

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #60 on Thursday, January 18, 2018

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting at the Residence Inn Marriott at 09:00 AM EST – 10:57 AM EST. 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)
Maj Gen Richard Haddad, USAF, (Ret)
Representative Holly Raschein
Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Highlands County

Task Force Members on the Phone:

Amy Gowder, Vice President, Lockheed Martin Rotary and Missions Systems Company

Task Force Members Absent:

Lt Col William Dudley, USAF, (Ret)
ADM Mark Fitzgerald, USN, (Ret)
CW5 Derrick Fritts, USA
Representative Clay Ingram
Representative Jay Trumbull

Speakers Present:

Bobby Carbonell, Veterans Florida
Secretary Anthony Principi, The Principi Group (TPG) (Phone)
LTG David Huntoon, TPG
Kellie Jo Kilberg, Florida Defense Alliance
Steve Murray, FDVA
Jim Woods, FDOT

Others Present:

Jim Breitenfeld, TPG
Ryan Butler, DEO (Phone)
Ryan Feist, DEO
Col Bob Black, USAF, (Ret)
Major Jason Hunt, USA, FLNG
Captain Justin Phillips, USA, FLNG
Steve Williamson, South Florida Defense Alliance
David Clark, FDEP
Callie DeHaven, FDEP
Teresa Williams-Elam, Senator Audrey Gibson's Office
Mary Louise Hester, Senator Bill Nelson's Office
Jim Sampey, Veterans Florida
Rep. Scott Plakon, Florida House of Representatives
Craig Deatherage, Congressman Neal Dunn's Office
Mark Oglesby, Department of Military Affairs
Alex Kerr, Department of Military Affairs

Kelly Layman, Private Citizen (Phone)

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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AGENDA for January 18, 2018 (As of: January 2, 2018)

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KEY:
(I) = Information
(D) = Discussion
(A) = Action

- 0900 – 0910 Welcome, Guest Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance..... Chairman **(I)**
- 0910 – 0925 Old Business..... Chairman **(A) / (I)**
- Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
 - TF Grants and Contracts Status Marcy Sanders **(I)**
 - Budget update Marcy Sanders **(I)**
- 0925 – 1045 New Business..... Chairman **(I)**
- Veterans Florida Update Bobby Carbonell **(I)**
 - TF Member Reports
 - Update from The Principi Group Secretary Tony Principi **(I)**
 - Washington Office Update John Patrick Walsh **(I)**
 - Florida Defense Alliance Update Kellie Jo Kilberg **(I)**
 - FDVA Update Steve Murray **(I)**
 - FDOT Update Jim Woods **(I)**
 - 2017 Task Force Annual Report Terry McCaffrey **(D) / (A)**
 - Mil & Def Update Bruce Grant **(I)**
- 1045 – 1100 Public Comment..... Chairman
- 1100 – 1200 CLOSED SESSION..... Chairman
- Reminder – Meeting Dates: 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**

Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson, began the meeting at 09:00 AM EST.

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

Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson welcomed attendees and guests. He is looking forward to continuing the good work of the Task Force in 2018. He thanked Veterans Florida for attending the dinner last night and praised them and the FDVA for their good work on behalf of Florida's veterans. He recorded his YES vote for the TF Annual Report and then turned the meeting over to **Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer**. He asked guests in the audience and on the phone to introduce themselves. He led 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: Old Business

Approval of the Minutes

A quorum being present, Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer asked of any corrections be made to the November 16, 2017 minutes. Noting none, a motion was made by Brig Gen Chip Diehl, seconded by Commissioner Barbara Stewart, all are in favor and the November 15, 2017 meeting minutes were approved.

Task Force Grants & Contracts Status

Marcy Sanders reported on DTF Grant 14-05, Economic Development Alliance of Bay County, has had their contract extended to June 30, 2018. They are making progress and should be able to finish the project by this extended deadline.

DTF 15-11, City of Key West – Road Access via Truman Waterfront Park and DTF 16-137, City of Key West - Truman Annex Sewall Refurbishment, all funds have been distributed for both grants and both should be closed out in the near future.

DTF 16-139, National Math and Science Initiative – College Readiness Program for Military Families, has been completed as of November 30, 2017. They have forfeited \$120,396.36 and will be closed pending the final payment.

DTF 16-154, Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce – Naval Air Station Pensacola Directional Signage, has had their request to extend their contract date approved. The new end date is May 30, 2018.

DTF 17-176, InDyne, Inc. – Management Plan for Remotely Operated Instrument Site in Carrabelle, FL, is making good progress and look to be on schedule to close out in July 2018.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart asked about the amount forfeited on this grant as it was only originally for \$175,000. Also, if they failed to achieve their original goal, shy were they allowed to continue and keep the original funds?

Marcy Sanders noted that communication with the National Math and Science Initiative has been lackluster but when last she spoke with them they advised they were waiting on ACT scores from the kids, then distribute reimbursements. They also noted they did not have as high a participation rate as was anticipated. She added that communication with the grantee was scarce and they were not very engaged. She offered to extend the grant for an additional year to enable them to reach more children, but never heard back and the grant was closed.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart suggested that, in the future, grantees be held to accomplish the goals in which they set in order to receive full funding.

Budget Update

Marcy Sanders discussed the TF Budget as of December 31, 2017. Last year the full \$2 Million was encumbered. There were some changes as of December 31st as \$70,160.00 is unencumbered under Programs. Unencumbered under Administrative is \$40,000.00 totaling \$110,160.00 unencumbered. This money is available to the TF to apply to Programs.

III. Agenda Item III: New Business

Veterans Florida Update

Bobby Carbonell, the Executive Director of Veterans Florida, presented to the TF. Veterans Florida's mission is to attract and retain veterans and their families by connecting them to employment, training and educational opportunities; strengthening Florida businesses by educating them on the value and skill sets veterans bring to the workforce and providing training resources for their veteran hires; and enhancing the entrepreneurial skills of veterans. They accomplish these goals with a comprehensive, nationwide marketing campaign, based on robust market research; world-class technology partners which allow Veterans Florida to connect veterans and their families with employment, education and entrepreneurship resources through State-funded grant programs such as the Veterans Florida Business Training Grant and the Veterans Florida Entrepreneurship Program.

The Veterans Florida Business Training Grant reimburses eligible Florida businesses for 50% of training costs for each veteran hired up to a maximum of \$8,000 for each new employee. Currently 28 companies have hired 255 veterans and have been reimbursed \$887,233.76.

Through Veterans Florida Career Services, employers submit job openings to post on the Career Portal on the Veterans Florida website. Veterans Florida provides recruiting, screening and promotional assistance using their database of veterans' resumes to supplement the company's existing recruiting methods. Veterans search for employment opportunities from Veterans Florida's approved job listing.

Veterans Florida Entrepreneurship Program is served through a network of Florida colleges and universities statewide using shared curriculum and performance metrics, allows for geographic distribution of resources. It offers a lean startup based curriculum including self-paced online programs launching January 2018, short workshops held throughout Fall 2017, advanced classes featuring 60 hours of education with face-to-face instruction held after hours and on weekends and paired with mentors from local businesses. This program is offered at NO COST to veterans.

Brig Gen Chip Diehl asked what assistance the TF can give to Veterans Florida with any pending legislation or any other issues.

Bobby Carbonell replied that as they try to keep the transitioning servicemembers in Florida and are working with the state's bases, Veterans Florida would look to the TF for help connecting with the base leaders.

2017 Task Force Annual Report

Terry McCaffrey discussed the 2017 Annual Report which was previously sent out to all TF members, who provided feedback and changes were made based on those comments. The final report is due on February 1, 2018 as it will be delivered to Governor Scott, Senate President Negron and House Speaker Corcoran.

A quorum being present, Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer asked for a motion to be made to approve the 2017 Task Force Annual Report. A motion was made by Representative Holly Raschein, seconded by Brig Gen Chip Diehl, all are in favor and the 2017 Task Force Annual Report was approved.

Task Force Member Reports

Representative Holly Raschein reported that she was happy to hear Governor Scott declare that Florida is the most military friendly state in the nation and that we will continue to support our military servicemen, women and veterans. She is the co-sponsor on all priority bills and is working with Representative Ingram, helping him move his bill through the process.

The Keys are still recovering from Hurricane Irma. NAS Key West is 100% back online. Now Monroe County is facing a housing crisis, but the base has been an incredible partner trying to come up with a solution as they have a large piece of land that can serve military servicemen and women, as well as DoD employees and local residents. They are currently working on agreement and moving forward on that issue.

She recently participated in their local Homestead MAC 50th Anniversary events in Homestead on January 5th.

She is continuing to work with Chairman Bileca in presenting a bill on the issues that their local servicemen and women are facing, such as entering military children into charter schools. They are working on solutions such as having 10% of their seats available for military children. To help these military children and families, school boards and principals all over the state need to be more educated on their situations as we need to do anything we can to help the military kids.

Brig Gen Chip Diehl reminded the TF of when they worked with Congressman Jolly to redo the priority list for schools on bases where military DoD will pay for school's construction. The DoD team is coming to MacDill to reevaluate Tinker School as the kids in the new middle school are in temporary facilities and there is a wait list for students to attend. We're keeping our fingers crossed in hopes that they rank high and DoD builds a middle school on MacDill AFB.

Tampa hero Scotty Neal is back from New York where he served as a main special operations consultant for the movie **12 Strong**, which opens in theaters this weekend. It's a great movie which everyone should see.

Ms. Amy Gowder reported on the Interservice/Industry Training Simulation and Education Conference (I/ITSEC) held in Orlando late November last year. This is the largest training and simulation conference in the world as over 16,000 people attended.

General Tom Baptiste has recently hosted an Industry Capability Day in partnership with Team Orlando. Modeling and Simulation companies came in and worked with Team Orlando to understand capabilities and market research. He also spoke at UCF to legislative scholars who will be serving in legislative offices during Florida's next session.

Patrick AFB is still in the running for the Battlefield Airmen Training Center, a pararescue operation, combat control and special operations weather training center. Eglin AFB and Hurlburt Field are also in the running. A decision was expected fall, but has not yet been made.

On the space coast, there were 19 launches in 2017 and 34-36 are expected in 2018.

Lockheed Martin's Missiles and Fire Control Division on the west side of Orlando is scheduled to have a groundbreaking event as they are building a new 6-story tower which will bring in more workforce. Between the space coast activities and locally in Orlando we continue to see more job growth.

MG Mike Calhoun reported that since the last meeting on November 16th, The Florida National Guard remains extremely busy supporting our state and nation. On December 22nd, they were notified that the Florida National Guard's 125th Fighter Wing was not selected to be the next home of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. The U.S. Air Force selected Truax Field Air National Guard Base in Wisconsin and Dannelly Field in Alabama as the host locations for the F-35s. While the final decision was not what they had hoped for, he is confident that the Air Force made a decision that supports their long term strategic direction and force structure requirements. He thanked the Task Force and the Principi Group for their advice and support throughout the selection process.

The Florida National Guard was selected to stand up an IN Battalion and a CAV Squadron to support a new Army National Guard Security Forces Assistance Brigade (SFAB) with an effective date of September 1, 2018. Each battalion will be comprised of 175 Soldiers with a focus to train, advise and assist allied and partner nations overseas, but they can serve also as a standing chain of command for rapidly expanding the Army as well. The Brigade will have a headquarters and 6 battalions. 5 other states will provide the rest of the force structure.

- Indiana: HQs
- Florida: Cav and IN BNs
- Georgia: IN BN
- Texas: FA BN
- Ohio: BEB
- Illinois: BSB

This month, approximately 120 Soldiers from the 3-116th FA BN and approximately 60 Soldiers from the 260th MI BN are deploying to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Spartan Shield.

Another reminder that the next Governor's Base Commanders Meeting will be on January 25th at Naval Support Activity Orlando.

Maj Gen Richard Haddad asked, regarding the F-35 decision, is there a plan on the Air Force's part as to what type of operational mission they'll keep in Jacksonville or is the National Guard coming up with options to propose on which the TF might be able to help?

MG Mike Calhoun replied there is still hope that additional F-35s will be purchased so eventually all states will have them. In the near term strategically they are looking at the life expectancy of the F-15. Together with the Air National Guard and Air Force they'll see what the future holds for the F-15 and plan of how to move forward. Until that point they expect the F-15 will be upgraded and will remain in Jacksonville. They are working on a plan which will involve the TF and The Principi Group to have support moving forward.

Mr. Tom Neubauer asked if he was aware of any other future strategic basing process for F-35 for the National Guard that might be anticipated in the next few years.

MG Mike Calhoun replied that is another part of what they will seek to find out. Moving forward he still thinks Florida is the best option and when they lay down more F-35s, Florida will still be competitive.

Maj Gen Richard Haddad discussed briefly the needs of Florida's veterans and asked how the TF can help to reign in all of the agencies and organizations not only locally, but also statewide, to help as our servicemembers are released from active duty to transition back to civilian life.

Some good news stories from the panhandle:

At Eglin AFB, the Air Force has brought in six F-35 aircraft to the 53rd Wing to conduct operational test and evaluation and another three have been assigned to the 96th Test Wing to conduct development test and evaluation. It's great to have these aircraft in a testing program to ensure that the test and evaluation program at Eglin AFB remains solid for the future.

More good news from the panhandle:

Regarding the InDyne grant in the panhandle, the whole point was for the TF to provide that seed money to incentivize the Air Force to continue, and it's done exactly that as the Air Force has contributed an additional \$200,000 for that cause.

Another good news story:

The Air Force has decided that the organic red air is difficult to have from within and they are contracting outside to bring red air into the Air Force. They are looking at 37,000 hours of flying time and placing planes at different places. They are considering placing 12 aircraft at Eglin AFB and 12 aircraft Tyndall.

At Hurlburt Field they are still working on the congestion issues on Highway 98. They are waiting on Red Horse to make an assessment on whether they will be able to construct a diversion road to facilitate the problem on Highway 98.

Regarding the TF meeting in September, the Air Force Association National Convention (AFA) is taking place that week, as well, so is there a way to move the TF meeting date that month?

Commissioner Barbara Stewart reported that next week the Avon Park Air Force Range is working two training deployments; The 163rd Fighter Squadron of the Indiana National Guard is scheduled to operate out of the DUC at MacDill AFB and the 107th Fighter Squadron of the Michigan Air National Guard operating out of Patrick AFB. Both units fly A-10s and both are preparing for overseas deployment. Also, the 93rd Fighter Squadron out of Homestead is preparing for an overseas deployment. The range will have four different JTAC squadrons on the ground supporting all three fighter squadrons.

Next month she will have some information on their conservation easement program.

Mr. Tom Neubauer welcomed Representative Scott Plakon to the TF meeting. Representative Plakon chairs the Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee.

After the last TF meeting in November, Secretary Heather Wilson selected Tyndall AFB as a preferred alternative for the Remotely Piloted Aircraft program Base Y, which will bring in about 1,603 personnel, 24 aircraft and \$250 million or more in MILCON construction money. It is anticipated that the EIS process will be completed within a year and the final decision will be made. The communities around Tyndall AFB are very excited as this will grow the base by about a third.

The Northwest Florida Defense Coalition for the past 15 years has had a fly-in and the next one is scheduled for February 5th through 7th. Each community will meet with Pentagon leadership and legislators and the community will bring in speakers for issues of concern in Northwest Florida including the range complex and installations.

He reminded the TF that the Association of Defense Contractors conference will be held in early February in San Diego, California. **Bruce Grant** and **Terry McCaffrey** will attend.

Update from The Principi Group

LTG David Huntoon briefly discussed the Continuing Resolution (CR) which funds the United States Government as it's due to expire tomorrow night, so either the budget moves forward or we will see another CR (the fourth CR in the past several months) which would expire on February 16, 2018.

Regarding the FY 2018 defense budget, in December the President signed the FY 2018 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) which is a policy document providing guidance and direction for the Department of Defense. This year, the Act authorized \$700 billion in defense spending for FY 2018; however Congress has yet to appropriate those funds. The President's defense budget is \$640 billion, \$50 billion above the 2011 Budget Control Act (BCA) cap. The BCA, when it's not complied with it, leads to sequestration which we are familiar with from the 2012/2013 iteration. The House Appropriation markup of the defense budget is an additional \$28 billion over the President's request and the Senate version is about \$16 billion. The difference between the House and the Senate is the House addition of the Military Restoration Fund, which is funding to replace and modernize equipment of the military services and defense agencies. Whatever the outcome in the next 24 hours, defense spending will be well above those caps put in place in previous years. The final passage of Defense Appropriations does not appear to be held up by any real funding debate about the armed services; rather, it is from domestic policy issues.

In December, the President released his administration's new National Security Strategy (NSS). The document was generally well-received articulating his view for a stronger military and uncharacteristically for the Federal government, especially in the first year of a new administration, this came in relatively early. Secretary of Defense Mattis is expected to release his accompanying National Defense Strategy on February 19th, and TPG will provide those unclassified versions of the document to the TF. .

The administration's priorities and focus shortly will be the Fiscal Year 2019 Presidential Budget Requests which is expected to be released around February 5th. Deputy Secretary of Defense Patrick Shanahan has stated that the full effect of the new strategy will not be seen until the President presents his Fiscal Year 2020 budget requests.

