DoD Defense State Liaison Office
Anna	Tansilla	Camaraderie Foundation
Julia	Williford	Leonardo DRS

Semi- Annual Meeting Agenda
Courtyard by Marriott Cocoa Beach, Cocoa Beach, FL

November 16, 2022

0830-1700 EST

0830-0845	Welcome Remarks/Introductions	Kellie Jo Kilberg
0845-0915	Tyndall AFB Update / Best Practices	Traycee Chapman
0915-0945	Space Florida Update	Dale Ketcham
0945-1015	Military Spouse Economic Empowerment Zone Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pamela Davis, Katie Lopez & Angela Neal 	Kathleen Nestor
1015-1030	BREAK	
1030-1130	Advancing the Florida Range Complex Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major General Rob Polumbo, USAF, (Ret.) 	Chris Middleton Rick Miller
1130-1135	WIN Workforce Programs	Robert Katz
1135-1145	Military & Defense Team Update	Terry McCaffrey
1145-1200	Washington DC Update	Kathleen Ferguson
1200-1345	Lunch	
1345-1530	Working Groups Meet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission Sustainment • Family Support 	Chris Middleton Kathleen Nestor
1530-1540	BREAK	
1540-1600	Working Groups' Report / FDA Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission Sustainment • Family Support 	Chris Middleton Kathleen Nestor
1600-1645	Economic Development Community Significant Current Initiative Updates <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 & Clay Counties • East Central Florida <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brevard & Orange Counties • West Central Florida <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Highlands, Polk, Tampa & Pinellas Counties • South Florida <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Miami-Dade & Monroe Counties 	Local Defense Partners

1645-1655 **Next Meeting Planning** Kellie Jo Kilberg
There will be an FDA teleconference in February 2023. The next in-person FDA meeting is Wednesday, May 17, 2023, in Tallahassee

1655-1700 **Closing Comments/Adjourn** Kellie Jo Kilberg

1730-2000 **FDA / Florida Defense Support Task Force
No-Host Dinner – Sands Space History Center**
**5:30 PM Arrival – 6:00 PM Check-In & Networking –
6:30 PM Dinner Buffet \$30 Per Person**
**100 Space Port Way, Building 90328, Cape
Canaveral, FL 32920**

Thank you to our Breakfast Sponsor:



A quorum being present, **Chairwoman Kellie Jo Kilberg** began the meeting on November 16, 2022 at 8:30 AM EST.

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome & Introductions

Chairwoman, Kellie Jo Kilberg welcomed everyone, thanked them for attending and introductions were made around the room.

II. Agenda Item II: Tyndall Air Force Base Update / Best Practices

Traycee Chapman, Tyndall AFB Community Planning & Deployment, provided an update on the Tyndall Air Force Base rebuild and best practices utilized during the ongoing process. Topics of discussion included areas with significant damage from Hurricane Michael, missions and operations, community engagement, project awards and groundbreakings and wins and challenges.

The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/FDA-Presentations-2022.pdf>

III. Agenda Item III: Space Florida Update

Dale Ketcham presented an update on Space Florida and their pursuit of STARCOM and other U.S. Space Force deltas. Topics of discussion included the organizational structure of the U.S. Space Force, Space Florida target sites designated for future U.S. Space Force delta locations and STARCOM pursuit.

The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/FDA-Presentations-2022.pdf>

IV. Agenda Item IV: Military Spouse Economic Empowerment Zone Panel

Kathleen Nestor, FDA Family Support Working Group Chair, moderated this panel with participation from the following:

Angela Neal, Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast, presented an overview of the military spouse program Military Spouse Economic Empowerment Zone discussing their history, mission, vision and values, employment data, actionable solutions and complementing programs, structure and formations and Fellows programs and locations.

Katie Lopez, Tampa Bay Chamber, briefed on the Tampa chapter of the Military Spouse Economic Empowerment Zone discussing employer engagement, goals, site survey criteria and regional partnerships.

Pamela Davis, Sidus Space, discussed Space Coast military spouse programs to include the history of the Space Coast Military Spouse Professional Network, leadership structure, program goals, objectives and events.

All presentations can be found here:

<https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/FDA-Presentations-2022.pdf>

V. **Agenda Item V: Advancing the Florida Range Complex Panel**

Chris Middleton, FDA Mission Sustainment Working Group Chair, moderated this panel with participation from Rear Admiral Mark Fitzgerald, USN, (Ret.), Major General Garry Dean and Major General Rob Polumbo, USAF, (Ret.).

