

## **Final Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Florida Defense Support Task Force**

### **Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #50 on Thursday, January 19, 2017**

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting at The Avon Park Air Force Range, Avon Park, Florida 09:00 AM EDT – 11:24 AM EDT. For Agenda: See Page 2

#### **Task Force Members Present:**

Representative Clay Ingram, Chairman  
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman  
Brig Gen Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret.)  
Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Highlands County  
ADM Mark Fitzgerald, USN, (Ret.)

#### **Task Force Members on the Phone:**

Senator Mike Bennett, Manatee County Supervisor of Elections  
CW5 Derrick Fritts, USA

#### **Task Force Members Absent:**

MG Mike Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida  
Mr. J.R. McDonald, Lockheed Martin  
Senator Dana Young

#### **Speakers Present:**

Secretary Anthony Principi, The Principi Group (TPG)  
MG Mike Jones, USA, Ret., TPG

#### **Others Present:**

COL Tad Warfel, Department of Military Affairs (Phone)  
Colonel Bob Black, USAF (Ret.)  
Kellie Jo Kilberg, Florida Defense Alliance (Phone)  
Karl Blischke, DEO  
Taylor Teepell, DEO  
Jim Breitenfeld, TPG  
General Keye Sabol, TPG  
LTG David Huntoon, USA (Ret.), The Spectrum Group  
LT COL Daniel Edgar, Avon Park Air Force Range  
Charles MacLaughlin, Avon Park Air Force Range  
Teresa Kelly, Avon Park Air Force Range  
Brent Bonner, Avon Park Air Force Range  
Dr. Hilary Swain, Archbold Biological Station  
Pat Steed, Central Florida Regional Planning Council  
Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Central Florida Regional Planning Council  
Josh Cockrell, Clay County Development Authority  
COL Steve Williamson, USA (Ret.), Military Affairs Committee  
Fred Trippensee  
Tenny Croley, Frostproof City Manager  
Todd Dantzler, Polk County Commission  
Jake Polumbo, USAF (Ret.)  
LeeAnn Thomas, Polk County Deputy County Manager  
Neal Finkelstein, Team Orlando

Susan BuChans, Highlands Country Planning Department  
Paul Catlett, Camp Blanding Environmental Manager  
Captain Phillip Willard, Camp Blanding Director of Public Works  
Kurt Kadel, Chairman of the Homestead Military Affairs Committee  
Katie Kelly, Deputy Chief of Staff, DEP (Phone)  
Rebecca Perry, The Nature Conservancy (Phone)  
Jana Wibberly, Deloitte (Phone)  
Rick Gilbert, Deloitte (Phone)  
Linda Godfrey, Division of State Lands (Phone)  
Debi Graham, Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce (Phone)

**Staff Present:**

Bruce Grant, Vice President, Military & Defense, EFI  
Terry McCaffrey, Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF)  
Marcy Muldrow Sanders, Grants Manager, FDSTF (Phone)  
Michelle Griggs, Administrative Assistant, EFI



**Florida Defense Support Task Force -- Meeting #50**  
**Avon Park Air Force Range, 29 South Boulevard, Avon Park, FL 33825**  
**AGENDA for January 19, 2017 (As of: January 12, 2017)**

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<b>KEY:</b>
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- 0900 – 0910 Welcome, Guest Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance..... Chairman **(I)**
  - 0910 – 0925 Welcome from Local Defense Community..... Lt Col “Ditka” Edgar **(I)**
  - 0925 – 0935 Old Business..... Chairman **(A) / (I)**
    - Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
    - TF Grants and Contracts Status Marcy Sanders **(I)**
    - Budget update Marcy Sanders **(I)**
    - Military Base Protection Plan Terry McCaffrey **(D) / (A)**
    - DEO/FDSTF FY 16-17 Contract Bruce Grant **(I)**
  - 0935 – 1045 New Business..... Chairman **(I)**
    - TF Member Reports Secretary Tony Principi **(I)**
    - Update from The Principi Group John Patrick Walsh **(I)**
    - Washington Office Update Kellie Jo Kilberg **(I)**
    - Florida Defense Alliance Update (Phone) Bruce Grant **(I)**
    - Legislative / OPPAGA Report Update Terry McCaffrey **(D) / (A)**
    - 2016 Task Force Annual Report
  - 1045 – 1115 FY 2016- 2017 Grant Application Presentations..... Chairman **(I) / (D)**
  - 1115 – 1130 Public Comment..... Chairman
  - 1130 – 1230 CLOSED SESSION / LUNCH..... Chairman
  - 1230 – 1300 OPEN SESSION – Voting on grant proposals..... Chairman **(A)**
  - 1300 – 1500 Tour of Avon Park Air Force Range ..... Buck MacLaughlin **(I)**
- Reminder – Meeting Dates: February 16, 2017 Conf Call/Webex March 16, 2016 Tallahassee, FL  
April 16, 2017 Conf Call/Webex May 18, 2017 Tallahassee, FL  
June 15, 2017 Conf Call/Webex July 20, 2017 Key West, FL  
August 2017 **NO MEETING** September 21, 2017 Panama City, FL  
October 19, 2017 Conf Call/Webex November 16, 2017 Orlando, FL

**Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram**, began the meeting at 09:07 AM EDT.

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome & Introductions

**Chairman, Representative Ingram** welcomed attendees and guests. He asked guests in the audience to introduce themselves. He thanked Commissioner Stewart and her husband for their hospitality to the TF at their ranch the day prior. He asked the TF and audience to join him in the pledge of allegiance. He reminded the Task Force the meeting is governed by Sunshine Law. This meeting was broadcast via the Florida Channel.

**LTCOL Daniel Edgar**, Commander Avon Park Air Force Range (APAFR), welcomed the Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) to Avon Park. He noted that the Range has over 106,000 acres and discussed some of the partnerships they have. The Range has a joint training environment with the Navy Seals who, on the ground, call in airstrikes to A-10 Warthogs. Other staff is entrusted with taking care of natural lands at APAFR. Some are there to maintain the lands, sell hunting permits, reintroduce endangered species into the habitat, they have a team which carries out prescribed burns of 33,000 acres a year and plant native trees and harvest them for the Forestry Service. Additional workers are there to preserve Native American and Civil War history on the Range.

**Dr. Hilary Swain**, Executive Director, Archbold Biological Station, praised APAFR for taking such good care of and protecting their natural resources as their lands are well-managed, secure and protected with species such as birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and plants. The partnership established between the Range and Archbold Biological Station began in 1941 and since 1991 they contracted with the Department of Defense to conduct bird monitoring, gopher tortoise and indigo snake monitoring in 2012 and hope to add additional species in 2017. Archbold Biological Station contributes toward the military mission by meeting regulatory requirements, moves toward recovery of listed species and enhances the training landscape. APAFR serves as model for monitoring protocols and land management and DOD installations, attracts conservation partners and serves as a conduit to the science community.

**Pat Steed**, Executive Director, Central Florida Regional Planning Council, discussed that a group formed by the DEO, local Economic Development Commission, civilians from APAFR, representatives from Polk and Highlands counties and the Central Florida Planning Council all came together to talk about partnerships with APAFR. They developed programs and acquired grants for conservation easements, looked at the long-term mission of the Range related to the economy. They worked together to maximize the limited resources and to see how they can better inform the local community about activity at the Range. Anyone who searches for property in Polk County online will see links pop up with information about APAFR. Recently they have developed videos which provide the community with information about the Range as it's important for the public to know and have access to that sort of information.

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

*Approval of the Minutes*

*A quorum being present, Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram asked of any changes to be made to the November 16, 2016 minutes. Noting none, the November 16, 2016 meeting and closed session minutes were approved.*

*Task Force Grants & Contracts Status*

Staff reported that DTF Grant 15-04, National Center for Simulation has requested an extension, which has been approved and their new end date is June 30, 2017. DTF Grant 15-11, City of Key West has requested an extension, which was approved and their new end date is March 31, 2018. DTF Grant 16-02, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance has requested an extension, which was approved and their new end date is February 28, 2017.

Grants that have been closed are DTF Grant 15-07, Santa Rosa County with \$0.25 reverted, DTF 15-08, Florida 8 (a) Alliance has forfeited \$319.17, DTF Grant 15-10, Bay County Defense Alliance, all funds were expended and DTF 16-03, Santa Rosa County, all funds were expended. Staff reminded the TF that all funds not expended in prior years' grants will be reverted to the State.

DTF Grant 16-144, Clay County Development Authority was completed in December 2016 and is now closed. DTF 16-154, Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce has now been executed.

#### *Budget/Contract Update*

Staff reported that the TF has encumbered \$250,000 for programs this year and \$573,566 remains left to encumber prior to June 30, 2017. Staff also noted that \$475,665.78 for programs and \$120,862.68 for administrative expenses has been expended this year.

#### *Military Base Protection Plan*

**Terry McCaffrey** discussed the Tier 1 properties suggested by DEO: Cook Property/Pensacola Naval Air Station and Alfred Seas Trust Property/Key West Naval Air Station and agreed they should remain as Tier 1 properties. The TF recommended that the older properties Florida Rock and Barefoot Palms remain on Tier 1 as should Homestead Park at Homestead Air Force Base due to heightened risk (moved from Tier 2).

The TF reviewed the properties suggested by DEO on Tier 2: Valparaiso Lots in Clear Zone/Eglin AFB, East Bay Flats/Tyndall AFB and Seclusion Bay/Tyndall AFB and agreed those properties should all remain as Tier 2 properties. They suggested that the ZONS Property at MacDill AFB be moved from Tier 3 to Tier 2 as it not now inside the clear zone.

The TF agreed the Tier 3 properties recommended by DEO should remain on Tier 3: Enchanted Island/Key West NAS, Gulf Seafood/Key West NAS, three properties/Blount Island, Scott and Millan properties/Pensacola NAS and Farmdale property/Tyndall AFB. They suggested that the 6 properties at Camp Blanding should be added to Tier 3 to be reviewed in the future.

**Question: Brig Gen Chip Diehl** asked what the TF can do to move this process along during this session in order to start acquiring some of these properties?

**Bruce Grant** replied that the \$7.9 million which was appropriated for the Tier 1 properties has not been completely expended and some funds will revert back to the State. Staff is working with the legislators to have those remaining funds continue to be used for the Tier 1 properties in the future.

*A quorum being present, Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram asked for a motion to accept and approve the Tier 1, 2 and 3 properties as revised. A motion was made by Tom Neubauer, seconded by Admiral Mark Fitzgerald and passed unanimously.*

#### *DEO/FDSTF FY 16-17 Contract*

**Bruce Grant** reported that the FY 2016-2017 contract between the TF and DEO has been completed and signed as of Tuesday, January 17, 2017.

### III. Agenda Item III: New Business

#### *Task Force Member Reports*

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** thanked the TF and EFI staff for having this meeting in Avon Park.

**Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram** reported about the Cyberthon program, going on this weekend in Pensacola in conjunction with the National Museum of Naval Aviation and the National Flight Academy, which shows real life scenarios of cyber-attacks and attacking the enemy. This and programs like this shows kids the

great careers they can achieve through STEM and hopefully gets them excited about math and science as used in real-world scenarios.

**Mr. Tom Neubauer** reported that the decision for Bay County to acquire and sell to the State of Florida the 8.44 acres for Naval Support Activity has occurred. Bay County, who is very supportive of the military, absorbed approximately a \$750,000 difference between cost and disposition to benefit the Navy.

He reported on the effort on the growing RPA program and that the Wing Base (Base Y) has still not been chosen however both Tyndall and Eglin AFBs are still in the running so Florida has a great for obtaining this next-generation program. A decision should be made by this spring.

**Admiral Mark Fitzgerald** discussed some high-level achievements by the TF over the last two years such as the second Littoral Combat Ship being based at Mayport. The Governor, City Council and Mayor all wrote letters to get Triton to Mayport which has had a positive effect and hopefully will soon have a positive outcome. In Orlando the Naval Air Warfare Center was named the Simulation Center of Excellence for the Navy. Pensacola is making progress on base access as the TF funded the signage to assist with that difficulty.

In Pensacola, the TH57 Helicopters are coming to the end of their 40-year run and others will be competed for replacement. He suggested that the TF watch what is going on with this program at NAS Whiting Field. He discussed that Jacksonville, and possibly Tyndall or Eglin AFB, will be beddown sites for the F-35A.

**Bruce Grant** replied that General Keye Sabol will be working with the National Guard in Jacksonville on Friday to prepare for the site visit which is happening in April.

**Brig Gen Chip Diehl** discussed the Air Force Corona Conference at MacDill AFB in February attended by 4-Star Generals who get together, meet with the community and talk about priorities at MacDill. They then go to Orlando for an Air Symposium. He reported that the KC-46A bases selected are Travis AFB in California and Joint Base Maguire Dix Lakehurst in New Jersey and discussed the importance of the support for this program.

He reported that he and General Jones have an upcoming meeting with the Superintendent of Schools for Hillsborough County to discuss Tinker Middle School, which is supported by legislation in the National Defense Authorization Act which prioritizes schools on military bases. Currently the students are in modular classroom and the campus needs to be built. They are hoping Tinker will have their campus built this year based on the new ranking.

**CW5 Derrick Fritts** reported that the Atlas 5 Rocket will be launching this evening at approximately 7:46 PM, carrying the Go3 Satellite which he will personally attend by invitation from the 45<sup>th</sup> Space Wing.

#### *Update from the Principi Group*

**Secretary Anthony Principi** introduced General David Huntoon as the newest member of The Principi Group and gave the TF some background information on his 40 years of service in the U.S. Army.

He reported that the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress convened on January 5, 2017 to await the Presidential inauguration on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017. When President-elect Donald Trump takes office, it will be the first time in 10 years the GOP is in charge of both houses of Congress and the White House. Both the House and the Senate have released proposed work calendars for the upcoming fiscal year which targets adjournment on December 15, 2017. He suggests that this late date is a good signal that neither chamber expects to have appropriations bills completed by October 1, 2017 and that another continuing resolution is planned to continue into December.

Congress is working on the development of a Joint budget resolution which will impact defense and other forms of government. They plan to dismantle Obamacare, starting with legislation using a parliamentary procedure known as "budget reconciliation" to require a simple majority vote in the Senate as opposed to the standard 60

votes, thus making it easier for them to repeal the entire health care law within the next month or so. The House has already passed the REINS Act, to give Congress an up or down vote on regulations and policies coming out of the Executive Branch that have the potential to have a major financial impact on the US economy. Congress also needs to address an increase in the national debt limit that will be passed along with the 11 remaining FY17 appropriations bills before the CR deadline of April 27, 2017. TPG will be watching very closely the outcomes and decisions for defense programs of interest to Florida when the Defense Appropriations Bills are released as part of the FY17 omnibus bill in March.

Regarding defense budget forecasts, the President-Elect's choice for the director of the Office of Management and Budget is Representative Mick Mulvaney (R-S.C.), who sought to slash military spending for years, and has teamed up with liberal Democrats to force votes on amendments slicing billions off the top of the defense budget. He is also a primary advocate for the automatic budget cuts known as sequestration that slowed the rise of federal spending. TPG states that now that he's been chosen to lead OMB, he is the primary gatekeeper for the president's annual budget proposal. Mulvaney has many supporters of more military spending on edge over how exactly he will shape Trump's campaign pledge to raise the spending caps currently imposed on the military.

Congressional defense leaders are working on a \$640 billion defense spending plan for FY 2018, which will include some of the priorities President-elect Trump touted on the campaign trail. The plan is being worked out by Representative Mac Thornberry, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, and Senator John McCain, his counterpart in the Senate. This plan is expected to be released the week of January 16, 2017

The funding included in the FY 2017 National Defense Authorization Act was \$611.2 billion, including almost \$60 billion in an account meant for overseas operations that is not subjected to budget caps. The goal now being worked would find \$640 billion in base priorities with a yet-to-be-determined amount in the account for overseas operations. The base budget would therefore be roughly \$90 billion more than the base budget of \$551 billion from fiscal 2017.

Under the Budget Control Act, the estimated cap on defense spending for FY 2018 would be about \$550 billion, which does not include any OCO spending.

Retired USMC General James Mattis was nominated by President-Elect Trump for Defense Secretary and General John Kelly was nominated for Secretary of Homeland Security. These nominations are expected to be confirmed tomorrow after the Inauguration.

Other potential appointments by the incoming Administration, Bob Work, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, will stay on the job during the early days of the Trump administration. Secretary of Defense Nominee James Mattis asked Work to stay after the end of the Obama administration to provide continuity and leadership until President-elect Trump's new team is in place. Also, current Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management Robert Speer will also stay on as the top Army civilian until Vincent Viola, Trump's nominee for Army Secretary, is confirmed. Also, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for research, development and acquisition Sean Stackley will serve as acting secretary of the Navy, and Air Force undersecretary Lisa Disbrow will head the Air Force.

The leading contender in November for the Secretary of the Navy was Representative Randy Forbes (R-Va.), but he has lost traction in recent weeks. The lead candidate is now a little-known candidate for Secretary of the Navy with a background in high finance in Asia is Philip Bilden, who ran a private equity business in Hong Kong for more than a decade. Bilden attended Georgetown on a ROTC scholarship, graduated in 1986 and then served four years as an Army intelligence officer. Bilden has one son who graduated from the Naval Academy and another son who is currently a midshipman in Annapolis. TPG notes that Bilden is one of the largest donors to the Naval Academy and has been very involved at the Academy as a member of the board. He's been a strong supporter of the U.S. Naval Institute and is on the board of the Naval War College.

Nominations for Air Force Secretary continue to be in flux. The leading candidate for the Secretary of the Air Force, Ty McCoy is starting to fade. The new name surfacing is former New Mexico Congresswoman Heather Wilson, who is President of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City, South Dakota.

She is a graduate of the Air Force Academy and was the first female military veteran elected to a full term in Congress.

Two new Florida House Members were appointed to the House Armed Services Committee; Congressman Matt Gaetz (FL-1) replaced retiring Congressman Jeff Miller and Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy (FL-7) who replaced Congressman John Mica in a district which includes all of Seminole County and much of northern Orange County, including downtown Orlando, Maitland, Winter Park, and the University of Central Florida. She is the only Florida Democrat on the committee. In a published statement, Congresswoman Murphy stated that she intends to use her position to help create well-paying jobs for central Florida, which is home to a renowned modeling, simulation and training sector.

TPG notes that Florida is fortunate to have two members on the HASC as California has 10, Texas has 5 and Virginia has several. Florida also has two members serving on the House Appropriations Committee. Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart serves on the Defense Subcommittee and Congressman Tom Rooney serves on the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Subcommittees, which will serve the State of Florida very well. Senator Marco Rubio has been appointed to the Senate Appropriations Committee and as of now we are unsure as to which subcommittees he will serve.

In regards to BRAC, it is too early to tell if the Administration will ask for one and whether DOD can convince Congress the process will address their previously articulated concerns. In response to an advance policy question submitted by the SASC to Gen Mattis prior to his nomination, General Mattis was asked the following: Do you believe that a BRAC round is needed and, if so, what changes to the law would you request to ensure that we don't have a repeat of the 2005 BRAC? He answered, "I have not been privy to BRAC discussions at the level of the Secretary's office and the Congress, although I will note that the Congress's intent in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2017 is clear." TPG believes this answer was intended not to make any headline and is not necessarily a reflection of DOD's position once General Mattis is confirmed and has his team in place.

#### *Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Update*

**Ms. Kellie Jo Kilberg**, Chair of the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA), reported that they are preparing for their upcoming conference call on January 31, 2017 during which we will have an update from Washington, D.C. as well as updates as to what's going on around the State. During the conference call we're focusing on energy resiliency and how we can come together to help the installations reduce costs.

FDA is also planning for our in-person meeting in March in Tallahassee. At this meeting FDA will focus on Navy best practices, looking at extending the ban on oil drilling in the Gulf, the role we play in the Southeast Range Complex.

Many are not aware but CareerSource Florida is able to help find jobs for Veterans with disabilities and active military spouses. CareerSource currently does not have anyone to assist retired disabled military or retired military spouses. FDA is looking to close that gap, working with CareerSource Florida and Veteran's Florida to have someone in that position with military background to assist in job placement for those retired disabled military and retired military spouses.

Kellie Jo also noted that the bi-monthly FDA Newsletter has now reached out of Florida and is making the rounds at the Department of Defense. She also noted that FDA will be very active in a response to the OPPAGA Report.

#### *Legislative/OPPAGA Report Update*

**Bruce Grant** reported that committees have begun to meet and that, so far, no bills have been filed specific to Military and Defense, but bills are forthcoming. One is the ability to have military spouses' business licenses transferred to Florida upon relocation. Another Veteran's legislation is a bill filed by Rep Magee which will provide for annual sales tax holiday for vets from November 1st to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Another is for alternative medical treatment options for those under the Florida Department of Veteran's Affairs, such as hyperbaric oxygen treatment, and other non-traditional therapies treat PTSD, TBI and other of those kinds of ailments.



In other bills, most significant is for \$10 million for training for veterans under Veterans Florida and the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs.

OPPAGA stands for the Office of Policy Program and Government Accountability and is designed to look at different state agencies after a certain period of time after their creation. DEO was created 5 years ago, so OPAGA took a look to see if they are performing the functions they are supposed to perform. They provided recommendations that may or may not be adopted in the future, such as that the TF and FDA should be placed under DEO. At this time this is only a recommendation and we see any action on this forthcoming. This is not an option at this point however it could be a possibility in the future.

Bruce stated that the full report is available to anyone who would like to see it.

#### *2016 Task Force Annual Report Update*

**Terry McCaffrey** reported that the draft of the Annual Report was sent out to TF members earlier in the month for review. Once input was received, it was incorporated into the report. With no further discussion, it is ready to be voted on for approval.

*A quorum being present, Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram asked for a motion to accept and approve the 2016 TF Annual Report. A motion was made by Admiral Mark Fitzgerald, seconded by Commissioner Barbara Stewart and passed unanimously.*

#### IV. Agenda Item IV: FY 2016-2017 Grant Application Presentations

Clay County Development Authority Grant Presentation, presented by **Josh Cockrell**, the Executive Director of the Clay County Development Authority. He explained that the Camp Blanding Joint Training Center (CBJTC) is a critically vital training center that annually trains over 350,000 Florida National Guard troops, active duty military, law enforcement officers, Department of Homeland Security agents, Drug Enforcement Agents, Florida Department of Law Enforcement agents, various Florida counties' sheriff's department personnel and first responders, and others.

The development pressure from the surrounding area has prompted CBJTC to make the western side of the installation the highest priority for protection from development encroachment. This project will purchase 578 acres adjacent to CBJTC and the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) project lands in Bradford County.

The buffer will serve as protection from future development-related land-use impacts to the military installation as well as establishing an expanded buffer around Camp Blanding that will ease strained relations with nearby residents. The buffer would also facilitate training capability growth within the current boundaries of the installation, as well as protect and safeguard current and future training operations at Camp Blanding.

An additional benefit provided by a permanent buffer area adjacent to the border of the installation is that it protects natural wetlands and state-listed flora and fauna from development activities. The buffer would also facilitate training capability growth within the current boundaries of the installation, as well as protect and safeguard current and future training operations at Camp Blanding.

This project will leverage approximately \$750,000 match of Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (DoD-REPI) funds. The SRWMD has indicated their willingness to handle the specifics of the sale including the appraisals and contract negotiations. The SRWMD will utilize this parcel for flood mitigation and water recharge issues in this region. Given that this property is located in Bradford County, there will be an annual payment in lieu of taxes. This parcel is not included in the current Florida Forever Program and would be acquired by SRWMD as project lands, managed by the Department of Military Affairs.

This project directly supports the FDSTF mission, as described in F.S. 288.987, by preserving, protecting, and enhancing Florida's military installations and to improve the states military friendly environment for service members that bring military and base related jobs to the state. This project aligns with the FDSTF's guiding principles (goals) as identified in the FDSTF Strategic Plan.

Finally, the FDSTF Strategic Plan long-term strategic goals for all military installations are addressed by promoting and growing Florida's military missions and installations, providing support for the acquisition of land or development rights to prevent encroachment and preventing and mitigating encroachment affecting installations, ranges and flight corridors.

In summary, the Installation encroachment acquisition of 578 acres along the western boundary of CBJTC. \$400,000 of FDSTF Grant funding will be leveraged with \$750,000 of REPI funds, enabling the appraisal, surveying, and acquisition. TOTAL: \$1,150,000

**Question: Commissioner Barbara Stewart** asked do they have a willing seller? She asked if the water management district is going to handle all of the logistics? She asked about a price, if the land has been appraised and if they have sufficient funds?

**Josh Cockrell** replied that they do have a willing seller. Mr. Cockrell replied that yes, the water management district is going to handle all of the logistics.

**Paul Catlett**, Camp Blanding Environmental Manager, replied that yes, they do currently have the REPI funds. He replied that as of yet, the land has not been appraised, but that they do have sufficient funds.

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** suggested that in the future, they show the TF a map with all of the land and easements they've purchased in the past, then also show what they plan to purchase in the future as they've been the recipient of several TF grants in the past and she would like to see progress that has been mad, what their plan is for the future and why certain lands have a higher priority than others.

The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce (GMCC) presented on the establishment of a South Florida Defense Alliance. The presenter is Steve Williamson, Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee. The goal of the South Florida Defense Alliance is to unite the 4 counties in South Florida: Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe. These counties together have 37 of the 120 state districts, 8 of the state's 27 federal districts. They carry 32% pf Florida's GDP and employment. They have 22+ military commands, 14+ military installations and 25,000+ service-members.

The need for a Defense Alliance in South Florida is necessary to be strong and consistent and present a united effort at the local, state and federal levels. Their purpose and goal is to establish the SFDA to champion and represent the South Florida Community.

State return on investment consists of creating a focal point for the region and being a consistent and added voice for South Florida's 6.1 million people. Focus will be on U.S. Southern Command, the Coast Guard, Homestead ARB and NAS Key West. South Florida wants to maintain growth in their investment and continue to have economic impact on jobs, create new missions for Homestead ARB, increase community support, support quality of life and hold the line on encroachment.

Their coalition will consist of the GMCC, the Beacon Council and the Military Affairs Board. They will also have support from the local governments, local civic and non-profit groups, local military and local security units and installations.

The core group of directors and advisors will be the Mayor of Miami-Dade County, the Mayor of the City of Doral, the Mayor of the City of Homestead, the GMCC, the Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce and The Beacon Council. Their core group of ex-officio members will include U.S. Southern Command, the

U.S. Coast Guard District 7, U.S. Special Operations Command, the 482<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing/Homestead ARB and the U.S. Army Garrison-Miami.

Their timeline for the first year is to unite and form the coalition. The second year goal is to consolidate, operate and expand into Key West. Year 3 is to operate and expand to Palm beach County and year 4 to have full regional SFDA operations.

They are asking for a total of \$128,540.12, so by the end of their first year they will establish the SFDA with a board of directors, a board-approved charter and by-laws, advisory board, strategic and communications plan and be approximately 30% self-sustaining with local funds.

**Question: Commissioner Barbara Stewart** asked if the South Florida Progress Foundation was a part of the GMCC?

**Steve Williamson** replied that yes, the South Florida Progress Foundation is a 501c3 which holds the money for the GMCC.

**Question: Commissioner Barbara Stewart** asked for clarification on their budget and each line item as it relates to the budget costs. For example, the first item as to creating the Charter and Bylaws, who is doing that work and why does it cost that much and will they be hiring a consultant to perform this work? She suggested that they use the Bay Defense Alliance and the Tampa Bay Defense Alliance as references as they move forward with their Alliance.

**Steve Williamson** replied that he has a breakdown of all costs which he is happy to show the TF after the meeting and that they will contact a consultant to perform this work. He noted that they have a couple of contractors in mind already and if their grant approved they, along with the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, will send out a Request for Proposal for the hiring of a consultant. He also noted that he has received information from Brig General Chip Diehl and Tom Neubauer in assistance in moving forward with the SFDA.

**Question: Commissioner Barbara Stewart** asked if their hired consultant will contact and form the Advisory Board and Board of Directors?

**Steve Williamson** replied that it will be a combined effort in order to secure the core group and will need a lot of legwork and team-building to assemble a small group from such a large area. He feels they are fairly well connected in Miami-Dade County, not as well in Broward, so that will be part of their focus. Rules and Regulations will be established for the Board as to how it will operate, how often will they meet, what are their procedures and protocols? They will need to establish a Standard Operating Procedure as to how an effective working Board will be run. He noted that the hired consultant, along with assistance from the GMCC and the Military Affairs Committee, will work together to compile the Board of Directors and the Advisory Board.

**Question: Commissioner Barbara Stewart** asked if a hired consultant will develop their Branding and Communications Action Plan?

**Steve Williamson** replied that yes, they may subcontract through the GMCC or hire a consultant independently.

**Question: Commissioner Barbara Stewart** asked if regarding creating community awareness, are they are creating a mechanism or if they are creating tools and going out into the community and doing that in the first year?

**Steve Williamson** replied that, yes, they are planning to create information packets, briefings and they plan on going out into the community, particularly in the economic development areas and areas which are military friendly, they have already developed a list of organizations to which they'd like to belong, participate on panels, discussions and develop presentations. The initial intent is to get the word out that they have a consolidated group which is working for and focusing on the military in South Florida.

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** noted the importance of being self-sustaining, that the TF cannot fund them each year. The more people that can be involved, an example such as the Bay County Defense Alliance, utilize their members which cuts down on their expenses tremendously, and when projects come up which need to be funded, the funds are already in place to do so.

**Steve Williamson** replied that The Beacon Council, GMCC and Military Miami-Dade will be a significant part of the SFDA as through those entities, they will have a better outreach into the business community and potential investors.

**Question: Commissioner Barbara Stewart** asked if Strategic Summit is going to be occurring during the first year of the SFDA?

**Steve Williamson** replied that, yes, once the Board of Advisors has been chosen and the Charter and Bylaws created, possibly 7-8 months into the first year, they will have a Strategic Summit which brings everyone involved together to discuss where they are currently and what they want to do over the next 5 years. At that point we will develop a 5-year plan.

**Question: Commissioner Barbara Stewart** asked if the SFDA will actually run and participate in that Summit or if they just planned on coordinating?

**Steve Williamson** replied that, yes, they will organize and participate in that Summit.

**Question: Mr. Tom Neubauer** asked if they will be setting up a separate 501c6 for their organization?

**Steve Williamson** noted that the GMCC is a 501c4 and he believes they can accomplish their mission under their ability to lobby and perform from there. Creating a separate 501c6 may be something which needs to be further discussed.

**Mr. Tom Neubauer** noted that the GMCC will be concerned that the SFDA might be considered as a lobbying organization and they will have to go back and tax a portion of their members' dues if you associate with the Chamber 501c4, so a separate association might be necessary.

**Question: Mr. Tom Neubauer** asked if it is the intent of this organization to be the sole applicant for any DRG grant requests in the future or are their multiple organizations requesting those now?

**Steve Williamson** stated that is part of their plan as they move forward, depending on the goal of the DRG. At this point he's not sure if they are going to include economic development specialists into the SFDA.

**Admiral Mark Fitzgerald** advised not to overlook the air and sea space off of their region as those are training ranges and the reason that region exist as this will be a major focus as the organization is created. The Southeast Range Initiative will be an important part of this organization and will receive support from various places because of the offshore drilling issue which will allow you to draw more people and funding. He also noted that defense industry is big in the Palm Beach area and might be included in the SFDA because they may be the funding source needed to grow from 30% to 100%.

**Steve Williamson** stated that currently they are planning to expand to Palm Beach County in year 3, but they may need to be included much sooner, along with Key West, depending on their financial situation and in order to be self-sustaining.

**Admiral Mark Fitzgerald** noted that the TF does not currently have a representative from South Florida or Key West and asked who they might think would be appropriate to possibly serve on the TF. If they can think of someone appropriate, please let the TF or staff know so that we might work on a Legislative or Gubernatorial appointment.

**Steve Williamson** stated that they are in search of a possible TF representative from South Florida.

**Question: Commissioner Barbara Stewart** asked if the TF is not able to fund the entire amount they are currently requesting during this round, would you still be able to accomplish the goals outlined in this presentation?

**Steve Williamson** replied that, yes, if it was reduced by only a slight amount, they would be able to carry on. They will continue on as best they can to get the SFDA established, as most listed are estimates and they really are not sure of the actual cost to be up and running. He believes they are coming in rather inexpensive compared to the cost of living in South Florida. He stated they are willing to sit down and talk about financials, if the TF feels it necessary.

V. Agenda Item V: Public Comment

No attendees wished to make a public comment.

**Chairman Representative Clay Ingram** noted that the meeting will adjourn to Closed Session meeting for about an hour, and then reconvene into Open Session for vote.

*The meeting adjourned at 11:24 AM EDT*

**Chairman Representative Clay Ingram** reconvened the Open Session meeting at 12:45 PM EDT.

VII. Agenda Item VII: Voting on Grant Proposals

Chairman Representative Clay Ingram welcomed everyone back and noted that during Closed Session the TF has reviewed the grant requests. He confirmed that Senator Mike Bennet has joined the meeting via teleconference.

*A quorum being present, Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram asked for a motion to accept and approve the Clay County Development Authority Initiative and approve funding for \$400,000. A motion was made by Brigadier General Chip Diehl, seconded by Mr. Tom Neubauer and with no debate, discussion or objections, the proposal is adopted.*

*A quorum being present, Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram asked for a motion to accept and approve the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce proposal and approve funding for \$115,000. A motion was made by Mr. Tom Neubauer, seconded by Commissioner Barbara Stewart.*

**Admiral Mark Fitzgerald** noted that the \$115,000 is for this year and asked if there would be an opportunity for South Florida to receive additional funding next year?

**Terry McCaffrey** replied that if South Florida submitted another application requesting different type of funding, yes, there is a possibility that would be approved in the future.

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** reminded the TF that according to the rules they follow that the South Florida Defense Alliance must be at least 50% complete with any previous grant, in order to apply for additional funding.

**Terry McCaffrey** agreed, stating they could not apply for funding the next fiscal year, but would be eligible to apply in the fiscal year following. That cycle will open in August or September of this year.