The FY 2018 NDAA is a very extensive bill which covers policy and authorizes the military departments from personnel strength to acquisition reform and several of the items are of a particular interest to the state of Florida. This includes the reform of the Department of Defense's Sighting Clearing House, the authorization of the construction of one polar class heavy icebreaker vessel, the authorization of the Sentinel Landscapes program. It speaks about requiring reports on contamination in drinking water across the armed services, which is of particular interest to our new Assistant Secretary of Defense for Installations and Energy Lucien Niemeyer, who will be speaking at the ADC event out at San Diego next month.

The NDAA also requires a report to Congress on investments in military training ranges which is of importance of the state of Florida. The President's budget request included over \$238 million for military construction in the state of Florida, which is an increase of over \$90 million from the FY 2017 budget request for Florida. In the FY 2018 defense bills there was a congressional addition of seven Air Force military construction projects over the President's request and two of those took place in the state of Florida. One was \$44 million towards the establishment of dormitories at Eglin Air Force Base and \$17 million at Tyndall for the establishment of that Fire Crash Rescue Station.

Regarding the offshore drilling issue, which had a dramatic and positive closure for the state of Florida, last week the administration announced it would open up both east and west coasts to future oil drilling opportunities. The response from both Governor Scott and across the congressional delegation made a tremendous difference that was capped by a visit to Florida by the Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke who stood next to Governor Scott and declared that Florida would maintain its current prohibition. TPG is committed to follow this very closely as we must continue to monitor the expiration of the current prohibition in 2022. It will be very important to continue to move that prohibition a couple of years down the road and is tremendously important when it comes to the central purpose of the Military Mission Line.

Regarding Base Realignment and Closures (BRAC), while not in the FY 2018 NDAA, a future base realignment and closure round authorization is not only still possible but Secretary Niemeyer expects it to be offered in the FY2019 budget request. Niemeyer is calling for Congress to authorize BRAC and has settled on what he describes as a better way to sell Congress on the wisdom of authorizing base closures given the excess capacity of all the services. Additional focus areas of Secretary Niemeyer include energy resiliency, the issue of contaminated water on military installations across the United States and improving military training ranges. Several reports which are required by this FY 2018 NDAA are expected to help in his efforts.

He noted some positive fore structure moves, notably at Tyndall AFB. TPG is continuing to work with the team at Tyndall AFB and the community with the advent of a new MQ-9 Reaper Wing. He mentioned the F-35 basing decision and noted that TPG will continue to study that decision. The first thing is to reinforce that there could not been a stronger effort on the part of the City of Jacksonville, the community and the installation to prepare for the competition. TPG intends to review the decisions so that we are best prepared for future restationing positions, will learn from this opportunity and be ready for the next moment.

He spoke briefly about hearings as the season has kicked off. The House Armed Services Committee (HASC) started just a few days ago with the DoD comptroller speaking about the first and historic plan to do a complete audit of the Department of Defense with expenditures, described by Comptroller of DoD David Norquist to exceed \$900 million for this effort. The audit itself will cost \$367 million in FY 2018 which covers fees for an independent set of public accounting firms at a \$181 million infrastructure to support the audits at \$186 million, and that will help fund the roughly 1,200 auditors who over the next year will be doing their work to support the 24 individual audits that are being done for the very first time of the Department of Defense and which makes up the overall effort. In addition, Comptroller Norquist estimated that the Defense Department will spend about \$551 million to fix the problems identified by the auditors bringing that total to that estimated \$918 million. Also noted that today the Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of Naval Operations are both preparing to testify

before the HASC on the subject of the surface warfare fleet which has been in the news in the past six months due to a series of unfortunate accidents.

Some positive notes: On the 12th of January Senator Nelson's office announced the selection of Tampa as the host for the 2019 DoD Warrior Games, an extraordinary event which focuses on the recovery and rehabilitation of our wounded warriors. It will be hosted by US Special Operations Command at MacDill. Naval Air Station Key West, along with a number of other Naval Air stations across the United States, just recently celebrated the 100th anniversary of United States Naval Aviation. Naval Air Station Whiting Field just won for the third or fourth year, the Commander-In-Chief's Installation Awards for Excellence.

Finally, TPG will be attending both at the ADC Conference in San Diego next month as well as the Northwest Counties' Fly-In on February 5th, 6th and 7th.

Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Update

Ms. Kellie Jo Kilberg, Chair of the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA), reported that coming up in February, the DoD will have their traveling team from the Building Healthy Military Communities' Task Force traveling the state. This is a seven-state, multi-year total force fitness assessment to better understand on-the-ground resources and how those resources are supporting our local communities. They'll be in Florida February 12th through February 16th.

In addition, CareerSource Okaloosa Walton received a grant from CareerSource Florida to assist spouses of retired veterans for career and job placement. Currently, seven CareerSource partners have staff set up to work with active military members' spouses and their families, but once they retire or become a veteran, spouses can no longer receive those services. Through this grant we're able to help them and there's opportunity to look at how, from a state perspective, we can expand that to the other six CareerSources.

The one thing that the FDA does is bring all of these partners together to look at who's doing what, when and where and help them with best practices, as well as to leverage and share resources. This is very important in the state that they look at how do we share and leverage resources that are out there whether it's state, local or federal money and how best they can use it?

FDA made a request to Base Commanders to have a survey done regarding energy resiliency. Because of what happened during the hurricane they know that there are many issues needing to be addressed to ensure that Florida's installations have essential services such as energy and communications needed when storms arrive.

At the next FDA meeting, they again will continue the energy discussion going forward and look at how the local communities can help installations with reducing costs and having the best innovative energy possible. They're also going to have a conversation with the city manager from Satellite Beach in Brevard County on rising waters and seas and what they're doing to address those issues as well as cyber space and cyber security.

FDA is a big supporter of Florida Forever funding and how that funding is leveraged. Currently in both the House and the Senate there is money being discussed. In the House its \$50 million and in the Senate its \$100 million. They're hoping that there will be money in Florida Forever. Florida has been the lead in the nation on conservation and how those funds are leveraged with federal funds for base buffering.

Back in the late 90s, the state of Florida had a liaison with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) who worked with military conservation management. It was because of that particular liaison that great strides were made and Florida became the leader in the nation. As they move forward and these funds are returning, it's important to have a liaison within DEP who is helping communities work those issues.

Finally, following on the discussion on the banning of oil drilling in the Gulf, FDA is not going to stop working as they need to do everything possible to get the extension for banning drilling in the Gulf. They are looking at more than just a five-year extension, possibly a 10 to 20 year extension. There needs to be a longer extension to ensure everything possible is being done in defense of this nation.

FDVA Update

Steve Murray, Florida Department of Veterans Affairs (FDVA) presented that FDVA is a cabinet agency created by a constitutional amendment in November of 1988 and was stood up on July 1, 1989. They are the premier point of entry for Florida veterans to help connect them with their services, benefits and support. They partner with other states and territories around the country with an organization called NASDVA, the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs. This is the national organization of partners with the US Department of Veterans Affairs to make sure that they are on top of veterans' issues throughout the state and to make sure that the Federal VA understands what's happening in our states and territories.

FDVA has two primary roles to help our veterans. They have a network of state veteran homes throughout Florida and they also have a division of benefits and assistance to help connect those veterans and their family members with their earned benefits and services.

They are due to break ground on a new 120-bed State Veterans Nursing Home in Port St. Lucie in early April and in the current legislation, they have four positions they are advertising that they hope to hire in late 2018 and early 2019: a home administrator, a director of nursing, a maintenance supervisor and a human resources director. Also, in Orlando a former VA nursing home in the Lake Baldwin Campus will be transferred in the near future from the Federal VA to the State.

To help connect veterans and their families with their earned benefits and services, FDVA has about a hundred veteran's claims examiners located throughout the state. Primarily they are located at VA medical centers and VA outpatient clinics.

They're also partnered by a network of County Veterans Service Officers in all 67 counties. These are county employees trained by the FDVA and accredit annually in the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs.

In the 2018 legislative session there are number of things that the FDVA is seeking, capital improvement being the top priority. This is the physical infrastructure for the network of state veteran homes, many of which date back to the 1990s and all need to be updated with repairs, updated technology and the replacement of medical and non-medical equipment.

They are tracking more than 60 pieces of veteran-related legislation in the House and Senate. They have created a new legislative tracking page on the FDVA website. One piece of legislation they are following that looks to be deferred until next year and become part of a House Joint Resolution in the 2019 session, has to do with extending a homestead exemption to a surviving spouse. Most of the property tax exemptions already state that upon the death of the veteran the benefit transfers to the surviving spouse as long as the surviving spouse does not remarry.

They have just published the 2018 edition of the Florida Veterans Benefits Guide. 100,000 copies were printed courtesy of the Florida Veterans Foundation. They are able to bulk ship to veterans groups throughout the state and in single copies to any veteran or family member.

Its 2018, which means that applications are open for the Class of 2018 at the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame. Nominations are open until May 31st of this year. The general public can nominate any veteran and the criteria are available on the website for the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame at www.floridaveteranshalloffame.org.

FDOT Update

Jim Woods, Florida Department of Transportation, presented a list of 14 projects over \$1 million which are within a mile of military installations.

<u>Year</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Project Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2018	Clay	Bridge Replacement	\$3,790,818
2018	Duval	Interchange-Add Lanes	\$1,044,054
2018	Duval	Arterial Traffic Management	12,027,963

2018	Bay	Interchange-Add Lanes	\$19,737,757
2018	Bay	Add Turn Lane(s)	\$1,992,443
2018	Escambia	Add Turn Lane(s)	\$1,814,390
2018-2022	Okaloosa	Bridge Replacement	\$205,183,980
2021	Okaloosa	Preliminary Engineering for Future Capacity	\$3,573,955
2021	Okaloosa	Preliminary Engineering for Future Capacity	\$4,453,955
2018	Okaloosa	Bridge Replacement	\$8,716,592
2022	Okaloosa	Preliminary Engineering for Future Capacity	\$3,865,038
2019	Santa Rosa	Preliminary Engineering for Future Capacity	\$7,874,240
2018	Brevard	Add Lanes & Reconstruction	\$1,400,000
2020	Hillsborough	Intersection Improvement	\$2,723,630

The first map in your book is in District 2, the northeast part of the state. The projects there are related to I-295 and have a particular interest to NAS JAX. The first is modification of the interchange in addition of lane south of NAS JAX and the second is an Arterial Traffic Management System, which is significant operational issues needed to move the traffic flow, having to do with signalization technology which allows communication with the traffic center to ensure the smoothest flow of traffic.

District 3 is where many of the installations are located and there are many projects in that area. Six of the nine projects in District 3 are related to US 98. DOT is very much aware of the need to improve US 98 and they're working closely with District 3 throughout the corridor to try to address those needs and look at how to continue to fund and expand those over time.

Other issues with US 98 are long-term in terms of design for the future. Project number 12, with respect to Whiting Field, looks at the State Road 87 connector and evaluates the project limits, looking at the overall connectivity from State Road 87.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart asked regarding project number 6 at Corry Station, if DOT has done a feasibility study for this project as the Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce has submitted an application to the TF for a grant for a traffic feasibility study in this area.

Jim Woods replied that he is unsure if this project and the traffic feasibility study proposed by the Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce are related, but would get that information back to **Terry McCaffrey** to report back to the TF.

District 7, relating MacDill AFB, contains improvement to construct an additional left-turn lane on the northbound and southbound roadway approaches of West Shore Boulevard to move traffic through the intersection more efficiently and reduce delays.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart asked, regarding project number 14 on Westshore Boulevard near MacDill AFB, if DOT did an analysis or an estimate of how this project is going to impact the main access to the base.

Jim Woods replied that he would find that information, as well. He noted that the challenge in densely populated areas, mostly on the southeast side of the state where there's much room to move in terms of capacity improvements for traditional lanes. They are looking at how they can use signalization and other technologies to move traffic.

Brig Gen Chip Diehl asked if DOT is working on any initiatives for relief benefits to active-duty military on toll roads. Toll roads are an issue in Miami as well as in Tampa as most of our military are active duty and the toll roads, even with a SunPass, are still expensive for most people.

Jim Woods replied that he is unaware of any current legislation on toll relief for military members and if it's an issue it would need to be pursued legislatively to have that type of exemption.

Bruce Grant added that the Department of Transportation has assured that no legislation was needed and that the Secretary is going to work to ensure that there is relief provided through the SunPass system. The final answer is still forthcoming, but he's promised an answer to Governor Scott by the next Base Commanders Meeting next week.

Military & Defense Update

Bruce Grant reported that on both on the Senate and the House side, the House resolution and Senate resolution on extending the moratorium on drilling in the Gulf for the state of Florida have been successfully through the first committees unanimously and they expect that success will continue.

The two bills that impact the TF are Representative Ingram's Bill #785 and Senator Broxson's Bill #1684; both are in regards to the issues in South Florida on security deposits. Those have been filed and are expected to get hearings within the next few weeks.

The 2017 Florida Defense Factbook has been printed and distributed. If anyone needs additional copies please let Staff know and they will get them to you.

FDA is planning to attend the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's hearing in Tallahassee on February 8th to have their voices heard on the drilling issue in the Gulf.

Chair Broxson had directed Staff to have quarterly calls with our CODEL folks in Washington, DC, particularly Congressman Gaetz and Congresswoman Murphy. The first call was in December to exchange information and inform them on the on goings with the TF.

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 Closed Session begins at 11:10 AM EST.

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 AM EST

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #61 on Thursday, February 15, 2018

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting via Conference Call/Webex at 09:00 AM EST – 9:55 AM EST. 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.)
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.)
Representative Holly Raschein
Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Highlands County

Task Force Members Absent:

CW5 Derrick Fritts, USA
Representative Clay Ingram
Representative Jay Trumbull

Speakers Present:

Secretary Anthony Principi, The Principi Group (TPG)
John Patrick Walsh, State of Florida Washington D.C. Office

Others Present:

RADM Jim Hinkle, USN (Ret.), The Spectrum Group
Greg Kiley, The Principi Group
Ryan Butler, DEO
Col Bob Black, USAF, (Ret.), Okaloosa County EDC
Major Jason Hunt, USA, FLNG
Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Central Florida Regional Planning Council

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 #61
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AGENDA for February 15, 2018 (As of: February 2, 2018)

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- 0900 – 0910 Welcome, Guest Introductions..... Chairman **(I)**
- 0910 – 0935 Old Business..... Chairman **(A) / (I)**
 - Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
 - TF Grants and Contracts Status Marcy Sanders **(I)**
 - Budget update / Year End Plan Marcy Sanders **(D) / (A)**
- 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 Terry McCaffrey **(I) / (D)**
 - FDSTF 2018 Strategic Plan Update Bruce Grant **(I)**
 - Mil & Def Update
- 1045 – 1100 Public Comment..... Chairman

NO CLOSED SESSION

Reminder – Meeting Dates:

March 22, 2018 NAS Jacksonville, FL	May 17, 2018 Tallahassee, FL
April 19, 2018 Conf Call/Webex	July 19, 2018 Homestead, FL
June 2018 NO MEETING	September 20, 2018 Ft Walton Beach, FL
August 16, 2018 Conf Call/Webex	November 15, 2018 Cocoa Beach, FL
October 18, 2018 Conf Call/Webex	
December 2018 NO MEETING	

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

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. He asked for a moment of silence to honor those lost in the Parkland school shooting yesterday.

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of the Minutes

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson** asked of any corrections to the January 18, 2018 minutes. Noting none, a motion was made by **Ms. Amy Gowder**, seconded by **Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer**, all are in favor and the January 18, 2018 meeting minutes were approved.*

Task Force Grants & Contracts Status

Marcy Sanders reported that since the last TF meeting, there have been no changes in grant status. All quarterly reports have been received and staff is looking forward to receiving the next batch of grant applications for next year.

Budget/Contract Update

Marcy Sanders reported that currently \$110,160.00 remains unencumbered for the FY2017-2018 budget. Staff recommends encumbering \$100,000.00 into Program Expenses and leaving the remaining \$10,160.00 in Administrative Expenses to cover any unexpected expenses prior to 6/30/18.

Course of action discussed is to leave the funds alone and revert them back to the State at the end of this fiscal year, allow grant applicants for FY2018-2019 to present in March and fund them early or to fund a completely new project. TF members discussed that they would like to ask the South Florida Defense Alliance and the Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce to attend the March TF meeting and present to possibly be funded this year.

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson** asked for a motion to use the \$100,000.00 unencumbered funds for FY2017-2018 to invite the South Florida Defense Alliance and the Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce to present at the March 2018 Task Force Meeting for possible funding this year. A motion was made by **Ms. Amy Gowder**, seconded by **Commissioner Barbara Stewart**, all are in favor and the motion was approved.*

III. Agenda Item III: New Business

Task Force Member Reports

MG Mike Calhoun provided an update on the Florida National Guard since the last meeting the Florida Department of Military Affairs and the Florida National Guard will host "Florida National Guard Day" at the Capitol on Tuesday, February 27th starting at 10 a.m. Florida National Guard Day is part of an annual program to educate the public and government personnel on various roles and missions of the Guard. The event also allows the Florida National Guard to thank the community for its continued support.

Governor Scott chaired the 18th Florida Base Commander's Meeting at Naval Support Activity Orlando on January 25, 2018. Base Commanders briefed state agencies on collaborative projects and ongoing challenges which the State can help resolve.

Due to Florida's successes during Hurricanes Matthew and Irma, leaders from the Florida National Guard were asked to participate in the Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) Doctrine Conference at the US Army War College January 17-18, 2018 at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. The purpose of the conference was to capture lessons learned from the hurricane seasons in order to update military doctrine publications.

This month, the FLNG has 250 personnel currently mobilized supporting federal operations overseas.