Topics of discussion included the following:

- Insight on the Florida Pacific Range concept
- Recommendations for Defense Communities
- Recommendations for Defense Alliances
- Challenges that can be addressed

Also discussed was the recent grant presentation to the Florida Defense Support Task Force by the University of West Florida on concept development Florida Advanced Training Range.

Presentations can be found here:

<https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/FDA-Presentations-2022.pdf>

VI. **Agenda Item VI: WIN Workforce Programs**

Robert Katz, World Innovation Network, briefed on the upcoming CareerCom/SpaceCom career happening in February 2023 during Commercial Space Week in Orlando.

The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/FDA-Presentations-2022.pdf>

VII. **Agenda Item VII: EFI Military & Defense Team Update**

Terry McCaffrey, Enterprise Florida, Inc., briefed that there will be a Florida Defense Support Task Force meeting tomorrow at 9 AM in this same room for those who can attend. The next meeting will be on January 19, 2023 in Avon Park, Florida.

The Florida Regional Defense Forum held last September in conjunction with ADC, focusing on resiliency was a great success. Matrix Design Group recently completed their report on statewide resiliency projects which was recently sent out to all communities and can be found on the FDSTF website: <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/FDCRES1.pdf>. This project is for use for communities statewide, so please engage with those projects and connect with funding sources available to do so.

He and **Ray Collins** attended the ADC Installation Innovation Forum in Phoenix Arizona from October 31st through November 2nd. The Space Coast was recognized as a Great American Defense Community. He sat on two panels: Day 2, "Looking Beyond the DOD Definition of Resilience", and Day 3, "New Strategies to Make Your Community More Military-Friendly". They met with USAF leaders and discussed three main items:

- The Education Score card: They are looking at a possible trip to Washington, DC set up by **Kathy Ferguson** of the Roosevelt Group to engage the USAF, DoD and others on the USAF Education Score Card. Kathy is putting together a list of target offices / principals for us to consider.
- STARCOM / Delta 13 basing decisions: Florida is well-positioned, and the Governor continues to push for both of these entities as letters from the Governor's office will be sent out soon to Air Force decision-makers and the Florida CODEL.

- Gulf Range protections: President Biden's recently signed Inflation Reduction Act removed the range's protections designated by President Trump's Executive Order as wind is a new threat.

Publication of the 2022-2023 Military Benefits Guide is complete and copies have been shipped to all installations and communities. The new version is also active on our website for anyone who wants to access the guide.

<https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/Advantage-Florida-Military-Benefits-Guide.pdf>

VIII. Agenda Item VIII: Washington, DC Update

Kathleen Ferguson, The Roosevelt Group, provided an update on ongoing defense issues in Washington, DC. Topic of discussion included recent election results and insight, impact on the Senate, House of Representatives and defense, Congressional action on the FY23 defense budget, highlights of defense authorizations, FY23 MILCON provisions of interest and House Armed Services Committee Priorities.

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

Chris Middleton, Chair of the Mission Sustainment Working Group (MSWG), reported to members that resiliency remains a top priority and they currently have three OLDCC (Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation) Military Installation Resiliency Review grants. Communities are partnering with their Regional Planning Councils to coordinate and implement the grants. They are working to add grants for the Central, East Central and Northeast Florida Regional Councils to the South Florida, Tampa, and Emerald Coast Regional Planning Councils. They will be holding a Zoom meeting in December with key stakeholders to share best practices and connect stakeholders together for alignment on this key program.

Next, they are asking communities to meet with mission executives for input on sustainment needs. Further, looking at updates for their encroachment legislation through the missions' lens to include water, underwater and space ranges. The Mission Sustainment Working Group will continue to engage state universities and state college systems to connect needed talent for the military and defense contractors as well as working the length of time issue to gain security clearance for students looking for employment. This group continues to stay focused on Ranges, Resiliency and Resources for our military and defense communities.

Kathleen Nestor, Chair of the Family Support Working Group (FSWG), reported on the groups' discussions:

Eric Sherman gave an update on compacts with the addition of the Teachers' Compact and the Exemption for Childcare licenses if the spouse has been certified by DOD to provide childcare.

Secretary Melanie Griffin from the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation attended the meeting to learn how her department can assist with implementation of current laws. They discussed how to improve communications when there is confusion regarding implementation. In addition, **Secretary Griffin** will assist the Working Group to connect to other department Secretaries that have oversight of other compacts.