*Chairman Representative Clay Ingram asked for any further discussion or debate, and with no objections, the proposal is adopted.*

*A quorum being present, Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram asked for a motion to accept and approve the*

*proposal by The Principi Group to develop strategy for the Southeastern Range Complex and approve funding for \$28,200. A motion was made by Admiral Mark Fitzgerald, seconded by Commissioner Barbara Stewart and with no debate, discussion or objections, the proposal is adopted.*

*The meeting adjourned at 12:57 PM EDT*

## **Final Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Florida Defense Support Task Force**

### **Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #51 on Thursday, February 16, 2017**

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting via Conference Call/Webex 09:00 AM EDT – 10:17 AM EDT. For Agenda: See Page 2

#### **Task Force Members Present:**

Representative Clay Ingram, Chairman  
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman  
Senator Mike Bennett, Manatee County Supervisor of Elections  
MG Mike Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida  
Brig Gen Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret.)  
ADM Mark Fitzgerald, USN, (Ret.)  
CW5 Derrick Fritts, USA  
Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Highlands County

#### **Task Force Members Absent:**

Mr. J.R. McDonald, Lockheed Martin  
Senator Dana Young

#### **Speakers Present:**

Secretary Anthony Principi, The Principi Group (TPG)  
Kellie Jo Kilberg, Florida Defense Alliance  
Eric Sherman, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense

#### **Others Present:**

Colonel Bob Black, USAF (Ret.)  
Karl Blischke, DEO  
Jim Breitenfeld, TPG  
Roy Clark, FDVA  
Brooke Gilbert, Deloitte  
Linda Godfrey, Department of Environmental Protection  
Tony Gonzales, Senator Marco Rubio's Office  
Debi Graham, Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce  
LTG David Huntoon, USA (Ret.), The Spectrum Group  
MG Mike Jones, USA, Ret., TPG  
Tracy Levine, Department of Children & Families  
Ted Spangenberg, Bay Defense Alliance  
COL Tad Warfel, Department of Military Affairs  
Jana Wibberly, Deloitte

#### **Staff Present:**

Bruce Grant, Vice President, Military & Defense, EFI  
Terry McCaffrey, Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF)  
Marcy Muldrow Sanders, Grants Manager, FDSTF  
Michelle Griggs, Administrative Assistant, EFI



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**NO CLOSED SESSION**

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November 16, 2017 Orlando, FL	December 2017 <b>NO MEETING</b>



*Terry McCaffrey, EFI Staff, began the meeting at 09:00 AM EST.*

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome, Roll Call & Introductions

Staff welcomed attendees and guest, proceeded with roll call and asked guests to introduce themselves.

**Chairman, Representative Ingram** welcomed attendees and guests and reminded the Task Force the meeting is governed by Sunshine Law. He advised the TF that Mr. J.R. McDonald has intentions to resign from the TF as he has moved to Washington, D.C. We wish Mr. McDonald well in his new role with Lockheed Martin and thank him for his contributions to the TF.

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

*Approval of the Minutes*

**Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram** asked if any changes should be made to the January 19, 2017 minutes. Noting none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2017 TF meeting.

*A quorum being present, a motion was made by Mr. Tom Neubauer to approve the January 19, 2017 minutes, seconded by Admiral Mark Fitzgerald, and passed unanimously to approve the January 19, 2017 meeting and closed session minutes.*

*Task Force Grants & Contracts Status*

Staff reported that DTF Grant 16-154, Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce – Naval Air Station Pensacola Directional Signage, has been updated as the County Commission is meeting today to approve the inter-local agreement so that they may continue working on this project. They anticipate this project will be completed by September 30, 2017.

DTF Grant 14-05, Economic Development Alliance of Bay County, is moving forward and it is anticipated that it will move along smoothly.

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** asked Staff if the Polk County Grant has closed as they have finalized the purchase agreement (DTF Grant 15-14, Polk County – Protect Avon Park Range from incompatible land use through acquisition of land or specific property rights). Staff replied that they have not yet sent an update noting that the grant has closed.

*Budget/Contract Update*

Staff reported on a change on the budget. Listed under Program Expenses/TF Program Management shows an actual of \$10,581.69 which includes meeting costs only. Travel and meals per diem are now listed under Administrative Expenses/TF Meeting Travel & Per Diem Meals.

Staff also noted that \$552,566.60 remains unencumbered as the two most recent contracts the TF approved have not yet been executed through the Orlando EFI office. We expect them to come through on Friday, February 17, 2017 and then forwarded to the grantees to execute on their end to finalize.

**Senator Mike Bennett** asked about the budget and what would happen to the TF if the Speaker of the House moves forward with eliminating EFI.

**Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram** stated he believed that the TF was not cut from the budget in the House bill and Staff noted that there is still \$2 million in the base budget under the current House proposal.

*FDSTF White Paper on Oil Drilling & Military Mission Compatibility*

**Terry McCaffrey** discussed the distribution of the white paper, which was sent out in the weekly TF update and was also distributed to the Florida Senate Committee for Military Veteran's Affairs while giving an update on the TF during a committee meeting a few weeks ago. The paper was also sent to all 29 members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, both the Senate and the House, in Washington, D.C. Yesterday it was sent out to the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) via their bi-monthly newsletter and is currently posted on both the TF and FDA websites.

**Admiral Mark Fitzgerald** applauded the paper and suggested that the Department of Defense Staff, those involved with the Southeast Range Initiative, and the Congressional Liaison Offices also receive a copy of the paper.

**Terry McCaffrey** replied that several of the agencies who assisted with the paper did already receive copies and that staff will look at additional distribution of the paper.

III. Agenda Item III: New Business

*Task Force Member Reports*

**Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram** reported that NAS Pensacola is excited about the signage to alleviate some of their base access issues. He will report back to the TF once the signage is complete.

**Admiral Mark Fitzgerald** reported some good news as NS Mayport will be the home of the MQ-4C Triton Unmanned Aircraft System which will bring 400 jobs to Jacksonville. This means that NS Mayport should remain safe if a BRAC occurs. He also spoke briefly about moving forward with the Enclave Program in Pensacola.

**MG Mike Calhoun** reported that The Florida National Guard (FLNG) continues to support our state and nation as 340 Soldiers and Airmen of the FLNG deployed to Washington, DC and assisted with the Presidential Inauguration. He thanked General Sabol for his visit to the 125th Fighter Wing and the Task Force for their continued support as they campaign for the opportunity to bed down the F35 in Jacksonville. He also thanked the Task Force for approving Clay County's Development Authority's grant request for the purchase of land adjacent to Camp Blanding during last month's meeting.

He noted significant leadership changes in the Joint Force Headquarters:

COL Mike Canzoneri, former Army Chief of Staff, was promoted to Brigadier General and is now serving as the Assistant Adjutant General for the Army.

Col Brian Simpler, former 125th Fighter Wing Commander, was promoted to Brigadier General and has assumed the role of Assistant Adjutant General for the Florida Army National Guard.

General Eifert, the former Assistant Adjutant General for Air was promoted to Major General and will assume duties as the Air National Guard Advisor to the Commander of Pacific Air Forces.

The FLNG currently has 1,562 Soldiers and Airmen deployed and 484 scheduled to redeploy within one year.

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** noted a variety of training exercises utilizing the Avon Park Air Force Range and Deployed Unit Complex (DUC) at MacDill AFB so far in 2017: the 112<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron/Ohio National Guard brought eleven F-16s and 150 personnel for close air support and air-to-air training last month; the 45<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron utilized the DUC to simulate working out of a forward operating base and had a C-17 aircraft on hand as part of a mass casualty exercise; VT-86, a navy training squadron from NAS Pensacola brought in eight T-45 aircrafts and 60 personnel to conduct air-to-air combat and low level navigation training and are mainly using the ranges airspace over the Gulf of Mexico. She noted that at the Association of Defense Communities forum in San Antonio, they will have a session on how communities are playing an active role in base protection and they will be using Avon Park as a model example.

**Mr. Tom Neubauer** reported that the Site Activation Task Force for the MQ-9 Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) completed its visit to Tyndall last week. He noted that the visit went well and he is optimistic that the MQ-9 will end up in Florida. A decision should be made by late spring.

He also reported that GKN Aerospace, large international aerospace manufacturer, will build a facility in Bay County, which will bring in 170 jobs.

**Brig Gen Chip Diehl** discussed President Trump's recent visit to MacDill Air Force Base and mentioned the upcoming Air Force CORONA conference at MacDill AFB. He also invited everyone to come to Tampa to watch baseball teams during Spring Training.

**CW5 Derrick Fritts** reported that the Falcon 9 will launch on Saturday from Pad 39A, which has not been used since 2011 as the shuttle fleet was retired.

#### *Update from the Principi Group*

**Secretary Anthony Principi** congratulated Admiral Fitzgerald on all of his efforts leading to the selection of Mayport as the home for Triton. He spoke about the successful meeting at Whiting Field and noted TPG's meeting in Jacksonville at the end of February.

He reminded the TF that the federal government is still operating under a continuing resolution through April 27th and that a federal budget is not expected to be delivered to the Hill prior to June 1, 2017, meaning the defense committees will be marking up in July vice May. It should be expected that another Continuing Resolution will be needed this year after September 31st to keep the government funded into December 2017.

On January 27th, President Trump signed an executive order that will lead to what he called "a great rebuilding" of the military - calls for reviews of readiness capabilities, as well as formal looks at the nuclear and missile defense portfolios. Of interest to Florida, the readiness review includes improvement to insufficient maintenance, access to training ranges, combatant command operational demands, funding needed for consumables (such as fuel and ammunition), manpower shortfalls, depot maintenance capacity, and time needed to plan, coordinate, and execute readiness and training activities. Many of these concerns involve installations, ranges and activities in Florida.

In response to the executive order, on January 31st Secretary Mattis released an initial budget guidance memo that prioritizes current readiness, filling in shortfalls and then building a larger and more capable force with "the ultimate objective is to build a larger, more capable, and more lethal joint force, driven by a new National Defense Strategy." Phase 1 calls for a FY 2017 budget supplemental, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the FY17 cycle to be delivered to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) by March 1st. This supplemental would "address urgent warfighting readiness shortfalls across the joint force, and new requirements driven by acceleration of the campaign against ISIS. The amendment may increase force structure in critical areas where doing so would have an immediate readiness impact," according to the document. Next, the FY 2018 budget request would be delivered from the Pentagon to OMB by May 1st, for White House approval and then delivery to Congress.

A 2018 National Defense Strategy will help shape the FY 2019-2023 program. That strategy will outline "a new force sizing construct" that will inform how the military grows going forward, and will lay out an approach for enhancing lethality against high-end competitors. It is expected that the immediate impact for Navy forces in Florida would be to increase steaming days and flying hours and to improve readiness of non-deployed forces in the 'sustainment' phase of the Optimized Fleet Response Plan. It could also enable the Navy to more fully complete its planned maintenance this fiscal year and buy ahead some systems it needs for modernization that will occur next year. We also expect to also see a 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> quarter release of funds to sustain and repair military bases in the State.

TPG closely watched the two Congressional hearings on the current readiness of U.S. forces last week. In both hearings, the Service Vice-Chiefs testified that their forces are facing "unacceptable trades" on questions of military readiness as a result of sequestration, forced to wage war with an increasingly aging arsenal unable to keep pace with modern-day threats. Vice Chief of the Army Gen. Allyn told lawmakers that only three of the

service's 50 brigade combat teams have enough men and functional equipment to deploy immediately if needed, adding that could become the norm if sequestration is kept in place. Admiral Moran testified that as the Navy finds itself engaged more frequently in more of the world's oceans, from the Strait of Hormuz to the South China Sea, his officers are operating with the smallest naval fleet in nearly 100 years. Adding the urgency of military readiness concerns was the Navy's acknowledgement on February 7th that more than 60 percent of Navy and Marine Corps strike fighters are out of service. While 62% of fighters are effectively grounded, the overall figure for all naval aircraft is 53%. The Air Force Vice Chief, General Stephen Wilson, provided examples of recent air operations, including various combat and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions and the Raqqa and Mosul offensives, "where our RPA, fighter and bomber Airmen also conducted 92% of the U.S. strikes against ISIS." Wilson also discussed the current pilot retention issue – pilots are unable to do what they signed up for and are choosing to leave the Air Force after about 11 years of service, he said. In 1991, there were 134 fighter squadrons; today, there are 55.

Representative Wasserman Schultz (D), whose South Florida district covers a portion of the Atlantic coast and a swath of land between Miami and Fort Lauderdale, will become ranking member on the House Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee in the 115th Congress. The milcon panel will continue to be chaired by Pennsylvania Representative Charlie Dent (R).

On Feb 6th, U.S. Representative Matt Gaetz, whose congressional district includes four major military installations, expressed concern about the unintended consequences of an executive order for federal hiring freeze. Gaetz said he is particularly concerned about employees whose jobs are on an annual contract, such as base childcare center workers. "I support the president's intention to reduce the size of the federal government, however, there have been substantial negative effects and misinterpretations," Gaetz wrote in a letter to Secretary of Defense James Mattis.

In hearings before the HASC and SASC on the Readiness of the Armed Forces on February 7th and 8th, the vice chiefs of the military services made well-worn cases to lawmakers for more money and an end to sequestration budget caps that they say have cut into maintenance and efforts to modernize the military. Both Army and Air Force witnesses stated that a round of base closure and realignment, or BRAC, may provide a solution for some. SASC Readiness Subcommittee Chairman Senator Jim Inhofe, a Republican from Oklahoma, asked the officers to provide their perspective on BRAC, warning at the same time that he firmly opposed such a measure.

We will continue to see Senator Inhofe oppose BRAC as he has done in the past. As the Readiness subcommittee chairman, he has oversight of the BRAC process and will have an influential position in the next few months as the SASC considers a BRAC authorization. Still, Senator McCain, Chairman of the full committee will have an opportunity to work around the Readiness subcommittee chairman if required. We continue to see activity behind the scenes to develop legislation for inclusion in the FY18 Defense Authorization Bill.

#### *Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Update*

**Ms. Kellie Jo Kilberg**, Chair of the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA), reported that they are preparing for their upcoming meeting on March 15, 2017 which will focus on energy resiliency. She reported that the Mission Sustainment Working Group had a successful conference call earlier this week and they are working on an agenda for their meeting in March also focusing on energy resiliency, encroachment and cybersecurity. She noted that DEO will host a workshop for all interested after the March meeting, from 4 PM EST to 5 PM EST.

She reported that the FDA is very concerned about the House Bill to eliminate Enterprise Florida and that they oppose this bill.

#### *Defense State Liaison Office Update*

**Eric Sherman**, from the Department of Defense (DoD) State Liaison Office, reported on military child abuse and neglect in Florida. DoD's goal is to provide an opportunity to participate in state-level discussion on issues affecting service members and their families. Their focus is on key state-level issues, which they review

annually and educate state policymakers on those issues. Their main issue is to identify and report child abuse and neglect.

Child abuse and neglect is a key issue to the DoD as over 15,000 incidents were reported in 2015, over 7,000 over those incidents met criteria for maltreatment. Over 50% over the incidents are cases of neglect. Family Advocacy Program (FAP) staff are mandated reporters and report all allegations to state and local Child Protective Services (CPS). Both FAP and CPS staff work collaboratively to support families and provide resources.

He reported that about one-third of the country is currently working on State policy to support identification and reporting of child abuse and neglect. Other issues that Florida has made progress on are National Guard Employment protections during state sponsored activation, service members and their families have earned priority for Medicaid home and community care waivers, private sector employers are offering hiring preferences to veterans and service members are receiving academic credit for military education, training and experience.

A key issue is that Florida statute and the Department of Children and Families (DCF) practice does not include provisions for the identification of military children or early reporting of child abuse or neglect cases to the appropriate military authorities. The DoD depends on collaborations with state and local governments to fulfill its statutory obligation to address abuse and neglect issue involving service members. All suspected incidents of child abuse must be reported to the Florida Abuse Hotline.

Review of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): they lack sufficient guidance to help DCF regions to identify abused or neglected military children; they lack uniformity in reporting requirements and sharing of case information with the appropriate military authorities; they do not cover all circuits and leave regions without full coverage; they do not direct initial state actions to identify military children in order to facilitate optimal support; they depend on statutory guidelines to establish procedural requirements.

Their desired outcome is to enable state statute requiring child case workers across the state to identify a child's military affiliation at the onset of the investigation and to notify and share case information with the military installation FAP most closely affiliated with the CPS catchment area to facilitate optimal collaboration and support.

#### *Legislative Update*

**Bruce Grant** reported on some military and veteran friendly legislation for the 2017 session. HB 0615 relating to professional regulation creates the Occupational Opportunity Act requires the spouse or surviving spouse be kept in good standing and be exempt from licensure renewal provisions; provides requirements related to application, fees and renewal; provides fee waiver for specified persons.

HB 0179 relating to veteran identification requires the DHSMV to issue veteran identification cards for certain purposes; provides eligibility requirements; prohibits use of care for certain purposes; authorizes card as proof of veteran status for obtaining waivers of license/registration fees relating to certain businesses and occupations and carrying concealed weapons.

HB 0263 relating to veterans' annual sales tax holiday would create a one day sales tax holiday for veterans and would require proof of military status.

#### *Economic Impact Report – Defense Fact Book (2017 Edition)*

Staff reported that a Request for Proposal (RFP) has been drafted and will be sent out by April 1, 2017. A contract should be awarded around the first of May and we should receive a final, published product by September 2017.

IV. Agenda Item IV: Public Comment

No attendees wished to make a public comment.

**Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram** reminded the TF of the next meeting in Tallahassee on Thursday, March 16, 2017 in conjunction with the FDA meeting on Wednesday, March 15th. Grant applications will be reviewed and updates will be provided by the Department of Veterans' Affairs and Veterans' Florida.

**Admiral Mark Fitzgerald** discussed the paper written by Terry McCaffrey on the TF's five-year accomplishments and believes this paper should be distributed to the Florida House and Senate members.

**Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram** asked for a motion to adjourn. *The motion was made by Admiral Fitzgerald, seconded by Senator Mike Bennet and the meeting adjourned at 10:07 AM EST.*

## **Final Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Florida Defense Support Task Force**

### **Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #52 on Thursday, March 16, 2017**

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting at the Hampton Inn & Suites, Tallahassee, Florida 09:00 AM EDT – 11:03 AM EDT. For Agenda: See Page 2

#### **Task Force Members Present:**

Representative Clay Ingram, Chairman  
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman  
MG Mike Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida  
Brig Gen Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret.)  
Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Highlands County  
ADM Mark Fitzgerald, USN, (Ret.)

#### **Task Force Members on the Phone:**

None

#### **Task Force Members Absent:**

CW5 Derrick Fritts, USA

#### **Speakers Present:**

Secretary Anthony Principi, The Principi Group (TPG)  
MG Mike Jones, USA, Ret., TPG  
Roy Clark, Florida Department of Veterans Affairs  
John Patrick Walsh, State of Florida Washington Office  
Kellie Jo Kilberg, Florida Defense Alliance  
Joe Marino, Veterans Florida

#### **Others Present:**

Colonel Bob Black, USAF (Ret.)  
Ryan Butler, DEO  
Sherry Spiers, DEO  
Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Central Florida Regional Planning Council  
Debi Graham, Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce  
Tim Jones, Cybrix Group  
Erin Perciful, Ecology & Environment  
Carrie Kyzar, Ecology & Environment  
Eric Sherman, Department of Defense, OSD-Military Community & Family Policy  
Jeff Fanto, 96<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Group, Eglin AFB  
Kay Rasmussen, Defense Support Initiatives Committee/EDC Okaloosa County  
Honorable Jeff Miller  
Michael Moline, Florida Politics  
Craig Deatherage, Military/Veterans Affairs Liaison, Office of Congressman Neal Dunn  
David Clark, Director of State Lands, Department of Environmental Protection  
1LT Justin Phillips, Aide-de-Camp to MG Mike Calhoun

#### **Staff Present:**

Bruce Grant, Vice President, Military & Defense, EFI  
Terry McCaffrey, Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF)  
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**Florida Defense Support Task Force -- Meeting #52**  
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**Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram**, began the meeting at 09:00 AM EDT.

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome & Introductions

**Chairman, Representative Ingram** welcomed attendees and guests. He asked guests in the audience to introduce themselves. He reminded the Task Force the meeting is governed by Sunshine Law. He asked the TF and audience to join him in the pledge of allegiance.

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

*Approval of the Minutes*

*A quorum being present, Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram asked of any changes to be made to the February 16, 2017 minutes. Noting none, the February 16, 2017 meeting and closed session minutes were approved.*

*Task Force Grants & Contracts Status*

Staff reported that DTF Grant 14-05, Economic Development Alliance of Bay County, LambdaRail Expansion Project is moving forward, has submitted a request for payment and is expected to start wrapping up. DTF Grant 15-14, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance has requested an extension and their new contract end date is now June 30, 2017. DTF Grant 16-04, Bay County (NSA Panama City) has been completed as of February 2, 2017. They are forfeiting \$8,186.00.

DTF Grant 16-143, Military Child Education Coalition, has had their request for payment returned to them as it is not in compliance with what they submitted on their attachments. They have re-submitted which has been forward to the EFI contracts and legal department in order to keep them in compliance with the scope of their grant and has been approved.

DTF Grant 16-144, Clay County Development Authority, is complete and closed. They forfeited \$824.25.

Staff also noted that since the report was posted to the books, we've added DTF Grant 17-161, Clay County Development Authority and DTF Grant 17-162, South Florida Progress Foundation of the Greater Miami Chamber, South Florida Defense Alliance.

**Question: Commissioner Barbara Stewart** asked what happens next regarding the completed Bay County project and whether or not it was a positive response.

Staff answered that Bay County has not yet reported what their next moves are for this project. Staff also noted that they have only filled out the form for the final report, but if the TF would like a copy of the feasibility study we will have them forward to us to provide the TF for review.

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** suggested that each time the TF funds a program for a feasibility or planning study they provided the TF with a final feasibility study so the TF can see the results of the money they've received.

**Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram** noted that Bruce Grant agrees and will provide the TF with final feasibility studies moving forward.

*Budget/Contract Update*

Staff reported that the TF has encumbered \$765,000 for the local grant program. Total encumbered this fiscal year is \$1,712,430 leaving unencumbered \$37,566 which does not included the recent amendment to The Principi Group contract. This amendment will be encumbered to the budget next month.

At this time Senator Dana Young was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for her services to the Florida Defense Support Task Force.

#### *FDSTF Strategic Plan Update*

**Terry McCaffrey** directed the TF to the title page of the Strategic Plan, noting that it looks ahead 5 years, to 2022. He also noted that all recent changes have been done in blue and items that have been completed are struck in red. This current draft includes all of the updates so far, pending any questions or additional changes.

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** suggested that key priorities be moved to the top as a single, important issue, bullet point then under list the installations to which it applies.

**Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram** directed Staff to make the suggested changes and prepare another draft on which to be voted at the conference call in April.

**Mr. Tom Neubauer** noted some changes under Tyndall Air Force Base as points number 1 and number 4 are essentially the same and can be combined into one issue. Point number 3, regarding bedding down of additional operational F-22 aircraft has already been completed and can be removed from the list.

**Bruce Grant** replied that Staff's intent is to update the Strategic Plan, to remove things which have already been accomplished and to make sure nothing was missed from what the bases have brought up in the past. Staff will make the suggested changes and will be ready for the next TF meeting.

#### III. Agenda Item III: New Business

##### *Department of Veterans Affairs Update*

**Mr. Roy Clark**, Director of Legislative and Cabinet Affairs, Florida Department of Veterans Affairs, presented to the TF regarding the FDVA. He noted their mission is to advocate with purpose and passion for Florida veterans and link them to superior services, benefits and support. Florida has the nation's third largest veteran population and over 773,000 are over the age of 65. Florida is also home to about 497,000 veterans who served in the Vietnam War (called the Silver Tsunamis).

Florida veterans brought in more than \$17.9 billion in federal dollars to Florida's economy in 2015. Key programs of the FDVA are the State Veterans' Homes Program and the Division of Benefits and Assistance Program. Currently there are six state veterans' nursing homes and one veteran's assisted living facility in the State of Florida. In order to be admitted, the veteran must have been discharged honorably, be a Florida resident and have a certification of need by the VA.

County Veterans Service Officers are in all 67 counties in Florida. They are all county employees and must be wartime veterans by statute. They connect veterans in their area with earned benefits and services and are trained and accredited annually by the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs.

He spoke briefly about the Florida Veterans Foundation which is a direct support organization of the FDVA and was established by the Florida Legislature in 2008 as a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization to provide assistance to Florida veterans and their families in times of financial need. He noted the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs (NASDVA) which partners with states to provide opportunities for seamless transition from state to federal benefits.

He briefly discussed a few of the more than 55 veteran-related bills that the FVDA is currently tracking in the House and Senate during this 2017 Legislative Session.

**Admiral Mark Fitzgerald** mentioned a recent article from the *Boston Globe* regarding the attempt of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) to set up offices on college campuses and thought it would be a good partnering opportunity for the FDVA or Veteran's Florida with the VFW, since there are about 178,000 veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan.

**Mr. Roy Clark** noted that most universities do have a veterans' service center on campus.

**Question: Brig Gen Chip Diehl** asked how the TF can help the FDVA, either individually in their respective communities or collectively.

**Mr. Roy Clark** asked for the TF members, when speaking to veterans groups, to get the word out about the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs at the state level. Also, Congress needs to extend this VA Choice Program noting that if TF members know delegates personally, and if you'd like to make a trip up to Washington, D.C., John Patrick Walsh is wonderful at getting into members' offices.

#### *Task Force Member Reports*

**Brig Gen Chip Diehl** reported on the recent visit of President Trump to MacDill AFB and noted that the President stated that MacDill needs more airplanes and has gotten some things stirring with that remark.

He reminded the TF that the month of April is the Month of the Military Child, which is a program started by the Department of Defense in 1986 and the Governor will put out a proclamation on the Military Child and how much they mean to the State and to our families.

He reported that DoD, thanks to The Principi Group, has changed a policy in respect to Exchanges in which all veterans who have honorable discharges can go online and shop at the Exchange. This will be effective on Veteran's Day this year and will increase Exchange shoppers from 12 million to 25 million.

**MG Mike Calhoun** reported that on March 2nd Governor Scott hosted the Florida Base Commanders Meeting at the Naval Ordnance Test Unit at Cape Canaveral. The Governor agreed to assist with realtor organizations on the topic of costly home leases for military members and engage at various levels for protection of the military training area in the Gulf.

Last week, the Florida National Guard (FLNG) Senior Leadership traveled to Washington D.C. to present their annual "State of the State" briefings to the Army and Air National Guard staffs at National Guard Bureau. While there, the FLNG made office calls with 13 legislators to discuss several important topics such as F-35s in Jacksonville, impacts of full-time manning reductions and the importance of a predictable 2-year counterdrug budget. We had pledges of support from each of them, along with a commitment for a single CODEL memo in support of F-35 Jacksonville, which will be led by Congressman Rutherford, whose district is home to the 125th Fighter Wing.

They continue to promote the F-35 for basing in Jacksonville. Events in support of this included a reception in Washington D.C. and a public endorsement from JAX-USA at the end of February at their annual luncheon. Generals Jones and Sabol attended our Washington D.C. reception and continue to help us share information with legislative staffers.

Soldiers and Airmen continue to support our Nation's missions around the world. Currently they have approximately 800 Soldiers and Airmen deployed and they're deploying members of the Florida Air National Guard's 290th Joint Communications Support Squadron out of Tampa.

Finally, he introduced his new aide-de-camp, 1 LT Justin Phillips.

**Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram** reported next week the Blue Angels will return from their winter training in California and will start official practices on March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. They will practice twice per week with up to 10,000 visitors coming every day to watch their practices, making a big impact on the Pensacola economy.

**Mr. Tom Neubauer** reported on the recent change of command at Air Combat Command (ACC) as General Herbert J. "Hawk" Carlisle retired after 37 years. General Carlisle was recognized in 15 cities across the country and March 10<sup>th</sup> was designated Hawk Carlisle Day. General Mike Holmes is the new commander at

ACC. ACC missions include the 53<sup>rd</sup> Wing at Eglin Air Force Base which has operations all over the country, the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing at Tyndall Air Force Base which trains F-22 fighter pilots and also has an operational squadron attached to it and First Air Force which defends the entire continental United States against air attack.

He reported on his visit at the 96th Test Wing with Colonel Bob Black, Terry McCaffrey and Bruce Grant to hear their mission and noted that 65% of what goes on in the Gulf range is test which is mostly done out of Eglin Air Force Base. He also noted that last year Congressman Miller invited the Department of Defense (DoD) talk to this group in Okaloosa County about the importance of ranges to the DoD as they are looking all over the country for places to test new standoff and hypersonic weapons and new fifth generation fighters. There are very few places in the United States which can do this kind of work as the Gulf of Mexico test range, Avon Park and all of the ranges in the State of Florida are key to national defense.

He noted a few things that came from that meeting last year. The Military Mission Line expires in 2022, it's very important for the State of Florida to recognize this and be prepared to extend the Mission Line moratorium as long as possible to make time for ranges to be upgraded and new missions to be brought in. One of the upgrades is known as the Gulf Range Enhancement (GRE) program which is a four phase program. Funding begins in 2019 and continues to about 2025 for \$45 million for the first two phases and can be completed in one to one-and-one-half years. It's critical this program be moved forward in time for testing to occur. Phases three and four will follow for \$35 million and is very important for the state to make sure this moves forward.

He mentioned one of the two premiere air shows in the country for the 70th Anniversary of the Air Force will be at Tyndall Air Force Base on April 24th and 25th. 150,000 people are expected to attend as it should be a nice weekend.

**Admiral Mark Fitzgerald** discussed his meetings with both Representatives Rutherford and Yoho to discuss the Gulf oil drilling, noting that they are both firmly in support of the TF's position. They were given our paper on oil drilling in the Gulf and he emphasized the need of a strong Congressional coalition from the Florida delegation. A question that arose from this meeting was, is there an offshore oil drilling issue on the Atlantic side?

He advised that he will be in Washington, D.C. on June 14th and 15th with the Jacksonville Mayor and delegated from the Chamber of Commerce to discuss items such as the F-35s, additional ships for Mayport, Triton sequencing, the aforementioned offshore oil drilling question and military utility at Cecil Field.

He also noted that the St. John's River is currently being dredged to from 40 to 47 feet up to Blount Island in order to accommodate larger ships entering that area of the river.

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** reported that the Central Florida Regional Planning Council was recently given a grant from the Office of Economic Adjustment to describe the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) program and how it was conducted recently at the Avon Park Air Force Range. OEA is currently using Avon Park as model for JLUS across the nation. Three videos were produced and the video shown at the meeting provides an overview of the Avon Park Air Force Range.

She noted that the videos are used to inform residents in their community and local legislators about what's happening at the Range. She believes that that majority of the state's population has no idea about the military installations in our state. She feels the videos are a good informational tool and believes the TF should create something similar, also to use as an informational tool in which different installations can be highlighted. These videos can be placed on a thumb drive and distributed to communities.

She also thanked Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, the Assistant Director of the Central Florida Regional Planning Council for working on this project. Jennifer noted that all three videos cost about \$9,000.

*Update from the Principi Group*

**Secretary Anthony Principi** reported that the current continuing resolution (CR) funding the government, with the exception of military construction and veterans affairs, runs out April 28. The Defense Department is

currently operating on the 2016 budget of about \$578.6 billion due to Congress' inability to pass a 2017 appropriations bill. The \$577.9 billion fiscal year 2017 bill, which does not break the statutory budget cap, represents only a \$5.2 billion increase over fiscal year 2016 and \$1.6 billion more than President Obama requested. After adding \$5.8 billion in supplemental funding included in the CR, total fiscal year 2017 defense spending would reach \$583.7 billion, a \$10.9 billion increase over fiscal year 2016. It adheres to topline spending in the fiscal year 2017 defense authorization bill, which should discourage Senate Democrats from blocking it. However, if cuts are anticipated in non-defense discretionary spending, Democrats may attempt to block any increases in Defense.

With Congress being on recess for two weeks in April, this will set up a short window in April to pass the supplemental, a statutory increase in the national debt limit and at least a few of the 11 remaining fiscal year 2017 Appropriations Bills before the CR expires. We are hearing that many agencies may operate under a year-long CR to keep funding frozen, while the remainder of interest to the new Administration (national security, foreign ops, energy) will be bundled into a "minibus" for passage before April 27th.

On February 27th, Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Mick Mulvaney provided a fiscal year 2018 discretionary budget guidance to federal agencies, which includes \$603 billion for Defense spending, a \$54 billion or 10% increase according to OMB and \$462 billion in non-defense discretionary spending. The President has said he wants to boost military spending and raise defense-spending caps, but Democrats have said they won't support that increase without a similar increase to domestic program spending caps.

Federal agencies, including DOD are in the process of assessing the guidance and will have an opportunity to provide feedback to OMB. This "pass back" process should take until mid-March, which puts the administration on a schedule to get out the full budget by early May.

BRAC: As expected, CM Adam Smith, ranking member on the House Armed Services Committee, announced on March 7th, that he would consider pushing back the date of a BRAC round until 2021 or later in his proposed legislation introduced last month. That measure called for the next round of base closures to be held in 2019. The change is intended to give the Pentagon more time to assess its infrastructure needs in light of President Trump's plan to boost military force structure as well as provide lawmakers some cover by scheduling the round to take place after the next presidential election.

New Administration: The President's pick for Army secretary, billionaire Wall Street trader Vincent Viola, withdrew his nomination because reconciling his extensive business ties with conflict-of-interest rules became unworkable. There is no clear front runner to replace him with the withdrawal of consideration by Van Hipp, although names surfacing are former Rep. Chris Gibson of New York; Arkansas Lt. Gov. Tim Griffin; former Rep. Duncan L. Hunter of California; and Rep. John Shimkus of Illinois.

The nominee for Secretary of the Navy, Philip Bilden, also withdrew his nomination, citing concerns with the need to divest and disclose investments and assets. Three new names have surfaced including Richard Spencer, Robert O'Brien, and once again Randy Forbes. There are reports that Richard Spencer, a former Marine Corps aviator and investment banker, is President Trump's top pick for secretary of the Navy; however, there has been no official announcement.