Brig Gen Chip Diehl reported that on March 4th MacDill's 927th Reserve Wing will have an assumption of command as Colonel Doug Stouffer will be taking over.

Admiral Mark Fitzgerald spoke briefly about the Navy's Global Force Laydown Study which will affect the ships' balancing across the Atlantic and Pacific oceans and the Pensacola Base Force Protection Design Study which was recently completed.

He will travel to Washington, DC next week to attend meeting with retired 4-star Generals and also with senior Navy leadership. He's looking forward to hosting the TF in Jacksonville next month.

Ms. Amy Gowder reported that the Florida Defense Contractors Association will meet in Orlando on February 20th which will be attended by defense contractors from all over the State.

The SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket successfully launched on February 6th. The first two stages returned to Earth, which is an important capability for the U.S. and an important mission for Cape Canaveral. A weather satellite will launch on March 1st from Titusville.

In 2 weeks the Space Congress will be held at Cape Canaveral titled The Next Great Steps which will feature speakers such as General Monteith from the 45th Space Wing, NASA representatives, the director of the Kennedy Space Center and many other industry and local government representatives.

The Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control Division held a groundbreaking yesterday in West Orlando as they are adding a 6-story research and development office which will bring 500 jobs to central Florida.

Mr. Tom Neubauer discussed that Tyndall Air Force Base leadership met with the community last week to launch Tyndall 2030 a strategic planning process as they look to the future at the MQ-9 wing, the added contract for Red Air to support F-22 training, the upcoming Highway 98 overpass construction, the need to address the on- base military housing recapitalization concerns and the relaunching of Tyndall's Community Partnership Program.

At NSA Panama City the commander has discussed the 8.44-acre parcel of land acquired by Florida to benefit NSA Panama City. A major construction project is ongoing with the bridge that connects Panama City Beach and Panama City which will benefit the base and improve traffic flow.

Representative Holly Raschein discussed that she has been kept informed on the happenings at Homestead ARB by Colonel Garfield and his team. She has some issues to discuss with the TF but will do so at the March meeting.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart reported that the Avon Park Air Force Range is currently at full capacity as their top priority is to support Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) deployment training. Since January the range has been directly supporting the 93rd Fighter Squadron with F-16s from Homestead, the 163rd Fighter Squadron from Indiana Air National Guard with A-10s operating out of the DUC at MacDill, the 107th Fighter Squadron from Michigan Air National Guard has a-10s operating out of Patrick AFB, the 43rd Rescuer Squadron out of Moody AFB and the Navy with F-18s coming from a carrier in the Atlantic. They also have three JTAG units on the ground supporting the aircrafts: the 23rd Special Tactic Squadron, the 7th Air Support Operation Squadron and the 7th Special Forces Group. All of this is happening while the Range is conducting their semi-annual range cleanup with the help of Moody Explosive Ordinance Disposal personnel.

Update from the Principi Group

Secretary Anthony Principi discussed the current Continuing Resolution which expires on March 23rd. The two-year budget that was signed provides an additional \$165 billion for defense through September 2019. This year's spending will increase by \$80 billion, which resets the cap at \$629 billion, plus \$71 billion for Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) which will increase defense spending to \$700 billion.

The President's requested budget for FY2019 has been released with significant increase to \$716 billion for national security which includes DoD and the Department of Energy's nuclear weapons programs. The largest increase in 2019 is \$66.8 billion for mission support activities, a \$16.9 billion increase from 2018. The President is asking for three additional combat squadrons over the next five years and dollars to modernize equipment for a second army combat team. \$9.3 billion is reserved for space-based programs.

The Navy has asked for additional funds to remove excess infrastructure. Their target is \$153 million to demolish excess infrastructure and a 12.7% increase in capital investments for Fleet Readiness Centers, Marine Corp Depots and Shipyards. The \$3 billion for the military construction request is a 48% increase from 2018.

The Air Force is looking to address facility maintenance, as they have a \$33 billion facility maintenance backlog and the 2019 budget request will help Florida fund 80% of the Air Force facilities' sustainment needs.

The National Defense Strategy acknowledged an increasingly complex global security environment, highlighting challenges based in the US with Russia and china. TPG expects the administration to continue articulation of its plans with the release of the detailed National Military Strategy within the next month to six weeks.

Lucian Niemeyer, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations and Environment, has stated his priorities and indicated that he was not going to pursue authorization of a BRAC in 2019; rather he would spend the next six months collecting data on underutilized facilities to restate the argument for restructuring those military installations to improve military readiness and lethality. He will also focus his priorities on installation energy resilient pilot programs focusing on intergovernmental service contracts and public/private partnerships between communities to reduce costs to installations. He will also focus on military test and training range investments and modernizations.

Washington Office Update

John Patrick Walsh reported that at the end of this month is the end is the National Governors' Winter Meeting during which will include the Council of Governors Session.

They have been paying close attention to the President's budget requests as well as the defense strategy and are happy to see growth in the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard which includes the increase of 500 personnel each.

They are happy to see the reversal on BRAC and also are looking closely at House Appropriations Chairman Representative Rodney Frelinghuysen has announced his retirement at the end of this Congress who has been a great supporter of defense spending.

The Veterans Affairs Department has seen increases which include funding for veteran homelessness, an increase in burial and memorial benefits and grants for construction of medical services, extended care facilities and veterans cemeteries.

Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Update

Bruce Grant reporting for Kellie Jo Kilberg, discussed the conference call held on January 30th which focused on several issues including energy resiliency. They are assisting the Base Commanders to work with their local energy providers to help with those issues.

The next FDA meeting will be on Wednesday, March 21st, the day before the next Task Force Meeting, in Jacksonville.

Several FDA members attended the Association of Defense Community Conference in California this week. A record number of people attended this event and Florida communities represented were Bay County, Escambia County, Okaloosa County, Miami, Tampa and the Space Coast.

FDSTF 2018 Strategic Plan Update

Terry McCaffrey discussed that a draft of the Strategic Plan was sent out to defense communities and FDA contacts at bases shortly after The Principi Group conducted the re-SWOT. Input from those sources has been incorporated into the draft and it will be sent out to TF members early next week for review. The final draft will be approved at the March TF meeting in Jacksonville.

Military & Defense Update

Bruce Grant reported on the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) meeting in Tallahassee on February 8th regarding the drilling issue in the Gulf. Bruce Grant, Terry McCaffrey and Kellie Jo Kilberg attended and provided input on the impact of exploration and drilling in the eastern Gulf. BOEM's process shows availability after 2022, so it's important for Florida to have the moratorium made into law.

HB 0029, Military and Veterans Affairs, sponsored by Representative Ponder, the Senate companion is sponsored by Senator Broxson, has passed in the House and the Senate version has passed its last committee and both are moving forward very well.

The Gulf of Mexico Range Complex bills have passed in both Houses and Representative Raschein's bill, HB 1173, Land Use for Governmental Purposes, which is also moving forward very well.

HB #785 and Senate Companion Bill #1684 are not expected to move forward during this Session. Staff will continue to work on those bills in an attempt to have them filed again for next year's Session.

IV. Agenda Item IV: Public Comment

No guests wished to make a public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM EST

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #62 on Thursday, March 22, 2018

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting at the Courtyard Marriott Jacksonville Orange Park at 09:00 AM EDT – 11:03 AM EDT. For Agenda: See Page 2

Task Force Members Present:

Senator Doug Broxson, Chairman
MG Mike Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida
Lt Col William Dudley, USAF, (Ret)
ADM Mark Fitzgerald, USN, (Ret)
Maj Gen Richard Haddad, USAF, (Ret)

Task Force Members on the Phone:

Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman
Brig Gen Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret)
Amy Gowder, Vice President, Lockheed Martin Rotary and Missions Systems Company
Representative Clay Ingram
Representative Holly Raschein
Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Highlands County

Task Force Members Absent:

Representative Jay Trumbull

Speakers Present:

Captain Aaron Bowman, City of Jacksonville
Secretary Anthony Principi, The Principi Group (TPG) (Phone)
Kellie Jo Kilberg, Florida Defense Alliance
RDML Dan Kloeppel, Corporate America Supports You
Callie DeHaven, Department of Environmental Protection

Others Present:

Jim Breitenfeld, TPG
LTG David Huntoon, TPG
RADM Jim Hinkle, TPG
Ryan Butler, DEO
Major Jason Hunt, USA, FLNG
Captain Justin Phillips, USA, FLNG
Allison Reinwald, TAG Commander's Action Group, FLNG
Steve Williamson, South Florida Defense Alliance
Will Leahy, South Florida Defense Alliance
Steve Opalenik, Naval Air Station Pensacola
Debi Graham, Greater Pensacola Chamber
Chris Miller, Congressman John Rutherford's Office
Dave Dahl, Navy Region Southeast
Matt Schellhorn, NAS Jacksonville
Tim Jones, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance/Florida Defense Alliance
Harrison Conyers, City of Jacksonville
Kay Rasmussen, EDC Okaloosa County/Defense Support Initiatives Committee
George Cheros, National Center for Simulation

Buck MacLaughlin, Avon Park Air Force Range
Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Lisa Pappas, SJK, PR
Steve Kaufman, SJK, PR
Eric Sherman, DoD State Liaison Office
Larry Novey, OPPAGA (Phone)
Rick Warner, OPPAGA (Phone)

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 #62
Marriott Courtyard, 610 Wells Rd, Orange Park, FL 32073
AGENDA for March 22, 2018 (As of: March 7, 2018)

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- 0900 – 0910 Welcome, Guest Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance..... Chairman **(I)**
- 0910 – 0920 Welcome from Local Defense Community..... CAPT Aaron Bowman **(I)**
- 0920 – 0935 Old Business..... Chairman **(A) / (I)**
 - Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
 - TF Grants and Contracts Status Marcy Sanders **(I)**
 - FDSTF 2018 Strategic Plan Approval Terry McCaffrey **(D) / (A)**
- 0935 – 1055 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 RDML Dan Kloeppe **(I)**
 - Corp America Supports You (CASY) Presentation Callie DeHaven **(I)**
 - DEP Base Encroachment Update Bruce Grant **(I)**
 - Mil & Def Update
- 1100 – 1115 Public Comment..... Chairman
- 1115 – 1130 FY 2017- 2018 Grant Application Presentations..... Chairman **(I) / (D)**
- 1130 – 1230 CLOSED SESSION / LUNCH..... Chairman
- 1230 – 1250 OPEN SESSION – Voting on grant proposals..... Chairman **(A)**
- 1300 – 1500 Tour of NAS Jacksonville..... Matt Schellhorn **(I)**

Reminder – Meeting Dates: 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**

Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson, began the meeting at 09:00 AM EST.

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

Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson welcomed attendees and guests. He asked guests in the audience and on the phone to introduce themselves. He led the Task Force (TF) and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and reminded the TF the meeting is governed by Sunshine Law.

II. Agenda Item II: Welcome from Local Defense Community

CAPT Aaron Bowman, City of Jacksonville, welcomed the TF to Jacksonville and gave a brief overview of what the military means to northeast Florida. He talked about the many corporations who look to Jacksonville's veterans for employment. He referred to Jacksonville as the most military friendly city in Florida.

III. Agenda Item III: Old Business

Approval of Minutes

A quorum being present, Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson asked of any corrections be made to the February 15, 2018 minutes. Noting none, a motion was made by ADM Mark Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Tom Neubauer, all are in favor and the February 15, 2018 meeting minutes are approved.

Task Force Grants and Contracts Status

Marcy Sanders reported on DTF Grant 17-161, Clay County Development Authority has had their contract amendment request approved and is currently being processed. Their new contract end date is July 31, 2018.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart asked about the outstanding amounts for those grants which are due to close in the next few months.

Marcy Sanders noted that she is concerned with DTF grant #14-05, the Economic Development Alliance of Bay County as they have currently not received their RESTORE funding which may require another extension. She believes all others will close on time.

FDSTF 2018 Strategic Plan Approval

Terry McCaffrey discussed some changes to this year's Strategic Plan. Information from the re-SWOT performed by The Principi Group has been incorporated while the items which have been completed have been removed. A draft has been sent out to the communities for input which has also been incorporated, as well as input from the TF members.

A quorum being present, Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson asked for any changes to the 2018 Strategic Plan. Noting none, a motion was made by Ms. Amy Gowder, seconded by Admiral Mark Fitzgerald, all are in favor and the 2018 Strategic Plan is approved.

IV. Agenda Item IV: New Business

Task Force Member Reports

Lt Col William Dudley reported that NAS JAX will have an upcoming change of command on April 12th as Captain Sean P. Haley will be replaced by Captain Michael P. Connor.

MG Mike Calhoun reported that on February 23rd he and Wes Maul, the Florida Director of Emergency Management, attended the Council of Governors plenary meeting in Washington, D.C. Streamlining federal reimbursement for the states remains at the forefront of the discussion, and the council is organizing a committee to address the issue with all stakeholders.

On February 26th and 27th the Florida National Guard (FLNG) hosted its annual Senior Leader Summit (SLS) and National Guard Day at the Capitol. At the SLS, they conducted a review of the 2017 Hurricane Season, to include response to Harvey, Irma and Maria. Guest presenters at the SLS included Lt. Gen. Scott Williams, AFNORTH Commander, LTG Jeff Buchanan, ARNORTH Commander and BG Wendul Hagler II, Vice Director, NGB J3/7. Also in attendance was the Florida Director of Emergency Management, Mr. Wes Maul.

On March 6th MG Calhoun and his team met with Rear Admiral Stephanie Keck, Deputy Director of the Joint Interagency Task Force South, at the Florida National Guard Headquarters to explore strengthening partnership opportunities with the Counterdrug Program to counter transnational organized crime activities.

On March 14th MG Joseph Whitlock, Director of Army Protection, Army G-3/4, visited the Army Emergency Management Training Program at Camp Blanding. This was his first visit since his transition to his position. While there, he pledged his continued advocacy to sustain the training at Camp Blanding. The Five Army EM courses that have been developed:

- o Army EOC Course (AEOCC)
- o Emergency Management Exercise Evaluator Course (EMEEC)
- o Army Response and Recovery Course (ARRC)
- o Army Basic Emergency Management Course (ABEMC)
- o Army Advanced Emergency Management Course (AAEMC)

LTG (ret) Blum visited Camp Blanding and the JOC-TF on February 21st to explore options to expand training capacity for domestic operations. Yesterday, Secretary Principi and LTG (ret) Huntoon visited the 125th Fighter Wing to receive a mission brief and tour in order to determine areas of needed support.

This month, the FLNG has 280 personnel currently mobilized supporting federal operations overseas.

Admiral Mark Fitzgerald reported on the Global Force Laydown Study performed by Navy leadership, which proposes a second Amphibious Readiness Group (ARG) to be stationed at Mayport. He continues working with NAS Pensacola regarding their security access issues. The latest plan is very expensive and will probably not be funded. He's looking forward to showing the TF the new versus the old on the tour of NAS JAX this afternoon. The new being the P-8s and the TRITON Command Control facility and the old is the Fleet Readiness Center Southeast which is housed in buildings which were built back in WWII.

Major General Richard Haddad discussed the issues at Hurlburt Field regarding congestion on Highway 98 which was not funded during this most recent Legislative Session. He asked if it was possible for the TF to approve inserting this proposal as a grant in May as this is a major quality of life issue for the airmen who work at Hurlburt Field.

Terry McCaffrey noted that the TF is able to hear a grant proposal out-of-cycle per request.

Brigadier General Chip Diehl mentioned that in May MacDill AFB is hosting Navy Week and the Air Force Air Show during the same week.

Ms. Amy Gowder reported that Team Orlando and General Tom Baptiste recently hosted Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman-Schulz. General Baptiste also participated in the Federal Defense Contractors Association Forum on February 20th where there was excellent discussion with Legislators as well as local industry Team Orlando and the National Center for Simulation.

The Army has announced its intent to establish an Army Futures Command in which they will be in search of a highly collaborative, high tech environment to look at future missions and future technology. General Baptiste has provided input for a letter to the Secretary of the Army suggesting Team Orlando as the base for this command.

The space coast has had two successful launches by United Launch Alliance (ULA) and SpaceX. They have both also won two large contracts for more launches later this year at Cape Canaveral.

The Cape also recently hosted Vice President Pence at the 2nd National Space Council which emphasized sending human explorers into space, low earth orbits in the commercial sector and discussed streamlining government regulations.

Lockheed Martin has recently won a very large contract to support the Army, maintaining all of their troops' training and simulation devices on over 250 Army installations.

Mr. Tom Neubauer provided an update on the strategic basing process for the RPA MQ-9 Base Y. Currently the Air Force Civil Engineer Center (AFCEC) is in the process of contracting for an EIS. Communities continue to work closely with the site activation task force and AFCEC in moving this process forward. We are working with the House Appropriations and Senate Appropriations Committees to ensure that the first portion of funding is available for MILCON in 2020.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart deferred to **Buck MacLaughlin** from the Avon Park Air Force Range. Mr. MacLaughlin reported that Air Combat Command has recently completed a recompetete of their primary training range (PTR) contract which means the Range will be open an additional 20 hours weekly, as compared to the usual 60 hours they are normally open. This is an important step to increase the capacity to support units throughout Florida.

He also reported that they are close to finalizing a conservation easement on a property that borders the Range. It's unique in that it's the first easement that combines the REPI program requirements with NRCS's Rural Communities Protection Program (RCPP) as those two requirements have been blended into a single easement.

The Range is supporting the Sun and Fun Air Show on May 10th through 15th.