There was a presentation highlighting the challenges of Childcare Licensure. They will be adding the Teachers Compact and Childcare Exemption to their legislative request. The other three are EMS, Psypact, and Audiology, Speech, Language Compacts.

Finally, they had discussions on several challenges in the works for military children enrolled in the Florida Virtual School program and an update on the Heroes to Education program.

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

Northeast Florida:

Harrison Conyers discussed the recently approved FDTFF grant to the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce for advocacy for NS Mayport; health protection conditions have been lowered at both NAS Jacksonville and NS Mayport; over 200,000 attendees came to the air show in Jacksonville three weeks ago to see the Blue Angels; AIA has collapsed onto one lane due to the recent hurricanes and they are waiting on Fish and Wildlife to perform an engineering study on the road to possibly raise it three feet; and they recently closed on two parcels of land close to OLF Whitehouse.

West Central Florida:

Jim “Byrdman” Philpitt reported that Tampa and MacDill AFB dodged a bullet as Hurricane Ian made landfall just south of them; the Tampa Bay Defense Alliance has expanded to cover everything from Coast Guard Station Yankeetown in Levy County down to Coast Guard Station Fort Myers Beach in Lee County; MILCON projects at Coast Guard Station Fort Myers Beach have been delayed by Hurricane Ian; things continue to progress as far as the KC-46 bed down as they will eventually retire 24 KC-135R aircraft and replace those with 24 KC-46A between the 6th Air Refueling Wing on the active side, shared with the 927th Air Refueling Wing on the Air Force Reserve side; they continue with outreach trying to bring in various U.S. Coast Guard installations to Tampa Bay proper, as well as various reserve components; the establishment of the Global and National Security Institute at the University of South Florida, headed by Executive Director General Frank McKenzie; the under utilization of Avon Park Air Force Range; and their engagement with installation mission commanders.

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury discussed encroachment issues at Avon Park Air Force Range as the county board denied the application to allow mobile homes and have asked staff to amend their land development regulations to not allow permanent park models which are a form of recreational vehicles; they’ve made some Florida Forever purchases within the Avon Park Sentinel Landscape; and they’ve been working in partnership on the Florida Wildlife Corridor continuing to work at opportunities for conservation easements.

South Florida:

Rick Miller reported that all initial site visits have been completed for the Military Installation Resiliency Review project; USSOUTHCOM kicked off a two-month deployment of the hospital ship USNS Comfort Missions in support of the Continuing Promise mission; the 42nd Commander at HARB will have a change of command in December; an aerospace technology hub complex is in the works on former HARB land; several letters have recently been sent behalf of HARB in support of the F-35s; and HARB encroachment issues.

Northwest Florida:

Kay Rasmussen reported on the top three issues in northwest Florida are:

1. Transportation: they are continually looking at HWY 85 and HWY 98
2. Childcare: they are partnering with Higher Ground Education who are building two facilities, one in the city of Crestview in North Okaloosa County, and one in Navarre

in Santa Rosa County. The one in Crestview is currently going through the permitting process and groundbreaking is anticipated by the first of the year. The purchase for property in Navarre has been accomplished, but the progress is a couple of weeks behind that of the Crest view location.

3. Eastern Gulf Test and Training Range: This summer President Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act and in Section five under clean energy there is a statement that rescinds the Executive Order that protects the Eastern Gulf and opens up the Eastern Gulf of Mexico to energy, exploration and development. This is a huge threat to the military range that resides in the Eastern Gulf. It's a threat to national security, the economy and well-being of the State of Florida. The Defense Support Initiatives Committee in Northwest Florida has taken on a campaign effort to garner support of a Congressional bill to enact a moratorium to protect the Eastern Range. There is a House and a Senate bill moving through companion bills that will preserve the Eastern Gulf. They are advocating to have that become a law. More on that to follow.

XII. Agenda Item XII: Next Meeting Planning

Chairwoman, Kellie Jo Kilberg announced that there will be an FDA teleconference on February 2023 and the next in-person FDA meeting is Wednesday, May 17, 2023 in Tallahassee at the Four Points by Sheraton Tallahassee Downtown.

XIII. Agenda Item XII: Closing Comments / Adjourn

Chairwoman, Kellie Jo Kilberg thanked everyone for attending, reminded everyone about the dinner at the Sands Space History at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 PM EST.

All presentations can be found at:

<https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/FDA-Presentations-2022.pdf>