The President's nominee for Secretary of the Air Force, former New Mexico CW Heather Wilson, is making the rounds meeting with Senators and answering questions about professional activities with Lockheed Martin after leaving the House. No deadline has been set on her confirmation.

Secretary Mattis and the White House are also still reviewing candidates for DEPSECDEF, and the five primary Undersecretaries - Acquisition, Technology, & Logistics (AT&L), Comptroller, Policy, Intelligence, and Personnel and Readiness. Secretary Mattis continues to be the only confirmed DOD official in position from the new Administration.

### *Washington Office Update*

**Mr. John Patrick Walsh**, from the State of Florida Washington Office, reported that both Chambers of Congress are currently working very diligently on different items. The Senate is trying to clear their plate on different nominations from the President and for the Cabinets and Agencies. The House is working on the Congressional Review Act, trying to push through some of those bills and roll back some of the regulations that were passed in the later months of the Obama administration. Both are on time limitations and right now as everything is coming down to the wire for the April 28<sup>th</sup> deadline for passing either a Continuing Resolution or a full, actual year-long budget.

He noted that while it was great to see the Defense appropriations pass last week in the House but the Senate is unsure as to when they will pick it up. The bill was lauded by ranking member Durbin who helped craft the legislation but some members of his caucus have said that unless they see other appropriations bills pass through the House they're not sure when the Senate will pick it up. We're hopeful that we'll see some of those bills move, but it depends on what the House and Senate calendars will allow.

The office has been very busy the last few months as a number of delegations from the state have come up to Washington, D.C., most recently visiting was the American Legion and VFW. Included in one small group of delegates were two student veterans from Florida State University, who were two of the ten total national recipients of the Student Veterans of America Washington Fellowship. In each meeting attended the students discussed the wonderful partnership shared with the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs. They were aware of all of the benefits which kept them in Florida to find jobs and raise families. The FSU Veterans Center, which is one of the largest chapters of student veterans in the nation, is constantly working with them. Most of these students, about 65%, are receiving degrees in STEM-related fields. The top three fields are business, STEM-related and engineering degrees.

MG Calhoun and the National Guard also recently visited the office in Washington, D.C. They feel that this trip was very successful and noticed a strong willingness and eagerness of the delegation to coalesce around Florida's military issues. Great conversations were had with Congresswoman Murphy's new defense fellow, Christy Wagner, who has taken over the portfolio and is very eager to get to work on Florida issues. Although we've lost some seniority, we are noticing a lot of our members stepping up to take on issues such as the Military Mission Line, F-35s and defense funding.

**Question: Admiral Mark Fitzgerald** referred to the white paper written by Terry McCaffrey on the Military Mission Line and asked if Mr. Walsh has received any input from the delegation regarding support and also asked if the TF should continue with these kinds of papers on main issues.

**John Patrick Walsh** replied that his opinion is that the white papers have been received very warmly by the delegation, as it assists them in finding state issues on which they can all work together. He feels there is strong support right now as both Congressman Dunn and Congressman Rutherford have been very supportive and have reached out numerous times in the past few weeks to talk specifically about the white paper. Both Senators have gotten engaged as well, which is critically important knowing that we have support not only in the House, but also in the Senate. The white paper has created an environment where the delegation can come together on that issue as well as the F-35 issue. Having a bi-partisan issue where the delegation can come together is rare. It's positive to see this happening especially with so many new members who are still learning the ropes in Washington.

### *Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Update*

**Ms. Kellie Jo Kilberg**, Chair of the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA), thanked Commissioner Stewart for attending the FDA meeting the day prior. She reminded the TF that the FDA is about building partnerships and relationships and adding value by leveraging and maximizing resources and programs. This is done through engaged conversations to enhance communications and looking for opportunities for collaboration and innovative solutions. The meeting the day prior was focused on energy resiliency. Two panels presented information as to how to create resiliency on the bases from the professional power grid, the threats to the professional power grid and the changing landscapes due to renewables and batteries. They want to find a

way that the private sector can assist our military installations on privatizing the utilities on the bases. She noted that Eglin AFB is the first base in Florida to have all of their utilities privatized.

FDA is looking at ways to break down the silos within the services because many report to different commands and how to make this into one collaborative effort. They're asking community partners to bring base energy managers, community planners and engineers together with utility managers to can look at the energy priority needs of the installations.

Also discussed was energy security and cyber threats, how that pertains to the grid and how they are working with local communities to find some innovative solutions regarding the increasing presence of drones. As drones are becoming more popular, security is becoming an issue and how does that affect our military bases and their security. They are also looking at encroachment issues that come with drones and the need to work with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) which controls airspace on how to work with them regarding their regulations.

She discussed that FDA is looking at new and emerging encroachment issues and through that effort relationships will be enhanced with the Association of Counties, the League of Cities, the Regional Councils and the Florida Chapter of American Planner Association the can be informed and educated on new and emerging needs for encroachment issues and how they can assist in protecting those installations.

She noted the Importance of protecting Florida's ranges, including the Gulf Range, and the encroachment from possible oil drilling in the gulf.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) continues to visit installations and communities to update the Strategic Intermodal Systems (SIS) plan. This is a great opportunity to make sure installations are on the SIS system, which provides additional funding for road improvements around bases.

The Family Support Working Group (FSWG) will be sending a letter to DoD requesting an additional stipend to servicemembers in South Florida as the high cost of living forces many to live far from base and pay expensive tolls to get to work. The next FSWG meeting will align with the Special Needs Conference in Orlando in order to meet with school liaisons and exceptional family members to make sure that the needs of all of our military families are met.

FDA is working to close two gaps within the workforce system. We would like to work with Veterans Florida and the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs to provide veteran representatives to work with veterans at the seven One Stop Centers in areas where there are military installations. Currently, with federal funding, veteran representatives can only work with a veteran who has challenges or barriers to employment. We'd like for them to work with someone who knows their skill-set and experiences. Also, CareerSource funds the Family Military Representative who works with military spouses and we'd like to work with CareerSource to provide funding so those veteran representatives can also work with the military spouses, so they don't have to go through normal channels.

She noted that the FDA would like to request the TF perform a SWOT analysis prior to entering the next round of BRAC.

She reported that the FDA has been in operation since 1998 and is an EFI program, noting that EFI is currently under attack and those FDA members are concert. Without EFI there is no FDA. FDA is the foundation on which stands the partnerships with local communities and partners. She asks for the TF's support to ensure those vital partnerships and everything that has been accomplished is not lost.

#### *Veterans Florida Update*

**Mr. Joe Marino**, the Chief Operating Officer of Veterans Florida, reported that their mission is to attract and retain veterans and their families by connecting them to employment, training and educational opportunism; to strengthen Florida's businesses by educating them on the value and skillsets veterans bring to the workforce and providing training resources for their veteran hires; and enhance the entrepreneurial skills of veterans.

This mission is accomplished through a comprehensive, nationwide marketing campaign based on marketing research. World-class technology partners are used, which allows Veterans Florida to connect veterans and their families with employment, education, entrepreneurship and other resources from a large network of providers and employers. State-funded grant programs are utilized, such as the Veterans Florida Business Training Grant and the Veterans Florida Entrepreneurship Program.

Currently, the Business Training Grant has contracted with 25 business who hire and veterans and are reimbursed half of the cost of training. Currently 106 veterans have been hired and 77 have been completely trained. Current training reimbursements to business is \$324,172.69 compared with total salaries of those veterans hired which totals \$3,955,542.40.

Veterans Florida works with seven university partners throughout the state: University of Central Florida (35 veterans enrolled), University of West Florida (26 veterans enrolled), Florida Atlantic University (45 veterans enrolled), University of North Florida (27 veterans enrolled), Florida Gulf Coast University (39 veterans enrolled), Hillsborough Community College (48 veterans enrolled) and Florida A&M University (16 veterans enrolled).

**Brig Gen Chip Diehl** added that the entrepreneurial program at Hillsborough Community College has recently been very successful and the community has rallied in support as lawyers from Chase Bank have assisted with the LLC set up, creation of wills and assist with the legality of paperwork from their businesses, pro bono. County commission also has assisted HCC with the opening of an entrepreneur center which is funded by the County Commissioners.

#### *Legislative Update*

**Bruce Grant** reported on military and defense friendly legislation for the 2017 session. HB 0615 relating to professional regulation creates the Occupational Opportunity Act requires the spouse or surviving spouse be kept in good standing and be exempt from licensure renewal provisions; provides requirements related to application, fees and renewal; provides fee waiver for specified persons. An identical bill is also in the Senate.

HB 0509 titled Post Secondary Fee Waivers, also has a Senate companion and relates to the waiver of student fees for those who are on military tuition assistance during active duty. It waives fees such as mandatory student activity fees, financial aid fees, technology fees, etc. In the past these fees have not been covered by military tuition assistance.

A bill was been filed in the Senate which focuses on housing in South Florida as landlords/apartment communities require servicemembers to pay a security deposit plus first and last month's rent in order to secure housing. This bill would waive those fees. There was no companion bill in the House so the bill was withdrawn and we are hopeful that this bill will return at some point.

HB 0263 relating to veterans' annual sales tax holiday would create a one-day sales tax holiday for veterans and active-duty servicemembers, most-likely on Veterans' Day.

**Brig Gen Chip Diehl** suggested the TF write letters of support for these bills.

**Bruce Grant** agreed and stated that staff would draft letters of support for the aforementioned bills on behalf of the TF.

#### *REPI Update*

**Bruce Grant** reported on the issue of Florida's potential loss of Federal Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative (REPI) funding for military base projects. These funds protect wetlands and wildlife habitats around the bases and feels this issue is getting lost in the legislature as they look at the Florida Forever funding, which is helpful in maintaining lands around the bases.



He noted that state legislators need to know that as Florida Forever funding is decreased, there is less to go around. This needs to be connected to military base buffering to make sure they see the connection. Florida has about \$3 million of REPI funds in escrow currently which is at risk of being lost by the end of 2018 if there is not a match from Florida Forever funding.

He recommends that the staff draft a letter to be approved by the TF reminding Legislators of the connection between Florida Forever Funding and military base buffering and that REPI funds are potentially at risk.

**Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram** agreed with Dr. Grant and directed staff to draft a letter to be approved by the TF.

**Question: Admiral Mark Fitzgerald** asked if the letter will specifically identify the REPI Funds.

**Bruce Grant** responded, yes, the letter will identify specific REPI funds.

**Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram** asked that the letter be circulated to the TF for any changes prior to sending.

**David Clark**, Director of State Lands, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), agreed on the connection between REPI funds and Florida Forever and is currently working with Avon Park Air Force Range in an attempt to leverage REPI dollars but with limited funding in Florida Forever, it only goes so far. He referenced in the paper that Florida is receiving \$15 million during this legislative cycle and \$5 million has already been designated to the Keys leaving \$10 million to spread across the entire state. DEP is trying to leverage as widely as possible as they recognize the connection with the military.

He reported that he recently took part in a panel in San Antonio speaking with communities across the country, the director of Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the director of the REPI program and Buck McLaughlin of Avon Park Air Force Range which gave him a great opportunity to share what the TF does, how the Base Commanders Meetings assist the Governor and the roles of the Defense Alliance and Florida Forever. Many state representatives approached him asking how they can stay on par with Florida. They know that Florida is years ahead of other states in attracting new military. DEP recognizes the connection between environmental protection and the Florida Forever program in the military, stating that right now it's important that the TF vocalize their support to the Legislature and let them know that Florida Forever is not only an environmental protection program but involves a military component, as well.

**Question: Commissioner Barbara Stewart** asked who is in competition for the remaining \$10 million.

**David Clark** replied that the primary competition is water quality initiatives across the state, ensuring the water quality is protected. Other initiatives concurrent with Florida Forever include recreation, preservation and conservation. Focus is currently on water and springs and as there are no installations around any spring, that presents a challenge. He noted that the more vocal groups seem to receive the most attention so it's important to bring focus to the military component in Florida Forever and show that this relationship is important for the future of our state.

**Kellie Jo Kilberg** replied that the encroachment program was created due to FDA in 1998. At that time FDA looked at how, as a State, they could assist installations with encroachment issues and from that, the first REPI program was at Camp Blanding. Florida was the first to develop these programs looking at how to leverage resources and how to bring partners together. She stated that now is not the time to pull back and pause, with BRACs approaching in 2019 and 2021, now is the time to come together to fund programs so that Florida doesn't lose their 20 installations and they continue to gain and add to the economy.

**Question: Commissioner Barbara Stewart** asked if there was any attempt to use the Rural and Family Lands program to receive funds for the water quality issues in the priority areas north of Lake Okeechobee, which would leave the remaining Florida Forever funds to be used for military.

**David Clark** replied that the Rural and Family Land program does include a military component but the focus of the projects are in Central Florida, north of Lake Okeechobee so they are limited in their geographic scope. He noted that the program does include the water in best management practices which also assists in making sure the water quality/quantity is protected.

He updated that the majority of old Tier 1 is complete as last Tuesday the Governor and Cabinet approved the acquisition of the last of the old Tier 1 lands in Panama City. Positive news out of MacDill AFB is the developer who plans to develop the property has not included in their plan a zoning change, so the property should be developed consistent with the existing commercial uses.

#### IV. Agenda Item IV: Public Comment

**Jeff Fanto**, 96<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer at Eglin Air Force Base, stated his position on REPI and Florida Forever stressing the importance of the Defense Infrastructure Grant (DIG) program. As manager for the REPI program for Eglin AFB and Hurlburt field, the DIG program is an integral part of their partners' match for REPI. In their area, without DIG they do not have a REPI program. He stressed the importance of the continued support of this program as without it there is no program to leverage REPI.

**Ryan Butler**, Department of Economic Opportunity, explained that they are hopeful that the DIG program will continue depending on appropriations for fiscal year 2017 and 2018. Based on prior trends they will most likely receive about \$1.6 million. DEO is not asking for more but hoping to maintain as they continue good work with this program.

**Question: Admiral Mark Fitzgerald** asked if the TF should bundle the letter that we're sending regarding Florida Forever funding together with DIG funding as that money might be easier to maneuver.

**Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram** stated that the DIG or DRG programs are not in any danger of being cut but advises not to include the DIG program in the Florida Forever letters.

**Eric Sherman**, DoD, OSD Military Community and Family Policy noted that when the DoD has an issue, but isn't prepared to present that issue to the TF, they present them to the FDA. He reported on some current bills such as HB 1235, which deals with expediting teacher certification applications for military spouses who move into the state. HB 0859 authorizes states to participate in a state reciprocity agreement for the postsecondary education process and will help servicemembers as they move from state-to-state to continue participating in any kind of education they had in their previous state and not lose that education. HB 1097 deals with physical therapy licensing compacts, recognizes the military spouses with experience in this profession and helps them receive reciprocity for licensing.

**Chairman Representative Clay Ingram** noted that the next meeting be a conference call on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

*The meeting adjourned at 11:03 AM EDT*

## **Final Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Florida Defense Support Task Force**

### **Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #53 on Thursday, April 20, 2017**

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting via Conference Call/Webex at 09:00 AM Eastern Time – 10:19 AM Eastern Time. For Agenda: See Page 2

#### **Task Force Members Present:**

Representative Clay Ingram, Chairman  
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman  
Senator Doug Broxson  
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#### **Task Force Members Absent:**

ADM Mark Fitzgerald, USN, (Ret.)

#### **Speakers Present:**

Secretary Anthony Principi, The Principi Group (TPG)  
MG Mike Jones, USA, Ret., TPG  
Kellie Jo Kilberg, Florida Defense Alliance  
David Clark, Director of State Lands, Department of Environmental Protection

#### **Others Present:**

LTG David Huntoon, USA, (Ret.), The Spectrum Group  
Jim Breitenfeld, TPG  
Eric Miller, DEO  
Ryan Butler, DEO  
Ted Spangenberg, Bay Defense Alliance  
Jana Wibberly, Deloitte, Bay Defense Alliance  
Elizabeth Ryon, Florida Senate Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs

#### **Staff Present:**

Bruce Grant, Vice President, Military & Defense, EFI  
Terry McCaffrey, Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF)  
Marcy Muldrow Sanders, Grants Manager, FDSTF  
Michelle Griggs, Administrative Assistant, EFI



**Florida Defense Support Task Force -- Meeting #53**  
**Conference Call / Webex**  
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**Terry McCaffrey**, FDSTF Executive Director, *began the meeting at 09:00 AM EST.*

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome & Introductions

Staff welcomed attendees and guests, proceeded with roll call and asked guests to introduce themselves.

**Chairman, Representative Ingram** welcomed attendees and guests and reminded the Task Force the meeting is governed by Sunshine Law. He advised of three new TF members: Senator Doug Broxson, Ms. Amy Gowder and Lt. Col. William Dudley. All three new members stated their appreciation to serve on the TF.

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

*Approval of the Minutes*

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram** asked of any corrections be made to the March 16, 2017 minutes. Noting none, the March 16, 2017 meeting and closed session minutes were approved.*

*Task Force Grants & Contracts Status*

Staff reported that DTF Grant 15-14, Polk County, is complete as of 3/31/17 pending the final report and payment.

DTF Grant 16-136, Highlands County Board of County Commissioners, they continue to work with the property owner for the purchase of that easement for the Avon Park Air Force Range.

DTF Grant 16-137, City of Key West, is pursuing another extension with a start date of July 2017 for the Truman Annex Sewall refurbishment and anticipates completion in December 2017. The TF will check on the progress of this project in July at the Key West TF meeting.

DTF Grant 16-143, Military Child Education Coalition, we have received their report since the printing of this document. They have received additional funding from the federal government so they will shift some of the remaining funds from Escambia County to Hillsborough County which they will request approval from the TF at the next meeting.

DTF Grant 16-154, Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Commissioners approved the Interlocal Agreement between the Chamber of Commerce and the County to make funds available for the execution of this grant.

Staff also noted that DTF Grant 17-161, Clay County Development Authority and DTF Grant 17-162, South Florida Progress Foundation of the Greater Miami Chamber, South Florida Defense Alliance, have both been executed.

*Budget/Contract Update*

Staff reported that the TF currently has only unencumbered \$58,566 remaining in the budget for the current fiscal year.

*FDSTF Strategic Plan Update*

**Terry McCaffrey** noted that the Strategic Plan has been updated and reorganized based on input from the TF members at the last meeting.

*A quorum being present, Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram entertained a motion to adopt the FDSTF Strategic Plan 2017-2022. A motion was made by Commissioner Barbara Stewart, seconded by Mr. Tom Neubauer and with no debate, discussion or objections, the FDSTF Strategic Plan 2017-2022 is adopted.*

**Bruce Grant** reminded the TF members that the Strategic Plan is a public document and will be posted on the TF website and is used to guide the actions of the TF moving forward to ensure that all of Florida's military bases are protected.

### III. Agenda Item III: New Business

#### *Task Force Member Reports*

**Mr. Tom Neubauer** reported on the ongoing discussions on the Gulf Range Complex and the importance of all of the ranges to our state. The Military Mission Line expires in 2022 and the Florida delegation is taking steps to request extending the Mission Line and enhancing the range with the Gulf Range Enhancement (GRE) program. Letters were written last month by Congressman Neal Dunn and Senator Bill Nelson to the Secretary of the Department of Interior Zinke.

He mentioned the Gulf Coast Salute Air Show, which is the weekend of April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at Tyndall Air Force Base. This is one of the premier air shows in the country, performed for the base's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**MG Mike Calhoun** reported that the FLNG has remained engaged since the last meeting with a number of events. They conducted Expert Infantryman Badge (EIB) Certification and the Army Air Assault Course at Camp Blanding. EIB started with 155 and graduated 31; Air Assault started with 236 and graduated 177. Soldiers from multiple states participated in both events.

They hosted their annual National Guard Day at the Capitol on March 21<sup>st</sup> with static displays and the 13th Army Band and concluded with the presentation of the NGAUS Charles Dick Medal of Merit to the Governor. The award in his name is a national level award presented only to a handful of leaders each year.

The DMA entered into a unique agreement with US Fish and Wildlife Services and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission that will help protect their training mission while sustaining their current conservation practices. Additionally, Camp Blanding will be exempt from additional endangered species requirements.

FLNG signed an MOU with Department of the Army to become the Army's single Emergency Management training and delivery team. They already teach four courses for the Army, and this new designation will allow them to grow the program and increase throughout at Camp Blanding (over 450 trained to date; new agreement will bring over 900 students per year).

Next week the Air Force will conduct its site survey of the 125th Fighter Wing for potential beddown of the F-35 in 2022. Thank you to Dr. Bruce Grant for his coordination with Lockheed Martin to bring the mobile cockpit simulator to the event

This past weekend they provided Blackhawk helicopter support for the wildfire suppression response led by DEM. They dropped over 23,000 gallons of water over fires near DeLand and Brooksville.

FLNG welcomed back over 700 Soldiers of 1-124th IN from the Horn of Africa, and this week, 300 Soldiers of 1-111th Aviation are redeploying. They currently have over 300 Soldiers and Airmen deployed.

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** reported that recent training usage at Avon Park Air Force Range is constant and routine. A hurricane exercise is planned for the first of May which is coordinated statewide by the Department of Management Services and the Range will be used as a disaster area. The Florida National Guard's 53<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team will receive a simulated emergency deployment order to the Range and practice operating an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) to survey a hurricane disaster area.

Regarding the Sentinel Landscape program, the first steering committee meeting was held and a very preliminary draft strategic plan was developed and is still under review before public release.

Avon Park Air Force Range, with the assistance of the Central Florida Regional Planning Commission, has developed a map showing priority areas for voluntary acquisition of conservation easements. This map was

requested by the TF of the Avon Park Air Force Range and Camp Blanding. The TF may consider requesting other bases and ranges that are provided grants for conservation acquisitions do the same.

**Bruce Grant** noted that staff is receiving copies of those maps but bases are sensitive to releasing them publicly. If the information as to which parcels of land are desired become public then the willing sellers have an advantage in any negotiations. This would be discussed in closed session.

**Chief Derrick Fritts** discussed the proposed Battlefield Airman's Training Center. In July 2016 the Air Force announced they are seeking a location for a strategic basing initiative, which will be comprised of about 1,100 airmen and soldiers for training purposes. Airmen will train for para-rescue operations, combat control, tactical air control and special operations weather team training. They are considering eight locations in the U.S. with three being in Florida: Patrick Air Force Base, Eglin Air Force Base and Hurlburt Field. The Air Force is expected to announce the final decision for the preferred site and a reasonable alternative in the spring or early summer of 2017.

\$21 million in funds which was designated in 2016 for the construction of a new range communication facility at Cape Canaveral Air Station for the 45<sup>th</sup> Space Wing, will use funds to construct a new, state-of-the-art, multi-level facility to accommodate modern communications equipment. This facility will provide direct operational launch support and many other operations functions. It will be built to withstand a category 3 hurricane. Work in this facility supports all launch activities on the Space Coast for the Department of Defense, NASA and commercial industry.

The FY 2017 MILCON bill included an Air Force project valued at \$13.5 million for the construction of a new fire crash rescue station and a defense logistics agency project valued at \$10.1 million to replace existing old underground fuel storage tanks on Patrick AFB.

**Brig Gen Chip Diehl** reported on continued issues with Florida Rock, noting they are currently trying to determine if the development plan violates the Air Force DoD criteria for encroachment. If there is encroachment they will need to find out what's acceptable and how it's mitigated. He will hopefully have some good news by the next TF meeting and appreciates all of the support from the TF, David Clark, The Principi Group and The Spectrum Group.

**Ms. Amy Gowder** reported that Team Orlando and Lockheed Martin recently hosted Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy who visited the National Center for Simulation and the Lockheed Martin facility. Feedback was that these were extremely important visits for her and she appreciates the simulation modeling and the uniqueness of the training capabilities at the NCS.

She noted that she recently met with PEO STRI to talk about their facilities and needs. They are very appreciative of the space secured for them and as security protocol is implemented, continued satisfaction is important to ensure there are no issues.

**Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram** reported briefly on the annual effort on the part of the state to provide funding to Team Orlando for building purchases in order to maintain lower, cost-effective leases for the military branches. A cover letter, to go along with a separate letter from the National Center for Simulation, was composed and sent to Governor Scott and the Cabinet to emphasize the importance of this issue.

**Bruce Grant** noted that these letters are presented before it comes up to the Governor and Cabinet as they will need to approve the final purchase of the land for BRAVO Building, the last building that Team Orlando is looking to acquire. This reduces the cost of commercial space and rent, keeping it comparable to rent as if it were on a military base.

**Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram** reported that in regard to BRAC readiness, Pensacola is concerned about base access and security. He thanked the TF for signage funding for the construction of signs to help tourists and locals know which gate to access to gain entrance to the base, museum, cemetery and flight academy.

The Blue Angels have returned from their winter training in California and have started their weekly training at NAS Pensacola prior to heading out to perform their shows across the country this summer.

*Update from the Principi Group*

**Secretary Anthony Principi** reported that Congress is currently on a two week recess with a scheduled reconvening of both chambers on April 24. The first order of business will be to avert a government shutdown by addressing the current Continuing Resolution (CR) set to expire on April 28. That leaves only four days to pass 11 remaining appropriations bills for FY17 or some type of continued spending legislation. The process will be complicated by the Administration's push to crack down on sanctuary cities, cut federal agency spending, and increase funding for a border wall. The White House recently opined that the consequences of government shutdowns have been blown out of proportion. Temporary lapses in funding happened 17 times between 1976 and 1994. Threats of a shutdown are far more common than actual shutdowns. The last one occurred in October 2013, and the one prior to that was in late 1995.

As for the outcome, we are tracking three scenarios. Another short term CR carrying into May to allow for the development of a final spending package, a yearlong CR for all government agencies, including DOD that senior Service leaders have testified is the worst possible outcome, and the development of a "CROmnibus", a combination of a DOD and other national security FY17 spending bills and a yearlong CR for all other federal agencies. In this scenario, Republicans are able to hold the line on domestic spending while allowing for an increase in military spending and funding for new starts.

Also looming is the need to pass legislation to raise the U.S. debt ceiling to at least \$20 trillion as Republican leaders insist they won't push it to the limit as in past years by using it as a bargaining chip for deep spending cuts. At this point, the Treasury Department has a variety of "extraordinary measures" it can take to avoid going into default. The administration has yet to offer a new estimate on when it will need new borrowing authority, but the Congressional Budget Office says Treasury's measures could extend the deadline into the fall, and private estimates suggest September or October.

As for the 2017 DoD Budget Readiness Supplemental appropriations amendment totaling \$30 Billion for Defense and the Department of Homeland Security submitted to Congress on March 16, there are hints that top Republicans won't push to include Supplemental request into a budget agreement prior to the expiration of the CR, but may choose to under a separate vehicle. The request includes money for the wall and increases defense spending while proposing unspecified cuts in domestic spending to partially offset the increases. That's not going to work for Democrats, who want parity in spending levels for both defense and nondefense.

In addition to concerns about funding priorities, Congress will need to fix the request of \$25 billion of supplemental funds for Defense as an increase to the base defense budget for FY17, which means that the additional funding will be eliminated on Jan 1, 2018 if sequestration is not repealed.

The President's pick for Army secretary, current Tennessee State Senator and West Point Alum Mark Green was announced on April 6. No date has been set for his hearing with the Senate Armed Service Committee. The presumed nominee for Secretary of the Navy is still anticipated to be Richard Spencer, a former Marine aviator from 1976 until 1981, when he left the service as a captain. There is no date set for his announcement.

The President's nominee for Secretary of the Air Force, former New Mexico CW Heather Wilson, completed her confirmation hearing on March 30 in the SASC. Senators then voted 22-5 following an executive session to approve Wilson to serve as the top civilian official in the Air Force, sending her nomination to the full Senate. No deadline has been set on her confirmation by the full Senate. During her confirmation hearing Members from Michigan, South Carolina, and Indiana questioned her about the current status of the Air Force decision to base the F-35 at two Air National Guard Bases. The current list of 5 candidates includes Jacksonville ANGB in addition to bases in AL, ID, MI, and WI, with a decision anticipated in late summer or the fall. Delegations from OK, SC, IN, and NJ have been strongly pressuring the Air Force to delay the final decision and expand the final list to allow for additional units to compete. Our team is monitoring this pressure and we'll see if her nomination gets held up on the Senate floor as leverage to the Air Force to expand the list.



In discussions with the team in Northwest Florida, their intent with CM Gaetz is to address capacity and capability shortfalls in the Gulf test Range by requesting increased investment in the FY 18 Authorization/Appropriations for \$29.30M to supplement the Gulf Range Enhancement (GRE), an USAF program of record to improve capabilities of the Major Range and Test Facilities Base (MRTFB) in Florida with increments 1 and 2 currently funded starting in the FY19 period and spread to FY24.

On March 7, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke announced 73 million acres off the coast of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida would be offered at a lease sale in August as part of the Interior Department's five-year leasing plan. The proposed region-wide lease sale scheduled for August 16, 2017 would include all available unleased areas in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico. The offer includes more than 13,700 lease blocks extending three miles to 230 miles offshore, according to an Interior Department statement.

In response, on March 30, 2017 CM Dunn, pressed the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) about 12 environmental surveys it commissioned in areas of the Gulf of Mexico that are off-limits to oil and natural gas leasing. The surveys BOEM commissioned included two- and three-dimensional seismic surveys, electromagnetic surveys, and sea-floor sampling. A bipartisan letter with many members of the Florida delegation was also sent to the Department of Defense urging Defense Secretary Mattis to support the current moratorium on drilling activities in the Gulf and work to extend it past its expiration in 2022.

Regarding BRAC, there continues to be a great deal of speculation and press accounts about emerging positions of congressional defense committee leader about the prospect of a BRAC authorization in the FY18 NDAA for a round in 2021.

**MG Mike Jones** reported that they met over three days with Congressional staff from the Florida delegation. They met with staff from the offices of Wasserman Schultz, Murphy, Castor, Diaz Balart, Dunn, Rutherford, Curbelo, Ross-Lehtinen, Gaetz, Rubio, and Nelson. While they discussed the key issues within districts and across the state with all, there were some interesting observations worth noting. There was broad, common understanding, and commitment to the shared goals of the FDSTF and the delegation. They increased their knowledge, but the staff was tuned in, aware of the unique value and purpose of their military bases, and many of the key issues. This has not always been the case in some of our previous meetings with the staff. The theme of working as a Florida team, including in a bi-partisan way, seemed to get a lot of traction. One MLA suggested getting all the MLAs together at the Florida House for a short social event and then a discussion of FL cross cutting military defense issues. This is something they can facilitate and will follow up. They are also following up on a number of information requests, and providing a number of products that were requested.

#### *Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Update*

**Ms. Kellie Jo Kilberg**, Chair of the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA), reported on the Governor's three roundtables which were recently held in Jacksonville, Tampa and Pensacola, discussing the importance of both Enterprise Florida and the FDA and explaining the difference between the TF and the FDA (no redundancy).

FDA continues to work with the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) to educate members on DIG and DRG grant processes and how to improve them.

She recently met with the Military Affairs Committee in Santa Rosa County to discuss energy resiliency and encroachment issues on local military bases.

They are assisting in coordinating a Sentinel Landscape meeting in NW Florida with the five communities which are home to military bases and working with The Nature Conservancy on how they can also assist with that project.

She noted the Importance of protecting Florida's ranges, including the Gulf Range, and the encroachment from possible oil drilling in the gulf.

In August she will be part of a panel discussion at the American Planning Association Florida Chapter's Annual Conference having a JLUS program implementation around the state. She is reaching out to partners around

the state ensuring they understand the changes in all of the military communities regarding encroachment and other issues that elected officials need to understand to be supportive of our bases.

#### *FDEP Military Base Protection Update*

**Mr. David Clark**, Director of State Lands, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), reported on the University of Central Florida's (UCF) acquisition of another partnership structure. He stated that the DEP is working with them and is in the process of preparing the agenda in coordination with UCF and Team Orlando. UCF's Board is working to approve the purchase contract prior to the Cabinet action.

He reported the Tier 1 base buffering acquisition program has been successful. Tier 1 acquisitions are the Mayport restrictive easement acquisition was approved, has been closed and is complete. NSA Panama City is approved and will close on that property. The MacDill restrictive easement on the residential components of the 25 acres of the MacDill was approved and is currently closed.

He discussed the past history with MacDill AFB and Florida Rock. In March 2017 state lands became aware of a development plan to include a grocery store, restaurant, hotel (possibly two) and a bank on the northern 15 acre parcel owned by Florida Rock. A meeting was held earlier this month to discuss this planned development attended by representatives from Florida Rock, the developer who holds the contract with Florida Rock, representatives from DEO, MacDill AFB, the Task Force and State Lands. At this meeting it became very clear that Florida Rock is not willing to budge off of their position, that they are following the land use codes and restrictive easement as it is required by the State. They are currently within their rights within land use and zoning and are not in violation of the restricted easement as required by the State.

State Lands is at a point in the acquisition where they will not be able to acquire anything more from Florida Rock to prevent this development. The developer has offered Florida Rock investment value, a higher amount, for this property and the State can only offer market value, which is less than what the developer is willing to pay for that property.

**Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram** offered the TF would provide any assistance to the Mayor of the City of Tampa, DEP or MacDill AFB if needed on this issue.

**Brig Gen Chip Diehl** added that the location of this parcel of land is very close to the runway lights, about 175 yards.

**Mr. David Clark** noted that they have not given up and the developer seems to have taken pause following this past meeting, as they may not want to develop where they are not aligned their neighbor, MacDill AFB.

#### *Legislative Update*

**Bruce Grant** reported on military and defense friendly legislation for the 2017 session.

HB 0509 titled Post Secondary Fee Waivers, also has a Senate companion and relates to the waiver of student fees for those who are on military tuition assistance during active duty. It waives fees such as mandatory student activity fees, financial aid fees, technology fees, etc. In the past these fees have not been covered by military tuition assistance. This bill is moving well and looks to be passed.

SB 1272, Professional Regulation, also has a companion in the House and relates to professional regulation creates the Occupational Opportunity Act requires the spouse or surviving spouse be kept in good standing and be exempt from licensure renewal provisions; provides requirements related to application, fees and renewal; provides fee waiver for specified persons. This bill also looks to be passed.