Representative Holly Raschein reported that the Keys community is mourning the loss of the two aviators who perished last week after their F-18s crashed off of the coast of Key West. She asked that everyone keep the NAS Key West family in their thoughts and prayers.

Commander Garfield at Homestead Air Reserve Base has expressed some concerns in a brief white paper regarding the medical marijuana growing industry and some probable concerns with regards to encroachment on the base.

Bruce Grant replied that Staff did have a provision in a proposed bill this year that would have addressed the agricultural construction close to military bases. Staff will discuss again over the summer and include in a bill for next session.

Regarding the Army Futures Command, the Governor's office has a letter in support of the stationing of the new futures command in Florida. Staff prepared the letter quickly and sent it over to the Governor's office as we expect this decision over a short timeline.

Representative Clay Ingram reported that the Blue Angels are back at NAS Pensacola practicing for upcoming air shows. They are currently expecting the announcement of the Tripoli's placement and they are excited about the possibility of having the ship commissioned at NAS Pensacola.

Update from The Principi Group

Secretary Anthony Principi reported that relevant to our defense communities, the Pentagon under Secretary Mattis' leadership, is now seen as a stabilizing anchor as all top leadership positions have been filled. Recent hearings such as that on acquisition reform with all the Service Secretaries show unified, constructive engagement between all three services and the Hill.

On January 19th Secretary Mattis released the 2018 National Defense Strategy (NDS) mandated by Congress. The NDS replaced the Quadrennial Defense Review however it differs in one crucial way. The NDS is a classified document so what was released was an unclassified summary of what is likely a more detailed and far reaching strategic guide for the Defense Department.

The NDS tackles two topics operations concepts and professional military education. It underscores that fighting and training in the future must not simply be about material solution but also about how the U.S. military employs what it already has above all, its people. Secretary Mattis' language on professional military education is among the NDS's starkest, asserting it has stagnated focused more on the accomplishment of mandatory credit at the expense of lethality and ingenuity.

Regarding the FY2018 Defense Budget, Congress is eager to pass the \$1.3 trillion spending bill before Friday night when the 5th CR is set to expire. The bill unveiled has significant increase in defense: \$589.5 billion in the base, \$65.2 billion in Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO), \$61.1 billion in research and development (\$15.1 billion above the President's request), provide \$137.7 billion for personal and pay (a 2.4% pay raise), \$144.3 billion for procurement (\$25.4 billion above 2017), \$238 billion for operations and maintenance, \$853 million above the President's request to restore readiness shortfalls. If the bill stays intact, it provides limited flexibility to expend some of the operations and maintenance money in 2019.

For the FY2019 Defense Budget Request, the cap will increase by \$85 billion to \$647 billion, with \$69 billion for OCO. The total defense spending would be \$716 billion for FY2019.

The Congressional Defense Budget Hearing season is in full swing in both the House and the Senate. The House Armed Services Committee expects to mark up the FY2019 National Defense Authorization Act during early May with the Senate following shortly after. Seven House Armed Services Democrats are calling for a full committee hearing with the commanders of the U.S. Northern and Southern Commands. In a letter to the top committee leaders organized in part by Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy, the lawmakers warn not hearing from either commander "could signal a lack of committee interest in the critical work of NORTHCOM and SOUTHCOM.

A new journal article argues that DoD needs to conduct another BRAC round as a way to both free up spending for higher priority requirements and increase military effectiveness. The authors, Representative Adam Smith (D-Washington), ranking member on the House Armed Services Committee and Christopher Preble, Vice President for Defense and Foreign Policy Studies for the Cato Institute, highlight the ability of base closure communities to recover from BRAC. In the absence of BRAC, active communities are forced to endure a "death-by-a-thousand-cuts approach" as the services are forced to allocate resources to maintaining unneeded infrastructure.

TPG believes that while ranking members Adam Smith in the House and Senator Jack Reed in the Senate maintain the call for a BRAC, it appears unlikely in 2019.

The services have sent to Congress their FY2019 Unfunded Priorities Lists. The Air Force list focuses on unfunded needs in the areas of space and nuclear weapons. They also asked for \$440 million in military construction projects. The Army is asking for \$308 million which includes \$239 million for programs that support the administration's new National Defense Strategy, mostly dedicated to cyber efforts under the Army's Rapid Capabilities Office and cyber electromagnetic activities.

The Air Force will establish a new information operations technical training school at Hurlburt Field beginning in late FY2019. The decision to create a dedicated training school follows the service's creation of the information operations career field and Air Force specialty code in late 2016. The 14- to 15-week long curriculum will consolidate and integrate content from existing courses, including information operations intelligence integration, military deception, operational security and psychological operations.

The Army is weeks away from unveiling the next phase in its plans to centralize and streamline modernization under one Army Futures Command, including moves to lease office space in a major city where leaders will have access to civilian experts. The service will start with a list of 30 options due this week to the Army Secretary and Chief of Staff. Once a headquarters is established it will be up to the commanders to make decisions about military formalities and how those will mesh with partners from different backgrounds.

Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Update

Ms. Kellie Jo Kilberg, Chair of the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA), reported on the FDA meeting which took place the day prior. Courtney Barker, the City Manager from Satellite Beach presented on rising seas and water levels and showed us what they're doing as a city to be proactive and address those issues. We had a panel on the Florida Range Network. Terry McCaffrey gave an overview, Chris Moore from Bay County talked about sub-surface uses, Buck MacLaughlin spoke about the Avon Park Air Force Range and how we use land ranges and George Cheros from the National Center for Simulation spoke about the virtual aspects. We learned that there are many people in Florida who don't know the asset we have in our ranges and we need to learn how to better inform and educate.

A huge concern of the FDA is extending the oil ban in the Gulf of Mexico. The Gulf Range is one of the foundational pieces of the Florida Range Network and is very important to all military services in the nation and a key to the National Defense Strategy. FDA is planning to create a task force to delve deeper into this issue and work with the FDSTF on developing better talking points and creating a professional marketing piece on what the range means to the state of Florida.

The working groups were very active as the Mission Support Group has completed a matrix of all of the points of contact for energy resiliency on each base in the State. We will continue to look deeper as to how the state can help the installations with cost deductions and what we can do to make sure they have energy security whether it is energy, water or telecommunications. She thanked the TF and the Legislators for supporting Florida Forever which was funded this year with \$100 million.

The Family Support Group talked more in-depth about building healthy military communities and in May we will have our around the state discussions to find out where the gaps are in the state. Military to Mariner presented their initiatives to help get connected with more resources throughout the state. Much discussion was had on child abuse and what's being done on the integration between the installations and communities in the state. They discussed a program called radKIDS, a Florida National Guard program which teaches personal empowerment and safety education. Many communities are looking at working with their local Sheriff and other law enforcement to implement this program across the state.

Major General Richard Haddad suggested that although currently every service has individual control over the ranges, with technology advancements in the future to it would be important to influence the DoD to create a common network connected to the ranges.

Bruce Grant replied that two years ago the TF asked The Principi Group to set up a meeting with the Secretary of Defense to ask them to take ownership of the range in order to bring all of the services together. This is still an ongoing effort. The TF has provided a grant to improve and enhance the range for the future.

DEP Base Encroachment Update

Callie DeHaven, Division of State Lands, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, presented Florida Department of Transportation, presented on possibilities and partnerships regarding base buffering lands and encroachment. She showed map photos of the areas around NSA Panama City, NS Mayport and MacDill AFB on which the red areas show the land that was acquired. These were funded through an appropriation from 2014-2015, remaining funds from these projects remain ready to use and will need to be expended elsewhere.

The next set of photos shows the synergy with conservation lands and Florida Forever projects adjacent to military bases. The projects on each map show Florida Forever projects/conservation projects that have common boundaries with military installations in hopes to develop partnerships acquiring lands within important military zones. The yellow outline shows Florida Forever projects and the green areas within is what has been acquired. Maps were shown of NAS Pensacola, NAS Whiting Field, Eglin AFB, Tyndall AFB, Camp Blanding, Whitehouse Field, Patrick AFB, Avon Park AFR and NAS Key West.

Corporate America Supports You Presentation

RDML Dan Kloeppe, Corporate America Supports You (CASY), presented on his organization. CASY is a free service which places military members, veterans, spouses and families in good-paying civilian

jobs. They have placed over 35,000 people in jobs that pay more than the U.S. census median annual income of \$56,516 since their founding in 2004. They use advanced technologies to support hiring operations, training and skills development. Their administrative costs are very low as \$.96 on the dollar contributed by charitable and community organizations go directly to support their mission.

Donor contributions support highly effective, low-cost operations which assist military members and their spouses find quality jobs. CASY provides a range of resources, funded by donors, which helps to hire, train and retain military and veteran talent. CASY collaborates closely with military partners to orchestrate hiring processes consistent with numerous military programs already in place. They provide training, resources and tools to support military employment counselors worldwide.

Military & Defense Update

Bruce Grant reported that this year's Legislative Session closed relatively on time and several bills were passed with military friendly issues.

Bills already signed by the Governor are HB 29 which eases professional licensing fees and requirements for certain military members, veterans and their spouses and HB 75 which authorizes FCS institutions to waive any portion of specific fees that are not covered under the DoD military Tuitions Assistance program.

Bills passed but not yet signed by the Governor are SB 100 which eliminates the fee a veteran must pay to have the work "Veteran" displayed on an identification card or driver license and HB 1173, Lands Used for Governmental Purposes.

Budget successes this year is the \$100 million appropriated to Florida Forever as well as the \$2 million allocated to the TF. Also grant funding for Military Base Protection in the amount of \$150,000, Defense Reinvestment for \$850,000 and Defense Infrastructure for \$1.6 million.

A few bills were unsuccessful such as high rent demands for servicemembers in South Florida and a bill to fix a loophole in developing agricultural lands around military bases. Staff will continue to work on these issues in hopes to get them passed during the next Session.

OPPAGA is currently doing a three-year review of the Defense Infrastructure, Defense Reinvestment and the TF Grants. Staff will be meeting with them over the next few weeks make sure they have all of the information needed to conduct these reviews.

Staff has drafted a letter for the Governor in attempt to bring the Army Futures Command to Florida.

V. Agenda Item V: 2018 Grant Application Presentations

Grant presentations were made to the TF by the South Florida Progress Foundation and the Greater Pensacola Chamber.

The South Florida Progress Foundation is asking for \$152,500, with a \$30,000 match to achieve their second year goals to strengthen and expand. They wish to strengthen their leadership position with a consistent message, their coalition and partnerships, their member and funding base and value exchange. They wish to expand into Monroe County postured for Broward and Palm Beach Counties to combine interests and capabilities and influence and impact.

Admiral Mark Fitzgerald asked if they had approached the Navy League in Broward County.

Steve Williamson replied that, yes, they have been in contact with them as they have supported some of their events but are not yet working directly with them.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart asked if the South Florida Defense Alliance would be self-sufficient after this year.

Steve Williamson replied that yes, they currently have a commitment of \$30,000 and they continue to work with two municipalities who will fit them into their budget cycle for funding, which begins this summer. They will become a 501(c)(6) beginning in 2019 as to have the ability to bring in members.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart asked if it is their team preparing plans and advocating or have consultants been hired to perform these tasks?

Steve Williamson replied that the SFDA has no employees, so everyone who works for the SFDA is a consultant.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart asked if most of the funds were going to pay the consultants.

Steve Williamson replied that yes, they do have some other expenses, but primarily the consultants are being paid from the TF grant money.

The Greater Pensacola Chamber is asking for \$73,700 for a Corry Station Traffic Feasibility/Impact Study as planned growth is underway for two major commands at Corry Station and traffic patterns surrounding Corry Station need to be optimized due to increasing mission and proximity to residential and commercial population. They wish to conduct a feasibility/impact study that analyzes the local traffic patterns and capabilities in the vicinity of Corry Station; and to provide recommendations for improvement projects that will decrease the negative impacts on the community while increasing the military value of the installation.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart asked why the county is not performing this study as part of its transportation work program.

Debi Graham replied that study includes many aspects that are installation specific and not county specific.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart asked if the recommendations are for on-site, off-site or both.

Steve Opalenik replied that they will be for off-site.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart asked if they have discussed this study with DOT and the county and what is their willingness to accept the recommendations from this study or the possibility that either of them may provide the funding.

Steve Opalenik replied that, yes, the county has spoken to DOT regarding the county roads

Commissioner Barbara Stewart asked they feel that the county is willing to wait to look over the recommendations provided by this study.

Steve Opalenik replied yes.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart asked if they are planning on hiring a consultant to do this study.

Steve Opalenik replied that the county will be hiring the consultant to do the study.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart asked if the agreement will be between the county and the consultant to do the study.

Steve Opalenik replied yes.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart asked if the Greater Pensacola Chamber was applying for this grant for the county.

Debi Graham replied yes as the Chamber provides all of the accounting and audit requirements needed to implement the grant.

Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson asked if DOT would accept this study in place of one that they would usually perform.

Steve Opalenik replied that they are not quite at that point but he's not sure that this would be in their plan due to the county/local roads.

Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson suggested that they meet with Representative Ingram and DOT to see if they are able to assist with additional grants to move this plan forward.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart noted that she'd like know if the county would be willing to implement this study once completed.

Debi Graham noted that the county has already started a program and is looking forward to this study as they have added many improvements to that area and are looking for this study to complete construction.

VI. Agenda Item V: Public Comment

Kay Rasmussen, EDC Okaloosa County/Defense Support Initiatives Committee, thanked the TF for the opportunity to present an out-of-cycle grant in support of Hurlburt Field.

Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson advised a 10-minute break before the Closed Session begins at 11:13 AM EST.

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 AM EDT

VII. Agenda Item VII: Voting on Grant Proposals

The meeting reconvened at 12:15 PM EDT

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson** asked for a motion on the grant presentations heard earlier. A motion was made by **Admiral Mark Fitzgerald** to award the South Florida Progress Foundation \$140,000 and to defer the decision on the Greater Pensacola Chamber's grant application until more information can be provided. This motion was seconded by **Major General Richard Haddad**, all are in favor and the motion passes.*

*A second motion was made by **Admiral Mark Fitzgerald** to expand the TF's grant request program to include business development opportunities for future projects inducing more military business opportunities to bring missions to the State of Florida. This motion was seconded by **Major General Richard Haddad**, all are in favor and the motion passes.*

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM EDT

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #63 on Thursday, April 19, 2018

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting via Conference Call/Webex at 09:00 AM EDT – 10:09 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
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.)
Representative Clay Ingram
Representative Holly Raschein
Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Highlands County
Representative Jay Trumbull

Task Force Members Absent:

Brig Gen Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret.)

Speakers Present:

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

Others Present:

Greg Kiley, The Principi Group
Jim Breitenfeld, The Principi Group
Ryan Butler, DEO
Rick Woerner, OPPAGA
Melissa, The Florida Channel

Staff Present:

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 #63
 Conference Call / Webex
 AGENDA for April 19, 2018 (As of: April 6, 2018)**

CALL-IN NUMBER: 800.501.8979
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KEY:
(I) = Information
(D) = Discussion
(A) = Action

- 0900 – 0910 Welcome, Guest Introductions..... Chairman **(I)**
- 0910 – 0935 Old Business..... Chairman **(A) / (I)**
 - Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
 - TF Grants and Contracts Status Marcy Sanders **(I)**
 - FY18 Budget Update Marcy Sanders **(I)**
- 0935 – 1055 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)**
 - FY19 Budget Plan Terry McCaffrey **(I) / (D)**
 - FY19 Grant Process Overview Terry McCaffrey **(I)**
 - Mil & Def Update
- 1055 – 1100 Public Comment..... Chairman

Reminder – Meeting Dates: May 17, 2018 Tallahassee, FL
 June 2018 **NO MEETING**
 August 16, 2018 Conf Call/Webex
 October 18, 2018 Conf Call/Webex
 December 2018 **NO MEETING**

July 19, 2018 Homestead, FL
 September 20, 2018 Ft Walton Beach, FL
 November 15, 2018 Cocoa Beach, FL

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 for any corrections to the March 22, 2018 minutes. **Commissioner Barbara Stewart** made a motion to approve the minutes with changes she provided to Staff earlier in the week via email, seconded by **Admiral Mark Fitzgerald**, all are in favor and the March 22, 2018 meeting minutes were approved.*

Task Force Grants & Contracts Status

Marcy Sanders reported on the status of several current TF grants.

DTF #15-11, City of Key West, Road Access via Truman Waterfront Park, has had their extension request approved and the contract amendment has been executed to extend the term of the contract until June 30, 2018.

DTF #16-136, Highlands County Board of County Commissioners, Encroachment Prevention and Sustainability of Avon Park Air Force Range in Highlands County, has requested an extension to April 30, 2019 due to ongoing issues closing this property. Due to the amount of the grant and the extension period requested is over six months, the TF must vote and approve the extension.

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson** asked the TF to approve the extension of DTF Grant #16-136 until April 30, 2019. **Commissioner Barbara Stewart** made a motion to approve the extension, seconded by **Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer**, all are in favor and the extension is approved.*

DTF #17-161, Clay County Development Authority, has requested an extension to July 31, 2018.

DTF #17-162, South Florida Progress Foundation, has requested an extension to June 30, 2018.

DTF #17-176, InDyne, Inc., has completed about 75% of their project.

DTF #17-178, Gulf Coast State College, is complete.

FY18 Budget Update

Marcy Sanders reported that the budget is on target, but noted the total expenses line in the amount of \$2,029,840.00 includes the money the TF is allowed to use, which was previously unencumbered from past grants.

III. Agenda Item III: New Business

Task Force Member Reports

MG Mike Calhoun reported that since the last TF meeting, the Florida Army National Guard (FLNG) has deployed two more units:

- 164th ADA to National Capital Region Integrated Air Defense System (NCR-IADS) mission in Washington D.C (Joint Air Defense Operations Center (JADOC)). This is the ADA's 7th rotation, whose mission is monitor and safeguard the skies over the nation's capital.
- 260th MI deployed on April 6th to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR); just six weeks ago, they deployed another detachment from the 260th MI Battalion to the same area of operations.

They are in the midst of a number of key leader changes. Last week, Colonel Torch Valle assumed command of the 601st AOC, and relinquished command of the 101st AOG to Col Greg Krane. In the coming months, four other major changes include:

- 125th Fighter Wing: Col Banzai Bell will retire and relinquish command to Col J. Paul Reedy on June 10th.
- COL Matt Johnson will retire on July 20th, and COL Frank Zenko will assume command of Camp Blanding
- COL John Haas will cede command of the 53rd IBCT to COL Julio Acosta on July 27th.
- COL Grant Slayden will retire and relinquish command of the 164th ADA to COL Sean Boyette on August 3rd.

The FLNG continues preparation for the upcoming hurricane season. They will conduct their ROC Drill next week on 27 April and the HURREX the following week. Additionally, their team will participate in the Governor's Hurricane Conference in West Palm Beach during the week of May 14th.

This month, the FLNG has over 325 personnel currently mobilized supporting federal operations overseas.

Lt Col William Dudley reported that on May 15th the Veterans' Council for St. Johns County, along with the St. Johns County Commission Board, will have a POW/MIA flag raising ceremony. Also that day St. Johns County will be declared a Purple Heart County with a ceremony honoring all Purple Heart recipients in the county.

Major General Richard Haddad reported that the \$500,000 grant opportunity for Florosa Elementary School is insufficient to purchase the buses needed and they continue to look at options to resolve this issue. The Air Force is creating a new Information Operations Technical Training School expected to open in FY2019 at Hurlburt Field. He spoke about encroachment aversion, noting that community involvement is key and a team must be dedicated to community outreach to attend community meetings and functions as these meetings are where future developments begin.

Admiral Mark Fitzgerald followed up on the TF's visit last month in Jacksonville to the Fleet Readiness Center (FRC) at NAS Jacksonville as they, together with the Chamber of Commerce, explore ways to remedy the problems with the older buildings on base. They will travel to Washington, DC in June to present a proposal to repair the buildings.

Ms. Amy Gowder reported that General Tom Baptiste and George Cheros met with members of the delegation in Washington, DC to talk about the importance of the simulation industry in Florida. They also met with Senator Rubio in Orlando to discuss the Lockheed Martin programs and their partnership with Team Orlando.

The space coast continues to have many launches, the most recent by United Launch Alliance (ULA). SpaceX recently launched the international space station back on April 2nd that docked for a resupply mission. The Senate has confirmed Representative Jim Bridenstine from Oklahoma to be the next NASA Administrator. The commander of the 45th Space Wing will retire on August 23rd and incoming will be Brigadier General (select) Doug Schiess. The next launch will be SpaceX Falcon 9 in early May.

Mr. Tom Neubauer provided an update on the change of command at Tyndall AFB Air and Space Operations Center as Colonel Greg Krane gains command from Colonel Michael Valle of the 101st Air Operations Group. Also the 325th Fighter Wing is planning a civic leader tour to Holloman AFB in Mexico which is the RPA formal training unit.

Terry McCaffrey congratulated Mr. Tom Neubauer on receiving the Association of Defense Communities award for community leadership which will be presented in Washington, DC at the ADC Summit in June.

Representative Holly Raschein reported that last Tuesday at Homestead Air Reserve Base an introductory meeting for the F-35 beddown project was held. All went well and she will continue to be informed as the project progresses.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart reported that through the REPI program, three Sentinel Landscapes are being highlighted in a one-hour video being developed by Grizzly Productions. Avon Park Air Force Range is one of the three. The purpose is to provide more information to the public about military sustainment and how military ranges co-exist with the natural environment. In addition to the one-hour movie/video, there will be a three minute trailer on just Avon Park.

Update from the Principi Group

Secretary Anthony Principi discussed that in Congress the congressional defense committees are returning to a semblance of order, with reviewing and marking up their annual defense authorization and appropriation bills beginning this month. Also on the Hill, the TPG team has begun briefing the FDSTF Strategic Plan approved in Jacksonville last month. We have briefed both Florida Senators' staff and are turning to House member offices next week to meet with Congressmen Rooney, Gaetz, Diaz-Ballart, Congresswoman Wasserman-Schultz and/or their staffs. Three others Congressmen Dunn, Curbello and Congresswoman Murphy are pending.

According to the budget agreement passed in March, total defense spending will be \$716 billion in FY 2019. So, for the first time in years, as the congressional defense committees head into their annual process of marking up the defense bills, level of funding is not an open question.

Both House and Senate Authorization Bills are expected to be smaller than previous years. The House is by design of the Committee Chairman, Mac Thornberry. The Senate because Chairman McCain is still in Arizona recovering from illness. The House will begin their mark up on April 26th, with full committee scheduled on May 9th. House committee leadership has called for a slimmed down version, limiting provisions to a set number. House Armed Services Committee plans to focus on only the top 15 legislative proposals submitted by committee members when putting together the legislation, according to an internal memo. On Tuesday, House Chairman Thornberry proposed to significantly streamline the Pentagon's bureaucracy by cutting spending on DoD's support activities by 25%. Seven agencies would be eliminated including OEA and DISA. Four others would be reformed. The department's new CMO is required to submit a plan to the Committees by March 1, 2020 with the cuts becoming effective Jan 1, 2021. These proposals are very similar to those recommended by the Defense Business Board in 2015 and never implemented.

In Congress, Professional Staff with the House Armed Services Committee are considering legislation that would allow communities to self-nominate their installation for closure independent of a BRAC process. They are not at this moment planning on submitting this into this year's NDAA, but floating the idea for discussion.

DoD is looking to Congress for Direction on Eliminating Unneeded Capacity. During a hearing on April 5th of the House Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee, DoD's installations chief, Lucian Niemeyer, acknowledged the department's recent failure to secure lawmakers' support for a new round of base closures and reached out to find common ground on an approach that would allow the military to rightsize its infrastructure.

In the absence of requesting a BRAC round this year, the department is looking at ways to use its facilities more efficiently. Officials are assessing whether an optimal number of personnel are assigned to each building as part of their effort to determine how much excess infrastructure DOD is carrying.

On Friday, April 6th, Dave Huntoon, Glenn Spears and Greg Kiley met with Jonathan Arias from Senator Rubio's office and Jonathan Murray from Senator Bill Nelson's office. In short, the two hour meeting was a

constructive and positive discussion of issues of concern to Florida. Some of the issues the Staff brought up to us are as follows:

- Discussed the recently released Air Force Test Center Report. Staff is advocating for more and better threat emitters for the Gulf. They understand the 5th generation emitter issues and requirements and are looking to assist Florida in acquiring.
- Kennedy Space Center Bridge. Jonathan Murray is exploring Defense Access Road (DAR) legislative language change to enable these funds to help replace the bridge by 2021.
- Hill Staff working Pensacola security enclave access to museum.
- Hill Staff aware of Hydrant system problem at Homestead. Need to get SouthCom to add requirement for divert field.
- Corry Station wants cyber, but lack infrastructure. Look for language here, too.
- Corrosion issues with Florida-based aircraft. Looking for addition DOD funding for hangarettes, corrosion control.
- Key West House Annex another issue on Hill Staff radar. Not sure of legislative solution or not.

Mr. Arias encouraged TPG to pass specific requirements from wing/installation commanders (and community groups) to them. We should continue dialog and engagement, but ensure installation leadership and FDSTF leadership are aware of what issues we pass along, as part of the strategic plan or new issues that arise, and are confirmed and supported.

The Space Force idea isn't dead, Intel Chief Says. The U.S. is still mulling creation of a "Space Force" as a new branch of the military to counter the growing threat of Russian and Chinese anti-satellite weapons, Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats said Wednesday. At a House Armed Services Committee hearing last month, Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson was non-committal on forming a separate Space Force while noting interest in the idea from President Trump and Vice President Mike Pence.

Later this spring, the Trump administration will release its 2018 Missile Defense Review (MDR), which is expected to better align U.S. missile defense policy with the present security environment. President Barack Obama's 2010 Ballistic Missile Defense Review (BMDR) reflected the security environment of the time and the aspirations of the Obama administration. In particular, technological advances by U.S. adversaries and a renewed focus on long-term competition with Russia and China drive the need for a new review.

The Pentagon could roll out cyber posture by August. A top Department of Defense official on Wednesday said the law enforcement agency expects to have a national cyber posture approach by the time the White House rolls out their cyber strategy in August. Cyber Command has a role, but Pentagon leaders struggle to define it. Nearly a decade after the formation of U.S. Cyber Command senior leaders at the Department of Defense are questioning the scope of the organization's work due to the novelty of formalized military cyber operations and the dynamic cyber environment.

TPG's Planned Actions and Activities:

- Track and report back on both House and Senate Hearing season.
- Awaiting the release of the National Military Strategy; will provide updates
- Continue to monitor FY19 NDAA Mark Up.
- Engage House congressional delegation MLAs on re-SWOT, FY19 strategic priorities
 - Rep Matt Gaetz
 - Rep Neil Dunn
 - Rep Stephanie Murphy
 - Rep Debbie Wasserman Shultz
 - Rep Mario Diaz-Balart
 - Rep Carlos Curbelo
- ADC National Conference, Strengthening America's Defense Infrastructure.

Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson asked when TPG meets with the Florida Delegation would they discuss with Congressman Gaetz what he's heard regarding movements being organized in other states to pursue military missions

Secretary Anthony Principi confirmed he would have that discussion with Congressman Gaetz and discussed that other states are beginning to be proactive in supporting their military missions, trying to catch up to the level of Florida.

Terry McCaffrey added that Missouri has legislation in this session to develop a \$300,000 defense grant program targeted at bringing missions to their state.

Secretary Anthony Principi added that Georgia is creating a high-level military commission which will be proactive on bringing missions, as well.

Admiral Mark Fitzgerald noted that many states have hired retired 4-star generals to full-time lobby, targeting opportunities and bringing missions to their states, and suggests that if Florida wants to compete for these opportunities, we should consider hiring a full-time lobbyist to do so as battles for missions seem to be more political than merit-based.

Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson suggested that Staff schedule a strategizing session during a future closed session meeting.

Terry McCaffrey affirmed that Staff would arrange this session.

Washington Office Update

John Patrick Walsh reported that at the beginning of March there was the annual fly-in by our delegation from the American Legion and the VFW. They are pushing the VFW and Disabled Veterans of America to spend on healthcare instead of infrastructure. Also, he has been working recently with the Council of Governors on issues mainly revolving around the recent storm response and what roles the National Guard, Homeland Security and FEMA play in that response.

Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Update

Kellie Jo Kilberg, Chairman of the Florida Defense Alliance, discussed she will be meeting with Rita Smith as she transitions out as chair of the Family Support Working Group. We'll have a change in leadership in that working group over the next month.

Our Florida Range Network Committee will be having a conference call in the next three weeks. This committee is important as they look at integrating all of Florida's ranges to tell a comprehensive story on our unique asset.

We are working on putting together an Energy Assurance Committee as resiliency is one of the key critical mission points. We are trying to understand what roles our communities and the state can play in leveraging resources to assist our military installations in that area.

FY19 Budget Plan

Marcy Sanders discussed each line item in the FY 2018-2019 TF budget. Total revenue is \$2,289,182.00 which includes the \$2 million appropriation plus past years' funds forfeited by grantees all years and previously unencumbered funds. She reminded the TF that The Principi Group contract is set to expire on February 28, 2019 and that advocacy contract will need to be sent out to be re-bid. Approximately \$1,368,254.44 will be available for the grant program for presentations heard at next month's meeting. At this time the unencumbered amount for next year is approximately \$1,701,896.96.

She reminded the TF that this budget will need to be voted on next meeting prior to voting on the grants.

FY19 Grant Process Overview

Terry McCaffrey discussed the TF's annual grant cycle and how it pertains to the TF and to the Staff.

- May – At the TF meeting the TF hears selected proposals and votes on grant awards for winning projects
- June - TF announces winning grant recipients
- July - Execute contracts for current Fiscal Year announced in June
- August - Application window open for next Fiscal Year funding
 - Staff review and develop recommendations
- September – At the TF meeting the TF reviews potential projects (no decision)
 - Review used to estimate grant funding levels and develop budget request for next Fiscal Year
- October – At the TF meeting the TF votes on its projected budget to inform budget cycle
- February - **Optional** application window opens (emerging applicants)
- March – At the TF meeting the TF votes on proposals selected to provide in-person project presentations

He asked if the TF wanted to invite the Greater Pensacola Chamber back to the May meeting to present again and answer questions from last month. The TF collectively said yes, they did want to invite the Greater Pensacola Chamber back to present again at the May meeting.

He reminded the TF that next month they will have approximately \$1.36 million to award for grants and have about \$1.42 million in requests.

Military & Defense Update

Terry McCaffrey asked the TF members to please let Michelle Griggs know if they plan on attending the May meeting in Tallahassee as soon as possible

Commissioner Barbara Stewart discussed how at the last meeting, the TF talked about refocusing and adding some efforts in addition to what they are currently supporting. She asked if they could reduce the allocation for the grant program and use those funds for other projects.

Terry McCaffrey replied that yes, the TF can do that, however it won't be applicable until the next year and the next grant application.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart asked if the unencumbered funds from the past grantees can be saved until then.

Terry McCaffrey replied that the funds need to be encumbered during FY2018-2019 and that can certainly be discussed in closed session next month.

Marcy Sanders added that Enterprise Florida (EFI) has an aerospace unit in our business development division and that may be a great opportunity to include that as part of the Enterprise Florida mission and that TF members might be interested in talking to personnel in that division of EFI in order so that the TF and EFI are working toward the same goal.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart said she would still like to have that discussion among TF members in closed session.

Admiral Mark Fitzgerald added that he's looking at business development of the public sector and how can the TF go after public sector money in Washington, DC to fund that business development. Also there is a training issue as how can the TF look to the future for those skillsets and get the colleges set up to train for them.

Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson stated that after six years of protecting our military bases the TF needs to meet to reimagine where we are and look forward to the future. He asked Terry McCaffrey about a possible workshop or retreat where members can get together to reinvigorate the passion of what they stand for, to continue to protect our national defense.

IV. Agenda Item IV: Public Comment

No guests wished to make a public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 AM EDT

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #64 on Thursday, May 17, 2018

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting at the Residence Inn Marriott Tallahassee at 09:00 AM EDT – 11:23 AM EDT. For Agenda: See Page 2

Task Force Members Present:

Senator Doug Broxson, Chairman
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman
Amy Gowder, Vice President, Lockheed Martin Rotary and Missions Systems Company
Maj Gen Richard Haddad, USAF, (Ret)
Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Highlands County

Task Force Members on the Phone:

Brig Gen Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret)
ADM Mark Fitzgerald, USN, (Ret)
Representative Clay Ingram

Task Force Members Absent:

MG Mike Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida
Lt Col William Dudley, USAF, (Ret)
Representative Holly Raschein
Representative Jay Trumbull

Speakers Present:

John Patrick Walsh, State of Florida Washington, DC Office
Secretary Anthony Principi, The Principi Group (TPG)
Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Buck MacLaughlin, Avon Park Air Force Range
Gaye Sharpe, Polk County
Josh Cockrell, Clay County Development Authority
Chris Moore, Bay County Board of County Commissioners
Loretta Costin, Gulf Coast State College

Others Present:

LTG David Huntoon, TPG
Larry Novey, OPPAGA
Rick Woerner, OPPAGA
Lindsay Stevens, The Nature Conservancy
Jessica Eglin, Congressman Lawson's Office
John Skaggs, NSA Panama City
Ryan Fierst, DEO
Traci Colson, DEO
Elizabeth Ryon, The Florida Senate
Michael Moline, Florida Politics
Kent Wimmer, Defenders of Wildlife
Paul Catlett, Camp Blanding/FNG
John Swanson, Doolittle Institute (Phone)
Steve Bailey, Doolittle Institute (Phone)
Tom Tolbert, Eglin AFB (Phone)

Jim Breitenfeld, TPG (Phone)
Ryan Butler, DEO (Phone)
Major Jason Hunt, USA, FLNG (Phone)
Jessica Lamb, Office of Senator Bill Nelson (Phone)
Jana Wibberley, Deloitte (Phone)

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 #64
Residence Inn Marriott Tallahassee, 600 W. Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL 32304
AGENDA for May 17, 2018 (As of: May 3, 2018)

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- 0910 – 0925 Old Business..... Chairman **(A) / (I)**
 - Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
 - TF Grants and Contracts Status Marcy Sanders **(I)**
 - Approve FY18-19 TF Budget Marcy Sanders **(D) / (A)**
- 0925 – 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)**
 - Mil & Def Update
- 1045 – 1100 Public Comment..... Chairman
- 1100 – 1230 FY 2018 - 2019 Grant Application Presentations..... Chairman **(I) / (D)**
- 1230 – 1400 LUNCH / CLOSED SESSION..... Chairman
- 1400 – 1415 OPEN SESSION – Voting on grant proposals..... Chairman **(A)**

Reminder – Meeting Dates: 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**

Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson, began the meeting at 09:00 AM EDT.