HB 0263 relating to veterans' annual sales tax holiday would create a one-day sales tax holiday for veterans and active-duty servicemembers, most-likely on Veterans' Day. This bill has been included in a larger tax bill and appears that it will probably pass.

HB 1235, Military and Veteran Support, has no companion in the Senate and will, most-likely, be stalled this session. This bill adds on to a bill that was passed last year which allowed for the expediting of rental agreements for military members. This bill would extend to military spouses whose husband or wife is deployed.

#### *TPG Proposal – FY 2018 SWOT Analysis*

**MG Mike Jones** discussed that as requested last month by the TF; The Principi Group has presented their proposal for updating the SWOT Analysis, which is included in the Read Ahead Books. The proposal incorporates the concepts discussed at last month's meeting and their intent is to provide stand-alone reports for each of the major military bases, SOUTHCOM and the Florida National Guard. Bases co-located in communities will have consolidated reports that address all bases in that community. The report will include input from the local communities as well as base leadership, DoD and Washington insights. It will also include a consolidated statewide report that will include all key elements from the base level reports as well as statewide comparative analysis.

TPG recognizes that a contract addendum would be subject to availability of funds, but they will start work as soon as possible given TF funding availability and the timing of the start of the new fiscal year.

*A quorum being present, Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram entertained a motion to adopt The Principi Group's Proposal for a SWOT Analysis for FY2018. A motion was made by Commissioner Barbara Stewart, seconded by Mr. Tom Neubauer.*

**Question: Commissioner Barbara Stewart** asked if the performance period would begin on July 1<sup>st</sup>, as in the written proposal or as soon as the contract is signed, as he just stated. She also asked Staff if the unencumbered funds of \$58,566 under the Local Grant Program line in the budget is allocated for any project and if not, could a portion of those funds be used for The Principi Group to begin work on the SWOT Analysis.

**MG Mike Jones** responded that they recognize that contract acceptance is subject to the availability of funds so they cannot start work until July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Marcy Muldrow-Sanders** responded that a portion of the \$58,566 is allocated to amendment #6 of The Principi Group contract which was executed after the budget had been published, which leaves \$30,366.

**Terry McCaffrey** responded that if the TF would like to use a portion of the unencumbered funds for the SWOT Analysis, the proposal would have to be re-written into phases which would fit with the money we have at the time of each phase.

*With no further questions, debate, discussion or objections, all TF members voted in favor to adopt The Principi Group's Proposal for a SWOT Analysis for FY2018.*

#### *FY 2018 Grant Presentation Process Overview*

**Terry McCaffrey** discussed the grant presentation process for the upcoming meeting next month. Four applications will be presented at next month's meeting in Tallahassee. These proposals will be provided to the new TF members this week for review prior to the meeting. It is anticipated that our FY 2018 budget will be appropriated at \$2 million to be allocated for this grant cycle.

All four proposals have met the criteria allocated by the TF and were decided on at the last meeting. After each presentation you will have the opportunity to evaluate and grade each proposal which will be scored and discussed during the closed session meeting. After closed session discussion we will enter into another open session where motions will be made as to the support of each proposal.

The amount of funding available is approximately \$440,000. Staff will have the exact number before next meeting.

IV. Agenda Item IV: Public Comment

No attendees wished to make a public comment.

**Chairman Representative Clay Ingram** noted that the next meeting in-person in Tallahassee on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

*The meeting adjourned at 10:19 AM Eastern Time*

## **Final Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Florida Defense Support Task Force**

### **Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #54 on Thursday, May 18, 2017**

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting at the Residence Inn Marriott Tallahassee at 09:03 AM Eastern Time – 1:44 PM Eastern Time. For Agenda: See Page 2

#### **Task Force Members Present:**

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John Browne, Florida Forest Service  
Jim Kuzma, Space Florida  
Steve Murray, Florida Department of Veterans Affairs  
Patrick Sheehan, Gulf Coast Energy Network, The Gregson Group  
Lorretta Costin, Gulf Coast State College  
James Heald, InDyne  
Mark Roberts, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance

#### **Others Present:**

Scott Fennell, COO, Enterprise Florida  
MG Mike Jones, USA, Ret., TPG  
Jim Breitenfeld, TPG  
Tad Warfel, Florida National Guard  
Captain Justin Phillips, Aide-de-Camp for MG Mike Calhoun  
Ryan Butler, DEO  
Col Bob Black, USAF, (Ret.)  
Sid Saunders, Pendulum  
Larry Sassano, LS Advisors, LLC  
Ashley Smith, Sachs Media Group  
Craig Deatherage, Office of Congressman Neal Dunn  
Dave Robau, Gulf Coast Energy Network  
Rudy Maloy, Office of Congressman Al Lawson  
Lisa Monnet, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance (TBDA) (Phone)  
Natalie Curran, Eglin Air Force Base (Phone)  
Harrison Conyers, City of Jacksonville (Phone)

Jana Wibberly, Deloitte, Bay Defense Alliance (Phone)

**Staff Present:**

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**Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram**, began the meeting at 09:03 AM Eastern Time.

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome, Guest Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance

**Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram** welcomed attendees and guests. He asked guests in the audience and on the phone to introduce themselves. He asked the TF and audience to join him in the pledge of allegiance. He reminded the Task Force the meeting is governed by Sunshine Law. He introduced Major General Richard “Beef” Haddad as the newest TF member and welcomed Senator Doug Broxson and Lieutenant Colonel William Dudley to their first in-person TF meeting.

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

*Approval of the Minutes*

A quorum being present, **Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram** asked if any corrections be made to the April 20, 2017 minutes. Noting none, the April 20, 2017 meeting and closed session minutes were approved.

*Task Force Grants & Contracts Status*

Staff reported that DTF Grant 16-154, Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce, has requested to re-allocate funds so they may use them in coordination with the County to move the sign project forward. They will re-submit attachments B and C to re-allocate those funds.

DTF Grant 14-05, Economic Development Alliance of Bay County, LambdaRail Expansion Project, has had activity and expires on June 30, 2017. This project may be completed by the June 30, 2017 expiration date, however there is a chance they will need another extension.

Staff noted that all contracts have been executed for the most recently awarded grants which are on track and moving forward.

*Budget/Contract Update*

Staff reported that the budget is dated March 31, 2017 as it is now being updated quarterly. The year-end forecast for administrative expenses will have about \$20,000 left over for additional TF projects. Proposals were submitted for the Economic Impact Analysis study and Matrix Design Group was chosen to perform the study and create the factbook. The contract is set to start on July 1, 2017. The study and factbook will be completed in December 2017, in time for session to begin in January 2018.

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** asked if the TF would have about \$58,000 left at the end of this fiscal year.

Staff answered that the TF will have about \$5,000 unencumbered in program expenses and about \$20,000 left in administrative expenses at the end of this fiscal year.

III. Agenda Item III: New Business

*Task Force Member Reports*

**Brig Gen Chip Diehl** welcomed Major General Richard Haddad to the TF. He reported that he recently attended the rollout for the Military and Veterans assistance program with Attorney General (AG) Pam Bondi. This program aims to stop the scamming of military members including active military and veterans, also including wounded veterans and spouses. He would also like for either the AG or Assistant AG to attend a future TF meeting to talk about this program and would like the TF to get Veterans Florida and the VA involved. Lastly, he thanked the TF for partnering with DEP and DEO regarding the Florida Rock issue at MacDill AFB.



**MG Mike Calhoun** reported that since the 13th of April, under executive order of the Governor (#17-120), Florida National Guard (FLNG) has supported the Florida Fire Service (FFS) for wildfire suppression throughout the state. As of last week, Blackhawk helicopters have flown 31.1 hours, dropped 171 "Bambi Buckets" of water for a total of over 106,000 gallons. They also provided 2 fuel trucks and 2 diesel mechanics. They will remain on standby until the wildfire season and threat is over.

On April 21st FLNG hosted an F-35 Orientation at the Florida Air National Guard's 125th Fighter Wing (FW) in Jacksonville. Federal and State Legislators along with local business and elected leaders learned about the F-35 and the critical mission of the 125th Fighter Wing. The following week, the U.S. Air Force F-35 Site Survey Team conducted an inspection of the 125th FW to evaluate the Wing and its facilities for potential bed-down of the F-35. MG Calhoun thanked Dr. Bruce Grant for making the F-35 simulator available for display. He also thanked Senators Audrey Gibson and Victor Torres (Military and Veterans Affairs, and Domestic Security) for making the trip and for their support of this critical asset. The team concluded that Jacksonville is a "feasible" option. Florida is one of five states competing for 2 bed-down locations and Jacksonville's 125th FW was the first base to undergo the Site Survey inspection. The surveys will be complete by the end of the summer and the Secretary of the Air Force will announce the two locations in 2018. Basing will occur sometime in 2022.

The FLNG participated in the annual Statewide Hurricane Exercise (HURREX) during the first week of May. The event focused on the FLNG response to a notional CAT 4 storm, Hurricane Coleman, which was modeled after Hurricane Donna, which came through Florida in 1960. Their team engaged with state, federal and civilian partners during the exercise. Former FEMA Administrator, Mr. Craig Fugate, gave opening remarks at the rock drill and provided feedback on planning and execution.

They welcomed back over 300 Soldiers of 1-111th Aviation from deployment, and today, over 200 Soldiers will return from the National Capitol Region where they have provided air defense of Washington D.C. since last June. They currently have over 100 Soldiers and Airmen deployed, but that number will increase to over 600 in the coming 9 months.

**Lt Col William Dudley** reported that he has reached out to some of the Coast Guard commands around the State and would like to see the TF focused the needs of those units, specifically the HITRON unit at Cecil Field. He has spoken with and visited their commanding officer recently and one of the issues concerns their use of the landing zone at Camp Blanding, which is in need of repair.

**Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram** reported that the Greater Pensacola Defense Community Initiative, which is their local version of the TF for the Pensacola community, has been established. He noted that it's taken quite a few months to be up and running and thanks to Kellie Jo Kilberg and the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) for assisting them with their many questions and in getting started.

**Senator Doug Broxson** stated that he believes his role on the TF is to communicate back to members of the Senate and noted how important the TF is to the State of Florida. He assured the TF that he is committed to making sure that the members of the Senate have a better understanding of what their task is, its importance and that they consider being more proactive both financially and in policy by supporting what they're doing in Florida over the next 10 to 20 years.

**Admiral Mark Fitzgerald** reported that he's travelling to Washington, D.C. June 14th and 15th with the Jacksonville delegation to speak with delegates on Capitol Hill and the Navy. The focus will be on the Mayport ship, Triton laydowns, offshore oil drilling in the Atlantic and the F-35 laydown.

He reported that he spent last week in Pensacola and noted that the Assistant Secretary of Navy for Installations Energy will be visiting in June to talk about the outlying field, land swap on I-10, moving it out north of Whiting Field, and also about the enclave at NAS Pensacola.

He discussed his concern for a resolution with the waiver for entering NAS Pensacola which runs out Spring 2019. If the waiver runs out and there is no enclave decision, the base shuts down the visitor access which attracts about 850,000 visitors to the panhandle each year.

**Mr. Tom Neubauer** reported that the long-awaited 12-year waterway security plan that Tyndall has been working on has now been published in the Federal Register and will take place as implemented on May 1<sup>st</sup>. This was mandated right after 9/11 as Tyndall is one of the bases with a tremendous amount of shoreline and it was very contentious for the community because of all the recreational areas.

He noted that on May 9th, Bay County formally welcomed GKN Aerospace to the area. They're building 135,000 square-foot facility and about 170 aerospace jobs will be brought to Bay County. They relocated to Bay County because of Tyndall Air Force Base and Naval Support Activity. They are a large company of 57,000 employees worldwide and the first company of this type in Bay County. They build the canopies for the F-22 and F-35 and there hopes to be some synergy with this new company in Bay County.

He mentioned that the federal government has approved the million-dollar matching grant for their Defense Task Force Grant, which was \$500,000, to get high-speed Internet (the LambdaRail) delivered to Bay County. This benefits both the Navy base and Tyndall Air Force Base. They anticipate spending that grant money on time.

He reminded the TF of the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) Annual Dinner this evening as General Hawk Carlisle, the ACC Commander recently retired, will take leadership of the NDIA from General Craig McKinley, who will be coming back to reside in Florida.

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** reported that the biggest event Avon Park Air Force Range has currently going on is the 24<sup>th</sup> Special Tactics Squadron (24 STS) is conducting Joint Terminal Attack Controller (JTAC) training as part of a Close Air Support exercise.

Typically, these exercises are somewhat routine and utilize aircraft from local bases. However, this exercise involves aircraft from bases in other states in addition to the local aircraft. The 24 STS is based at Pope AFB in North Carolina. Over the course of this and last week the units and aircraft training with the 24 STS are Marine Helicopter Light Attack Squadron 269 out of Marine Corps Air Station New River, North Carolina. They brought three AH-1 Cobras and two UH-1 Huey helicopters. The 12<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Squadron deployed two MQ-9 Reaper Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) from Cannon AFB in New Mexico. The MQ-9s were brought in on C-17 aircraft from the 167<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing out of Shepherd Field Air National Guard Base in West Virginia. The 343<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Squadron flying a B-52 out of Barksdale AFB in Louisiana. The 100<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron flying F-16s out of Montgomery Air National Guard Base, Alabama. The 93<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Squadron flying F-16s out of Homestead ARB. The 74<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron flying A-10s out of Moody AFB. The C-17s, MQ-9s and A-10s are all conducting uncontrolled airfield operations out of the range's airfield.

#### *Washington Office Update*

**John Patrick Walsh** reported that it's been a busy couple of weeks in Washington as they return to regular order with the passage of the Short-Term Spending Bill that allows Congress to focus on their budget priorities until September 30th. There is pressure on Congress to fulfill the Republicans' pledge to balance the budget, as well as align with a more of the administration's priorities. The President has stuck to his pledge not to touch Medicare and Social Security and there isn't enough money to go around, which is worrisome on the defense side.

The House Armed Services Committee (HASC) and the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) are turning back to regular order and as June approaches, the NDAA season will begin. Representative Matt Gaetz and Representative Stephanie Murphy will be hosting a Florida Defense Day up on Capitol Hill on June 9th, where they will pull together the entire delegation to talk about all things military and defense related. In the past they've had senior members on appropriations as well as senior authorizers, get together to bring in different projects or concerns that they had in their districts, and while that's been an effective method in the past, Representatives Gaetz and Murphy thought it would be best to bring everyone together, appropriators, authorizers and staff from all of the districts in Florida, to come together and explain the military mission that Florida is facing. They feel this is a great way to get everyone involved, including different members who do not have an installation or mission within their district.

Today the SASC is working nomination hearings for three of the undersecretaries for the Department of Defense. They hope to move on nomination hearings for the President's nominees for the different service departments as well once those are announced and made. Recently confirmed is Heather Wilson as the Secretary of the Air Force.

**Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram** asked if any TF members wished to travel to Florida Defense Day in Washington, D.C. on June 9<sup>th</sup> as there is some money available in the budget.

**Brig Gen Chip Diehl** suggested that the Florida Defense Alliance as well as some of the local defense alliances might also like to attend and asked how they might go about receiving an invitation.

**Terry McCaffrey** explained that Chris Evanson, from Representative Gaetz's office, has asked for contact information for the defense alliances from around the State, which was forwarded to him yesterday. He believes that invitations will be extended shortly.

**Dr. Bruce Grant** asked if any TF members who are interested in attending, have that date available and would like to go to Washington, D.C. to please let him know.

**Brig Gen Chip Diehl** suggested that the TF receive an update from Veterans Florida at monthly TF meetings as it's important to keep current on happenings with Veterans Affairs.

#### *Update from the Principi Group*

**Secretary Anthony Principi** reported that the House and Senate passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (HR.244), which is legislation to complete the 11 remaining appropriations bills. The House voted 309-118 on passage, while the Senate passed the measure on 79-18 vote. The bill was signed by President Trump on May 5 to provide all federal agencies with FY17 funding through September 30, 2017.

For Defense details, in total, the bill provides \$593 billion, an increase of \$19.9 billion over the fiscal year 2016 enacted level and \$16.3 billion than the original FY17 budget request. This includes \$516.1 billion in base discretionary funding, an increase of \$2 billion above current levels and \$76.6 billion in Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO)/Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) funding. This amount includes \$14.8 billion in new funding requested by the Trump Administration.

When combined with the \$5.8 billion in supplemental funding enacted in the Continuing Resolution that passed in December, the total Defense funding for fiscal year 2017 is \$598.5 billion, an increase of \$25.7 billion over fiscal year 2016 and \$22.1 billion more than President Obama's budget request.

Of interest to Florida, the Operation and Maintenance account of \$223 billion, \$167.6 billion for base requirements and \$55.4 billion for OCO/GWOT requirements, is \$9.4 billion above fiscal year 2016. Within this amount, the bill includes an additional \$7.3 billion above the previous Administration's request to fill readiness shortfalls, invest in facility sustainment, restoration and modernization programs which will apply to all Florida bases, provide for additional depot maintenance for activities at the fleet readiness center at Jax, and support increased end strength.

**Aircraft Procurement** – This agreement addresses the procurement of multiple air frames for systems of interest to Florida, including \$1.8 billion for 11 P-8A Poseidon aircraft, \$2.6 billion for 15 KC-46 tanker aircraft and \$1.3 billion for 17 C/HC/KC/MC-130J aircraft.

**National Guard and Reserve Equipment** - \$750 million for the National Guard and Reserve Equipment Account to support the highest priorities of the Chiefs of the reserve components and ensure full interoperability with the active duty force.

\$21.2 billion for Navy shipbuilding programs, an increase of \$2.8 billion and three ships above the request. In total, the bill funds the construction of ten new ships: two Virginia class submarines, three DDG-51 destroyers, three Littoral Combat Ships, one LHA amphibious assault ship and one LPD amphibious transport dock.

While it's good news that Congress chose to provide line item FY17 appropriations for all federal agencies instead of a year-long CR, these same federal agencies now have just under 5 months to spend over a trillion dollars before September 30, 2017. We should be prepared to work with the installations in Florida to find requirements for a huge deluge of O&M funding in the last 45 days of the fiscal year.

Another issue which may impact Florida bases is the appropriations agreement which includes language on a growing water contamination issue affecting military installations nationwide. A list of installations in Florida being assessed for possible contamination can be found at the following link:

<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/2755131-List-of-military-fire-and-crash-training-sites.html>

Congress now turns to the anticipated arrival of the FY 18 President's Budget Request for which a "skinny" version was delivered in February 2017. OMB has set a date of the last week in May with the congressional appropriators staring on mark-ups immediately. There is concern that not all the budget tables and program justifications will be sent over the committees until June or July, creating a mess for mark-ups.

There is a growing rumor in both chambers that given the inability to pass a Joint Budget resolution for FY2018, there may be a desire to continue FY17 program levels into FY18 with a year-long CR.

The HASC has tentatively proposed a mark-up schedule of June 19-22, 2017 for the FY18 National Defense Authorization Act. The SASC plans to mark-up their version of the NDAA the week of June 26. TPG will be monitoring both of these mark-ups for issues of importance to Florida. The HASC mark will be open to the public, while the SASC will conduct its full committee mark-up in closed session, as has been the tradition for years. We'll be looking closely to see what legislation regarding BRAC come out of these two Bills.

House Armed Services Committee Chairman Mac Thornberry (R-Texas) will also reveal the week of May 16 new legislation aimed at reforming how the Pentagon buys major weapons systems.

The Congressional Research Service released its annual report on issues for Navy Shipbuilding on May 4. The report included a projection of the types of ships and the proposed timelines for construction that will be needed to meet the current Administration's intent for a 355 ship Navy. The majority of the increase includes an additional carrier, attack submarines, destroyers and amphibious ships.

A 12<sup>th</sup> carrier will be a heavy lift for the Navy, given the cost of the remainder of the battle group and air wings needed to deploy and support the carrier. TPG sees growth potential in the use of Mayport infrastructure for frigates and amphibians. The FY18 budget will be the next big indicator for us on how serious the Administration is on increasing the size of the fleet.

In response to a March 24, 2017 letter from Congressman Gaetz to the Secretary of Defense, the Acting Undersecretary for Personnel and Readiness responded on April 26 with an emphasis on the vital importance of maintaining the Eastern Gulf drilling moratorium. While signed by the Acting, the letter is still good, although a SECDEF letter would be more compelling. We'll see if the Secretary of Defense wants to weigh in if the threat to the Gulf Range persists. Also, there are legislative versions of lease moratorium extensions that offer a clarification to the conduct of surveys. They will want to make sure that all Members of the delegation are aware of this request.

On May 4<sup>th</sup> Senator Rubio introduced the Florida Shores Protection and Fairness Act, legislation that would extend the moratorium on energy exploration in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico from 2022 to 2027, making Florida eligible to receive a share of the revenue generated by drilling in the central and western portions of the Gulf. The five year extension on the ban is a common position for the Florida delegation with multiple pieces of legislation pending.

Regarding BRAC, House Armed Services Chair Mac Thornberry recently cited the extended payback period as one of his primary concerns justifying the vow that the next BRAC round will not be a repeat of the last one. He

also stated that he would not rule out another BRAC round. This is a major move forward on the possibility of a BRAC for the last Member of the Big 4 (HASC and SASC Chairs and Ranking Members) who was a fairly staunch opponent up until recently. If the Chairmen of the HASC and SASC both are willing to consider a BRAC authorization, and both Ranking Members are already strong supporters of another round (with CM Smith revising and reintroducing BRAC legislation), then it's really up to SECDEF to make a compelling case. TPG believes the SASC staff is poised and ready to support the Chairman with revised BRAC legislation in the FY18 NDAA if requested by SECDEF in the FY18 budget posture hearings.

**Admiral Mark Fitzgerald** asked how the Nuclear Recapitalization Bill is going to be dealt with and are they just going to assign it to the Navy and the Air Force, or are they looking at how they're going to put that across DOD?

**Secretary Anthony Principi** replied that he was not aware of this and TPG will provide more information at future meetings.

#### *Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Update*

**Ms. Kellie Jo Kilberg**, Chair of the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA), discussed that she noticed as she traveled through Florida with the Governor on his roundtable discussions that a lot of individuals in the state don't know we have installations and about the dynamic that the defense industry brings to Florida. FDA is working on building a continuous awareness campaign that tells the public the stories of what we have in Florida. This will be a year-long campaign, not done just before session, so that we are out there communicating and connecting our local communities back to the legislature both at the local, the state, regional and at the federal level, telling those stories.

She reported that Florida Forever was not funded in this year's budget. Those are matching dollars to federal dollars and to local dollars. It's important that in the coming year FDA looks at how that particular program is funded to assist with encroachment issues.

As more public-private partnerships are developed, FDA is looking at energy resiliency and assurance and encroachment education. On June 14th and 15th, the Sentinel Landscape Initiative will be held in northwest Florida. On June 14th FDA will be meeting with a small working group on Sentinel Landscapes and June 15th is the community summit and the awareness of ranges in the State of Florida.

FDA is working on issues such as credentialing and licensing especially pertaining to military maritime initiative and cybersecurity, as once servicemembers separate from the military, they lack the credentials and licenses to obtain employment in that field.

Moving forward, FDA is going to be proactive and look closely at all programs, reviewing programs that relate to defense and the military, then making legislative recommendations to the TF to improve on these programs. Also, as we go into the next rounds of BRAC our communities need flexibility to move quickly when announcements are made.

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** asked what areas are being looked at during the Sentinel Landscape meeting in June.

**Kellie Jo Kilberg** replied that they are looking at five counties from Escambia to Bay County.

#### *Florida Department of Agriculture – Rural & Family Lands/REPI Program*

**Mr. John Browne**, Florida Forest Service, presented on the Rural and Family Lands Protection Program, which is a conservation easement program to prevent fragmentation of agricultural lands. The purpose of the program is to acquire perpetual conservation easements that assure lands may be preserved in agriculture or providing for the protection of natural resources. Surface land uses have a direct impact on the military bases in the State of Florida. Florida's farmers and ranchers have proven to be great stewards of Florida's rural lands and are very well-respected from both the agriculture industry and land conservationists. The Department of Agriculture has been dedicated to the preservation of these lands. Funding for rural and family lands helps

preserve the agricultural lands and ensures the protection of open space and natural areas. These lands are home to threatened and endangered species of both plants and animals and vast areas of water recharge and special unaltered habitats associated with lakes, creeks and river areas.

The Rural and Family Lands Protection Program works hand-in-glove with the Florida Forever Program. There are a lot of farmers and ranchers and folks that just absolutely do not want to sell their land. Florida Forever is not for everybody but it is an opportunity for the state to acquire those lands that it needs for recreation and the protection of those special endangered species. The Rural and Family Lands Program is able to provide conservation easements where the land stays in the ownership of the landowners, they continue to pay taxes on it and they continue to work it. The landowners assume all management costs.

In 2016, the application cycle for rural and family lands received 122 applications from 37 counties, with over 328,000 acres in the program and 50 projects in tier 1 totaling over 222,000 acres. The average cost of easements is about \$1400 per acre, which represents about 40% to 50% of the value of the projects. The primary value of agricultural conservation easements lies in this development potential. The property is stripped of development rights and it kept in agriculture and allowed to be passed down that way.

An example of how they function with military is at Avon Park Bombing Range ridge. Avon Park has established three military influenced planning areas (MIPA), MIPA 1, MIPA 2, MIPA 3. Projects in that area are given bit of added lift, if they're in one of those MIPA areas, as they've been able to successfully work with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for funding. They've also worked with REPI funding, which is the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration program.

In these areas, once the easement is complete, the program helps to protect the military mission as there will not be any development in those areas and all of the easements have military-inspired covenants in them that limit the height of buildings that can be constructed, limit the lighting and limit the density of personnel that can be there.

He noted that their partnering is based on matching funds, so in order to capture federal funds; they need to have the state funds to match with them.

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** asked if each property is treated differently based on certain criteria.

**Mr. John Browne** replied that the goal of the program is to keep the projects in agriculture, and in order to do that they purchase development rights which makes up the brunt of the appraised value, and that's what is acquired. Also, fragmentation is limited and they ask that it not be subdivided.

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** asked if buildings are allowed if they're geared towards agriculture and part of the agricultural operation?

**Mr. John Browne** replied that the buildings which are only existing agricultural operations can be maintained and buildings can be built in support of the agricultural business in designated areas.

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** asked if the buildings in Highlands County, which are related to agriculture, also have height and light restrictions.

**Mr. John Browne** replied, yes, the Department of Defense, through the Department of Air Force, has identified easement protocols that they would need to see in the Deed of Easement in order to participate with them financially. So it is written in the Deed of Easement and recorded, and the landowners have agreed to manage that way, which is limiting the height of buildings and limiting light.

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** asked what happens if REPI money is not utilized? What if there's no DOD money utilized as matching, but rather matching is coming from other sources? Would there still be a height and light restriction if it's in the vicinity of a military installation?

**Mr. John Browne** replied that in the MIPA 1 and 2 areas, those restrictions are part of their easement and that they are negotiable.

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** noted that the TF had talked about and is one of their concerns, stimulated by the tall building at the end of the Homestead runway. It's understood that if the REPI money is involved, or money from other sources direct from the military or conservation, that you would abide by those height and light. This is a major concern to the TF and under any circumstances, if they're a MIPA 1 and MIPA 2, the TF would want you to make sure that there are height and light restrictions.

**Mr. John Browne** replied that they can try, but it's very difficult to limit landowners and what they can legally do without reimbursing them. Currently they don't have a mechanism for restricting it that way unless military money is used. The ones that they have do have some of those restrictions and they're primarily three, the height of the building, the lighting and the density of people that can be on the ground at any one time.

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** asked regarding the properties within the Sentinel Landscape, if they applications get moved to the top tier.

**Mr. John Browne** replied that no, they do not automatically move to the top tier. The way the program works is that the easement applications are evaluated on the ground by DEP, by the county, by the water management district at state, and all of that is compiled, then goes to a board. There's a process of public presentation on each one and each of the landowners makes a public presentation. The council will then weigh all of the criteria for rural and family lands when they're suggesting one which tier they belong. One of the criteria of the program is the military base buffering, so there is a military component there. Those projects that are in a particular area, whether it be at Sentinel Landscape, whether it be a military-influenced planning area, are just in close proximity. Those are given a bit of added lift simply because they're there, because that's mentioned in the statute.

**Admiral Mark Fitzgerald** asked if it was resolved whether the REPI money can be accessed as recently it was believed we were in danger of losing money.

**Dr. Bruce Grant** replied that the TF wrote a letter to the Governor and to the legislature requesting matching funds be available from the state, Florida Forever or some other source. One might be Rural and Family Lands, depending on the funding. Florida Forever was not funded this year, so the funding was zero, there are no matching funds. By 2018, those matching REPI funds that have been drawn down from the federal government will go begging if there is no money that comes by the end of 2018. It's about \$3.5 million that the state would lose in federal matching REPI funds.

#### *Space Florida Update*

**Mr. Jim Kuzma** presented an update on Space Florida and discussed ways the TF can be of assistance to Space Florida and the 45<sup>th</sup> Space Wing. Focus is on aerospace and space industry growth in Florida to ensure our leadership role in space. In 2015, the Global Space Economy was estimated to be approximately \$330 billion: 39% commercial infrastructure and support industries, 37% commercial space products and services, 13% U.S. Government space budgets and 11% non-U.S. Government budgets.

The next stage of commercial space activity is focusing on rocket and spacecraft reusability. This industry is poised to significantly expand to sub-orbital and low-earth orbital rockets, space commerce and deeper space exploitation and exploration.

In 2016 activity at Cape Canaveral sites was 18 launches for that year. Predicted from 2017-2020 are 28 to 48 launches per year from both U.S. Government and commercial markets. In 2025 it is estimated to be close to 100 launches per year.

Space Florida faces many challenges to growing their operational capacity. They're working on regulatory reform and streamlining such as the revision of outdated, duplicative rule sets and FAA part 400-460 regulations. They must adapt and modernize their infrastructure, repair/construct roads, bridges, wharfs and rails, update utilities and commodities, work to repair aging assets, inadequate capacities. They must support capabilities by recognizing user market demands and scaling of processes.

Recent industry game changers: Kennedy Space Center originated launches authorized by the FAA Office of Space Transportation, Booster fly-back and re-use, autonomous flight safety systems, emergence of the small satellite market and launch opportunities, emergence of competition across the industry's sectors and increasing launch cadence.

Emerging challenges include increasingly commercial revenue operations, new and existing commodity and utility availability, required infrastructure and existing infrastructure mismatch, next generation of skilled workforce, multiple regulatory regimes and approval processes, license and permits overload, impact to neighboring operations, net generation range must support "least" capable user launch requirements.

Space Florida's role in spaceport development and operations is to promote and grow Florida's commercial space industry and capabilities, identify, plan and fund Florida's spaceport infrastructure, own, manage and enable spaceport capabilities within seven spaceport territories and ensure public safety, policy, air-space management and emergency response.

**Brig Gen Chip Diehl** asked how the TF can be of assistance and if there is a way that we can team with other states to share your plans and to obtain more resources to accelerate your master plan.

**Mr. Jim Kuzma** replied that they have looked into working with other states, but they have different missions. Workforce is a challenge, specifically certifications, as this is in manufacturing ideas, and a lot of the Air Force Servicemembers are being hired by private companies. They are having problems hiring employees with the correct technical skills.

**Brig Gen Chip Diehl** noted that if we challenge our state universities to help produce the engineers and the workforce you need for the future, they will rally to it. If the TF can help in that regard, to get the universities onboard to produce a workforce that you need for the future, the TF can help as it is something that seems to be a hindrance, not only for the transitioning military, but the need produce a workforce from our universities and academia.

**Mr. Jim Kuzma** replied that they're pushing very hard for co-ops, as the new companies realize that their equipment is obsolete after five years, but they have a shelf-life of 15 and it sits on their shelves. We're pushing for them to set up co-op programs with the universities and either have that equipment bought or donated to the universities and have them setup the curriculum for what they need. Many of those are two-year programs. Certifications are needed for the new equipment and is accompanied by experience.

**Senator Doug Broxson** asked if there is any competition internationally which could remove opportunities from Florida.

**Mr. Jim Kuzma** replied that there no launches scheduled in Florida in May, but there are 64 launches globally in French Guyana, China and India, so, yes, it is an international competition. An example has to do with the fly-back boosters. Because of safety concerns, the operations on the Cape shut down and they try limiting those launches on weekends or at night, but sometimes that can't be done as maintain a schedule. Competition is a major concern.

#### *Florida Department of Veterans Legislative Wrap-up*

**Lt Col Steve Murray**, USAF (Ret.), presented on the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs agency and Legislative update. Statutorily, the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs has two tasks for the citizens of Florida. One is to provide a network of award-winning state veterans' homes for our elderly veterans. The second task is to provide a network of field services agents all over the state predominantly in VA medical centers and outpatient clinics to help veterans with their earned benefits, services and support.

Florida is home to the largest veteran population in the nation more than 1.5 million veterans. About half of our veterans in the State of Florida are 65 and older and they are working to take care of these ever-increasing veterans who are going over the age of 65. The largest veteran demographic group in the State of Florida is



our Vietnam veterans. One out of every three veterans living in Florida is a Vietnam-era veteran. The fastest-growing demographic, both nationally and in the State of Florida, are women veterans. There are more than 154,000 women veterans in Florida.

One of the ways the FDVA reaches out in the State of Florida is the Florida Veterans Benefits Guide. They publish 100,000 copies annually and is also available electronically to those who use mobile devices. Another way they connect with veterans and their families, to inform them of their federal and state benefits that they have earned, is through Governor Scott's Governor's Veterans Service Program. Since August of 2013, the Governor has presented nearly 11,000 Governor's Veterans Service Awards to honorably discharged veterans and members of the Florida National Guard. The State of Florida also honors veterans with the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame.

He discussed some items coming forth in the FDVA budget from this Legislative session. It was approved to add five new Veterans' Claims Examiners to be based at outpatient clinics throughout the State. Funds were approved to build the Ardie R. Copas State veterans Nursing Home in Port St. Lucie and funding for renovations to the Lake Baldwin former VA nursing home in Orlando.