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

Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson welcomed attendees and guests. He asked guests in the audience and on the phone to introduce themselves. He led the Task Force (TF) and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and reminded the TF the meeting is governed by Sunshine Law.

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of Minutes

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson** asked of any corrections be made to the April 19, 2018 minutes. Noting none, a motion was made by **Ms. Amy Gowder**, seconded by **Commissioner Barbara Stewart**, all are in favor and the April 19, 2018 meeting minutes are approved.*

Task Force Grants and Contracts Status

Marcy Sanders reported on DTF Grant 14-05, Economic Development Alliance of Bay County LambdaRail Expansion Project, has currently not received their RESTORE funding. Staff suggests an extension to June 30, 2019.

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson** asked for a motion to extend DTF Grant #14-05 to June 30, 2019. A motion was made by **Mr. Tom Neubauer**, seconded by **Commissioner Barbara Stewart**, all are in favor and the motion passes.*

Marcy Sanders also noted that DTF Grant #17-178, Gulf Coast State College has been completed and Staff is awaiting their final report.

Bruce Grant discussed DTF grant #17-177, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance, as they have not been in compliance with their contract regarding submissions for reimbursement. Staff recommends that this grant be cancelled until the Tampa Bay Defense Alliance establishes new leadership and produces an audit of their funds.

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson** asked for a motion to cancel DTF Grant #17-177, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance. A motion was made by **Ms. Amy Gowder**, seconded by **Mr. Tom Neubauer**, however **Brig Gen Chip Diehl** asked for an opportunity to discuss this further in Closed Session, prior to the vote. This vote was delayed until the Open Session at the end of the meeting.*

Approve FY18-19 Task Force Budget

Marcy Sanders briefly discussed the FY 2018-2019 TF Budget noting that they will have approximately \$1.3 million to consider for grant applications presented today. This includes the \$2 million as appropriated by the Legislature in addition to the funds made available from those unencumbered and forfeited by previous grant recipients.

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson** asked for a motion to approve the FY 2018-2019 TF Budget. A motion was made by **Mr. Tom Neubauer**, seconded by **Commissioner Barbara Stewart**, all are in favor and the FY 2018-2019 Budget is approved.*

III. Agenda Item III: New Business

Task Force Member Reports

Commissioner Barbara Stewart reported that the 104th Fighter Squadron based out of Baltimore, Maryland is operating out of the Deployed Unit Complex (DUC) to use the Range. This is their third deployment to the DUC in the last six months.

The Range is hosting a 600+ person field training exercise this weekend, the first of the 124th Infantry is being supported by the 111th Aviation.

Colonel Daniel Edgar will be leaving the Range and the Change of Command will take place on June 28th.

Ms. Amy Gowder reported that the Space Coast continues to be active with launches. SpaceX debuted their Falcon 9 and has two more upcoming launches in the next 30 days.

Representative Jim Bridenstine was confirmed and sworn in as the new NASA Administrator. The commander of the 45th Space Wing will retire in August and will be succeeded by Brigadier General Select Doug Scheiss.

Team Orlando has been busy meeting with lawmakers and are happy that the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act includes language for small business and support for modeling and simulation.

The National Center for Simulation and the University of Central Florida held a dedication ceremony for the five partnership complexes in honor of John C. Witt, the President of UCF. They recognized the state's support over the past 15 years, enabling the complex and partnership buildings. Also, Dr. Mark T. Esper, the Secretary of the Army is visiting Team Orlando and Central Florida on June 8th.

Mr. Tom Neubauer reported that the US Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center at the NSA Panama City campus trains approximately 1,200 divers each year across all branches of the military. Commander Cameron Chen will be replaced on June 21st by Commander Sam Brasfield.

The 325th Wing Commander will have a change of command as Colonel Michael Hernandez will retire and will be replaced by current Vice Commander Brian Laidlaw on July 13th.

On Monday, 31 members of the Tyndall AFB/Bay County community will travel to Holloman AFB in New Mexico as civic leaders will tour the MQ-9 formal training unit to see how the program works and how to better support the families coming into Bay County.

This afternoon, Governor Scott will cut the ribbon at the dedication ceremony for the Bay Military Veterans Resource Center on the campus of Gulf Coast State College. An F-22 flyover will be a part of the ceremony and there will be an annual foundation dinner tonight to support the Thanks-A-Million campaign which supports military members in need of support furthering their education.

Major General Richard Haddad discussed that the Okaloosa County Commissioners executed a resolution opposing the opening of areas within the Gulf of Mexico to oil exploration and related activities. Lt. Gen Brad Heithold, the former Air Force Special Operations Commander currently working for the Secretary of Defense, is retiring on June 28th. He has been enlisted since 1974. Air Force Major General Scott Howell has been appointed to be the Joint Special Operation Commander and this will be the first time that an Air Force officer has held that position.

Admiral Mark Fitzgerald reported that earlier this month he attended a meeting with the Mayor's Office, the City Council, the Chamber of Commerce, the Jacksonville Depot, the Jacksonville Aviation Authority to discuss public-private ventures for solving issues with the Jacksonville Depot. Last week all of the aviation flags were present at the Flyoff Symposium in Pensacola. He believes this is a good idea so they will be traveling to Washington, DC next month with the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce and presenting these ideas to the Secretary of the Navy.

There appears to be progress in gaining access to the public areas at NAS Pensacola as there may be some funding available to re-do the front gate.

Meetings have been scheduled between the various Community Colleges in Jacksonville and the Navy Installation Commanders at the Depot and the shipyards to see how junior college programs can be crafted to provide the workers needed to support those activities.

Brigadier General Chip Diehl reported that General C.Q. Brown has been nominated for his fourth star. He is currently the Deputy Commander of Central Command. Colonel April Vogel, the Wing Commander at MacDill AFB will change out on June 12th and will be replaced by Colonel Stephen P. Snelson, McChord Air Force Base Vice Commander. He also noted that the recently held AirFest was a big success, was safe and that everyone had a great time.

Washington Office Update

John Patrick Walsh, State of Florida Washington, DC Office, reported that this morning the Florida Congressional Delegation is holding a closed hearing on oil drilling and the administration's plans for exploration off of our coast. The delegation is unanimous in its opposition to any sort of exploration or drilling off of Florida's coast. This hearing was a way for them to bring in representatives from the administration and others to speak about the impact that such a move would have on our state.

He was happy to see the House Armed Services Committee was able to push through their version of the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which came to about \$716 billion. He was very happy to see the 77 F-35s were within the bill also there are less significant cuts to the civil side of the workforce for DoD and also allows funds for buildup in the Army. He does caution the TF as there doesn't seem to be a set-in-stone timeline for the NDAA this year, although he believes the House will pass their version prior to the end of June.

The House was able to pass additional funding for the VA Choice Act. The VFW and the American Legion visited Washington, DC in March to speak with elected Representatives and continue to push that Florida is the most military-friendly state in the nation. They asked the VA to provide more funding towards healthcare rather than infrastructure, such as hiring doctors and medical care as it would provide a greater return on investment for tax payers and the nation.

The administration announced a Military Spouses Employment Initiative. The Federal government is viewing this as an opportunity to assist military spouses to be hired into the Federal workforce. This Executive Order would require each of the departments and agencies to provide assistance for spouses and dependents when applying to Federal positions.

The Council of Governors in the last few months, along with Federal and State partners have been looking at hurricane and natural disaster response. Florida's response to recent hurricanes was a great example to some of the other states in regards to pre-preparation. Currently they are learning best practices and sharing those ideas with sister states and Federal partners.

Update from The Principi Group

Secretary Anthony Principi discussed briefly the VA Choice Act which includes a provision that creates a commission to look at the vast VA infrastructure built during a different era. This infrastructure needs to be reviewed and changes made to bring more care to communities, partnerships with the private sector and more professionals (doctors and nurses).

Recently, the TPG Team led by LTG David Huntoon, briefed the TF's Strategic Plan as they have met with both Florida Senators' staff and eight House member offices. During these meetings they learned of two initiatives: the Army Garrison Miami SOUTHCOM Housing Initiative to construct unaccompanied and family housing on Department of Transportation/FAA land adjacent to SOUTHCOM headquarters; and the Humanitarian Assistance Disaster Response Con Plan designated for Homestead as an operational aerial port hub similar to NORTHCOM to be used to address emergencies in the southeast including Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands.

The House marked up their committee NDAA last week and floor action is scheduled for May 21st. Within the jurisdiction of the HASC the amount that they authorized was \$708 billion of which \$617 billion is allocated for the Base Defense Budget, \$69 billion for Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) and \$21.8 billion for the Department of Energy's nuclear programs. This is \$16 billion over 2018 levels. A new authority permits the Defense Department to close or realign small installations outside of the BRAC process, with the consent of state and local officials, is included in the House Armed Services fiscal 2019 defense authorization bill.

The Pentagon needs to take a close look at its training ranges, including land, sea and airspace, to determine where they need to be modernized as the infrastructure has not kept pace with advances in combat and weaponry, according to report language in the House Armed Services fiscal 2019 defense authorization bill.

To ensure DoD's training range infrastructure is keeping up with competitive demands, the committee directs the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to assess:

- The extent to which DoD has identified the current capacity of training range infrastructure to meet the military services' demand for range access;
- The extent to which DoD has evaluated the training range infrastructure to determine whether it is sufficient to conduct training against near-peer adversary capabilities; and
- The extent to which DoD has developed a comprehensive strategy and investment plan to improve the availability and sufficiency of training ranges to meet the department's training needs.

On the Senate side, the absence of Senator McCain suggests a less ambitious bill will be forthcoming. The SASC markup will commence the week of May 21st. Appropriators are tentatively scheduled to begin their markup of defense spending in June.

Lucian Niemeyer, Assistant Secretary for Energy, Installations and Environment told the Congress during recent testimony that work is needed on a common way forward to allow prudent reductions to be made in our infrastructure. He emphasized the need to ensure that basing infrastructure is ideally sized to increase the lethality of forces. He said officials are undertaking a comprehensive review of how and where they base new forces and capabilities, including hypersonic weapons, autonomous vehicles and cyber forces called for in the National Defense Strategy.

Regarding the FY 2019 Military Construction request for Florida, the President's budget request totals \$177.4 million. Projects included are:

- Mayport LCS – Operational Training Facility - \$29.1 million
- Mayport LCS – Support Facility - \$82.3 million
- Eglin AFB – F-35A Integrated Training Center Academics Building - \$34.8 million
- Eglin AFB – F-35A Student Dormitory II - \$28 million
- MacDill AFB – KC135 Beddown Flight Simulator Training - \$3.1 million

The HASC Military Construction request for the State of Florida includes the five original projects above, plus authorization for additional four projects:

- Patrick AFB - \$9 million
- Patrick AF Reserve – \$24 million
- NAS Whiting Field – Air Traffic Control Tower - \$10 million
- Eglin AFB – Cyberspace Test Facility - \$38 million

The House Appropriations Subcommittee for Military Construction/Veteran Affairs included Section 125, for an additional amount for the accounts added:

- Army \$44.1 million
- Navy and Marine Corps \$317.8 million
- Air Force \$144.4 million
- Army National Guard \$11 million
- Air National Guard \$62 million

- Army Reserve \$23 million
- Air Force Reserve \$84.8 million

Planned actions and activities:

- Track and report back on both House and Senate Hearing Season
- Await the release of the National Military Strategy and provide updates
- Continue to monitor FY 2019 NDAA Mark Up
- Continue to engage House congressional delegation MLAs on re-SWOT, FY 2019 strategic priorities
- Attend the June 2018 ADC National Conference

LTG David Huntoon briefed on his recent meetings on the Hill. These meetings have been constructive and positive discussions of issues on concern to our Florida installations and military missions.

Some points of discussion:

- The recently released Air Force Test Center Report.
- Assistant Secretary Niemeyer's April 30th memo on the Military Mission Line and DoD report.
- The replacing of the Kennedy Space Center Bridge.
- The Hill staff working the NAS Pensacola security enclave access to public areas.
- The underground hydrant system at Homestead ARB.
- The cyber needs at Corry Station and infrastructure issues.
- The corrosion issues with Florida-based aircraft.
- The Key West housing annex.

TPG ensures they will continue engagement, ensuring installation and TF leadership are aware of the issued discussed, either part of the Strategic Plan or any new issues that arise.

Military & Defense Update

Bruce Grant reported that staff is currently working on scheduling the strategy session requested by **Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson** at the April TF meeting. Please contact the staff if any TF members have any input on this session.

Terry McCaffrey is currently working on the 2018 Military-Friendly Guides. The final product should be out in July/August.

Over the summer staff will be working with the staffs of the Senate and House to ensure they understand what the TF's mission and remind them of the importance of the military and its importance to the state.

Congratulations to our own **Mr. Tom Neubauer** who has been nominated and selected by the Association of Defense Communities as an ADC leadership award winner. The next ADC conference is June 18th through 20th in Washington, DC.

Thank you to the Navy Federal Credit Union for providing the coffee station at the TF meetings last year and have signed up to sponsor, once again, for our meetings in 2019.

Representatives from OPPAGA are in attendance at today's meeting. Every three years OPPAGA performs reviews of state agencies and programs and are currently evaluating our military and defense programs and DIG, DRG and TF grants. Staff has provided the requested information for evaluation and the final report is expected at the end of 2018.

IV. Agenda Item IV: Public Comment

Kent Wimmer, Defenders of Wildlife, advised that the Air Force has asked the Defenders of Wildlife to prepare a Sentinel Landscape application for Northwest Florida with Eglin AFB being the anchor installation. They are currently collecting information to support the submittal of an application for Sentinel Landscape designation.

V. Agenda Item V: FY 2018-2019 Grant Application Presentations

Five grant applications were chosen to be presented. They were provided 15 minutes each to present their grant applications to the TF followed by a question and answer period. The grant presenters were as follows:

- Central Florida Regional Planning Council, **Jennifer Codo-Salisbury and Buck MacLaughlin**, requested \$90,000 for a Sentinel Landscape Priority Action Plan at Avon Park Air Force Range.
- Polk County, **Gaye Sharpe**, requested \$500,000 for encroachment prevention and sustainability of the Avon Park Air Force Range.
- Clay County Development Authority, **Josh Cockrell**, requested \$500,000 for the Camp Blanding Joint Training Center installation encroachment acquisition.
- Bay County Board of County Commissioners, **Chris Moore**, requested \$120,000 for the Expeditionary Innovation Center (EXWERX).
- Gulf Coast State College, **Loretta Costin**, requested \$144,000 for an Environment Impact Study scoping strategy for the Tyndall AFB/MQ-9 mission.

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 AM EDT

The meeting reconvened at 12:36 PM EDT

VI. Agenda Item VI: Voting on Grant Proposals

The TF voted to award the following grant requests:

- Polk County for \$500,000
- Clay County for \$500,000.
- Bay County Board of County Commissioners for \$95,000
- Central Florida Regional Planning Council for \$90,000
- Gulf Coast State College for \$144,000
- **Total Grant Money Awarded is \$1,329,000**

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson** asked for a motion to cancel DTF Grant #17-177, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance, and hold their funds pending an audit. A motion was made by **Major General Richard Haddad**, seconded by **Ms. Amy Gowder**, all are in favor and the motion passes.*

The meeting adjourned at 12:41 PM EDT

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

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Senator Doug Broxson
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Task Force Members Absent:

Representative Clay Ingram

Speakers Present:

Secretary Anthony Principi, The Principi Group (TPG)
Will Leahy, South Florida Defense Alliance
Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chair (Phone)

Others Present:

LTG David Huntoon, TPG
Lt Gen Glenn Spears, The Spectrum Group
Jim Breitenfeld, TPG
Major Jason Hunt, USA, FLNG
Captain Justin Phillips, USA, FLNG
Kurt Kadel, South Dade Chamber of Commerce MAC Chairman
Dana Gilbert, Marstel-Day Consulting/HARB
Col Alan Teauseau, 482nd Fighter Wing
Jonathan Borgert, South Dade Chamber of Commerce MAC
Pamela Berkowsky, South Florida Defense Alliance
Rob Palumbo, South Florida Defense Alliance
Medardo Cruz, Congressman Curbelo's Office
Ron Demes, NAS Key West
Roy Clark, FDVA (Phone)
Kay Rasmussen, Defense Support Initiatives Committee, Okaloosa/Santa Rosa Counties (Phone)
Josh Cockerell, Clay County Development Authority (Phone)
Paul Catlett, Camp Blanding
Larry Novey, OPPAGA (Phone)
Rick Woerner, OPPAGA (Phone)
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Staff Present:

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Marcy Muldrow Sanders, Grants Manager, FDSTF
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 - FY 19-20 Grant Application Approval Will Leahey **(I)**
 - South Florida Defense Alliance Update Terry McCaffrey **(D) / (A)**
 - 2018 Military Friendly Guide Terry McCaffrey **(D) / (A)**
 - Draft 2019 Meeting Schedule Proposal Bruce Grant **(I)**
 - Mil & Def Update
- 1045 – 1100 Public Comment..... Chairman
- 1100 – 1230 CLOSED SESSION..... Chairman
- 1230 – 1300 Lunch
- 1300 – 1500 Tour – Homestead ARB

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 December 2018 **NO MEETING**

Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer, began the meeting at 09:00 AM EDT.