Veteran-related legislation includes SB 7008, Florida Veterans Foundation extension which was signed into law and prevents the closing of this foundation which was scheduled for August 2017. HB 401 expands the list of forms of identification that a notary public may rely on when notarizing a signature on a document to include veteran health identification card issued by the VA.

Veterans are able to connect with the FDVA via their website at [www.FloridaVets.org](http://www.FloridaVets.org) or their mobile app. Also, the FDVA advertises on many Public Broadcasting Stations (PBS) around the State, such as Fort Myers/Naples, Gainesville, Jacksonville, Orlando, Miami/Fort Lauderdale, Pensacola, Tallahassee, Tampa/St. Petersburg and West Palm Beach.

#### *Session Wrap-up*

**Dr. Bruce Grant** reported on the final military and defense friendly legislation for the 2017 session, which was one bill, HB 615, which was passed by the Legislature and is awaiting the Governor's signature. This bill requires the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to issue a fee-waived professional renewable license for board and programs listed under Florida Statute 20.165 for members of the Armed Forces who served on active duty, spouses of member of the Armed Forces and surviving spouses of members of the Armed Forces providing they have proof they hold a valid license for the profession issued by any other state.

He also discussed items in the budget also awaiting the Governor's approval:

- Florida Defense Support Task Force - \$2 Million
- Department of Economic Opportunity Grants: Military Base Protection, Defense Infrastructure, Defense Reinvestment - \$2.6 Million

#### IV. Agenda Item IV: FY 2017-2018 Grant Application Presentations

There were four grant applications with presenters who were provide 15 minutes each to present their grant applications to the TF followed by a question and answer period for presenters. The total amount to be awarded was \$440,000. The grant presenters were as follows:

- Gulf Coast Energy Network, **Patrick Sheehan**, requested \$277,000 to assist with energy resiliency and community partnerships at Eglin AFB.
- Gulf Coast State College, **Loretta Costin**, requested \$30,000 for support in identifying Air Force community partnership initiatives that will benefit Tyndall AFB, Bay County and the state of Florida.
- Reliance Test & Technology/InDyne, **Jim Heald**, requested \$250,000 to develop a Systems Engineering Management Plan for a remotely operated instrumentation site near Carrabelle and to determine partnering opportunities with local and county governments for mutually beneficial expansion of the fiber and power network.

- Tampa Bay Defense Alliance, **Mark Roberts**, requested \$146,500 to strengthen the value and support missions of the Tampa Bay Defense Alliance.

V. Agenda Item V: Public Comment

Mr. Craig Deatherage from Congressman Neal Dunn's office advised of Honor Flight Tallahassee, May 20, 2017 on which 80 veterans, 74 volunteers and 10 medical supply personnel fly to Washington, D.C. for a day-long tour of memorials. Arrival is expected back in Tallahassee at approximately 9:30 PM, and a warm welcome home from friends and family is expected.

*The meeting recessed at 11:58 AM Eastern Time*

VII. Agenda Item VII: Voting on Grant Proposals

*The meeting reconvened at 1:41 PM Eastern Time*

The TF voted to award the following grant requests:

- Gulf Coast State College for \$30,000.
- Reliance Test & Technology/InDyne for \$235,000.
- Tampa Bay Defense Alliance for \$135,000.
- **Total Grant Money Awarded is \$400,000**

The TF voted to not to award the following grant request:

- Gulf Coast Energy Network for \$277,000.

*The meeting adjourned at 1:44 PM Eastern Time*

## **Final Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Florida Defense Support Task Force**

### **Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #55 on Thursday, June 15, 2017**

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting via Conference Call/Webex at 09:00 AM Eastern Time – 9:56 AM Eastern Time. For Agenda: See Page 2

#### **Task Force Members Present:**

Representative Clay Ingram, Chairman  
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman  
Senator Doug Broxson  
MG Mike Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida  
Brig Gen Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret.)  
Lt. Col. William Dudley, USAF, (Ret.)  
ADM Mark Fitzgerald, USN, (Ret.)  
Amy Gowder, Vice President, Lockheed Martin Rotary and Missions Systems Company  
Maj Gen Richard Haddad, USAF (ret.)

#### **Task Force Members Absent:**

CW5 Derrick Fritts, USA  
Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Highlands County  
Representative Jay Trumbull

#### **Speakers Present:**

John Patrick Walsh, State of Florida Washington, DC Office  
Secretary Anthony Principi, The Principi Group (TPG)  
Kellie Jo Kilberg, Florida Defense Alliance

#### **Others Present:**

MG Mike Jones, USA, Ret., TPG  
LTG David Huntoon, USA, (Ret.), TPG  
Jim Breitenfeld, TPG  
Eric Miller, DEO  
Ryan Butler, DEO  
Jana Wibberly, Deloitte, Bay Defense Alliance  
Elizabeth Ryon, Florida Senate Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs  
Col Bob Black, USAF, (Ret.)

#### **Staff Present:**

Bruce Grant, Vice President, Military & Defense, EFI  
Terry McCaffrey, Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF)  
Marcy Muldrow Sanders, Grants Manager, FDSTF  
Michelle Griggs, Administrative Assistant, EFI



**Florida Defense Support Task Force -- Meeting #55**  
**Conference Call / Webex**  
**AGENDA for June 15, 2017 (As of: May 31, 2017)**

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- 0900 – 0910 Welcome, Guest Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance..... Chairman **(I)**
- 0925 – 0935 Old Business..... Chairman **(A) / (I)**
- Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
  - TF Grants and Contracts Status Marcy Sanders **(I)**
  - Budget update Marcy Sanders **(I)**
- 0935 – 1045 New Business..... Chairman **(I)**
- TF Member Reports John Patrick Walsh **(I)**
  - Washington Office Update Secretary Tony Principi **(I)**
  - Update from The Principi Group Kellie Jo Kilberg **(I)**
  - Florida Defense Alliance Update Bruce Grant **(I / D)**
  - Encroachment Paper Discussion Marcy Sanders **(D / A)**
  - Review FY 2019 Grant Application Changes
- 1045 – 1100 Public Comment..... Chairman

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**Terry McCaffrey**, FDSTF Executive Director, *began the meeting at 09:00 AM Eastern Time.*

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome & Introductions

**Terry McCaffrey** welcomed attendees and guests, proceeded with roll call and asked guests to introduce themselves.

**Chairman, Representative Ingram** welcomed attendees and guests and reminded the Task Force the meeting is governed by Sunshine Law. He noted that the House of Representatives has recently appointed Representative Jay Trumbull, who represents District 6 in Bay County to include Tyndall Air Force Base and NSA Panama City, to the TF. He also noted that Speaker re-appointed himself to serve on the TF. Senate President Negrón has appointed Senator Doug Broxson to serve as Chairman for the TF for the next year, beginning at the July meeting.

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

*Approval of the Minutes*

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram** asked of any corrections be made to the May 18, 2017 minutes. Noting none, the May 18, 2017 meeting and closed session minutes were approved.*

*Task Force Grants & Contracts Status*

**Marcy Sanders** reported that DTF Grant 14-05, Economic Development Alliance of Bay County LambdaRail Expansion Project, has requested an extension until December 31, 2017 to complete the project. This request has been approved and they are in possession of the contract amendment to execute and the project is currently underway.

DTF Grant 16-137, City of Key West, is pursuing another extension from June 29, 2017 to June 29, 2018 due to permitting issues, which was approved.

DTF Grant 16-139, National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI), has completed the project, however some payouts cannot be made to students until ACT scores are received in September. NMSI is forwarding a request to extend the project until November 2017.

DTF Grant 16-143, Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC), submitted a request for extension until May 31, 2018. They have received additional funding to complete the Escambia County training and remaining funding of the grant will be reallocated to Hillsborough County.

She also noted that the year closes on June 30, 2017 and grants reports are due on July 10, 2017.

*Budget/Contract Update*

**Marcy Sanders** reported that the TF currently has \$5,370 unencumbered for program expenses and \$24,470.34 unencumbered in administrative expenses remaining in the budget for the current fiscal year, enough funds for TF members to travel to Washington, DC for Florida Defense Day on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Bruce Grant** noted that based on these current numbers the TF will have approximately \$15,000 to revert back to the State at the end of FY2017.

III. Agenda Item III: New Business

*Task Force Member Reports*

**Brig Gen Chip Diehl** asked that Secretary Principi or MG Jones to pass the TF's congratulations to Lucian Niemeyer on his nomination by the President for the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy,

Installations and Environment.

**Mr. Tom Neubauer** reported some changes of command in Bay County. The Commanding Officer of NSA Panama City will be relieved by Commander Jake Sago on July 11<sup>th</sup>. The Commander of the Naval Service Warfare Center, Panama City Division, will be relieved on July 28<sup>th</sup> by Captain Aaron Peters.

He noted that the Coast Guard has stood up the Offshore Patrol Cutter Program Resident Office in Bay County commanded by Captain Tom Raymers and should grow to about 40 people which is a large growth in Coast Guard presence in Bay County.

Also, two members representing the Bay Defense Alliance will attend the ADC Summit in Washington, DC next week, to which they are very much looking forward.

**MG Mike Calhoun** reported that Hurricane season began June 1st and the Florida National Guard (FLNG) participated in several opening day events across the state. He and the Governor attended an event at the National Hurricane Center (NHC); they also briefed Congresswoman Wasserman-Schultz at the Broward County EOC and participated in exercises at the Emergency Operations Center in Tampa and the EOC in St. John's County. Annually the FLNG, along with the State Emergency Response Team (SERT) conducts exercises to prepare for response and recovery if a hurricane makes landfall in Florida or the surrounding region. If needed, the FLNG is prepared with 7,500 Soldiers and Airmen to provide support to Florida citizens this season.

Recently Governor Scott was appointed to the Council of Governors. This Council provides State Governors a forum to exchange views, information, or advice with specified federal officials on matters involving the National Guard, homeland defense, civil support and the synchronization and integration of State and federal military activities.

Currently the FLNG has over 150 Soldiers of the 53rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) in Guatemala and Honduras to provide training to partner nations to enhance capabilities with Countering Transnational Organized Crime (CTOC). Their missions range from 30-120 days.

Our 159th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron will depart next week with over 250 Airmen and 12 F15s for training in Romania and Iceland. This is the same Theater Security Package mission for Operation Atlantic Resolve that we conducted 2 years ago, when we were the first Air National Guard unit to conduct the mission. The first exercise was so successful for our Air National Guard that the NATO Secretary General, Secretary Jens Stoltenberg, visited our 125th Fighter Wing to offer his personal congratulations.

Our Chief of Staff, COL Greg Cardenas, along with several FLNG stakeholders held a meeting at Avon Park Bombing Range with the new commander, Lt Col Edgar, on June 1st. The meeting was beneficial to all, and opened a wide array of discussion on range upgrades and potential construction projects. They will meet again next week.

**Admiral Mark Fitzgerald** reported he is currently up in Washington, DC and met with Jennifer Miller, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations/Environment and Energy, at the Pentagon to discuss the F35 to Jacksonville International Airport. The decision will be made in August or September. The Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce would like Governor Scott to send a letter in support of the F35 to Jacksonville as the Mayor of Jacksonville has done so, as well.

He also discussed Gulf and Atlantic oil drilling with Ms. Miller, of which she had just become aware, and provided her with the TF's Gulf Oil Drilling Paper. She was under the impression that the Navy was working this issue, but then he spoke with Thomas Dee, the Under Secretary of the Navy and he was also unaware. This issue needs to be escalated to a higher crisis in order to receive attention.

During his meeting with Thomas Dee, the Under Secretary of the Navy he thanked them for making the decision regarding TRITON. The hangar should be completed and the first aircraft arrives at Mayport in 2020. They also discussed the Mayport ship laydown issue as maintenance and the workforce on the carrier continues to be a problem.

They also talked about the future of the workforce and skillsets of workers on the F35s, TRITON and Littoral Combat Ships as the community colleges need to start producing workers with skills such as aluminum welding and small unit repair.

Also, on Monday he will be meeting with community leaders in Pensacola regarding base access issues.

**Maj Gen Richard Haddad** reported on discussions he's had with Col Bob Black regarding the MQ-9 basing at Eglin AFB. The bases in contention are Vandenburg AFB in California, Eglin AFB and Tyndall AFB. Currently Eglin AFB's two issues include the land range publicity and the Cybersecurity for Advanced Manufacturing (CFAM) spectrum, which is maxed out by current Air Force and commercial users.

He also noted that he's travelling to the panhandle on June 20<sup>th</sup> and hopes to meet with Colonel Black and others to get a better feel for issues at Eglin AFB.

**Ms. Amy Gowder** reported that several training/simulation symposiums and industry capability days upcoming in Orlando giving many opportunities for local industries to collaborate.

**Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram** reported that the National Flight Academy at NAS Pensacola aims to keep kids interested in STEM-based subjects and teaches them aviation which goes along with math and science. Thanks to Lockheed Martin for the \$50,000 matching grant which allows underprivileged kids access to this program.

He updated on the enclave meeting scheduled for next week in Pensacola which is an attempt to separate the secure and non-secure portions of NAS Pensacola. They are hoping to make this happen as it will alleviate many problems on the base.

He spoke about the outlying field in Escambia County which is used by Whiting Field in Santa Rosa County and noted that they are looking to swap that outlying field, take the existing outlying field and convert it into an industrial park. This is very valuable land that sits right next to I-10 and they'd like to convert into something that can help grow the economy. The county commission has a special meeting regarding this land swap on Monday.

#### *Washington Office Update*

**Mr. John Patrick Walsh** thanked the TF for their patience and is looking forward to seeing everyone in Washington, DC for Florida Defense Day on June 27th. He offered his assistance, and the assistance of the Washington, DC office, to anyone traveling prior or after this event. They will be happy to schedule additional meetings or assistance with navigation through the city.

In recent meetings at the Pentagon and with other states, he reported that talk is increasing regarding BRAC, and believes the real thing is quickly approaching, with a BRAC round imminent within the next three years.

#### *Update from the Principi Group*

**Secretary Anthony Principi** reported Congress continues the review of the FY 18 President's Budget Request, to include the DOD request of \$639.1 billion, of which \$574.5 billion is in the base budget and \$64.6 billion in the Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) budget. President Trump's proposal is \$52 billion above federal spending caps mandated by the Budget Control Act of 2011.

Congress is continuing its work on FY 2018 appropriation bills, despite the fact that budget committees have yet to produce a budget resolution to provide topline spending levels for the upcoming fiscal year.

Despite the lack of a budget, the House Appropriations Committee is exploring the possibility of combining all 12 appropriations bills for FY 2018 into a single omnibus in order to ensure funding legislation is passed and sent to the Senate before the August recess.

TPG believes this would be a challenging task, as the House only has 31 days in session before the August recess and has yet to release any draft bills

As for the defense budget, the Acting OSD Comptroller stated during the roll-out of the FY18 budget that President Donald Trump's promised military buildup will kick into high gear in 2019.

Secretary Jim Mattis is emphasizing a three-step approach to rebuild the military. It aims first to fill equipment and training holes, then to increase the capacity of the military, and finally, to make it more lethal. Joint Chiefs Chairman General Joseph Dunford stated that he expects the Pentagon to start buying new weapons in the coming years to meet those goals.

There is growing optimism in both Chambers that an overall federal budget proposal for FY18 will raise the current caps on federal spending imposed by the Budget Control Act of 2011 and sequestration. Senator McCain has suggested raising the defense topline above the FY18 request by another \$40 billion. They're not sure the final increase will be that high, but may end up being a \$20 billion increase for DOD and a \$20 billion increase for domestic programs.

The HASC is moving forward to mark-up the FY18 National Defense Authorization Act on June 19-22, 2017. The SASC plans to mark up their version of the NDAA the week of June 26.

They will be monitoring these mark-ups for issues of importance to Florida. The HASC and HAC mark-up will be open to the public, while the SASC will conduct its full committee mark-up in closed session, as has been the tradition for years. They'll be looking closely to see what legislation regarding BRAC comes out of these two Bills. The HASC mark-up is the same week as the ADC Summit, so it should make for some interesting sessions.

They are monitoring hearings this week with the Secretary of Defense before congressional defense committees. His strong message so far has been to ask Congress to get a budget for Fiscal Year 2018, repeal sequestration, and pass bills before a continuing resolution is required in October.

The Secretary also reiterated his call for Congress to authorize a BRAC round this year.

Other significant statements from the hearing:

OSD – "The Department has an unfunded backlog of deferred maintenance and repair (M&R) work that exceeds \$140 billion, raising significant concerns about the performance and reliability of our facilities and installations."

The big news for defense authorizations and appropriations was the delivery Congressional defense committees of unfunded FY18 priority lists compiled by each of the military service chiefs which totaled about \$30 billion.

The unfunded lists, requested of each service on an annual basis by Congress, include items for lawmakers to consider as they work through the budget requests. Congress frequently moves and swaps items inside the defense budget, or can add funds for specific programs.

The US Navy unfunded requirements list of 48 funding items totaled \$4.8 billion on top of the \$171.5 billion Navy fiscal 2018 budget sent to Congress. The list was sent to Capitol Hill on May 30. While four of the top 10 items relate to buying aircraft, the list includes a range of aircraft and weapons spare parts procurement, operations and maintenance needs, and research and development efforts.

Of interest to Florida, The aircraft include 10 F/A-18 E/F Super Hornet strike fighters, four F-35C carrier-variant Joint Strike Fighters, six P-8A Poseidon multi-mission maritime patrol aircraft, and four CMV-22B Osprey tiltrotor aircraft for the carrier-onboard delivery role. The list includes \$105 million in spares for the aircraft.



There are no ships in the latest unfunded list, including a Littoral Combat Ship (LCS), even though the service is on record to support an additional LCS to the two ships in the original FY18 request. The list includes \$312 million to buy five ship-to-shore connector air-cushioned landing craft.

The list seeks a total of \$494 million for military construction, including the LCS training facility at Mayport and a barracks at NS Pensacola.

The U.S. Air Force prioritized growing research and development in its FY 2018 budget request, but its unfunded wish list is all about buying more aircraft, namely more F-35s and KC-46s. Of the service's \$10.7 billion unfunded priorities list submitted on May 31, \$6.7 billion would go toward modernization and readiness needs.

The USAF list also includes the following MILCON projects for Florida:

Base	St	Project Title	Program Cost (\$K)
Eglin AFB	FL	Dormitories (288 RM)	44,000
Tyndall AFB	FL	Fire/Crash Rescue Station	17,000
Patrick AFB	FL	Main Gate and Commercial Inspection Facility	12,800
MacDill AFB	FL	KC135 Beddown Flight Simulator Training	3,100

There was a very short window to ensure that the Florida delegation, specifically, Congresswoman Wasserman-Schultz, who is the ranking member of the House Appropriations subcommittee for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Senator Rubio, a Member of the same committee on the Senate side, were aware of the opportunity to support additional Florida projects. Hopefully, the efforts of the Task Force to quick turn letters to essential Member will result in additional funding for Florida installations.

Based on a very preliminary review of the HAC MILCON mark from Monday night, they have Florida projects added to the Bill. They will be working to confirm this over the next two weeks.

The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies' hearing on June 6, 2017 was the first opportunity for DOD representatives to make their case for the authorization for a BRAC round.

The Army and the Navy support the Department of Defense request for authorization to conduct a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round in 2021. Completing the more detailed analysis once a BRAC is authorized will have value, and may highlight opportunities for some savings.

TPG believes the SASC staff is poised and ready to support the Chairman with revised BRAC legislation in the FY18 NDAA now that the round has been requested by SECDEF. The statements offered by the DOD representatives are a good case. They'll see how the committees respond over the next three weeks.

The Florida Delegation (Senators and Congressional Members) sent a letter to the new SECAF encouraging her to consider basing F-35's at Jacksonville.

TPG will be present at the Association of Defense Communities annual Summit next week at the Washington Hilton. Secretary Principi will be on a panel about BRAC on the afternoon of the 20th and looks forward to seeing some of the Florida Defense Support Task Force Commissioners.

Secretary Principi will also speak at the Florida Day event at the Capitol Hill Club on the afternoon of the 27th of June about the role and value of Florida's military bases and their impact on the state.

*Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Update*

**Ms. Kellie Jo Kilberg**, Chair of the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA), reported that a small working group met to work on updates to the FDA Strategic Plan and a draft is working. One of the key areas that has been added is creating a Marking Advocacy Working Group as well as an Awareness and Communication Plan as we have found that within the State, many are not aware of the assets the military/defense sector brings to the State of Florida.

She noted that at the end of the recent EFO Board Meeting she spoke during the public comments and reminded the EFI Board Members about the importance of the military and defense sector in our State and the need for Florida to step up and focus on the State's military opportunities. She requested a program overview at the next EFI Board Meeting to bring Board Members up to date on opportunities and challenges on which they need to be aware.

FDA will be working with the Department of Financial Services on one of their military initiatives for servicemembers, families and veterans called Financial Frontline which assists with identity theft, credit scoring, budgeting and predatory lenders. This initiative will bring more awareness to the program.

She discussed that she would be attending the ADC Summit next week and also the Florida Defense Day on June 27<sup>th</sup>, both in Washington, DC.

Also, the issue of workforce, which was brought up earlier by **Admiral Fitzgerald**, is one which can be brought up to the Family Support Working Group as they work with both K-12 and higher education systems to and can look at what is needed for the workforce.

#### *Encroachment Paper Discussion*

**Bruce Grant** discussed that the paper included in the packet is in draft form and is Staff's attempt to capture all of the programs in statute in Florida to mitigate encroachment to our military installations. This paper's intent is to be informational. It has been presented to DEO, DEP and FDA to receive as much commentary and input as possible and then present to the TF at the July meeting for approval. If anyone has any input, please contact **Bruce Grant** in the next few weeks.

#### *Review of FY 2019 Grant Application Changes*

**Marcy Sanders** discussed the changes to the FY 2019 Grant Application. New additions to the application have been noted in green: the incubator language, the addition of the attachment G form which is required for projects directly associated with a military installation or facility and TF members may not receive direct financial benefit from any grant funds (designated by the last Legislative Session).

Items in yellow are changes to prior year language or date changes. All other changes are cosmetic in order to convert the form for electronic submission.

#### IV. Agenda Item IV: Public Comment

No attendees wished to make a public comment.

**Bruce Grant** notified the TF of the Governor and Cabinet's approval of the acquisition of the Bravo building for Team Orlando for \$19.1 million, 123,000 square feet of office space and completes the Team Orlando project of leaving the expensive, leased commercial space.

He reminded the TF of some important upcoming events:

- The ADC Summit, June 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> in Washington, DC
- Florida Defense Day, June 27<sup>th</sup> in Washington, DC
- Military and Veterans Opportunity Summit, August 8<sup>th</sup> in Orlando
- The Governor's Base Commanders' Meeting, August 9<sup>th</sup> at the Homestead Air Reserve Base

**Terry McCaffrey** asked TF members for input or changes regarding the revised FY 2019 Grant Application. Any input or changes should be sent to Staff within the next few weeks to be voted on at the July meeting. He also reminded all TF members to fill out and submit their registration and lunch forms for Key West to Michelle at their earliest conveniences.

**Chairman Representative Clay Ingram** noted that the next meeting is in-person in Key West on Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.

*The meeting adjourned at 9:56 AM Eastern Time*

## **Final Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Florida Defense Support Task Force**

### **Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #56 on Thursday, July 20, 2017**

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting at the Key West Marriott Beachside at 09:00 AM Eastern Time – 11:24 AM Eastern Time. For Agenda: See Page 2

#### **Task Force Members Present:**

Senator Doug Broxson, Chairman  
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman  
Brig Gen Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret)  
ADM Mark Fitzgerald, USN, (Ret)  
Amy Gowder, Vice President, Lockheed Martin Rotary and Missions Systems Company  
Maj Gen Richard Haddad, USAF, (Ret)  
Representative Clay Ingram  
Representative Holly Raschein  
Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Highlands County  
Representative Jay Trumbull

#### **Task Force Members Absent:**

MG Mike Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida  
Lt Col William Dudley, USAF, (Ret)  
CW5 Derrick Fritts, USA

#### **Speakers Present:**

John Patrick Walsh, State of Florida Washington, D.C. Office  
Secretary Anthony Principi, The Principi Group (TPG)  
Kellie Jo Kilberg, Florida Defense Alliance (Phone)  
Brian Watts, FDOT

#### **Others Present:**

Mike Grissom, President & CEO, Enterprise Florida, Inc.  
Jim Scholl, Key West City Manager  
Jim Breitenfeld, TPG  
Admiral Jim Hinkle, TPG  
Major Jason Hunt, Florida National Guard (Phone)  
Colonel Allison Reinwald, Florida National Guard  
Julie Dennis, DEO  
Ryan Butler, DEO  
Col Bob Black, USAF, (Ret)  
Scott Duszynski, Keys Federal Credit Union, MAC  
Greg Sullivan, Waste Management  
Pat Lefere, MAC  
Edward Barham, NAS Key West  
Kathleen Russ, Navy League  
Luke Barradell, NAS Key West  
Jeanna Garrido, Navy League  
Javier Garrido, MAC  
Sharon Hirsch, Navy League  
Martin Hirsch, MAC  
Donna Dye, Navy League  
John Fairweather, NAS Key West

Lieutenant Commander Jose Rosario, Sector KW USCG  
Jeff Jansen, Sector KW USCG  
Greg Brotherzal, NAS Key West  
Ron Demes, NAVALRWARCENAD, AIMO  
Bob Arnold, Senior Advisor for Sustainable Ranges, Office of Test and Evaluation, Pentagon (Phone)

**Staff Present:**

Bruce Grant, Vice President, Military & Defense, EFI  
Terry McCaffrey, Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF)  
Marcy Muldrow Sanders, Grants Manager, FDSTF (Phone)  
Michelle Griggs, Administrative Assistant, EFI



**Florida Defense Support Task Force -- Meeting #56**  
**Marriott Beachside Hotel, 3841 N Roosevelt Blvd, Key West, FL 33040**  
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- 0900 – 0910 Welcome, Guest Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance..... Chairman **(I)**
- 0910 – 0925 Welcome from Local Defense Community..... “Sparky” Lefere **(I)**
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  - FDOT Update Terry McCaffrey **(I / D)**
  - FY 2019 Grant Process Review Terry McCaffrey **(I / D)**
  - 2017 Military Friendly Guide
- 1115 – 1130 Public Comment..... Chairman
- 1130 – 1230 Closed Session / Working Lunch..... Chairman
- 1230 – 1300 Transportation to NAS Key West
- 1300 – 1500 TOUR – NAS Key West / Boca Chica Airfield..... All TF Members

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November 16, 2017 Orlando, FL December 2017 **NO MEETING**

**Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson**, began the meeting at 09:00 AM Eastern Time.

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome, Guest Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance

**Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson** welcomed attendees and guests. He thanked Ron Demes for his hospitality and for organizing all of the events scheduled during the TF's visit. He asked guests in the audience and on the phone to introduce themselves. He asked the TF and audience to join him in the pledge of allegiance. He reminded the Task Force the meeting is governed by Sunshine Law. He welcomed Representative Holly Raschein as the newest member of the TF. He presented a Certificate of Appreciation to past-Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram for his outstanding service as Chairman of the Florida Defense Support Task Force.

II. Agenda Item II: Welcome from Local Defense Community

**CAPT Patrick A. Lefere, Military Affairs Committee President**, welcomed the TF and guests to paradise. He noted all of the military operations supported in Key West: Naval Air Station Key West, United States Coast Guard Sector Key West, Joint Interagency Task Force South, Army Special Forces Underwater Operations School, VFC-111, VFA-106 Detachment, NAVSEA-Tactical Combat Training System, NAVAIR-Atlantic Targets & Marine Operations, Naval Special Warfare Group 2, Marine Special Operations Command, Naval Expeditionary Combat Command, Key West Search and Rescue, Navy Munitions Command, Naval Research Lab, Naval Branch Health Clinic and Key West Pipeline.

The Key West Naval Complex consists of seven major properties totaling 5,800 acres. Major assets include strategic location, great weather to support missions, adjacent large unencumbered instrumented range complex, variety of underwater conditions ideal for Fleet/SPECOPS training and RTD&E and service and federal agency representation to support interoperable mission execution.

**Admiral Mark Fitzgerald** asked about the tethered blimp he observed on his drive into Key West and if it was still under the control of the Navy. **Captain Lefere** noted that the blimp, nicknamed Fat Albert, is currently under Homeland Security's jurisdiction.

III. Agenda Item III: Old Business

*Approval of the Minutes*

*A quorum being present, Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson asked of any corrections be made to the June 15, 2017 minutes. Noting none, the June 15, 2017 meeting minutes were approved.*

*Task Force Grants & Contracts Status*

**Marcy Sanders** reported that all quarterly reports have been received at this time.

DTF Grant 14-05, Economic Development Alliance of Bay County, has had their contract amendment executed to extend the term of the contract to December 31, 2017.

DTF Grant 15-04, National Center for Simulation, has been completed as of 6/30/17. All funds were expended and the grant will be closed pending final payment.

DTF Grant 16-02, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance, has been completed as of 6/30/17. All funds were expended and the grant will be closed pending final payment.

DTF Grant 16-137, City of Key West, has had their contract amendment executed to extend the term of their contract to June 29, 2018.

DTF Grant 16-139, National Math and Science Initiative, has had their contract amendment executed to extend the term of their contract to November 30, 2017. Work has been completed but they are awaiting SAT and ACT scores to send payments to the students.

DTF Grant 16-143, Military Child Education Coalition, has had their contract amendment executed to extend the term of their contract to May 31, 2018. They have reallocated funds from Escambia County to Hillsborough County to allow them to extend services for a longer time period.

The 2017-2018 grant award contracts are currently being executed and should be sent out in the next few days. The Governor announced those grant awards in a press release earlier this month.

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** asked about the LambdaRail project in Bay County and if they are planning on using the RESTORE grant money as a match, as it appears they are just now applying for those funds. What are the chances they will receive those funds?

**Marcy Sanders** replied that they are in the process of completing the application to receive those funds.

**Mr. Tom Neubauer** noted that the project keeps expanding; funds are projected to be received sometime in September and was the top priority on the list submitted to their County Commission so will be the first project funded.

#### *Budget/Contract Update*

**Marcy Sanders** reported that the budget has not been closed out for the year and is projected to be closed out by the end of August 2017. The TF did very well last year encumbering most of their funding. Administrative funds were spent to attend the ADC Conference and Florida Defense Day in Washington, DC last June, so a portion of the \$24,470.34 shown has been encumbered.

The proposed budget for FY 2017-2018 is shown on page two for review and approval as the TF needs to submit an approved budget to DEO.

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson** asked for a motion to approve the TF's FY 2017-2018 proposed budget. **Admiral Mark Fitzgerald** made a motion that the FY 2017-2018 budget be approved, seconded by **Commissioner Barbara Stewart** and with no objections the TF's FY 2017-2018 budget was approved.*

#### *Approve FY 2019 Grant Application*

**Marcy Sanders** presented the final version of the FDSTF FY 2018-2019 Grant Funding Application based on the changes suggested at the last TF meeting. Upon approval, this application will be distributed July 31, 2017 for the FY 2018-2019 Grant Cycle.

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson** asked for a motion to approve the FDSTF FY 2018-2019 Grant Funding Application. **Mr. Tom Neubauer** made a motion that the FY 2018-2019 Grant Funding Application be approved, seconded by **Commissioner Barbara Stewart** (with the understanding that grammatical changes be incorporated, unrelated to content) and with no objections the FDSTF FY 2018-2019 Grant Funding Application was approved.*

#### IV. Agenda Item IV: New Business

##### *Task Force Member Reports*

**Brig Gen Chip Diehl** asked that the TF continue to monitor the ongoings with Florida Rock and the encroachment issues at MacDill AFB. He also mentioned the Military Installations Comments handout from FDOT and the transportation issues listed on this sheet, specifically focusing on the eight (8) fuel tankers and their missions coming to MacDill. These will bring about 400 new military and families to MacDill which means



more individuals entering and exiting the base.

**Ms. Amy Gowder** reported that at the Training Simulations Symposium recently held in Orlando General Cole from PEOSTRI, as well as representatives from the Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division, the Air Force and Marine Corps, who refined and recommitted the charter for Team Orlando, reiterating the importance that joint mission.

She mentioned that Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy has reaffirmed modeling and simulation in the AA Bill, which also highlighted cyber security. She noted the growing interest in cyber security and mentioned that The Principi Group take the opportunity to focus on cyber security issues in their re-SWOT.

**Mr. Tom Neubauer** reported that the Bay County community has been working for almost 20 years on obtaining a 204-acre site, formerly a fuel depot used by the Air Force, transferred over to the community. This will finally take place on August 3<sup>rd</sup> as the Air Force will give 40 acres of land to Florida State University to use for their underwater crime scene investigation program and Marine Sciences campus, and the balance of the property will be developed. The funds from that development will go to Tyndall Air Force Base for infrastructure projects and base buffering.

He mentioned the RPA MQ9 Strategic Basing Process during which Florida has been competing with a base in California. The executive steering group has met and it's anticipated that a decision will be made in the next month or two when it will be decided if Florida bases will have that project or not.

He noted that the next TF meeting will be held in Panama City and will focus on Tyndall Air Force Base.

**Maj Gen Richard Haddad** reported that he's recently met with Colonel Bob Black, Retired Colonel Jim Heald, Tim Wittner and Lieutenant General Retired Gordon Cornell to discuss issues in the Panhandle and at Eglin AFB. Importantly and most critical are the range issues. Drilling is significant because it affects the ability to fly missions in that area and looking at a potential BRAC, which would cause many jobs lost at those bases.

**Representative Clay Ingram** reported on the meeting held last month at NAS Pensacola with Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Installations and Facilities, James Balocki and Congressman Matt Gaetz to discuss the enclave plan. The enclave plan would isolate the secure areas of the base from the non-secure areas of the base where tourists enter. It's critical that this is done correctly as secure areas of the base need to remain exclusive. No MILCON dollars can be spent on the enclaving of the base, and the Deputy Assistant Secretary offered some very creative outside-the-box ideas for funding.

He spoke about the outlying field which is used by Whiting Field in Escambia County. The Escambia County Commission has purchased a property in Santa Rosa County, as the current outlying field in the Escambia County is very valuable and could be very conducive for growing the economy due to its location. The hope is that the Navy will use the new property in Santa Rosa County. This benefits the Navy as its closer to Whiting Field, saving time and fuel money.

**Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson** commented on how proud he is of the TF. He's looking forward to keeping up the great work, is looking to Bruce Grant and Terry McCaffrey to keep the TF on task as they continue to work together to keep Florida the friendliest military and also the most effective state in dealing with those things that are valuable not only to our national defense but to the community and the people who depend on the military.

**Representative Jay Trumbull** stated that he's honored to have been appointed to sit on the TF and he's looking forward to seeing what other areas of the state are doing and how they can be implemented into the projects of the TF. He noted that as State Legislators start their processes of going through what their priorities are this year, he wants to make sure that they are having a conversation about how this TF can be a part of that.

**Admiral Mark Fitzgerald** discussed the decision on basing F-35s at the Florida Guard Base at Jacksonville International and noted that a decision will be made in either August or September. Congressional letters of support from the Florida delegation have been sent to the Secretary of the Air Force, Mayor Curry has sent an

additional letter and there is a city council resolution. Governor Scott's letter of support has been at staffing for a couple of weeks is the only one which has not been sent. He's attempting to get that finished and sent in, as well.

He discussed his recent visit to Washington, DC to meet with Jennifer Miller, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations/Environment and Energy. He reminded the TF that he gave her a copy of the TF's paper on oil drilling in the Gulf. No one at the Pentagon is claiming responsibility for this issue. Ms. Miller believes that the Navy is focusing on gulf drilling issue but he's not found anyone in the Navy doing so. This issue needs to be escalated to a higher crisis in order to receive attention.

He spoke with the base Commanding Officer in the region about an MOU between Cecil Field and NAS Jax as Jax has a single runway with a large hole, so they had to move the base out to Jax for a year and a half. He noted that there needs to be some kind of perpetual MOU.

The city council and the mayor are interested in looking at infrastructure at JAX, specifically the depot as the depot there is 50 years old. It's become a center of excellence for rebuilding engines, but they're interested in expanding it. With the TRITON coming to Mayport, there has not been an identified depot for overhauling TRITONS and the city council is interested in looking at a public-private venture at Cecil Field.

He reported that during his discussions in the Pentagon on depots, and then talking with industry, the biggest hold-back for Florida is the ability to provide the midlevel expertise worker. Florida doesn't have the correct structure in the community colleges or high schools to establish the workers in industry such as welding, composite techs, small component repair and hydraulics. The TF needs to find a way to influence a process in educating those future workers..

He noted that he is not sure whether or not he will attend the Florida Chamber event in Orlando in August, although **Ms. Amy Gowder, Representative Jay Trumbull, Bruce Grant, Terry McCaffrey** and **Secretary Principi** (speaker) will all be in attendance.

**Brig Gen Chip Diehl** stated that many of these programs have been established at Hillsborough Community College and noted that the community colleges can easily and quickly adapt new programs for courses and certifications. He suggested that the TF make sure Legislators and communities know these courses are available as the community colleges are advertising, as well.

**Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson** stated that the State Legislature is in the process of re-tasking the 28 community colleges in that they will be more connected and interactive with the needs of the local communities which, in turn, will help the workforce.

**Representative Jay Trumbull** noted that the Panhandle is set to receive Triumph Gulf Coast Funds (from BP) and the community colleges within those eight (8) affected counties are banding together to start a workforce development program specifically tailored to issues like this. Panama City has an excellent welding program at Haney Technical School but has difficulty in finding enough students to train, even though salaries for a mid-level welder today can range up to \$70,000. Florida will be using some of the \$300 million Triumph Florida funds to provide priority grants for workforce development.

**Representative Holly Raschein** reported on the new the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund, just passed in Tallahassee during last session, which basically doles out \$85 million for building infrastructure across our state and will help bolster our community colleges and trade schools, and train our students in masonry and welding and those important trades which are going to bring our state to the next level.

She noted that some of the issues in Key West, and also in the Homestead area, are encroachment and housing for our servicemembers, not only in the supply arena but in the process by which military men and women and their families have to go through, and to make that process easier. They've gained some ground in Tallahassee but she still hears complaints from her constituents regarding waiting periods when they get reassigned to different areas and the landlord-tenant relationships can still be improved.

**Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson** added that he believes that the TF needs to deal with how to make the local bases more sensitive to the issues of the community colleges. Florida's community colleges are competing with the distance learning centers from Texas and other parts of the country. Florida has got to do a better job of educating these students on why they should be attending a community college rather than a distance learning facility. He asked Bruce Grant and Terry McCaffrey to remind the TF that they should make an effort to engage, and where possible, have the prospective students more involved in understanding the community college system in the state.

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** reported that the biggest recent issue at the Avon Park Air Force Range is the potential deeper partnership with the Florida National Guard. As **MG Mike Calhoun** mentioned last month in his briefing to the Task Force the Florida National Guard and the Range have held several meetings to discuss this partnership. They both will be meeting again the beginning of August to continue discussion on this potential deeper partnership.

She also reported on the Avon Park Air Force Range-Sentinel Landscape partnership. Last month the staff from Avon Park Air Force Range, USDA, Florida Wildlife Commission, the Florida Cattlemen's Association and the Nature Conservancy attended and participated in a three-day workshop in New Orleans with other Sentinel Landscape programs from across the nation. The Range made valuable contacts and also learned a variety of new tools that can be implemented in our Sentinel Landscape program within the area of Avon Park. From this, a Sentinel Landscape partnership steering committee has been formed and they now hold quarterly conference calls.

The Central Florida Regional Planning Council has applied for a community planning technical assistance grant from the Department of Economic Opportunity to help start implementing the Sentinel Landscape partnership. This grant would cover the development of a comprehensive GIS system database of all the lands within the Sentinel Landscape area which are under public ownership, are in conservation easements or in permanent conservation, and also all lands identified as having significance in terms of preserving the mission of the range and environmental linkages.

This grant would also allow them to develop a priority action plan for implementation of the Range's Sentinel Landscape program. It would allow them to develop a model conservation easement agreement to be used by all agencies. It would also allow them to provide a guidebook to assist landowners when considering conservation lands. We will hear whether or not the grant sponsor is received at the end of this month and we're hoping for a positive response.

Finally, the Department of Defense (DOD) will be issuing an RFP in September 2017 for a partnership coordinator, which would be instrumental in the Sentinel Landscape partnership as it's difficult for the military itself and the different agencies to head it up because of commitments to their regular jobs. It's important to have a coordinator, DOD recognizes this and the Central Florida Regional Planning Council, who partners very well with the Range, will be applying for this position.

She noted that if anyone has any questions, she'd be happy to work with Terry McCaffrey on an additional information packet.

**Bruce Grant** reported that Sentinel Landscapes is a program where the federal government Department of Defense will help purchase conservation lands to help buffer military installations.

**Admiral Mark Fitzgerald** added the State doesn't purchase the land and take it off the books. The State pays, for example, a ranch owner to leave it zoned to agricultural, so that there is no encroachment on the lands and the State still gets the income from the property.

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** also added that sometimes the State purchases the land, but it's a federal program that allows several different entities to come together in a partnership, the Department of Defense (DOD) being the key entity. It focuses on protecting the military installations, but it also involves the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). It doesn't provide additional funding, but it encourages them to work together to leverage the land and their funds.

**Mr. Tom Neubauer** also reported that the preliminary meeting was held by the Air Force Civil Engineer Center (AFCEC), in Okaloosa County, which would, if it's successful, designate Eglin Air Force Base as the core base for a Sentinel project, in northwest Florida.

**Major Jason Hunt for MG Mike Calhoun** reported that The Florida National Guard (FLANG) welcomed Brig. Gen. Scott Croxton as the new Chief of Staff for the FLANG. He transferred from the VA National Guard.

They recently appointed Brigadier General Trey Chauncey as the Florida Army National Guard Assistant Adjutant General-Training Installations, and Programs (TIP). In this capacity, he will provide oversight for many tenant and organic entities at Camp Blanding Joint Training Center (CBJTC) as well as FLNG training at Avon Park Air Force Bombing Range.

Last week MG Calhoun attended the Council of Governor's meeting in Rhode Island. The focus of the meeting was to introduce the federal participants to newly appointed members of the Council. The update covered five topics:

1. National Security Council's FY2018 priorities
2. Department of Homeland Security's FY2018 priorities
3. Department of Defense's FY2018 priorities and budget update
4. Reserve Component Duty Status Reform
5. Military Technician update on Conversion from Title 32 to Title 5

Currently, the FL Army National Guard has no units deployed; however, 38 individual Soldiers are deployed and 268 Airmen from the Florida Air National Guard are deployed.

#### *Washington Office Update*

**John Patrick Walsh** reported he was thrilled to watch Lucian Niemeier's confirmation hearing as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations and Environment this past week and was also happy to see that Patrick Shanahan was confirmed as the Deputy Secretary of Defense, so there has been positive movement forward on the President's nominations for DOD. Also noted, that out of the possible 53 Senate confirmable positions for DOD, there are still 30 awaiting nominations. He's very happy with the recent moves and the action by the Senate, but he is still looking forward to the President naming additional nominees in the coming weeks and from intelligence and from the Senate committee, as well as from the White House, that seems to be on the horizon.

The Florida Defense Day that took place in Washington, D.C. in June was a great success. He was happy to see some members up in D.C. as well as some former TF members. He thanked Chris Evanson in Congressman Matt Gaetz's office and Christy Wagner in Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy's office for organizing the event as it was a good day and there were many good discussions. He's looking forward to capitalizing on the progress that was made. He thanked the Task Force and Bruce Grant and Terry McCaffrey for attending.

Some National Defense Authorization Act bills have recently passed. The big news coming in the last few weeks is the House passed their \$696 billion bill. Of that, \$621.5 billion was their base spending, and \$75 billion in overseas contingency operations (OCO). However, in a budget agreement, with the House Budget Committee, \$10 billion of the OCO funding was given back to base funding to raise that to \$631 billion. \$6 billion of that is going to be used for additional Navy funding.

This week the House will present their Defending America Appropriations Bill. This will include the appropriations bills for not only defense, but MILCON, energy, Homeland Security, and a few other items that they have passed through committees in the past week.

Included in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) is a 17,000 Army personnel addition, a 2.4 % pay rate for our service personnel (which is above the 2.1% requested by the White House), additional funding for 17 F-35s. No BRAC is in the current NDAA legislation and a separate Space Corps was created. This is in

opposition to the wishes of not only General Mattis and DOD, but also the White House. The Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) has a \$700 billion NDAA, which has not yet been taken up by the full Senate and currently is not on the calendar to be taken up. This included \$640 billion for bases, \$60 billion for OCO funding, and did not include many of the provisions in the House bill.

This is well above the President's \$603 billion request, which was well above the DOD's \$649 billion, the number which was proposed in the Budget Control Act caps.

Governor Scott is on the Council of Governors (COG) and over the past month they've been having a number of briefings with Pentagon officials from all branches in charge of their budget. As they continue their meetings, they wish to point out one fact continually, which is that the DOD request is aligned with the Budget Control Act (BCA). The President's request is coming in a little bit above, which is still in the middle of where military and defense funding would have been without the Budget Control Act. While there's still a positive impact, the growth rate is still the same and they're operating under different numbers, whether it's the President's compromised number, DOD's Budget Control Act number or the original funding curve. This bill by Chairman Thornberry and Senator McCain brings it back up to where the funding would have been pre-2011 levels and sequestration.

*Update from The Principi Group*

**Secretary Anthony Principi** reported that despite all of the turmoil and distraction currently in Washington, DC, the defense committees have stayed on course and have aggressively moved legislation through their respective committees.

Congress has not taken actions to pass a FY18 Joint Budget Resolution, the congressional defense committees in both chambers had an historic week before July 4th recess. On June 29, both the House and Senate Armed Services committees marked up their version of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018. Also on June 29, the House Appropriations Committee approved the fiscal year 2018 Defense Appropriations bill on a voice vote. Once back from recess, the House of Representatives passed their NDAA off the House floor on July 14. Also, the Senate Appropriations MILCON/VA subcommittee marked up their version of the FY18 Appropriations Act and await Senate floor action.

For the Defense Appropriations Bill in the House, the legislation provides a total of \$658.1 billion for the Department of Defense. This includes \$584.2 billion in discretionary funding – an increase of \$68.1 billion above the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$18.4 billion above the President's Defense budget request. The bill also provides \$73.9 billion in Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO)/Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) funding.

Of interest to Florida, the bill includes \$1 billion above the request to fill readiness shortfalls, \$500 million above the request to invest in facility sustainment, restoration, and modernization programs, and \$16.6 billion total for depot and ship maintenance. This funding will help rebuild our forces to ensure our troops have the training and equipment they need.

Funding for base Research and Development requirements is \$10.3 billion above the fiscal year 2017 level, and will help to support current military operations and to prepare our nation to meet a broad range of future security threats. Specifically, this funding will support research and development of: the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter; space security programs; the new Air Force bomber program; Future Vertical Lift and other important research and development activities, including those within the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA).

Congressman Crist tried unsuccessfully to amend the Bill with language related to Gulf Drilling. It gives a shout out to the Florida Defense Support Task Force and expresses the sense of Congress that military readiness should take priority over oil and gas exploration and extraction in existing testing and training areas available for military use.

CW Murphy touted her accomplishments with an outline that included a provision in the NDAA requiring the Director of the Defense Test Resource Management Center to certify that the proposed budget for test and evaluation activities provides adequate resources for modeling and simulation.

The nominee for Secretary of the Navy, Richard Spencer, a former Marine aviator, breezed through his confirmation hearing on July 11 and was voted out by the SASC. He is awaiting a vote by the full Senate, which is dealing with some procedural delays by Senate Democrats on floor actions and Senate business. Many DOD nominees are currently being held up.

A confirmation hearing is scheduled for July 18 to consider Ellen Lord as the Defense Under Secretary - Acquisition, Technology, & Logistics (AT&L). That hearing will also consider the nomination of Lucian Niemeyer as the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations and Environment, who would be responsible for the conduct of a BRAC round.

Sen Rubio inserted the following language in the FY18 SAC-MC/VA report on Navy strategic dispersal to follow up on his line of questioning to the Navy in a June hearing detailed in last month's report on the need for infrastructure to support the dispersal of nuclear aircraft carriers on the East Coast.

The Committee recognizes the strategic importance of the key Department of Defense [DOD] installations, ranges and facilities that comprise the Major Range and Test Facility Base [MTRFB]. These ranges, which include Army, Navy, Air Force and Defense Agency facilities in more than 20 locations, are designated by DoD as "national assets" because of their critical role in maintaining the Nation's military technological advantage. However, the Committee is concerned about the lack of investment and sustainment of these facilities.

The House on July 12 rejected an amendment by California Republican Representative Tom McClintock to strip NDAA language in Section 2702 of the HASC Bill prohibiting a new round of military base closures. Although it failed, 175-248, there is still a chance to see a BRAC round authorized in the FY18 cycle.

The SASC Mark released on June 29 contained the following language:

"The committee remains opposed to another base realignment and closure (BRAC) round. Our military is entering a period of growth and modernization with a focus on increasing the overall readiness of the force. The committee must understand what our future force structure will look like—its size and composition, how it will train, and the infrastructure required to sustain it—before we consider another BRAC round. Our nation cannot afford to spend precious resources that are needed to improve readiness on another BRAC round, given funds are still being appropriated for prior BRAC rounds. The committee is also concerned that the Secretary of Defense has yet to provide the force structure plan, the infrastructure inventory, and the assessment of infrastructure necessary to support the force structure that were required to be prepared under section 2815 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114-92). This congressionally directed report with requirements based on our military's ability to deter and defeat future threats is necessary in order to evaluate any future base realignment and closure round."

Senators McCain and Reed surprised everyone on July 14 by releasing a 71 page amendment proposed for floor deliberation by the Senate when the National Defense Authorization Act goes to the floor at the end of July. A summary of the amendment generated by the SASC Staff is attached to this report.

Some of the changes are very positive in terms of extent and timing of net savings and implementation costs. After 2005 BRAC round was completed, DOD spent a great amount in MILCON to build new structures. The 2005 BRAC round was far different than any previous BRAC round, both in the number of recommended closures and realignments double all previous BRAC rounds combined and the fact that Secretary Rumsfeld was more concerned about transformation than he was about cost savings.

If this goes through, it will start with defense submitting a budget request in February 2019 and with this budget request has to be the Secretary's 20-year four-structure plan, and an infrastructure inventory that is needed for that 20-year plan. That 20-year plan must have as a minimum in the cement, 355 ships, 1500 combat-coated aircraft, three Marine expeditionary forces, and 60 brigade combat teams, as a minimum. Accompanying that

budget request has to be a discussion of, first, excess infrastructure, a target for excess infrastructure disposition as a result of a BRAC, and an economic analysis of the effect of a BRAC round on savings.

Based on all of that, the Secretary of Defense has to certify that we have excess infrastructure, and secondly, having certified that, must certify that a BRAC round will generate "significant savings." Those certifications then go to the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and they will validate the Secretary of Defense's findings.

The selection criteria which will be used to make decisions on closures and realignments are essentially the same as in 2005, with the exception that the extent and timing of savings will be taken into much greater consideration. The Government Accountability Office has 60 days upon which to certify what the Secretary of Defense is saying as accurate.

The Secretary of Defense must also consider all military installations equally, irrespective of whether those installations were considered for closure realignment on previous BRAC rounds. For example, Groton, New London Naval Base, Center of Excellence in Submarine Warfare that was slated for closure in 2005, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard slated for closure in 2005, Eilson Air Force Base slated for closure in 2005, all of which were not closed, however all of those bases will be equally considered for closure again in 2021.

Very importantly and very positively, DOD's standard and rules to calculate annual recurring savings and the unclassified data assessment for each military installation needs to be put into the Federal Register and given communities 60 days upon which to assess that data. This is very important because in 2005, the data that went into the Pentagon from all the military installations, in some cases, was not the data that came out upon which decisions were to be made. This will have more transparency and communities will have an opportunity to weigh in on the data that's being used to make decisions.

No later than May 15, 2021, as work is being completed and decisions have been made internally in the Pentagon, the Secretary of Defense must publicize the list of recommended closures and realignments and send it to Congress. The list must show that implementation costs will not exceed \$5 billion, and savings of all closures combined (net savings) must be realized within seven years from the time that the closure begins. Combined it must be realized in seven years but for any single installation, must be realized in 10 years.

At that point, the bases/installation slated for closure or realignment will go to the GAO for review, to make sure that the GAO will opine on whether this is consistent with the rules and standards.

Four months later, on October 15th, the President must make a decision to either move forward by giving the list to Congress or if the President determines that he doesn't approve of the list, he will then have until November 1st to make revisions and send it to the Congress. If it doesn't happen by December 2nd, BRAC is terminated, nothing goes into effect.

#### *Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Update*

**Ms. Kellie Jo Kilberg**, Chair of the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA), thanked everyone who participated in the Florida Defense Day in Washington, DC on June 27th. She noted that the Defense Alliance is looking at how they can build on that for an annual event and an FDA fly-in to get their message out.

She's preparing for the Chamber Foundation Summit in August and will sit on the Military and Defense Panel that will be focusing on economic development as a driver, and looking at how Florida leaders can ensure our State continues to be competitive, protect our bases, create higher-wage jobs and take advantage of the challenges and opportunities between now and 2030.

She thanked Terry McCaffrey and Bruce Grant on their white paper on encroachment. FDA will be utilizing this paper and spreading that message to share with regional councils, county commissioners, city councils, local planning councils, realtor councils, our economic development partners and chambers as it's very important to get that message out there since Florida is truly in a building stage in development, and we've got to be telling

our story for the understanding of the different types of encroachments that are out there and the need to protect our bases.

FDA will be part of a panel at the Annual Regional Conference in September. They are also actively working on the oil drilling ban and keeping those conversations going, educating people on the importance of our ranges, the military mission quarters and how all of our teams can be engaged in that. Also the understanding of research development and test missions that we have here in the State and how important they are to the full workforce.

Next, FDA is working on a communication series that can be talking about the strategies of the different types of missions; the different installations and how as a state we can be more engaged and spread awareness to the general population.

She reminded the TF that FDA has a Family Support Working Group, which is where many of these issues are brought up.

Regarding workforce issues, the State must understand that it's a talent pipeline and not the community colleges but we need to be looking at the career academies, the technical colleges, to our state community colleges and state colleges, on all of these issues, so that we are addressing the full talent pipeline in our regions and for those jobs that are available.

Finally, she noted that the FDA is working with local communities in helping them to understanding what's happening with all of the grants and how those processes can be improved. A big issue is the flexibility on timeline for the Defense Infrastructure Grant and what it takes to turn that into a successful project, taking into account the complexity of the deal, dealing with local government, willing sellers and the DOD.

#### *FDOT Update*

**Mr. Brian Watts**, Office of Policy and Planning, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), presented an update on the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) and Military Access Facility Study. He defined the Strategic Intermodal System as the interregional movement of people and goods.

It's a managed system of designated facilities based on criteria to include hubs, seaports, airports and major freight terminals. Corridors such as highway, rail and waterway corridors are included and connectors such as seaports and airports, they all must connect by either waterway, roadway or by rail. Military access facilities fit in as connectors as defined by the FDOT in 2011. Although an installation is not a hub, like a seaport, the connection to it is treated the same.

The SIS has a budget of \$6 million over the next five years. Designated facilities must have approximately 4500 civilian and military personnel permanently based at that facility to be considered strategic, moving enough people in and out of that facility on a daily basis. Based on these criteria, there are currently eight designated military installations: Patrick AFB, Hurlburt Field, Eglin AFB, NAS Jacksonville, NS Mayport, MacDill AFB, Camp Blanding, Tyndall AFB and NAS Pensacola. Two additional facilities, Blount Island and Canaveral AFB, are also supported by the SIS in that they share a connector with the deepwater seaport.

FDOT started the Military Access Facility (MAF) Study in January 2017, which evaluated the effectiveness of the SIS on designated MAF roadways. They reviewed policy to ensure the legislation policy and their way of planning prior to evaluating effectiveness of the roadways was current. They conducted an analysis of the roadways and they conducted site visits for input on MAF infrastructure needs and community impacts. The findings from this study are included on the handout provided.

They found that overall, a good, working relationship has been established between the local governments and the TPOs and the SIS-designated MAFs are currently serving the needs of the installations. Key facility findings are that freight connectors are critical at some installations, issues with peak hour queuing and capacity at main entrance gates, with a possible second MAF connector needed.



He plans to brief FDOT staff in the coming weeks and have the study completed by August 31st.

Responding to a question posed by Luke Barradell from NAS Key West, he noted that not much more can be done by FDOT to improve capacity improvements for US1 going down through the Keys and Key West although it sees a significant amount of traffic from civilians, military personnel, freight traffic, contract employees, hospital personnel, raising those number a significant amount. FDOT directors are very much aware of this issue and are continuously contemplating what to do about US1.

#### *FY 2019 Grant Process Review*

**Terry McCaffrey** presented an update on the FY 2019 FDSTF Grant Program. He reminded the TF that they voted in September 2016 to align the timing of the grant program to the Florida Legislative budget cycle. FY 2016-2017 was a transition year as an opportunity was provided to award remaining FY 16-17 funds and scope FY17-18 grant cycle. FY 2018-2019 Grant Cycle normalizes TF program flow, will inform of budget needs for 2019 Session and will maximize the opportunity to get impactful projects.

#### **Task Force Grant Annual Process Flow:**

- Jul - Execute contracts for current Fiscal Year announced in June
- Aug - Application window open for next Fiscal Year funding
- Staff / TPG review and develop staff recommendation
- Sep - Task Force (TF) Mtg: TF reviews potential projects (no decision)
  - Review used to estimate grant funding levels and develop budget request for next Fiscal Year
- Oct - TF Mtg: TF votes on its projected budget to inform budget cycle
- Feb - Optional application window opens (if insufficient applicants)
- Mar - TF Mtg: TF votes on proposals selected to provide in-person project presentations
- May - TF Mtg: TF hears selected proposals and votes on grant awards for winning projects
- Jun - TF announces winning grant recipients

Currently, the projection for this FY19 cycle would have approximately \$800,000 available.

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** noted the importance of the optional application window is not just if there are not sufficient applicants but also if there's an emerging project of major importance to the military value.

**Brig Gen Chip Diehl** suggested extending the application due date possibly 10 more days, until after Labor Day, as to allot applicants more time to complete, noting that the TF would like to decide the merit of each at the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**Terry McCaffrey** replied that Staff will certainly take this suggestion into consideration.

#### *2017 Military Friendly Guide*

**Terry McCaffrey** reminded the TF that every year EFI publishes a Military Friendly Guide. A few new laws were passed by the legislation which are military friendly and will be added to this year's guide. We have completed this year's guide and it is currently being printed, and then distributed.

A few of the changes highlighted were the Occupational Opportunity Act, introduced by Representative Renner, voted on and signed by the Governor just recently. This is a new law that opens up a lot of different opportunities for licensure for military members and spouses of military active duty members as they come in to Florida. This takes into consideration licensure in almost every field you can think of, recognized from another state.

Additionally, the Military and Veterans Assistance Program, the MVAP, was started. It was an initiative of the Attorney-General of Florida and is a program which helps support military members with legal representation in many different cases.

Finally, the last change to the Military Friendly Guide is an update to the location of the Veterans Courts. There are about seven or eight different Veterans Courts added since the last publication.

The next Military Friendly Guide should be out no later than Christmas, realistically the end of August.

V. Agenda Item V: Public Comment

Lieutenant Commander Jose Rosario from the US Coast Guard Sector Key West commented on the improvement of the quality of life, specifically rate of pay, for military personnel, particularly junior members as many don't qualify for assistance when taking into consideration all of the military allowances already received. A junior reserve member cannot receive benefits from the State if their rate of pay is over a specific amount including the allowances received from being a part of the military.

**Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson**, replied that he should contact Representative Raschein for presentation in Tallahassee during next Session to assist with that issue.

*The meeting adjourned at 11:24 AM Eastern Time*

## **Final Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Florida Defense Support Task Force**

### **Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #57 on Thursday, September 21, 2017**

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting at the Holiday Inn Panama City at 09:00 AM Central Time – 10:55 AM Central Time. For Agenda: See Page 2

#### **Task Force Members Present:**

Senator Doug Broxson, Chairman  
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman  
Brig Gen Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret)  
Amy Gowder, Vice President, Lockheed Martin Rotary and Missions Systems Company  
Maj Gen Richard Haddad, USAF, (Ret)  
Representative Clay Ingram  
Representative Holly Raschein  
Representative Jay Trumbull

#### **Task Force Members on the Phone:**

MG Mike Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida  
ADM Mark Fitzgerald, USN, (Ret)  
Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Highlands County

#### **Task Force Members Absent:**

Lt Col William Dudley, USAF, (Ret)  
CW5 Derrick Fritts, USA

#### **Speakers Present:**

Secretary Anthony Principi, The Principi Group (TPG)  
Kellie Jo Kilberg, Florida Defense Alliance

#### **Others Present:**

U.S. Representative Neal Dunn  
Pete Antonacci, President & CEO, Enterprise Florida, Inc.  
Greg Brudnicki, Mayor of Panama City  
LTG David Huntoon, TPG  
Admiral Jim Hinkle, The Spectrum Group  
Maj Gen Keye Sabol, The Spectrum Group  
Craig Deatherage, Congressman Neal Dunn's Office  
Ryan Butler, DEO  
Greg Britton, DEO  
Col Bob Black, USAF, (Ret)  
Loretta Costin, Gulf Coast State College  
Dr. Jan Del Signore, Keiser University  
Suzanne Remedies, Gulf Coast State College  
Glen McDonald, Gulf Coast State College/Bay Defense Alliance  
Brooke Gilbert, Deloitte/Bay Defense Alliance  
Jana Wibberly, Deloitte/Bay Defense Alliance  
John Skaggs, NSA Panama City  
Larry Dantzler, Bay Defense Alliance  
Patti Butchikas, Representative Trumbull's Office  
Cooper Harrison, Representative Trumbull's Office  
Brian Pierce, Representative Trumbull's Office

Debi Graham, Pensacola Chamber of Commerce  
Steve Williamson, South Florida Defense Alliance

**Staff Present:**

Bruce Grant, Vice President, Military & Defense, EFI  
Terry McCaffrey, Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF)  
Marcy Muldrow Sanders, Grants Manager, FDSTF  
Michelle Griggs, Administrative Assistant, EFI



**Florida Defense Support Task Force -- Meeting #57**  
**Holiday Inn, 2001 Martin Luther King Blvd, Panama City, FL 32405**  
**AGENDA for September 21, 2017 (As of: Sep 13, 2017)**

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- 0900 – 0910 Welcome, Guest Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance..... Chairman **(I)**
- 0910 – 0925 Welcome from Local Defense Community..... Greg Brudnicki **(I)**
- 0925 – 0935 Old Business..... Chairman **(A) / (I)**
  - Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
  - TF Grants and Contracts Status Marcy Sanders **(I)**
  - Budget update Marcy Sanders **(I)**
  - Approve FY 2018 Meeting Schedule Terry McCaffrey **(D / A)**
- 0935 – 1050 New Business..... Chairman **(I)**
  - TF Member Reports Secretary Tony Principi **(I)**
  - Update from The Principi Group John Patrick Walsh **(I)**
  - Washington Office Update Kellie Jo Kilberg **(I)**
  - Florida Defense Alliance Update Marcy Sanders **(I / D)**
  - Update – FY 2019 Grant Applicants Terry McCaffrey **(I)**
  - Update – New Military Friendly Guide Distributed Bruce Grant **(I / D)**
  - 2018 Legislative Slate Review Bruce Grant **(I)**
  - Mil & Def Update
- 1050 – 1100 Public Comment..... Chairman
- 1100 – 1230 Closed Session / Working Lunch..... Chairman
- 1230 – 1300 Transportation to Tyndall AFB
- 1300 – 1500 TOUR – Tyndall AFB ..... All TF Members

2017 Meeting Dates: October 19, 2017	Conf Call/Webex
November 16, 2017	Orlando, FL
December 2017	<b>NO MEETING</b>

**Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer**, began the meeting at 09:00 AM Central Time.

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome, Guest Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance

**Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer** welcomed attendees and guests. He welcomed **U.S. Congressman Neal Dunn** and **Pete Antonacci**, the new President and CEO of Enterprise Florida. Mr. Antonacci invited the TF to the EFI Board Meeting on November 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> in Jacksonville as the focus will be on Military and Defense. He thanked the Bay County Military Affairs Committee for their hospitality and for organizing all of the events scheduled during the TF's visit. He asked guests in the audience and on the phone to introduce themselves. He asked **Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson** to lead the TF and audience in the pledge of allegiance.

**Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson** reminded the Task Force the meeting is governed by Sunshine Law.

II. Agenda Item II: Welcome from Local Defense Community

**Mr. Greg Brudnicki, Mayor of Panama City**, welcomed the TF and guests to Panama City. He noted that a high priority is to keep the people in his city safe and offered his assistance to anyone who might need it while in town.

III. Agenda Item III: Old Business

*Approval of the Minutes*

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson** asked of any corrections be made to the July 20, 2017 minutes. Noting none, the July 20, 2017 meeting minutes were approved.*

*Task Force Grants & Contracts Status*

**Marcy Sanders** reported on DTF Grant 14-05, Economic Development Alliance of Bay County, which has had their contract amendment executed to extend the term of the contract to December 31, 2017. This grant is on track to be closed out by the end of this calendar year.

She noted that all of the fourth quarter grant reports have been received; however as of the last report the only one omitted was DTF 16-143, Military Child Education Coalition. This project includes Escambia County which has received additional funding, so the funds remaining for Escambia County were transferred to Hillsborough County. This grant has been extended to May 2018.

She reported that the contracts for this fiscal year have all been executed with the exception of the Gulf Coast State College contract which is anticipated to be completed by the end of this week.

*Approve FY 2018 Meeting Schedule*

**Terry McCaffrey** presented the final version of the FDSTF FY 2018 meeting schedule. Changes he noted was the change in the off month in the summer from August to June and meeting #62 in Jacksonville is the fourth Thursday in March (instead of the normal third Thursday) to accommodate the end of this year's Legislative Session, which will conclude just prior to the March 2018 meeting and to avoid higher venue/room costs due to Spring Break.

**Brig Gen Chip Diehl** asked to invite Veterans Florida to participate in a TF meeting next year.

**Bruce Grant** responded that staff has spoken with Veterans Florida and they are looking to coordinate an event sometime in January 2018.

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson** asked for a motion to approve the FDSTF FY 2018 meeting schedule. **Mr. Tom Neubauer** made a motion that the FY 2018 meeting schedule be approved*

*and with no objections the FDSTF FY 2018 meeting schedule was approved.*

#### IV. Agenda Item IV: New Business

##### *Task Force Member Reports*

**Representative Holly Raschein** reported on the extensive damage done by Hurricane Irma in her district. Approximately 11,000 homes have been destroyed or are unlivable. She discussed the loss of power, running water and all communication post-hurricane. The military presence in the Keys was incredible, as every branch arrived to help. The National Guard cleared US1, and then FDOT inspected all of the bridges and patched roads to allow supplies get to where they were needed. They are currently working on obtaining the four main essentials to their residents: food, fuel, water and communications.

She reported that NAS Key West sustained minimal damage from the hurricane. The airfield is open to military traffic only. The FEMA vessel Empire State has arrived in Key West which can house 650 personnel and will house FEMA, other recovery workers, local law enforcement and other displaced workers from around the Keys. The commanding officer is waiting to bring back non-essential personnel until power and other utilities have been restored. Training will not resume until mid-October.

**MG Mike Calhoun** reported on the Staff Delegation Visit to Camp Blanding. On August 25, the Florida National Guard (FLNG) hosted a Legislative/Staff Delegation visit to Camp Blanding, comprised of Congressman Rutherford and staff personnel from the offices of Senator Bill Nelson, U.S. Representative Francis Rooney, U.S. Representative Ted Yoho, State Senator Bradley and State Representative Payne. They provided a command brief, aerial tour and site visits to the Florida Youth Challenge Academy, the Multijurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force Training (MCTFT) School and the Regional Training Institute (RTI).