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

Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer welcomed attendees and guests. He thanked the Homestead defense community for the lovely reception held the night prior. He announced that the Speaker of the House has recently appointed Representative Jay Trumbull as the new Chairman of the Task Force (TF) and congratulated Senator Doug Broxson on the outstanding job he did as Chairman the previous year. He asked guests in the audience and on the phone to introduce themselves. He led the Task Force and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and reminded the TF the meeting is governed by Sunshine Law.

II. Agenda Item II: Welcome from Local Defense Community

Kurt Kadel, South Dade Chamber of Commerce MAC Chairman, welcomed the TF members and guests to Homestead. He spoke of how the community, the Military Affairs Committee (MAC) and the Homestead Air Reserve Base (HARB) work together in South Dade County. The mission of the MAC is ensuring the long-term military value of Homestead Air Reserve Base and reinforcing the military family's quality of life. Their vision is to champion the mission of the military that serves Homestead Air Reserve Base and South Dade County and their core values are commitment to selfless service, honor and integrity. He talked about the subcommittees within the MAC: military relations, advocacy, military awards, community and family relations, membership and housing, and what is involved in each. A recent accomplishment by the MAC is that they have convinced the city council to sign a resolution, averting a plan for development at the south end of the runway at HARB. He praised Colonel Garfield, commander of the 482nd Fighter Wing at HARB, as he's been able to help the MAC focus on the mission and the needs of the airmen, soldiers and sailors.

III. Agenda Item III: Old Business

Approval of Minutes

A quorum being present, Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer asked of any corrections be made to the May 17, 2018 minutes. Noting none, a motion was made by Ms. Amy Gowder, seconded by Admiral Mark Fitzgerald, all are in favor and the May 17, 2018 meeting minutes are approved.

Task Force Grants and Contracts Status

Marcy Sanders reported on DTF Grant 15-11, City of Key West – Road Access via Truman Waterfront Park, which has completed its project and we are waiting on the final paperwork and she showed some photos on the completed project. **Ron Demes**, NAS Key West, was in attendance and thanked the TF personally.

She reported on DTF Grant #16-137, City of Key West – Truman Annex Sewall Refurbishment, which has also completed and we are waiting on the final paperwork. She also showed photos of this completed project.

She reported on DTF 17-161, Clay County Development Authority, who is requesting an extension due to unforeseen circumstances in closing two parcels previously identified in the original grant application and a second parcel approved in the subsequent amendment #1. They have identified two parcels, which have willing sellers, that may be closed in the next six to nine months. These parcels have been moved to Priority 2 and they are looking to close on the approximately 2,200 acres in October 2018. They are requesting the grant be extended to April 30, 2019.

A quorum being present, Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer asked for a motion to extend DTF Grant #17-161 to April 30, 2019. A motion was made by Admiral Mark Fitzgerald, seconded by Commissioner Barbara Stewart, all are in favor and the motion passes.

IV. Agenda Item IV: New Business

Task Force Member Reports

Representative Holly Raschein thanked the TF for their assistance with the grants for the Key West projects and welcomed everyone to Homestead.

Representative Jay Trumbull reported the change of command at Tyndall AFB as Colonel Brian Laidlaw takes over command of the 325th Fighter Wing. Recently the Bay County Commission has approved a contract to complete the JLUS in support of Tyndall AFB. Leadership at NSA Panama City recently met with the Bay Defense Alliance Navy team to plan the way ahead for various projects including the standup of the Exhibitionary Innovation Center, a project aided by grant support from the TF.

Senator Doug Broxson reported that the Blue Angels will perform in Pensacola next week. There was a change of command at Hurlburt Field's 25th Intelligence Squadron as Lt. Col Matthew Norton passes command to Lt. Col. Jason Gerber. Recently the Triumph Board awarded \$8.5 million to Whiting Field Aviation Park which will create about 200 jobs and allows for parcels of land to be purchased near Whiting Field. The total project will cost about \$18 million and is a great economic boost to the military and community in this region.

Lt Col William Dudley reported that the Veterans Councils of Duval, Clay, Baker, Nassau and St. Johns counties have an established a working group to develop a POW-MIA memorial at Cecil Field. This will be dedicated on September 22nd, from 9 am to 5 pm, in a large dedication ceremony and will include a park, memorial walk, memorial wall and the old Chapel.

Brigadier General Chip Diehl reported that in the transition of leadership at MacDill AFB, Lieutenant General CQ Brown is leaving to head up PACAF (Pacific Air Forces) on July 26th. Also, Colonel Steve Snelson has recently taken over the 6th Air Mobility Wing. Colonel Snelson was formerly the Vice Commander at McChord Air Force Base. The VA hospital in Tampa will be having a groundbreaking ceremony as they prepare to build a new 115-bed tower.

Ms. Amy Gowder reported that the White House and NASA are planning an event in early August at the NASA Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex to announce an astronaut cruise for the first commercial space missions to the international space station. Space Florida and the Economic Development Commission are hosting an industry round table on August 6th with NASA's new administrator, Jim Bridenstine, to highlight the diversity and new industry which has developed around the space coast.

She discussed the upcoming launches: SpaceX has two upcoming launches for communications satellites and ULA will be launching a solar space probe. They are watching closely as President Trump has directed DoD to establish a U.S. Space Force.

NASA demolished two historical launch pads at the Kennedy Space Center Complex as they continue to revamp and expand their launch sites.

The National Center for Simulation partnered with Army Research Labs and hosted Games in Education, Math & Science Summer Camps where 110 students from 6th to 8th grade gathered at the research park for a week-long orientation. They also recently hosted the Annual Training and Simulation Industry Symposium.

She noted that Boston, Massachusetts is location chosen for the new Army Futures Command. They will continue to watch the establishment of that and keep in close contact so they understand the capabilities of Central Florida.

Major General Richard Haddad discussed that he recently attended the Panhandle Defense Support Initiative meeting last week. Their priorities are Eglin AFB, the Gulf Ranges and the Military Mission Line. There is still some concern over the Gulf Ranges in spite of the fact that leaders have said they oppose drilling, they are concerned that when the moratorium expires that will be overcome by events. The economic impact of that will be huge in terms of the training that will not be able to be accomplished and the only other place where training is similar is in Australia. Another concern is sharing range space.

He asked for some historical perspective regarding the Florida statute that doesn't allow the state to fund any infrastructure projects within the Federal perimeter. He asked why was this legislation created and is there or has there been any discussion to reverse that statute?

Bruce Grant replied the statute is 280.980 and is a Florida statute which refers to the defense infrastructure grants. The specific statement says that the funding will not be used for any projects on base. The TF has followed this throughout its grant program but has been the subject of TF discussion a few years ago when Senator Richter was Chairman. The TF decided to leave alone as it would require a statutory change to reverse. The TF is welcome to take a look at this statute in the future.

Representative Holly Raschein added that the TF should consider looking at changing this statute as we move forward into next Legislative session as bases are important to communities, so why not use taxpayer funds to help with projects on bases.

Major General Richard Haddad added that due to the 20 installations in Florida, there could be a prioritization or standard as to how the TF goes forward with funding for specific projects on each base and the fact that Florida has 20 installations shouldn't be a factor in the discussion.

Bruce Grant replied that the TF can discuss to see how to get this statute reversal through the Legislature at the next TF meeting,

MG Mike Calhoun reported that from April 30 to May 4, 2018, the Florida National Guard (FLNG) participated in the 2018 Statewide Hurricane Exercise. This annual event was a full-scale exercise where the FLNG conducted their Rehearsal of Concept plan with senior leaders from the Florida National Guard, several National Guard states, the Florida Division of Emergency Management, FEMA, United States Northern Command, their Title 10 partners, and local and county emergency managers. Your Florida National Guard is trained, postured, and ready for the 2018 Hurricane Season with 5,500 Soldiers and Airmen available to respond.

In May, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service presented Camp Blanding with the Military Conservation Partner Award. It's a prestigious award that is given annually to one military installation from around the country that is best able to balance conservation and habitat development with its military training. They also hosted the Office of Personnel and Budget (OPB) and several legislative leaders that same day, and they were present for the ceremony.

In May, Florida Guardsman MG Rich Gallant was selected to be the Chief of Staff of North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and US Northern Command.

Also, in June, Florida Guardsman MG J.D. Craig assumed command of the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa. They join several others that serve in the Combatant Commands, and they are proud that Florida is well-represented in these demanding positions.

This month, the FLNG has approximately 420 personnel currently mobilized supporting federal operations overseas.

Admiral Mark Fitzgerald began by formally recognizing **Mr. Tom Neubauer** for his recognition by the Association of Defense Communities as he was awarded the 2018 Community Leadership Award.

*A quorum being present, a motion was made by **Admiral Mark Fitzgerald** to formally recognize Mr. Tom Neubauer as the recipient of the 2018 ADC Community Leadership Award. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Barbara Stewart**, all are in favor and the motion passes.*

He traveled to Washington, DC with the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce and met with US Air Force Staff Installations to discuss the F-35s. He met with the US Navy regarding their proposal for a public/private venture at Cecil Field to help alleviate the problems with the older buildings and lack of room for expansion. They discussed shared services and how DoD can use city and county services to replace those on bases where there's overlap or duplicity and were asked to look into this in the Jacksonville area.

Rick Hoffman is now the Executive Director of the Jacksonville Area Ship Repair Association and will be a great benefit in lobbying in Washington, DC.

They discussed the issue of workforce and how to acquire more trained artisans/engineers. The TF should take this on and figure out how the education system trains the right artisans/engineers to start filling the ever-increasing requirements we have.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart reported that on June 28th was the change of command at Avon Park Air Force Range as Lieutenant Colonel Dale Stark assumed command of the 598th Range Squadron.

The new primary training range contract was recently expanded from 60 hours to 80 hours per week during which the Range will be open. This will not only allow for increased flexibility but also increased usage.

Closing for the conservation easement on Rafter T Ranch in Highlands County has occurred. The staff has put together a list of points and lessons learned which will be helpful to other entities who engage in acquisitions of these types of lands.

Mr. Tom Neubauer reported that in trying to beddown the mission for the MQ-9, the wing leadership and some community leaders traveled to New Mexico where the formal training is for the MQ-9. The twenty community leaders had an opportunity to meet with the operators and pilots and talk to them about what they expect when they relocate to Florida.

The Air Combat Command will be absorbing the 24th Air Force which is cyber and 25th Air Force which is Intel ISR into their command. Recently General Jack McMullen retired and will be replaced by former commander of the 25th Air Force Christopher Weggeman, who has been recently nominated for his third star.

Update from The Principi Group

Secretary Anthony Principi thanked the local defense community for their hospitality at HARB the day prior.

Congress has been working through the fiscal year 2019 National Defense Authorization Act and Appropriation Act. Expectation is that the NDAA will wrap up by the end of July and Appropriations will be ready for passage at the end of July, as well.

On June 19th, members of the TF met with Mr. Lucian Niemeyer, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations and Environment, to discuss the current status of discussions between DoD and DoI on the Gulf Military Missions Line and the prohibition on drilling. DoD is still collecting data, with plans to coordinate with DoI on a comprehensive, updated map of current training requirements and likely exploratory drilling locations. The path forward to extend the prohibition will require more close discussion and coordination.

Regarding the FY 2019 National Defense Authorization Act, there are multiple reports being required of the Department with direct import to the State, such as cyber, training ranges, space and nuclear matters. Close scrutiny should be given to how the required reports are developed. A few provisions of direct relevance to the State of Florida and bear watching are:

Training Range Infrastructure: The Pentagon needs to take a close look at its training ranges, including land, sea and airspace, to determine where they need to be modernized, as the infrastructure has not kept pace with advances in combat and weaponry, according to report language in House Armed Services fiscal 2019 defense authorization bill.

To ensure DOD's training range infrastructure is keeping up with competitive demands, the committee directs the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to assess:

- the extent to which DOD has identified the current capacity of training range infrastructure to meet the military services' demand for range access;

- the extent to which DOD has evaluated the training range infrastructure to determine whether it is sufficient to conduct training against near-peer adversary capabilities; and
- The extent to which DOD has developed a comprehensive strategy and investment plan to improve the availability and sufficiency of training ranges to meet the department's training needs.

The Senate has a similar requirement, calling for a strategic plan to improve capability of Department of Defense training ranges and installations. The committee recommends a provision that would require the Secretary of Defense, working through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, to develop a comprehensive strategic plan for using existing authorities to address training constraints to improve operations training capabilities requiring training enablers available in and outside the United States.

Report on Transportation Infrastructure Critical to Eastern Range Space Operations: The committee notes that the Indian River Bridge in Florida is critical to the ability of the Department of Defense to provide space launch and range operations in support of the nation's objectives.

Accordingly, the committee directs the Secretary of the Air Force, in consultation with the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, to submit to the congressional defense committees no later than October 1, 2018, a report on the transportation infrastructure that is critical to the ability of the Department to use the Eastern Range in Cape Canaveral, Florida, for space launch operations.

Land Conveyance, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida: The Senate committee recommends a provision that would grant the Secretary of the Air Force permissive authority to convey 80 acres of land adjacent to Eglin Air Force Base to the Air Force Enlisted Village. The committee notes that, should the Secretary invoke this authority, the conveyance would include a reversionary interest clause.

Comptroller General Review of Current Military Cyber Operations: The House committee directs the Comptroller General of the United States to assess the Department of Defense's current military cyberspace operations. The assessment should identify:

- (1) the types of cyberspace operations the Department has undertaken, activities undertaken to prepare for cyberspace operations, and the organizations conducting these operations;
- (2) authorities, policies, doctrine, and rules of engagement for these operations;
- (3) internal oversight and congressional reporting mechanisms;
- (4) efforts to develop and synchronize cyberspace operations within combatant commanders' plans; and
- (5) processes used to deconflict cyberspace operations or mitigate the impact of cyberspace operations on other military operations.

The committee directs the Comptroller General to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services by March 1, 2019, on preliminary findings, and submit a final report to the congressional defense committees at a date agreed to at the time of the briefing.

Regarding BRAC, with the Trump administration's decision not to request additional base closures with this year's budget submission, the Pentagon's uphill battle to demonstrate the benefits of a new BRAC round to lawmakers has been placed on the back burner, but the discussion can be expected to return to Capitol Hill eventually. The time could come when lawmakers realize the rising defense budget is not translating into a significantly larger force structure and the need to curb spending as the nation's debt grows could provide a strong push in that direction as well.

An additional factor at play is the dispute between the Pentagon and Congress over DOD's estimate of its excess capacity. Lawmakers, along with a recent Government Accountability Office report, have called for a more precise estimate of the military's unused capacity. In response, defense officials point out that is only possible when Congress authorizes a new BRAC round. Both sides have a point in this standoff, but lawmakers will be hesitant to jump into a new round in the absence of better data.

The total President's Budget request for the State of Florida is \$177.423 million. Included are these projects:

Base	Project	Funding (millions)
Mayport LCS	Operational Training Facility	\$29.110
Mayport LCS	Support Facility	\$82.350
Eglin AFB	F-35A Integrated Trg Center Academics Bldg	\$34.863
Eglin AFB	F-35A Student Dormitory II	\$28.000
MacDill AFB	KC135 Beddown Flight Simulator Training	\$3.100

House Armed Services Committee Military Construction request for the State of Florida includes the original 5 projects above, plus authorization for additional 4 projects. Included are these additional projects:

Base	Project	Funding (millions)
Patrick AFB	Gate	\$9.000
Patrick AF Reserve	Squadron Ops Building	\$24.00
NAS Whiting Field	Air Traffic Control Tower	\$10.00
Eglin AFB	Cyberspace Test Facility	\$38.00 (RDTE)

Senate Armed Services Committee Military Construction request for the State of Florida includes the original 5 projects above, plus authorization for additional 2 projects. Included are these additional projects:

Base	Project	Funding (millions)
NAS Whiting Field	Air Traffic Control Twr	\$10.00
Eglin AFB	Cyberspace Test Fac.	\$38.00 (RDTE)

House Appropriations Subcommittee for Military Construction/Veterans Affairs, included Section 125, for an additional amount for the accounts added:

Service	Unfunded Requirements	Funding (millions)
Army		\$ 44.10
Navy and MC		\$ 317.80
Air Force		\$ 144.45
Army NG		\$ 11.00
Air NG		\$ 62.00
Army Reserve		\$ 23.00
Air Force Reserve		\$ 84.80

Senate Appropriations Subcommittee for Military Construction/Veterans Affairs, included Section 124, for an additional amount for the accounts added:

Service	Unfunded Requirements	Funding (millions)
Army		\$ 77.60
Navy and MC		\$ 244.40
Air Force		\$ 118.52
Army NG		\$ 22.00
Air NG		\$ 11.10
Army Reserve		\$ 10.00
Air Force Reserve		\$ 14.40

TPG expects full funding of the President's Requested Military Construction for Florida. Two additional projects have a good chance of being appropriated – Air Traffic tower at Whiting Field, and the Cyberspace facility at Eglin. The two Patrick AFB projects are more doubtful. Not sure Senate or appropriators have funded.

TPG will continue to engage House congressional delegation MLAs on re-SWOT, FY19 strategic priorities, and way forward on extending the MML prohibition. DoD is holding a "Sustaining Readiness" open conference in St Louis from August 13-16, 2018, which is a call for input. He is planning to attend and will report back to the State.

Florida Defense Alliance Update

Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chairman, reported that FDA Board is currently working on the agendas for the upcoming conference call on Thursday, August 23rd and the in-person meeting in Cocoa Beach on Wednesday, November 14th.