Regarding the F-35, they are awaiting SECAF (Secretary Heather Wilson) decision on F-35, but continued legislative engagements up until we began activating for Hurricane Irma. Brigadier General Simpler personally visited Congresswoman Murphy and Congressman Gaetz, and they both pledged to continue engagements.

In the past two weeks, your Florida National Guard has accomplished a lot for our state in regards to Hurricane Irma. He can't enumerate all of the missions they have conducted, in coordination with every component and service, to save, preserve and protect lives and property throughout the state. They still have Guardsmen on State Active Duty conducting primarily logistics and security support, and will continue as long as they are needed.

By way of a quick summary, the entire Florida National Guard was activated and positioned to be ready throughout the state. They mobilized around 7,500 Florida Guardsmen and augmented their force with nearly 2,500 Guardsmen from 22 other states and over 300 Title 10 personnel. They coordinated with AFNORTH for strat air to evacuate and bring in responders and supplies where needed. ARNORTH assisted with transportation assets, both active and reserve. Television broadcasted the outstanding support from the Amphibious Ready Group (ARG: to include USS Iwo Jima, USS New York and USS San Jacinto (2 amphibis and 1 acft carrier) that brought medical, engineer, power generation, rotary wing assets and Marines ashore. This continues to be an historic event for the entire DoD enterprise and the FLNG are developing lessons learned, as some of what was accomplished had not been exercised before.

Their team has shifted some resources to focus on assistance to Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and state partners in the RSS: Antigua, Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts, Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

He couldn't be more proud of their team and the work they've accomplished. They truly demonstrated exactly why they are here.

**Representative Holly Raschein** thanked MG Mike Calhoun and all of the FLNG for all of their efforts in the Florida Keys, post-hurricane.

**Representative Jay Trumbull** presented an update on the happenings in Bay County. He discussed the grant given previously by the TF to the National Math and Science Institute which provided supplementary funding to 17 Florida partner schools, one of which is in Bay County. Overall they have seen a 40% increase in AP math and science examination scores, however Bay County performed phenomenally on these exams showing a 141.7% first year increase.

On August 18, 2017, the Barefoot Palms property was finally transferred from Bay County to the State of Florida. This was an important step in resolving encroachment issues for NSA Panama City.

After about 15 years, the 204-acre site north of Bay County in Lynnhaven, which is the Air Force fuel depot, successfully concluded the transfer of this property on August 23, 2017. 40 acres was transferred to Florida State University and \$1.75 million was allocated to Tyndall AFB.

He reported on the continued protection of the Gulf Range and discussed how our federal partners are assisting with a four phase, \$73 million Gulf Range Enhancement Plan, initially due for funding in 2019. Local leader, Congressman Dunn fought hard in Washington, DC to move the funding up to 2018.

**U.S. Representative Neal Dunn** reported that enhancements to the range are needed due to problems with congestion and insufficient monitors and sensors make it difficult to use the full scope for testing and training missions. He explained that on the House Bill they added an amendment that advanced \$30 million to enhance the range in 2018. The overall goal is to protect the range, long-term. He was not able to get the moratorium extended but will continue to fight for the extension moving forward.

**Mr. Tom Neubauer** discussed the original SWOT analysis, which was performed by The Spectrum Group in 2012 to assess community's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats and report that information back to each community. Recently they've been hired to update the SWOT analysis and groups met yesterday at NSA Panama City and Tyndall Air Force Base to have discussions on the re-SWOT. He thanked members of The Spectrum Group for meeting with both installations and the Bay Defense Alliance and they are looking forward to receiving the final report.

**Representative Clay Ingram** reported on the Pensacola Defense Community Initiative (DCI), their local version of the TF, which has been supported by both NAS Pensacola and the community. Currently they are looking to re-implement the recycling program which was abandoned prior to Hurricane Ivan at NAS Pensacola.

He spoke about the solar projects on Saufley Field, Holly Field and Eglin Air Force Base which total 120 megawatts of power. Saufley Field flipped the switch and went live just a few weeks ago, which is very exciting to see this project come to fruition.

The Blue Angels homecoming show is November 10<sup>th</sup> and November 11<sup>th</sup> at NAS Pensacola and is always a great show.

**Ms. Amy Gowder** reported on the successful mission of obtaining additional, lower priced office space for PEOSTRI, which will save about \$4 million per year in infrastructure costs. This success allows opportunities for new missions as DoD has named PEOSTRI as the lead in Persistent Cyber Training Environment.

She reported that the National Center for Simulation and Advisory Board (which includes CEOs from the local communities as well as input from Team Orlando) is currently planning their second meeting with Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy to discuss her support for the modeling and simulation mission and cyber security. This meeting will be held on October 18, 2017.

Team Orlando participated in the re-SWOT, meeting with The Spectrum Group to update the modeling and simulation capability and in November prior to the EFI Board Meeting, IITSEC, the world's largest modeling, simulation and training conference will take place and nearly 20,000 are expected to attend.

Some Space industry highlights: Lockheed Martin has just moved their fleet ballistic missile program from California to Denver and to Cape Canaveral which will bring about 300 jobs to the Cape. She noted that



attention must be paid to Northrup Grumman's intention to buy Orbital ATK as Northrup Grumman has, in the past, brought many jobs to Melbourne. With the space mission, revitalization of launch and Orbital ATK's role in those, close attention needs to be paid to gauge Florida's opportunities.

She discussed her visit to Eglin AFB and stated that it is a unique and great capability for the F-35. Eglin AFB also has an outstanding maintenance training program that has a growing demand and their Air Education Training Command (AETC) has an excellent facility and great capability to for student training.

**Maj Gen Richard Haddad** spoke briefly about the Military Mission Line and Gulf Range advocacy and discussed that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has been allowed by OSD to go into the Gulf and to survey.

He reported on the congestion on Highway 98 in front of Hurlburt Field's main gate. FDOT and the leadership on the base have determined that the traffic for Florosa Elementary School, which is located just outside the gate, is the cause of this congestion. It was suggested that this area not be called a School Zone, but instead a School Area in order to increase the speed limit to 35 miles per hour. The school district opposed this change so FDOT suggested building an ingress/egress route.

The 39<sup>th</sup> Information Operations Squadron for Air Force Cyber has been stood up at Hurlburt Field. This is a state-of-the-art warfare training center as students will train there for their specialty offensive or defensive cyber, and they will train approximately 500 students per year but ultimately are looking to work with about 1,500 students per year.

The EDC's Tri County Community Partnership Initiative in the Fort Walton Beach area, which was started with a grant from the TF, has created a process in which others are implementing. Many have visited with them in the Panhandle to learn to implement partnership programs.

**U.S. Representative Neal Dunn** thanked **Maj Gen Haddad** for highlighting the research currently being done by BOEM and noted that the moratorium that is currently in effect "prohibits preleasing activities in the moratorium", and BOEM is actively doing sonar and seismic testing inside the Range which appears to be preleased activities. He has instructed his staff to draft a bill that interprets that by law as a preleasing activity. They are actively seeking co-sponsors for this bill.

**Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson** commented on the Florosa Elementary/Hurlburt Field main gate issue reporting that the Okaloosa County School Board, FDOT and the leaders at Hurlburt Field have come up with a feasible solution which should be announce in the next few weeks.

**Brig Gen Chip Diehl** thanked the Bay County MAC for the reception given to the TF as they arrived into Bay County. Regarding Hurricane Irma, he reported that MacDill AFB was evacuated in preparation for the hurricane. He suggested that at the next Base Commanders' Meeting there be some discussion on hurricane preparedness for Florida's bases.

He spoke of the many honorable stories regarding the military and what they did to assist Floridians after the hurricane, and noted specifically MacDill's 290<sup>th</sup> Joint Communications Support Squadron which goes out on behalf of the State/Governor and sets up communication nodes, assessment nodes and put the connectivity in progress through vehicles that leave the AFB. He is planning on contacting the *Tampa Bay Times* to highlight their incredible actions.

He discussed Florida Rock, the parcel of land just off the base and an encroachment speed bump for MacDill. Mayor Buckhorn is working closely with the base and has scheduled a trip to Air Mobility Command in St. Louis in November. They are hoping for Mayor Buckhorn to lead that delegation and talk about encroachment and compatible development between the bases and the communities.

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** reported that the Avon Park Air Force Range sustained only wind and flood damage, but no catastrophic damage from Hurricane Irma. The significant flooding on the range initially limited access, but most if not all areas is now accessible. The Range only lost power for a couple of days. Air training

has resumed this week and ground training will resume next week. The staff has assessed damage to one major road leading out to the impact area which was washed out and will need repaired and many, many trees are down, however no facilities sustained any damage from the fallen trees. Multiple buildings need repaired but they're primarily related to roofing, siding and water leak damage. The Range will be working with Moody AFB on possible projects and contracts to make these repairs and they will also be working with MacDill AFB civil engineering to assess the damage that was done to the DUC at MacDill.

**Admiral Mark Fitzgerald** discussed the hurricane damage in Jacksonville as they had significant flooding, a lot of trees came down and lots of rubbish and debris strewn around. Many residents were displaced due to the flooding and the County, City and State have responded incredibly well to get those folks into shelters and keep them safe.

NAS Jacksonville did not suffer any major damage, only minor damage from the flooding. Things are retuning back to normal as people are back to work and planes are flying.

He discussed the access issue at NAS Pensacola which is still yet to be solved. There has not been a lot of movement on the waiver to get people on base to the heavily visited public areas such as the museum and cemetery. Due to efforts by Representative Gaetz and the Assistant Secretary of the Navy the waiver has been extended as it was set to expire in February or March. The Secretary of the Navy plans on visiting in December which gives a great opportunity for Representative Ingram to highlight the issues and the great things happening in Pensacola.

Jacksonville is looking forward to hosting the Enterprise Florida Board in November, which will be a great opportunity to talk about the issues the TF has been pushing; particularly the issue of how to make sure that the correct workforce is in place to attract both military and defense industries to Florida.

#### *Update from The Principi Group*

**Secretary Anthony Principi** thanked the Bay Defense Alliance for their hospitality at the event last evening. He commended Governor Scott, **MG Mike Calhoun** and the Florida National Guard for their preparedness and response to Hurricane Irma.

He noted that later today General Huntoon will brief on the results on the re-SWOT of our military installations. This has been an in-depth analysis to identify weaknesses that could negatively impact the military value of Florida's installations, but also an equal effort to identify opportunities for installations to grow with new or expanded missions.

Last Monday, the Senate passed its version of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) authorizing \$700 billion in FY 2018. It must now conference with the House Armed Services Committee (HASC) which passed its version of the NDAA on July 14<sup>th</sup> for \$696.5 billion. Each has differences in certain areas. The Senate has increased pay for our men and women in uniform by 2.1%, the House at 2.4% which means that will need to add \$200 million to the budget. BRAC was taken off the table as Senator McCain and Senator Reed couldn't get it to the floor. Taking the BRAC commission out of their amendment leaves members of the Senate concerned but he believes the amendment will return.

He discussed the differences in troop levels as the President has proposed an increase of 4,000 for the Navy and 4,100 for the Air Force. The Senate would like to add 5,000 to the Army, 1,000 to the Marines and 1,000 for the reserves and National Guard. The House's increases include 10,000 for the Army, 1,700 for the Air Force Reserves, 4,000 for the Air National Guard and 3,000 for the Army Reserves. This increase would add to the defense budget \$1.1 billion per year.

Amendments which did not make it to the floor include one on the transgender policy. Ships and aircraft was close as the President has stated he'd like to increase the number of ships by 5, the Senate by 8 and the House by 8. There is a difference of opinion on the types of ships to be built as there are 3 Littoral Combat Ships in the House bill. The President wants to increase the F-35 aircraft by 70, the Senate by 94 and the House by 87 also increasing the number of F-18s and Army helicopters.

Another issue is the establishment of a Space Corps as an extension of Strategic Command. The Senate is adamantly opposed, the House feels it's important and the Pentagon is not so sure.

The House Appropriations Committee marked up and passed their bill on September 14th, the same day as the Senate. The House Appropriation Measure is significantly less than the House Armed Services NDA level of about \$696 billion. The House Budget Committee resolution that passed the house is very close to the HASC level. Complicating all of this is the Budget Control Act of 2011 which has discretionary spending being decreased in 2018 by \$110 billion if the spending caps are not removed. Under the Budget Control Act, without any changes, spending can't exceed \$1.06 trillion in 2018, currently we are about \$72 billion over that amount meaning that unless something is done there will be a sequester, which will be 13.2% of every defense account.

A new trend is military installation energy is the focus on renewable energy developed onsite. Installations are now focusing on projects aimed at enhancing energy resiliency. A report on Hurricane Harvey's and Irma's impact on military installations' ability to achieve their missions and operations will be instructive. As a result, on November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Association of Defense Communities will host a DoD Energy and Water Forum in Washington, DC to cover the next steps in achieving needed resiliency.

He noted a rising health concern for ground water contamination on military bases as over 400 closed and active military bases have now been identified as having their drinking water contaminated from the use of firefighting foam. He has not seen a list of those bases. Do we have another Camp Lejeune on our hands where the health of thousands of marines and their families have been adversely affected over a period of 30 years by groundwater contamination? TPG will track this issue and report back in the near future.

#### *Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Update*

**Ms. Kellie Jo Kilberg**, Chair of the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA), reported that in her first year as FDA Chair as she's traveled around the State participating in many conferences and forums, she's noticed that we don't share our success stories or challenges which has been a disservice. We need to do a better job reaching out to the next generation, working with them to be passionate about the military and what great assets we have in Florida.

She recently participated on a panel at the Florida Chamber Foundation Military Defense and Veterans Opportunities Summit where she posed the question to Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam, and now to the elected officials on the TF, why Florida Forever was not funded. This is a program used to leverage State and Federal dollars, dollars from The Nature Conservancy and local dollars to help address encroachment challenges. Florida Forever funds were leveraged against REPI funds and other different programs. She implored the elected officials on the TF to look closely at the budgets, particularly for the programs Florida Forever, Rural and Family Lands Act and Military Base Protection and make sure they are funded so that other dollars can be leveraged.

She spoke about encroachment and encouraged everyone to read the paper written by **Bruce Grant** on encroachment earlier this year. Florida has 16 different types of encroachment including land, the Gulf Range/water both above and below. We need to know who is buying land next to our bases and who is flying drones close to the bases? Florida has always been proactive and needs to continue to be proactive.

At the FDA meeting in November, a representative from the Department of Business and Professional Regulations will meet with our Family Support Working Group to talk about the different types of accreditation and certifications we may not have addressed for spouses and other family members.

The FDA is also working with **Bruce Grant** and **Terry McCaffrey** on a DoD OEA supply chain grant which will be very important for defense contractors around the State to understand how to help tiers two through five grow their businesses in the defense world.

FDA was a creation of Enterprise Florida in 1997, and the Legislature put them into State Statute in 1998. EFI and FDA continue to rely on partnerships on the local, state and federal levels. Through those partnerships the Defense Reinvestment Grants and the Defense Infrastructure Grants were created. EFI had the expertise to

handle those grants, but recently those grants were moved away from EFI. FDA is requesting that through the TF and the state elected officials that those grants be moved back to EFI for administration. EFI understands the issues, the timing sensitivity and budget constraints of the grantees. She stressed that it's important that grantees know they can turn to someone who will listen and get answers to them quickly so they can move on to address any issues.

She implored the elected officials on the TF as they go back into Session in January, to fund programs which assist with encroachment issues, move DRG and DIG grants back to Enterprise Florida and fund those grant opportunities so that Florida stays proactive and remains the most military friendly state in the nation.

**Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson**, encouraged **Ms. Kilberg** to meet with the legislators on the TF to find out why was Florida Forever was not funded last year and come up with an action plan which can be advocated by the TF.

**Representative Holly Raschein** stated that the House and Senate in had differing opinions on Florida Forever last year and the House did pass a robust piece of legislation which would have given a large amount of funding for Florida Forever bolstering Rural and Family Lands and communities' land trust programs. She, along with Representative Ingram and Representative Trumbull commit to bring up Florida Forever during this next Session in the House hopes the Senate will step up, as well. She stated that placing Florida Forever under the umbrella of supporting our bases brings unique value to the argument.

**Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson** asked Ms. Kilberg to meet with him to persuade his colleagues in the Senate to take the position of the House.

#### *Update – FY 2019 Grant Applicants*

**Marcy Sanders** reminded the TF that last year adjustments in the grant cycle were made as to align with the legislative session. Staff received and accepted seven (7) grant applications in August from the South Florida Progress Foundation, the National Forensic Science Technology Center, the Greater Pensacola Chamber, Uniti Fiber, Great Eastern Group, Inc., Polk County and Clay County Development Authority. These grants total \$3,054,742.00

**Bruce Grant** added that Staff will further refine the grant application in the future so it restricts those applicants to governmental entities and grants from private companies will not be accepted.

#### *Update – New Military-Friendly Guide Distributed*

**Terry McCaffrey** presented an update 2017 Florida Military-Friendly Guide. He noted that the distribution has already been accomplished and many have already received copies. He reported that the TF budgeted \$5,000 for the printing and distribution of the copies and we spend \$4,658.04 for 6,000 copies which included 2,400 copies direct-mailed from the printer.

The Florida Military-Friendly Guide has been in circulation over many years and originally came out of the FDA. Recently the TF has taken it over and it is a list military-friendly laws passed in Florida which support servicemembers and their families.

This year's updates are the Occupational Opportunity Act, which was passed last year law, which gave the Department of Professional Regulation the ability to waive different fees and opportunities for licensure for military members, their spouses and independents to start working in Florida much more quickly. The Military and Veterans Assistance Program helps with supporting military members who need legal action. They can get assistance through programs by contacting the Florida Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection Division to support and help. The Vets Treatment Courts Act authorizes a veterans' court with the purpose of addressing the substance abuse and mental health needs of veterans within the criminal justice system.

## *2018 Legislative Slate Review*

**Bruce Grant** discussed several bills that have been filed so far in the Legislature.

HB 0075, sponsored by Representative Ponder, waives postsecondary fees for military members using tuition assistance, to pay for fees which are not covered.

HB 0091, sponsored by Representative Avila, removes certain restrictions of the purchase of firearms by military members, giving them the same waiver as those who are concealed carry license holders.

Veterans' Bills include:

HB 0069, sponsored by Representative McGhee, the annual sales tax holiday for veterans of the US Armed Forces is extended from November through the end of December.

SB 0082, sponsored by Senator Steube, alternative treatment options for veterans authorizes the Department of Veterans' Affairs to contract with certain individuals and entities to provide alternative treatment options for certain veterans.

He reminded the TF that at the last meeting several legislative initiatives were discussed that TF members, especially the legislators, might be interested in forwarding. Staff has been working with **Representative Raschein** and **Representative Ingram** on a number of these initiatives, such as transportation relief for military members living in South Florida and rental contract issues and excessive security deposit issues for military members.

Staff has also been working with **Representative Ingram** on other issues and we're tracking everything that was mentioned. **Bruce Grant** and **Terry McCaffrey** recently met with both House and Senate committees to be award of these issues so they are supportive.

### *Military & Defense Update*

**Bruce Grant** reported that the cyber security issue will be featured at the next TF meeting. Staff spoke with the University of South Florida, the state-designated center for cyber security, about their program and progress. USF revealed that not all of Florida's universities are on the same page, in regards to cyber. To rectify this they commissioned a study, which will be completed in October and will be presented at the November meeting. The University of West Florida and the University of Central Florida will also participate.

EFI signs, on behalf of the TF, a contract with DEO to continue funding and Staff has been negotiating that contract which will be signed next week.

Another item we're working on is the Florida Defense Exchange, which is an interactive website portal for the defense industries to post their projects along with the businesses connected with those projects in the State of Florida. They then have the opportunity to become aware of and bid on those projects. Staff will keep the TF updated as it progresses.

Staff has been working with Congressman Matt Gaetz who along with Congressman Dunn, has great interest in the military. **Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson** has recommended that staff have a quarterly conference call and include any Congressional Delegate to keep them updated on Florida and find out what we can do to assist them at the federal level.

Terry McCaffrey reported that focus remains on the F-35 to Jacksonville and a decision should be made very soon. Governor Scott and Commissioner Putnam both sent letters of encouragement to the Secretary of the Air Force and the Secretary of Defense in support of that program to Jacksonville.

In August, he and **Bruce Grant** attended the Florida Chamber Foundation Military Defense and Veterans Opportunities Summit along with other TF members, Secretary Principi and Kellie Jo Kilberg. The TF, EFI and communities were well-represented and everyone was very engaged in the event.

Also in Aug was the Governor's Base Commanders Meeting, which was held at Homestead ARB. The issue of tolls and rent in South Florida was brought up by SOUTHCOM to Agency heads. FDOT is working to solve the toll issue outside of legislation as the Secretary of DOT well aware this issue.

You will find on you're the list of DRG and DIG grants awarded by DEO and announced this summer at the Governor's Base Commanders Meeting. The DIG grants total \$750,000 and DRG totals \$850,000. Contracts are underway.

Also you'll find a letter from Governor Scott to all of the University and College Presidents in the State asking them not to penalize military members, reservists and veterans and let them continue their education as they continue to help our communities with cleanup and relief from Hurricane Irma.

He also mentioned that Congressman Gaetz hosted a Defense Industry Roundtable recently in Ft. Walton Beach to bring together representatives from the defense industry and talk about the contracting issues and how to get through the federal bureaucracy with several different defense contracts. He is looking at solutions to adjust federal rules on contracting for defense industry contracts.

V.       Agenda Item V: Public Comment

No guests wished to make a public comment.

**Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson**, replied that he should contact Representative Raschein for presentation in Tallahassee during next Session to assist with that issue.

*The meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM Eastern Time*

## **Final Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Florida Defense Support Task Force**

### **Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #58 on Thursday, October 19, 2017**

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting via Conference Call/Webex at 09:00 AM EDT – 9:59 AM EDT. For Agenda: See Page 2

#### **Task Force Members Present:**

Senator Doug Broxson, Chairman  
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman  
MG Mike Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida  
Brig Gen Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret.)  
Amy Gowder, Vice President, Lockheed Martin Rotary and Missions Systems Company  
Maj Gen Richard Haddad, USAF (Ret.)  
Representative Clay Ingram  
Representative Holly Raschein  
Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Highlands County  
Representative Jay Trumbull

#### **Task Force Members Absent:**

Lt Col William Dudley, USAF, (Ret.)  
ADM Mark Fitzgerald, USN, (Ret.)  
CW5 Derrick Fritts, USA

#### **Speakers Present:**

Secretary Anthony Principi, The Principi Group (TPG)  
Kellie Jo Kilberg, Florida Defense Alliance

#### **Others Present:**

Kay Rasmussen, Defense Support Initiative  
Harrison Conyers, City of Jacksonville  
Andy Klener, Florida Division of State Lands  
RADM Jim Hinkle, USN (Ret.), The Spectrum Group  
Ryan Butler, DEO  
Col Bob Black, USAF, (Ret.), Okaloosa County EDC  
Bob Arnold, Office of the Secretary of Defense

#### **Staff Present:**

Bruce Grant, Vice President, Military & Defense, EFI  
Terry McCaffrey, Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF)  
Marcy Muldrow Sanders, Grants Manager, FDSTF  
Michelle Griggs, Administrative Assistant, EFI



**Florida Defense Support Task Force -- Meeting #58**  
**Conference Call / Webex**  
**AGENDA for October 19, 2017 (As of: Oct 11, 2017)**

**CALL-IN NUMBER: 800.501.8979**  
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**KEY:**  
*(I) = Information*  
*(D) = Discussion*  
*(A) = Action*

- 0900 - 0910 Welcome, Roll Call, Introductions..... Chairman **(I)**
- 0910 – 0920 Old Business..... Chairman **(A / I)**
  - Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
  - TF Grants and Contracts Status Marcy Sanders **(I)**
  - Budget update Marcy Sanders **(I)**
- 0920 – 1015 New Business..... Chairman **(I)**
  - TF Member Reports Secretary Tony Principi **(I)**
  - Update from The Principi Group John Patrick Walsh **(I)**
  - Washington Office Update Kellie Jo Kilberg **(I)**
  - Florida Defense Alliance Update Terry McCaffrey **(D)**
  - Cyber Theme for November Mtg Bruce Grant **(I / D)**
  - Legislative Slate Bruce Grant **(I / D)**
  - Mil & Def Update
- 1015 – 1030 Public Comment..... Chairman
- 1030 Adjournment..... Chairman **(A)**

Reminder -- Meeting Dates:

2017 Meeting Dates:	November 16, 2017	Orlando, FL
	December 2017	<b>NO MEETING</b>
2018 Meeting Dates:	January 18, 2018	Tallahassee, FL
(1 <sup>st</sup> half)	February 15, 2018	Conference Call/WebEX
	March 21, 2018	NAS Jacksonville, FL
	April 19, 2018	Conference Call/WebEX
	May 17, 2018	Tallahassee, FL
	June 2018	<b>NO MEETING</b>



**Terry McCaffrey**, FDSTF Executive Director, *began the meeting at 09:00 AM EDT.*

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome & Introductions

**Terry McCaffrey** welcomed attendees and guests, proceeded with roll call and asked guests to introduce themselves and turned the meeting over to **Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson**.

**Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson** welcomed attendees and guests and reminded the Task Force the meeting is governed by Sunshine Law.

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

*Approval of the Minutes*

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson** asked if any corrections be made to the September 21, 2017 minutes. Noting none, the September 21, 2017 meeting and closed session minutes were approved.*

*Task Force Grants & Contracts Status*

**Marcy Sanders** reported that the Grants Report enclosed is for the first quarter and all reports are in excluding National Math & Science Initiative as their grant closes next month and they are working on a final report to be submitted at that time.

DTF Grant 16-154, Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce, has had their contract end date extended to May 30, 2018.

As of this date, all contacts have been executed, including Gulf Coast State College.

*Budget/Contract Update*

**Marcy Sanders** reported that \$1,679,840.00 has been encumbered. At this time \$102,160.00 remains unencumbered for the remainder of the grant cycle for this year. Moving forward staff will present a plan for the remainder of those funds.

III. Agenda Item III: New Business

*Task Force Member Reports*

**MG Mike Calhoun** reported that the Florida National Guard (FLNG) remains busy since the last meeting on 21 September supporting our state and nation. The 125th Fighter Wing re-deployed on September 27, 2017 and more than 100 Florida National Guard Airmen returned home following a 3-month deployment. The pilots, aircraft and support personnel deployed to Eastern Europe as a Theater Security Package (TSP) in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve (OAR) in Romania. The 159th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron (EFS) conducted the same mission two years ago when it was the first Air National Guard unit to perform the TSP mission for which it received laudatory remarks from the NATO Secretary General.

FLNG continues to provide support to Puerto Rico in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria. The FLNG 202nd Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineer (REDHORSE), a construction and engineering squadron, is sending a Disaster Relief Beddown Set (DRBS). Additionally, their Airmen in the 601st Air Operations Center at Tyndall AFB continue to manage all of the military airflow into the AOR, to date over 1,600 sorties from all services.

Yesterday, BG Ribas, FLNG Director of the Joint Staff (DJS) and Dual Status Commander (DSC) for the FLNG Hurricane Irma response, briefed congressional staffers in Washington, D.C. He accompanied Gen Lengyel, Chief of the National Guard Bureau and BG Hamilton, Texas DSC for Hurricane Harvey. They've also been

asked to brief one of the state senate committees and facilitate a discussion with the Israeli Army on disaster response.

Today, the FLNG has a force on standby in Alachua County IAW the Governor's Executive Order and under the direction of FDLE to help enforce public safety on the campus of the University of Florida, if needed.

**Brig Gen Chip Diehl** reported that MacDill's 6th Air Mobility Wing stood up the 50<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Squadron which moved down from Little Rock, Arkansas. This is the second squadron of KC-135s, as MacDill grows to 24 tankers. These planes will be coming in over time as they are released from other units.

**Maj Gen Richard Haddad** spoke briefly about the potential encroachment issue at Homestead ARB and asked about the status of the letter in support from Governor Scott and if any further information has come up on that issue. **Bruce Grant** replied that staff is tracking this very closely and the letter for the Governor's signature is in his office and we expect it to be out within the next week, as the deadline is November 8<sup>th</sup>, which is when the meeting is scheduled in Homestead. He also mentioned that Representative Raschein has submitted a letter in support against moving that development.

He reported that on October 17<sup>th</sup>, Secretary Mattis discussed base closures and points to 19% excess capacity, out of that is 29% Army excess and 28% is Air Force excess. Now is the time for Florida to look at our bases with that in mind and understand that good civilian relations must be built and emphasized now more than ever.

**Ms. Amy Gowder** reported that yesterday Representative Stephanie Murphy visited the National Center for Simulation, along with the Advisory Board which includes industry CEO's from small, medium and large companies in Orlando and the Central Florida area. This visit reaffirms her dedication to modeling and simulation and training language insertion into the FY 2019 NDAA. Representative Murphy also plans to attend the I/ITSEC Conference in Orlando at the end of next month with some of her fellow Congressmen.

Today, Representative Murphy and Congressman Steny Hoyer from Maryland are visiting two suppliers in the Central Florida Research Park to better understand their capabilities and continue to support modeling and simulation. On Monday Florida Representative Darren Soto and California Representative Eric Swalwell will visit Team Orlando and the Central Florida Research Park in continuation of their support of modeling and simulation.

She recently visited the Association for the United States Army (AUSA) Conference and found that one of the six top initiatives for army readiness is simulation and training, specifically focusing on synthetic training. Team Orlando, along with other industry in Central Florida, is well positioned support that mission.

Some Space industry highlights: Vice President Pence recently chaired the first meeting of the National Space Council which reaffirmed the commitment for space exploration specifically mentioning the Orion program. Lockheed Martin performs the assembly for the Orion vehicle in the Cape Canaveral area.

Kennedy Space Center Director Bob Cabana has made progress in transitioning to multi-user space ports, also Blue Origin has been busy with rocket production and OneWeb is manufacturing space satellites.

NASA is looking to name a new Administrator and Congressman Jim Bridenstine from Oklahoma, a former naval aviator, has been nominated. Both Senator Nelson and Senator Rubio have expressed concern over this nomination as Congressman Bridenstine has more of a political and not much of a technical or industry background. It's possible that KSC's Bob Cabana assume a deputy role, as to offset those concerns.

She reported that SpaceX had a successful launch on October 11<sup>th</sup> and they are currently expanding and refurbishing a 50,000 square foot facility in order to support the refurbishment of their first-stage rockets.

She noted that Patrick AFB, Eglin AFB and Hurlburt Field are still in the running for the Battlefield Airmen Training Center which would be comprised of about 1,100 personnel for training purposes such as combat control and para-rescue operations. A decision was to be made last month but because an Air Force Assistant Secretary of Installations has not been confirmed or nominated, it continues to be delayed.

**Representative Clay Ingram** reminded the TF of the Blue Angels homecoming show on November 11<sup>th</sup> and November 12<sup>th</sup> at NAS Pensacola. Discussions continue regarding the enclave plan and how to fund that project without using milcon dollars, finding a way to keep separate the secure and non-secure sections of NAS Pensacola.

The Pensacola Defense Community Initiative (DCI) continues attempts to re-implement the recycling program at NAS Pensacola which was abandoned prior to Hurricane Ivan. They are looking at P4 partnerships and are working with both the county and city to recreate this program on base.

**Mr. Tom Neubauer** discussed the strategic basing decisions which have yet to be made, specifically the base MQ-9 decision, which could be made at any time. Also, decisions have yet to be made on the F-35 to Jacksonville and the Battlefield Airmen Training Center which could affect both Hurlburt Field and Eglin AFB.

**Representative Jay Trumbull** discussed that he spoke briefly with Representative Ingram and Representative Raschein about a bill that would encompass many of the programs supported by the TF and is working on gaining support.

**Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson** noted that the Legislators will be coordinating with the TF, working on a plan in both the House and Senate and making the TF aware of the proposed legislation so it can be worked on both sides.

**Representative Holly Raschein** reported that recovery is continuing in Monroe County and again thanked **MG Calhoun** and the FLNG for all of their assistance in people's homes in the Keys.

She noted that today she has a briefing with SOUTHCOM and a meeting with Base Commander, Colonel Garfield, at the Homestead ARB on which she'll report back to the TF at the November meeting.

She has also had discussion with Representative Jayer Williamson and feels everything can be accomplished in one comprehensive bill. She is looking forward to working with staff during this next Session.

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** reported that the new commander of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Wing at Moody AFB, Colonel Jennifer Short, (Colonel Short is the first woman to ever command the 23<sup>rd</sup> Wing as she took over last summer) visited Avon Park AFR on October 5<sup>th</sup>. She was accompanied by 15 key personnel from groups and squadrons under the Wing as well as key senior Wing staff. Several of those included were the commanders of the mission support group, the rescue group, the aerospace medical squadron, the civil engineering squadron and the contracting squadron. The Range Commander, Colonel Edgar, and his staff gave an excellent briefing followed by a tour of the Range. This visit reflects the increased understanding and recognition of the importance of the Range.

The internet service at the Range is currently being upgraded as it's been problematic in the past. This project is set to be completed in January 2018.

Following Hurricane Maria MacDill AFB was tasked as one of the primary bases for Puerto Rican relief efforts. The Range's DUC hosted airlift squadrons including C-130s from Little Rock AFB and C-17<sup>th</sup> from Joint Base Charleston and Joint Base Lewis McChord. 24/7 efforts were conducted out of the DUC from shortly after the storm passed until October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson** commented on the Gulf Range resolution as Representative Ponder has filed the bill in the House and has also been filed in the Senate. A press release went out yesterday and favorable response has been received. He hopes to present the bill to committee early to get in on the floor in both the House and the Senate then over to the Governor's desk so it can then be sent to our Federal partners who are united in our position in Florida to keep the Range protected.

*Update from the Principi Group*

**Secretary Anthony Principi** reported that this week kicks off the start of Congressional hearings on tax reform. The outcome could have a bearing on defense and non-defense programs if budget hawks believe that the proposed tax reform will add \$1.5 trillion to the national deficit and won't be recouped by an expanded economy. The House Budget Committee plan calls for tax reform that is revenue neutral and achievable by eliminating tax deductions. The outcome could have a bearing on any NDAA relief from the Budget Control Act. The impact on the NDAA authorization could be as much as \$91 billion less for DoD in FY 2018. This could impact national defense programs such as the bill's proposed 24 more F-35 joint strike fighters, ten more F/A-18 Super Hornets, and five more Navy ships as well as end-strength personnel increases.

Secretary Mattis used his keynote speech at AUSA convocation in mid-October to again hammer Congress to repeal defense budget caps that he said are causing fiscal confusion in Washington. The Pentagon and defense hawks on Capitol Hill have stepped up warnings in recent days as lawmakers face down a December deadline to reach an agreement to lift the \$549 billion defense cap for 2018 and pass an annual budget, or punt with another stopgap budget resolution. In what is now a familiar message, Secretary Mattis said the U.S. is losing its edge over adversaries.

The leaders of the House and Senate Armed Services committees said Tuesday, Oct 10th that they are aiming to complete negotiations on most portions of the FY 2018 defense authorization bill by the end of the month. An agreement on a final conference report, though, likely will need to wait until congressional leaders reach a bipartisan deal over FY 2018 spending, including a topline for DoD.

The House will send 46 Republicans and 27 Democrats, including 18 Republicans and 13 Democrats from the House Armed Services Committee, to the NDAA conference. The Senate Armed Services Committee on October 17<sup>th</sup> named its conferees including Senator Nelson. There are no Florida members on the House Armed Services Committee named to the conference committee. None of Minority Leader Pelosi's 27 member appointments to the conference committee are from Florida.

The Navy, on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, awarded contracts to Lockheed Martin and Austal USA to build one Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) each, completing the service's 2017 LCS buy after previously awarding Austal a contract for another LCS earlier this year.

Speaking before the release of the Heritage Foundation's 2018 Index of U.S. Military Strength, the chairman of the House Armed Services Committee noted that Congress has played a role in the decline in US military capability and readiness, starting with its inability to pass a budget on time. Again this year, the government is operating under a Continuing Resolution (CR) limiting how and when the Pentagon and the services can spend the money authorized and appropriated to them.

Another point raised pertains to Secretary Mattis' report to Congress on DoD's infrastructure assessment highlighting that Defense has 19% excess capacity based on 2012 force structure and 22% if based on the anticipated force structure in 2019.

He thanked the community leaders across the State who assisted TPG in gathering information and coordinated visits to the bases to complete the re-SWOT. The next step is to take the recommendations made in the base report and individual base reports and focus on bringing them to life over the next year.

70% of the Pentagon's top posts remain unfilled. Only 17 of the 57 Pentagon positions requiring Senate confirmation have been filled by President Trump's appointees. Those in place, including the Chief Weapons Systems Buyer and Budget Head continue previous programs and policies and all current major weapons programs continue at pace.

Lucian Niemeyer, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations and Environment, continues to advocate authority for BRAC he has also orchestrated several other focus areas.

TPG will support Congressman Gaetz and Chairman Broxson's initiative to conduct a quarterly conference call with key staff members of the Florida delegation and will be part of those calls when they are set.

MG Keye Sabol will be replaced by LTG Glen Spears as the new Air Force lead. MG Sabol is now a Vice President at a DC area defense company that does work on Cyber. LTG ( R ) Spears has exceptional strategic level experience, and his last assignment was as the Deputy CG for US SOUTHCOM in Miami.

TPG will be represented at the ADC meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> in Washington, DC which will focus on energy, water and BRAC issues nationwide.

#### *Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Update*

**Ms. Kellie Jo Kilberg**, Chair of the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA), reported that Building Healthy Military Families and the Family Support Working Group are working hard to help make connections throughout the state as they build that program. Florida is one of seven states involved with this 3-5 year grant. They are looking for gaps where both the community and military are not meeting the needs of our military families and we will focus on this at our November meeting.

On the importance of encroachment, the Chairman of Environmental on the Senate side has entered a request for \$100 million and the Department of Environmental Protection is requesting \$50 million for Florida Forever as that is one of the programs which we leverage to address encroachment opportunities.

November's FDA meeting will be focused on partnerships as when General Mattis stated his three top priorities, his second was strengthening alliances and attracting new partners so local communities can rely on the local installations and the installations have community partners to help leverage resources. We will also be covering cybersecurity, as well.

FDA is creating presentations for our local partners to tell the story of our assets, its importance and what is needed in order to grow this industry in Florida. Jennifer Codo-Salisbury at the Central Florida Regional Planning Council is assisting with these marketing presentations.

Congressman Gaetz and Congresswoman Murphy are discussing the plans for another Florida Defense Day in Washington, DC for February or March 2018.

#### *Cyber Theme for November Meeting*

**Terry McCaffrey** discussed that the Economic Impact Study Report will be presented by The Matrix Group at the November TF meeting in Orlando and we will see basic numbers in draft form before the finalization of that report.

Staff is planning for an hour of the November TF meeting to be a cybersecurity workshop. Attending will be members from academia, industry and the Department of Defense. The concept is to have a panel of academics from cybersecurity institutions: University of Central Florida, University of West Florida and University of South Florida. The representatives will be given five minutes of opening comments then a question and answer time for TF members to ask questions of these academic institutions focusing on cybersecurity in Florida. Next will be industry focused covering the state of cybersecurity in Florida industry. Finally will be the Department of Defense cybersecurity side. Currently we do not have a firm participant. PEOSTRI in Orlando is the lead for cyber training for DoD, so we should have a representative who can give an opening then answer questions from the TF.

**Ms. Amy Gowder** added that inviting the academic institutions from across the State to find out what they're working on and how it affects PEOSTRI and the cyber industry is a good start.

**Maj Gen Richard Haddad** asked if Florida Polytechnic University was invited to participate in this panel.

**Terry McCaffrey** answered that no, but staff can certainly reach out to them if the TF wishes and if he has a contact there, please forward that information to him.

## *2018 Legislative Slate Review*

**Bruce Grant** discussed that in the next update, that will be sent out tomorrow, TF members will see the two resolutions that Chairman, Senator Broxson spoke of from himself and Representative Ponder, as they have both been filed and will appear on next TF Legislative Update.

The new item is SB 0370 sponsored by Senator Bradley which would add \$100 million to the Florida Forever fund. This fund was zeroed out this last Session. These funds go toward conservation projects that buffer military lands and also serve as a match of Federal REPI dollars, which are out there waiting to be matched by state funds.

### *Military & Defense Update*

**Bruce Grant** reported that staff is working to find out how much funding and what lines specifically went to cybersecurity in the Florida budget. We are working with the Agency for State Technology as we speak and the numbers are somewhere around \$150 million from this last year's State budget which is allotted for cybersecurity connected projects. We will get a breakdown have those numbers prepared for the November meeting.

Also, the TF has discussed relief from tolls for servicemembers in South Florida going to and from work. Staff is working with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on a resolution, which is why this does not show up in the Legislative package. This issue was discussed at past TF meetings and also at the Governor's Base Commanders' Meeting at which the Secretary of Transportation promised he would find a solution.

We are in receipt of the updated Principi/Spectrum Report for 2017 which staff distributed to the House, Governor, Senate and all of the TF members. The next step is to distribute to the Congressional Delegation. Staff will use this report to update to the TF Strategic Plan. Staff will working on recommendations from the Report and will ask the TF to consider including those recommendations in the next version of the Strategic Plan, which will be finalized in early 2018.

**Terry McCaffrey** discussed the creation of a TF logo. Staff has been working on a couple of different ideas for a logo and currently they are with EFI's graphic designer who will come up with several options for consideration. We will bring them to the November meeting for discussion.

### IV. Agenda Item IV: Public Comment

Bob Arnold, from the Office of the Secretary of Defense, commented on the NDIA Gulf Coast Chapter 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Air Armament Symposium coming up in Fort Walton Beach on October 31<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>. This year's focus is on cyber resiliency in weapon systems and suggested FDA members might attend as it's inexpensive and would be a good opportunity to network with many senior leaders, especially in the Air Force.

**Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson** suggested staff might attend this symposium and report back to the TF at the November meeting.

*The meeting adjourned at 9:59 AM EDT*

## **Final Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Florida Defense Support Task Force**

### **Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #59 on Thursday, November 16, 2017**

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting at the Holiday Inn Orlando East – UCF Area at 09:00 AM Eastern Time – 10:50 AM Eastern Time. For Agenda: See Page 2

#### **Task Force Members Present:**

Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman  
Brig Gen Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret)  
Lt Col William Dudley, USAF, (Ret)  
ADM Mark Fitzgerald, USN, (Ret)  
Amy Gowder, Vice President, Lockheed Martin Rotary and Missions Systems Company  
Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Highlands County

#### **Task Force Members on the Phone:**

Representative Clay Ingram  
Representative Holly Raschein

#### **Task Force Members Absent:**

Senator Doug Broxson, Chairman  
MG Mike Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida  
CW5 Derrick Fritts, USA  
Maj Gen Richard Haddad, USAF, (Ret)  
Representative Jay Trumbull

#### **Speakers Present:**

Lt Gen Tom Baptiste (Ret.), National Center for Simulation  
LTG David Huntoon, The Principi Group (TPG)  
Lt Gen Glenn Spears, The Spectrum Group  
Kellie Jo Kilberg, Florida Defense Alliance  
Matt Schwalb, Matrix Design  
Major Jason Hunt, USA  
Sri Sridharan, University of South Florida  
Dr. Nathan Fisk, University of South Florida  
Dr. Mike Macedonia, University of Central Florida  
Dr. Eman El Shiekh, University of West Florida  
Tim Jones, Cybrix Group  
Liz Bledsoe, PEO STRI

#### **Others Present:**

Jim Breitenfeld, TPG  
George Cheros, National Center for Simulation  
Ryan Butler, DEO  
Julie Dennis, DEO  
Col Bob Black, USAF, (Ret)  
Debi Graham, Pensacola Chamber of Commerce  
Steve Williamson, South Florida Defense Alliance  
Rob Palumbo, South Florida Defense Alliance  
VADM (Ret.) Gerry Howeing, University of West Florida  
Dave Moreno, 46<sup>th</sup> Test Squadron, Eglin AFB

Bill L'Hommebieu, 46<sup>th</sup> Test Squadron, Eglin AFB  
Steve Kaufman, SJKPR  
Niels Andersen, VetCV  
Cassie Muffley, NSA Orlando  
Joe Mayer, Lockheed Martin  
Dan Balash, FLETC  
Col. Dan Edgar, Avon Park Air Force Range  
Katie Hogan, EFI  
Debi Graham, Pensacola COC  
Tim Hill, NAWCTSD  
Ed Schons, UCF Corridor  
LtCol Angela Waters, 39th Information Operations Squadron  
Amy Phillips, Department of Environmental Protection

**Staff Present:**

Bruce Grant, Vice President, Military & Defense, EFI  
Terry McCaffrey, Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF)  
Marcy Muldrow Sanders, Grants Manager, FDSTF  
Michelle Griggs, Administrative Assistant, EFI





**Florida Defense Support Task Force -- Meeting #59**  
**Holiday Inn Orlando East – UCF Area, 1724 N. Alafaya Trail,**  
**Orlando, FL 32826**  
**AGENDA for November 16, 2017 (As of: Nov 7, 2017)**

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- 0900 – 0910 Welcome, Guest Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance..... Chairman **(I)**
  - 0910 – 0930 Welcome from Team Orlando..... Lt Gen (ret) Tom Baptiste **(I)**
  - 0930 – 0940 Old Business..... Chairman **(A) / (I)**
    - Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
    - TF Grants and Contracts Status Marcy Sanders **(I)**
    - Draft Task Force Logo Options Terry McCaffrey **(D / A)**
  - 0940 – 1045 New Business..... Chairman **(I)**
    - TF Member Reports LTG (ret) David Huntoon **(I)**
    - Update from The Principi Group Kellie Jo Kilberg **(I)**
    - Florida Defense Alliance Matt Schwalb **(I / D / A)**
    - 2017 Economic Impact Study Presentation Bruce Grant **(I / D)**
    - Military and Defense Update
  - 1045 – 1050 Public Comment and Adjourn..... Chairman
  - 1100 – 1200 Florida Cybersecurity Workshop – Moderator: Terry McCaffrey
    - Cybersecurity Panel – FL Academic Centers USF/UCF/UWF **(I / D)**
    - Cybersecurity Industry Cybrix Group, Inc. **(I / D)**
    - DoD Cyber Training PEO STRI **(I / D)**
  - 1200 – 1230 Travel to Lockheed Martin – Orlando
  - 1230 – 1500 Lunch / Tour at Lockheed Martin Innovation Demonstration Center (IDC)
- Reminder – Meeting Dates: December 2017 **NO MEETING**      January 18, 2018 Tallahassee, FL  
 February 15, 2018 Conf Call/Webex      March 22, 2018 NAS Jacksonville, FL  
 April 19, 2018 Conf Call/Webex      May 17, 2018 Tallahassee, FL  
 June 2018 **NO MEETING**      July 19, 2018 Homestead, FL  
 August 16, 2018 Conf Call/Webex      September 20, 2018 Ft Walton Beach, FL  
 October 18, 2018 Conf Call/Webex      November 15, 2018 Cocoa Beach, FL  
 December 2018 **NO MEETING**

**Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer**, began the meeting at 09:00 AM Eastern Time.

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome, Guest Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance

**Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer** welcomed attendees and guests. He thanked the Orlando Defense Community for their hospitality and for organizing last night's dinner. He asked guests in the audience and on the phone to introduce themselves. He asked Major Jason Hunt to lead the TF and audience in the pledge of allegiance and reminded the Task Force the meeting is governed by Sunshine Law.

II. Agenda Item II: Welcome from Local Defense Community

**Lt Gen (ret) Tom Baptiste, President & CEO of the National Center for Simulation**, welcomed the TF and guests to Orlando. He showed a short video outlining the modeling and simulation industry in Orlando. He talked about how the National Center for Simulation led the formation of the Metro Orlando Defense Task Force (MODTF) in 2012 with a mission to mitigate the risk of BRAC to NSA Orlando & Team Orlando Non-Navy Tenant Organizations. Community Stakeholders joined forces to promote, protect and set the conditions to grow the MS&T Industry in Florida. Stakeholders identified a target financial contribution to help fund local BRAC mitigation efforts. Team Orlando tenant organization's reliance on 200,000 square feet of rented office space due to base overcrowding is a critical BRAC vulnerability identified in the 2012 FDSTF SWOT Analysis and MODTF initiatives are targeted to eliminate this vulnerability.

MODTF Successes over the past 5 years include \$42 million in state appropriations to expand the Partnership complex; Partnership IVa (former SAIC building) acquired in Feb 2016 (84,000 sq. ft.); Partnership IVb (Resource Square II) closed on 31 Oct 2017 (123,000 sq. ft.); Once Team Orlando moves are complete, their cost of occupancy will be reduced by 80% and save America \$4 million annually in rent. This 5 year effort will likely mitigate any risk of adverse Team Orlando realignments in a future round of BRAC

Future priorities and opportunities include leveraging the State's investment in Partnership IVa & IVb to better support Team Orlando expanding missions such as completing the relocation of Team Orlando Tenants to P IVa & P IVb, transforming P IVa high bay space into an Advanced R&D/Rapid Prototyping Facility/Laboratory and transforming P IVb from the 4<sup>th</sup> floor into a secure compartmented information facility (SCIF) to support growing cyber training mission & other classified programs.

III. Agenda Item III: Old Business

*Approval of the Minutes*

*A quorum being present, Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer asked of any corrections be made to the October 19, 2017 minutes. Noting none, a motion was made by Admiral Mark Fitzgerald, seconded by Ms. Amy Gowder, all are in favor and the October 19, 2017 meeting minutes were approved.*

*Task Force Grants & Contracts Status*

**Marcy Sanders** reported on DTF Grant 14-05, Economic Development Alliance of Bay County, as they continue to work with Bay County toward next steps in their grant application for RESTORE funds, which as this time has not been received. They have requested an extension to receive these funds to continue this project. *A quorum being present, Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer asked for a motion to extend DTF Grant 14-05 to June 30, 2018. A motion was made by Admiral Mark Fitzgerald, seconded by Commissioner Barbara Stewart.*

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** is concerned that if the RESTORE funds are not received and materials are already purchased that there be a secondary source of funding so those materials are not put aside and become obsolete in the time taken to secure additional funding.

**Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer** replied that they may need to secure a secondary source of funding maybe through the county or elsewhere, to secure the additional \$1 million of funding, and with the six-month extension they will have time to so.

*After discussion, all are in favor and the extension approved.*

**Marcy Sanders** noted that DTF Grant 15-09, Career Source Gulf Coast, has been completed and came in \$99,528.92 under budget.

She reported that the contracts for this fiscal year have all been awarded and all are progressing. She noted that at this point the TF has contracted 47 total grants (thirteen remain open) and have awarded over \$10 million in projects to support the military and defense communities in the State of Florida.

**Admiral Mark Fitzgerald** asked if the two projects on-going in the Keys were affected by Hurricane Irma.

**Marcy Sanders** assured him they were not and are progressing.

#### *Draft Task Force Logo Options*

**Terry McCaffrey** presented some ideas for a TF logo created by the EFI graphic designer at no cost. If the TF likes a specific option, staff can move forward and develop it or we can go another direction and hire a professional designer to present other options.

After discussion the TF decided on option #2.

*A quorum being present, Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer asked for a motion to approve TF logo option #2. Admiral Mark Fitzgerald made a motion that TF logo option #2 be approved, seconded by Commissioner Barbara Stewart, all are in favor and TF logo option #2 was approved.*

#### IV. Agenda Item IV: New Business

##### *Task Force Member Reports*

**Brig Gen Chip Diehl** reported that eight more tankers are coming to MacDill AFB for a total of 24. Recently the second squadron, the 50<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Squadron was officially stood up, coming from Little Rock AFB where it was a C-130 Squadron and the first planes will be arriving the first of the year. Recently the National Convention for the Airlift Tanker Association was held in Orlando and the Tampa Bay Trophy was given out for the third time to an individual who has given decades of support to an installation.

**Lt Col William Dudley** mentioned the devastation done by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. The servicemembers of the U.S. Coast Guard which were stationed there at that time had to resort to opening MREs to eat and get their water sources from rain barrels in order to survive. He received an email at 7:30 AM on a Wednesday morning and by 1:30 PM that following Thursday afternoon, via the outreach by the Navy League of Northeast Florida, they had pulled together three SUV-loads of food and had it delivered to the HITRON Squadron with \$1,430 in checks to buy additional food. It was all then taken to Clearwater and loaded on a C-130 and delivered on Saturday to the men and women of the Coast Guard stationed in Puerto Rico.

**Representative Holly Raschein** reported that last month she met with representatives from SOCSOUTH and was briefed on their responsibilities and heard about their needs. They brought up current Legislative issues such as rent deposits and tolls for active duty members. They were glad to see that the Urban Development Boundary Line remains unchanged. Some issues we can help with pertain to when families relocate and arrive mid-year, they tend to have issues with enrolling their kids in public, charter or magnet schools and we need to improve on that issue as a state. She is working with the Representative Mike Bileca, the Chairman of the House Education Committee to get some clarification or see if some tweaks are needed in the statute.

She also recently met with the Base Commander at Homestead Air Reserve Base and who advised that their Military Affairs Committee (MAC) is trying to be more engaged with the community. On December 2<sup>nd</sup> they are hosting in one of their hangars, a community event and fundraiser for their MAC.

**Representative Clay Ingram** updated that he is closer to filing the bill that would encompass most of the Legislative priorities. He has been working with Representative Raschein and Representative Trumbull and will keep everyone updated once they have a tangible product to present.

**Ms. Amy Gowder** reported that she would be attending the Interservice/Industry Training Simulation and Education Conference (I/ITSEC) in Orlando the week of November 27th. This is the largest conference of its kind and attracts about 20,000 attendees and will give Orlando an opportunity to showcase their presence and capabilities in the modeling and capabilities in the industry.

SpaceX's recent launch was scrubbed and should be rescheduled again soon carrying an undisclosed payload.

They're closely watching the National Defense, as space is staying under the Air Force and is getting a lot of support as that industry continues to grow.

Regarding the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy received some important language added that encourages small business and enables procurement assistance to small businesses throughout the lifecycle of small business innovation, research and technology transfer programs. This was done intentionally to engage small business in modeling and simulation.

Lockheed Martin is bringing 300 more jobs to the space industry as are Harris Corporation and Northrop Grumman. Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control in Orlando is breaking ground on another building which will add more engineering jobs.

**Major Jason Hunt for MG Mike Calhoun** reported that since the last meeting on October 19th, The Florida National Guard (FLNG) continues to support our state and nation.

The FLNG are supporting the Puerto Rico relief effort in several areas. The Florida Air National Guard has provided a Disaster Relief Bed-down System (DRBS) team (consisting of 18 personnel). The 125th Logistics Readiness Squadron provided personnel to conduct Refueling Operations (2 personnel). The Florida Army National Guard's 146th Signal Battalion will provide several personnel for communications support this week. Other capabilities they are staffing for deployment are a Disaster Relief Mobile Kitchen Trailer with 10 personnel and a Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Unit with 6 personnel. Major General Calhoun accompanied Governor Scott on September 28th and November 3rd to Puerto Rico to assess their requirements and to offer assistance where possible.

Since the landfall of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria, the Council of Governors has shifted its focus to identify where the federal government and states can work toward better response and recovery efforts. There are a series of working group meetings that will lead up to the plenary meeting on 23 February in Washington D.C. Due to the successes in Florida, we have been asked to share our observations, best practices and concerns with our response efforts for Irma and Maria. Our message is the Dual Status Commander concept is effective; Emergency Mutual Assistance Compact continues to be a great tool for emergency responses; and dynamic planning, coordination, and training contributed to our success. Other issues the council is seeking to address are utilizing federal funding for National Guard response, streamlining the FEMA reimbursement process and Resource adjudication

Their next major deployment is in January with over 100 members of the 3-116th FA. The next Governor's Base Commanders Meeting will be on January 25, 2018 at NSA Orlando.

**Admiral Mark Fitzgerald** discussed briefly the recent naval air shows earlier this month in Jacksonville and Pensacola. NAS Pensacola has commissioned a base security study by an independent contractor to address the entrance issues. The final report should be available by January to see what needs to be done to solve these issues and understand much money will be needed to correct this issue.

Jacksonville is hosting the Enterprise Florida Board on November 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, which will focus on defense. **Bruce Grant** will talk about the issues of persevering bases and ranges and the military-friendly side including people, transportation and energy. **Admiral Mark Fitzgerald** will talk about upgrading military and support

infrastructure, developing a 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce and optimizing military forestructure. He'll also discuss the TF's successes in Key West and NAS Whiting Field and the protection of the Key West and Eglin ranges from offshore drilling and the issues that are threatening them.

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** reported that this week the Avon Park Air Force Range is hosting the first of the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Battalion who is conducting a nighttime airfield seizure exercise.

Later this month as part of the range's continuing outreach effort, Congressman Darren Soto, who represents Polk and Osceola counties, will be touring the range

The Central Florida Regional Planning Council has been awarded a Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant from DEO for work on the Avon Park Air Force Range Sentinel Landscape Project, Four tasks will be performed: 1 – The development of a comprehensive geographic information system and database of lands within the Sentinel Landscape area; 2 – The development of a priority action plan for Sentinel Landscape; 3 – The development of a multi-agency model conservation easement agreement; 4 – The development of a guide to conservations easements for private property owners. Many of these can be utilized by other Sentinel Landscape areas when they are designated and the model conservation easement agreement can be used statewide. The guide for private property owners can be used around the state.

Finally, thanks to Colonel Dan Edgar, Commander at Avon Park Air Force Range, the Range now has a Facebook page.

*Update from The Principi Group*

**LTG David Huntoon** thanked **Kellie Jo Kilberg** for inviting him to speak at yesterday's FDA meeting and thanked the FDA for all they do to keep Florida as the most military-friendly state. He also thanked **Lieutenant General Tom Baptiste** for allowing him to visit the National Center for Simulation.

He spoke about the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) which allows the Federal Government to set the number to be spent on defense. Two days ago the House of Representatives voted 356 to 70 to support the current NDAA, set at \$626 billion in funding between the House and Senate with another \$66 billion of OCO (Overseas Contingency Operations) which is not subject to the Budget Control Act. Next is the floor vote by the Senate which will allow the NDAA to move to the White House, First, though, a waiver is needed from the U.S. Congress for the number set of \$549 billion (the Budget Control Act (BCA) cap) or sequestration ensues. This is likely to happen as we're still faced with this issue of BCA is not only about a waiver to an NDAA it is a much larger obstacle which has led over the past several years to the series of continuing resolutions (CR), as is in place right now. This current CR is due to expire on December 8, 2017 and given the current flow of legislative processes in Washington it is most likely that another CR will be passed the first week of December.

The impact of another CR is harmful to the readiness and modernization efforts of the U.S. Armed Forces. It means no new starts so each year refunds for all those modernization programs, which have been in place for a number of years, are simply renewed. Look at the House Armed Services Committee's (HASC) summary of this year's NDAA as it's interesting for a number of reasons. It lays out specific weapons systems and increased authorizations for personnel across the armed services but gives a sense of the beginning of the national military strategy in terms of funds provided, but also makes some blunt comments about the issue of the CR. The NDAA is described by the HASC as "eight years of constrained budgets and consistent high operational tempo has forced the military's services to defer buying more modern and capable equipment instead of relying on repairing existing equipment. Today much of that equipment can no longer be safely repaired or the cost of doing so is higher than bringing more modern platforms into service." It continues in the direction of the NDAA remedying that problem.

To summarize some changes from the President's budget and the direction of the Department of Defense, the new NDAA authorizes 90 Lockheed Martin F-35 Joint Strike Fighters (compared to the 70 in the President's requested budget) and 24 Boeing F/A-18 Super Hornets which is an increase of 10. It also authorizes 14 new ships to be built for \$26 billion, which is five more than the Administration has requested. The conference committee sided with the House of Representatives proposal to spend \$1.5 billion on three Littoral Combat Ships and all the services would see boosts in current troop numbers. The Army would receive 7,500 more

active duty soldiers, as well as 500 in the National Guard and 500 in the Reserves. The Air Force will see an increase of 5,800 airmen in active duty; the Navy would receive 5,000 more sailors and the Marine Corp would receive 1,000 additional marines.

He reported that Lucian Niemeyer, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment, has been a vociferous advocate for the idea of taking a logical and rational approach to BRAC. His approach is simple, typically the National Military Strategy is one that is not followed by budget but reversed, to establish a National Military Strategy and then fund it. Secretary Niemeyer's comments at the most recent ADC Convention in Washington, DC a few weeks ago express that not only should the budget follow when the strategy is created but the idea of a BRAC must be connected to the National Military Strategy.

Where is that National Military Strategy? The doctrine of the nation requires that the first year of any administration that the National Security Strategy crafted at the National Security Council (NSC) should be closed out and they believe the NSC is moving in that direction. Examples can be seen in the HASC review of the NDAA as the manner of which funding is directed the major elements of an evolving National Military Strategy.

Secretary Niemeyer also believes that the leadership within the Department of Defense (DoD) will remain in place and will be added to over the next year. Confirmed positions are approximately 20% filled and it's likely that Secretary of Defense Mattis will remain in place as BRAC is spoken about next year. DoD this year, more so than in the past, has moved very strongly in the direction of the necessity for BRAC. Secretary Mattis spoke of a 19% excess capacity across the armed services varied by branch of service. Senators Reed and McCain, in an attempt to get BRAC moving forward, devised a plan that Secretary Niemeyer is looking at suggesting that BRAC not take its traditional approach but to have each of the service secretaries identify the specific bases that would be affected by closure or realignment and provide that information directly to the U.S. Congress for an up or down vote.

Secretary Anthony Principi reinforced TPG's support for the TF's suggestion to participate in weekly/monthly phone calls with the Florida Delegation, particularly those who are in support of their military installations.

Finally, the next step for re-SWOT is to take the many of recommendations pertaining to each base report and help support the TF's approach to the next version of the Strategic Plan.

#### *Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Update*

**Ms. Kellie Jo Kilberg**, Chair of the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA), reported that the FDA has moved beyond BRAC-proof and is looking at how the role Florida plays in the Military and Defense strategy. What are our assets and how do we enhance those assets to promote recruiting and maintain missions and installations? What does the installation of the future look like? How do we ensure a smarter energy resilient future? How do we ensure our communications network and how do we build a cyber network? This was much of the discussion from yesterday's FDA meeting.

She spoke about the Family Support and Mission Sustainment Working Groups. The Mission Sustainment Working Group is working on energy resiliency issues, communication infrastructure and local partners continue to work on encroachment issues. The Family Support Working Group discussed the new grant received to assist the spouses of retired military veterans with job placement.

She reiterated that the FDA is all about partnerships, collaborations and synergy and thanked the TF for their support on Legislative issues, noting Florida Forever, which was zeroed out during last year's session, but this year is shows up in every budget ranging from \$50 million to \$100 million. This program is a great tool to use to match the REPI program.

The Enterprise Florida board meeting in Jacksonville is at the end of November and the FDA will be represented there both days and will use this opportunity to tell the compelling stories and reiterate the importance of these partnerships.

Finally, she spoke about the success story at Homestead Air Reserve Base as there was a serious encroachment issue and working through partnerships and letters written, we were able to stop the developer from moving forward with the encroachment project. FDA is all about partnerships and all of us working together to make sure we're doing all we can to protect our military bases. **Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer** also added his thanks to Representative Holly Raschein for her letters of support, as well.

#### *Washington Office Update*

**John Patrick Walsh** reported that the Washington Office, in coordination with the Florida National Guard, has been working with the Council of Governors on which Governor Scott now sits. He attended a meeting last week with Major Jason Hunt during which council members and Federal partners were updated on the successes that Florida had during recent hurricane recovery and response efforts.

He also spoke about the NDAA and discussion in Congress regarding the Use of Force Authorization. For the first time in about 10 years, the members of both parties are beginning to discuss this authorization. Both sides are asking questions about the Administration and DoD about how they're using U.S. servicemembers around the world.

He thanked Congressman Matt Gaetz and Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy for additions in the NDAA, \$30 million for test ranges and Florida is looking forward to seeing results from the small business initiative.

#### *2017 Economic Impact Study Presentation*

**Matt Schwalb**, Matrix Design Group, presented their 2017 Economic Impact Study. First he spoke about national trends in defense spending and defense spending as a share of the federal budget and gross domestic product as reported from the DoD. Federal spending peaked at approximately 90% around WWII, declined as the war ended and then picked up again during the Korean and Vietnam wars. Today it's around 15-16% and is projected to jump to 16.5% in 2018.

Actual defense outlays as reported by DoD shows from WWII onward has increased exponentially with significant increases in actual defense spending. This spending peaked in 2011 with the Budget Control Act and has been on a decline since then. 2018 is forecasted to see a slight uptick.

The impacts of defense spending on the Florida economy is based on three components: the Florida military, the National Guard and the Coast Guard. Within those components there are three different spending types: the Installation footprint, private sector procurement and transfer payments. The transfer payment expenditures come for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to support the veterans who reside in the state and include military retiree pensions.

Defense spending in Florida over the last three years by those components shows that there has been a 36.5% increase in procurement spending since 2014, which equals almost \$4 billion dollars in private sector contracts. Salaries for active duty personnel to include the National Guard, reserves and civilians is down slightly about 2.5%. Transfer payments are up about 7.5%.

Defense procurement contracts by industries in Florida from 2001 to 2016 is shown broken down by industry: construction, manufacturing, professional/scientific/technical and other (janitorial, office products, utilities, etc.). This shows that since 2014, 70% growth in manufacturing in 2016.

In 2016, the overall economic impact is \$84.9 billion which is up about 6.5% from 2014. Of that \$84.9 billion, 56% of that is installation footprint, 22% is procurement and transfer payments. Roughly 92% of all economic impacts were driven by Federal military money. This includes employment for 801,747 people.

Defense impacts by region in the state of Florida are shown greatest to least.

Northwest Region	Economic Impact of \$21.7 billion and 178,827 jobs
East Central Region	Economic Impact of \$17.3 billion and 165,635 jobs
Tampa Bay Region	Economic Impact of \$17.1 billion and 163,218 jobs

Northeast Region	Economic Impact of \$12.8 billion and 119,778 jobs
Southeast Region	Economic Impact of \$12.5 billion and 128,264 jobs
Southwest Region	Economic Impact of \$1.9 billion and 23,627 jobs
North Central Region	Economic Impact of \$1.4 billion and 19,075 jobs
South Central Region	Economic Impact of \$0.2 billion and 3,323 jobs

Veterans and military retirees are important to Florida's economy. They provide leadership and fill jobs in the private sector. All but one of Florida's regions exceed the national concentration of veterans and military retirees living in those communities with the Northwest Region having the highest concentration and the Southeast Region having the lowest.

In summary, the defense industry's total economic impact is \$85 billion in 2016 and has grown by 6.5% since 2014. It accounts for 9.2% of Florida's economy and defense manufacturing and transfer payments are the drivers of this growth.

Florida's veteran and military retiree populations account for 22%, \$19 billion of total economic impacts and are more highly concentrated in Florida than the nation (20% veteran and 50% military retirees). They are significant contributors to the state's economy.

**Admiral Mark Fitzgerald** asked how this material can be distributed to those who will benefit from its information such as our Congressional Delegation in Washington, DC and Enterprise Florida.

**Bruce Grant** replied that Governor Scott will announce the increased numbers from this study at the Enterprise Florida Board meeting at the end of November. He asked the TF members not to publicize this information until it's been announced by the Governor. The printed Fact Book will be out by the end of this year for distribution to the CODEL and others.

#### *Military & Defense Update*

**Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer**, advised the TF that the Military and Defense Update normally given at this time would be sent out to everyone via email, in the interest of saving some time.

V. Agenda Item V: Public Comment

No guests wished to make a public comment.

**Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer**, advised a 10-minute break before the Cybersecurity Workshop begins at 11:00 AM EST.

At 11:00 AM EST an informational Cybersecurity Workshop was held.

*The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM EST*