She recently spoke with contacts from the North Carolina Energy Technology Center, the contractor for the US Department of Energy, as we continue to look at energy resiliency. Tim Jones attended their meeting in Gainesville back in June and they are looking at additional meetings in September in Miami and October in Tallahassee.

FDA is working with DEO with the military friendly advocacy liaison on engaging the seven CareerSource organizations that have military family advocate liaisons who work with spouses and on family issues. We are working with DEO to forge a stronger partnership and engaging them more.

They are also working with DOE on reengaging the military liaison with the education system and are looking at how to strengthen this partnership as DoD is making sure family issues are addressed at local levels.

On August 2nd and 3rd, the Florida Veterans Friendly Community Symposium will be held in Orlando and the FDA will send a delegate to attend.

She has been talking with EFI regarding using marketing dollars to tell the story of the importance of Florida's Ranges.

FY 19-20 Grant Application Approval

Marcy Sanders discussed the FY 19-20 TF Grant Application noting changes highlighted in red that have been voted on and approved at prior meetings. The biggest change is letter "B" under Criteria and addresses the issue of private vendors potentially making application for a grant. TF Members noted that the way this reads it could be interpreted that these are the only groups that can apply but by adding the word "or" can make it open to additional entities.

A quorum being present, Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer asked for a motion to accept the grant application as amended. A motion was made by Admiral Mark Fitzgerald, seconded by Ms. Amy Gowder, all are in favor and the motion passes.

Letter B under Criteria will now read: Applications will only be accepted from eligible economic development applicants serving in an official capacity or a county, chamber of commerce, municipality, special district (i.e., an airport or deep water port authority), or state agency with the proper authority to complete the project. The applicant must represent a community or county with a military base/installation.

South Florida Defense Alliance Update

Will Leahy, South Florida Defense Alliance Interim Director, discussed the progression of the South Florida Defense Alliance. He discussed their cause as they support 56,000 active, reserve and guard servicemembers, civilians and their families and assist over 230,000 veterans in their four counties. He talked about their strategic value as South Florida is home to 30% of the state's population, has 34 of

120 State House Districts, 12 of 40 State Senate Districts, over 24 military commands and over 15 installations.

Their purpose is to unite, champion and grow the South Florida defense community. Their goals are to create a single, unified and consistent voice; coalesce community support around our defense community and industries; promote, preserve and enhance our local military missions and installations; attract, retain and expend defense related industry, academic study and research; promote and facilitate compatible community development; and advance our military commands, servicemembers and their families to enhance their quality of life, making South Florida more military friendly.

He briefly discussed the SFDA's organizational structure, board and staff members. He spoke of expansion into Monroe County to combine interests and capabilities and achieve greater influence and impact. SFDA is working on partnering with the Miami-Dade Beacon Council to attract, retain and expand defense-related industry, research and academic study.

Looking forward, SFDA looks to continue operations, strengthen community coalition, solidify their funding base and membership, expand into Monroe County, promote, preserve and enhance military commands, advocate and support troops and their families and facilitate compatible growth.

2018 Military Friendly Guide

Terry McCaffrey announced the completion of the 2018 Military Friendly Guides. Each TF member has a copy at their place and most of the distribution has been mailed out with the remainder being sent out next week. The guide is also online at our website at: <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/Florida-Military-Friendly-Guide-2018.pdf>

Draft 2019 Meeting Schedule Proposal

Terry McCaffrey presented a draft of the proposed 2019 TF meeting dates and locations which will be voted on and approved at the next TF meeting. He noted that the date for meeting #74 is listed as 17 May 19, but is incorrect and should be 16 May 19.

Brief discussion was held regarding having a TF meeting in Washington, DC next year.

Military & Defense Update

Bruce Grant congratulated Tampa which was designated a Great American Defense Community at the most recent ADC Conference. He provided the TF with a paper which summarized topics at the last ADC conference and announced that the next Installation Innovation Forum will be held in Miami, March 4-6, 2019. These dates coincide with beginning of the Legislative session. ADC has asked if four or five communities would provide success stories during this conference so we will be reaching out to communities for assistance.

We are still waiting on one (1) Task Force appointment from the House of Representatives. Staff has been working closely with the House for past several months and are hoping for an appointment in the next few months.

Regarding a TF meeting in Washington, DC, as Congressman Matt Gaetz, Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy and Senator Doug Broxson have decided this would be a good idea. We are hoping they will schedule a Florida Defense Day to bring us all up and combine into TF meeting.

The Florida Defense Exchange is an interactive small business portal where they can compete for federal grants in the defense industry. DEO has received a \$1.4 million grant with which we will be hiring a consultant to create the portal within the next several months.

Bruce Grant and **Terry McCaffrey** will be traveling to Panama City on August 8th to meet and update the new TF Chair, Representative Jay Trumbull. They will also be attending the Governor's Base Commanders Meeting on Monday, July 23rd at USSOUTHCOM.

V. Agenda Item V: Public Comment

No guests wished to make a public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 AM EDT

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #66 on Thursday, August 16, 2018

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting via Conference Call/Webex at 09:00 AM EDT – 10:12 AM EDT. For Agenda: See Page 2

Task Force Members Present:

Representative Jay Trumbull, Chairman
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman
MG Mike Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida
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 Holly Raschein
Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Highlands County

Task Force Members Absent:

Senator Doug Broxson
Lt Col William Dudley, USAF, (Ret.)
Representative Clay Ingram

Speakers Present:

Greg Kiley, The Principi Group (TPG)
John Patrick Walsh, State of Florida Washington D.C. Office
Katie Hogan, Business Development Manager, Aviation/Aerospace & Defense, Enterprise Florida, Inc.

Others Present:

LTG David Huntoon, TPG
Jim Breitenfeld, TPG
Lt Gen Glenn Spears, The Spectrum Group
Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Kay Rasmussen, Defense Support Initiatives Committee, Okaloosa/Santa Rosa Counties
Ryan Butler, DEO
Rick Woerner, OPPAGA
Larry Novvey, OPPAGA
Keith Hoskins, Gulf Power/Greater Pensacola Chamber

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 #66
Conference Call / Webex
AGENDA for August 16, 2018 (As of: August 7, 2018)

CALL-IN NUMBER: 800.501.8979
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KEY:
(I) = Information
(D) = Discussion
(A) = Action

- 0900 – 0910 Welcome, Guest Introductions..... Chairman **(I)**
- 0910 – 0935 Old Business..... Chairman **(A) / (I)**
- Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
 - TF Grants and Contracts Status Marcy Sanders **(I)**
 - FY18-19 Budget Update Marcy Sanders **(I)**
 - September Strategic Planning Workshop Update Bruce Grant **(I) / (D)**
- 0935 – 1055 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 Katie Hogan **(I)**
 - Enterprise Florida Business Development Terry McCaffrey **(I) / (D)**
 - Advocacy Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Update Terry McCaffrey **(D) / (A)**
 - Approve 2019 Meeting Schedule Bruce Grant **(D)**
 - Using State Funds On Base Bruce Grant **(I)**
 - Mil & Def Update
- 1055 – 1100 Public Comment..... Chairman

Reminder – Meeting Dates: September 20, 2018 Ft Walton Beach, FL
October 18, 2018 Conf Call/Webex
November 15, 2018 Cocoa Beach, FL
December 2018 **NO MEETING**

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, Representative Jay Trumbull**.

Chairman, Representative Jay Trumbull 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, Representative Jay Trumbull** asked of any corrections be made to the July 19, 2018 minutes. Noting none, a motion was made by **Mr. Tom Neubauer**, seconded by **Ms. Amy Gowder**, all are in favor and the July 19, 2018 meeting minutes are approved.*

Task Force Grants & Contracts Status

Marcy Sanders reported on the status of several current TF grants.

DTF #17-176, InDyne, Inc., management plan for remotely operated instrument site in the Carrabelle, Florida area, has had their project extended by one month. The new contract end date is August 31, 2018.

DTF #18-192, the South Florida Progress Foundation is beginning to start work on this grant.

The contracts for the FY18-19 grants are pending execution with the exception of DTF #19-102, Central Florida Regional Planning Council, who would like to transfer ownership of the grant to the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners. The scope of the work will remain the same.

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Representative Jay Trumbull** asked the TF for a motion to approve the ownership of DTF Grant #19-102 from the Central Florida Regional Planning Council to the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners. **Commissioner Barbara Stewart** made a motion to approve the change, seconded by **Admiral Mark Fitzgerald**, all are in favor and the change is approved.*

DTF #19-104, Bay County Board of County Commissioners, is working on an MOU prior to the execution of their contract.

FY17-18 Budget Update

Marcy Sanders reported that the total amount encumbered from FY2017-2018 was \$2,029,840.00, which includes funds unencumbered from previous years. The total amount expended is \$1,663,515.08. The remainder of the funds has been drawn down for payments to be made.

September Strategic Planning Workshop Update

Bruce Grant asked the TF members if they had additional input for the September workshop. He reminded them that the intent is to plot the way ahead for the TF in order to accomplish their mission. The intent of the next meeting, the strategic planning workshop to be held on September 20th in Fort Walton Beach, is to have that closed meeting for TF members only, and have discussions based on the three phases outlined in the way ahead paper. Please let Bruce or Terry know if any TF member would like to make any adjustments.

III. Agenda Item III: New Business

Task Force Member Reports

MG Mike Calhoun reported that in July, Air Combat Command (ACC) conducted an inspection of the 125th Fighter Wing (FW) in Jacksonville, and found zero discrepancies on all 121 formally inspected items, noting that we had the "best F-15C Combat Shield inspection they had seen." (Weapons System Evaluation Program (WSEP) Similarly, our 44th Civil Support Team (CST) was evaluated by ARNORTH in July, and was fully certified for future operations.

Their Counterdrug Program (CDP) continues to help community based organizations combat local drug abuse challenges. They recently assisted St. Johns County with a prescription drug "take-back" event that yielded over 35 pounds of pills, not including the packaging.

The National Guard Officer and Enlisted Associations held their annual conference last weekend in Daytona, and they were fortunate to have LTG Hoover, Deputy Commander of NORTHCOM as keynote speaker in the morning and Governor Scott addressed members at the evening banquet.

Since the last TF meeting they've had a number of senior leader changes. COL Frank Zenko assumed command of Camp Blanding from COL Matt Johnson, who retired after over 30 years of dedicated service. LTC Julio Acosta assumed command of the 53rd IBCT from COL John Haas, who is now our G5. LTC Sean Boyette took command two weeks ago of the 164th ADA from COL Grant Slayden, who also retired after a highly successful 30-year career.

This month, the FLNG has more than 350 personnel currently mobilized supporting federal operations overseas.

Major General Richard Haddad reported that he recently met with Colonel Gary Dorman, the Mission Support Commander at Hurlburt Field, in regards to the traffic congestion issue west of Hurlburt Field caused by the Florosa Elementary School student drop-off. They are close to a solution in conjunction with the Okaloosa School Board to embark on a project to re-route the drop-off point that will alleviate traffic on Highway 98.

Admiral Mark Fitzgerald reported that he continues to work the public-private venture issues regarding the Depot and NAS Jacksonville and has been talking with their congressional delegates in Washington, DC to move this project forward. A brief was given by the CEO of Naval Support Activity Panama City recently to the retired Flag Conference, during which Tom Neubauer was prominently featured as being a catalyst for change in Panama City. They also mentioned the TF and how they assisted with the buffer projects around Panama City.

Mr. Tom Neubauer discussed that last week three members of the Bay Defense Alliance participated in a civic leader tour hosted by NORAD/NORTHCOM Commander General O'Shaughnessy. They visited Colorado Springs, Vandenberg AFB to learn about the ballistic missile warning system, then Elmendorf AFB in Alaska then on to Winnipeg, Canada to learn more about their partnership with Canada in the defense of North America.

Ms. Amy Gowder reported that they continue to watch the national activities in the efforts to establish a space force as a 6th service. Vice President Pence has followed up on the directive and is working with the DoD.

The space coast, Space Florida and the economic development council hosted and industry round table with new NASA Administrator Bridenstine on August 6th. It was very well attended and highlighted the diversity of different businesses and the many missions and operations underway.

Brigadier General Wayne Monteith will turn over his command to Brigadier General Doug Scheiss on August 23rd.

NASA has announced its assignments for the first crude mission to the international space station aboard the SpaceX Dragon and the Boeing Starliner, both launches will be done from the cape.

Lockheed Martin is holding a grand opening today of STEM center located at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Center complex called Train Like An Astronaut. This is a hands-on exhibit exposing middle school aged kids to space exploration.

Representative Holly Raschein wished all of the military families a happy back to school.

Update from the Principi Group

Mr. Greg Kiley reported that President Trump signed the NDAA on August 13, 2018 at Fort Drum in New York, home of the Army's 10th Mountain Division. It's the earliest a president will have signed the annual policy bill into law in more than four decades.

Possibly lesser understood is the President's Signing Statement that accompanied the signing, whereby he objects to several dozen provisions from foreign policy proscriptions to force structure mandates. The coming months will determine whether the Administration ignores or accommodates many of the Congress' expectations. Several items such as retirements of KC-10A tanker aircraft and timing for the establishment of a Space Force have direct relevance to Florida interests and bear watching.

The House Appropriations Committee has already passed their version of Defense Appropriations. The Senate is expected to take up theirs next week, as they come back to work prior to Labor Day. Both sides expect to wrap up a conference agreement prior to the October 1st deadline.

Regarding the Fiscal Year 2019 National Defense Authorization Act, there are a few other provisions in the Authorization Bill worth mentioning. Off-Base Infrastructure Projects: Conferees embrace a new authority allowing DOD to provide funding to state and local governments for off-base infrastructure projects in the FY19 NDAA. The provision adopts the Senate requirement for state and local participants to contribute at least 30 percent of the total project cost. The cost-share requirement can be waived, however, for rural communities or "for reasons related to national security," under the compromise language.

A transportation project, a school, hospital, police, fire, emergency response or other community support facility, or a waste, wastewater, telecommunications, electric, gas or other utility infrastructure project would be eligible for the program, according to section 2861.

In the joint explanatory statement accompanying the conference report, lawmakers underscored the value of the new authority: "The conferees note the importance of the communities that surround and support U.S. military installations and believe that this program can be of tremendous benefit to both the surrounding community and respective installations."

Spousal reciprocity as determining factor for new missions: Assessment and report on the effects of permanent changes of station on employment among military spouses. The conferees require the Secretary of Defense to conduct an assessment and to provide a report by February 1, 2019, to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives assessing the effects that permanent changes of station have on employment of military spouses.

Spousal reciprocity is a high interest item for this Administration. Anything Florida can be out in front support potential for new mission growth.

The president announced his intent to nominate Robert McMahon to be assistant secretary of Defense for sustainment. He's now assistant secretary of Defense for logistics and materiel readiness. The Pentagon is in the process of rolling that office, along with the office of Energy, Installations and Environment into the new Sustainment office. Our friend, Lucian Niemeyer, remains hard at work pushing his agenda of improved Test and Training Ranges, Energy Resilience, and improved installation management.

DOD 'Sustaining Readiness' Conference Focuses on Partnerships, Planning: Leaders from DOD, the services, state and local governments, non-governmental organizations, private organizations, and other federal agencies met this week in St. Louis for the 2018 Sustaining Military Readiness Conference. The conference

provided a forum for DOD and its partners to discuss ways to enhance military readiness at the military's installations and ranges through partnerships and planning.

Keynote speakers included Air Force's Lieutenant General Andrew Bunch, Governor Michael Parson of Missouri, Lucian Niemeyer for DOD and Kate MacGregor with the Department of the Interior.

All speakers stressed the need for collaboration, communication and coordination going forward, especially on items like oil and gas exploration and drilling in the outer continental shelf and on the endangered species act.

On the Military Mission Line in the Gulf, the speakers stressed the new interagency Working Group as having a positive effect on discussions, with DoD's deadline this month for providing updated input on usage maps. (These would update the DOD's 2010, then re-validated 2015 maps.) DOI's deadline for updated color coded release of maps with potential drilling locations would come out later September. The DRAFT Presidential Decision on where release leasing in the outer continental shelf is due by the end of the year.

From Around Florida updates since last month:

MacDill AFB: The USAF will move a KC-135 Operations Flight Trainer to MacDill soon, relocating the flight simulator device from another base. Air Mobility Command announced it will transfer a "high-fidelity, full-motion" KC-135 Operations Flight Trainer (simulator) to the 6th AMW at MacDill.

Jacksonville ANG Base: Boeing is quietly proposing an upgraded F-15X as a replacement aircraft for the USAF's F-15C/Ds, such as those at Jacksonville ANGB. The concept is to ease pressure on limited F-22s, alleviate the gap created by slower-than-planned F-35A deliveries and allow retirement of F-15C/Ds

Team Orlando: Thanks to all the hard work and collaboration between City, University of Central Florida industry, and the Army that the Team continues to facilitate, the Orlando Region has experienced significant growth in Cyber workforce. For example, Lockheed Martin has over 600 cyber-related job openings. At the request of the UCF executive, Dan Holsenbeck, our lead, MG Steve Layfield is continuing to assist Lt Gen Tom Baptiste and his staff to draft a letter for the new incoming president of UCF; the purpose of the letter is to show the new UCF President all that UCF has done to support and enable Team Orlando.

Florida Pan Handle visit: Jim Breitenfeld, Glenn Spears, and Greg Kiley are working an "off-cycle" visit to Hurlburt Field and Eglin AFB, currently penciled in for October 3rd.

Avon Park: At the St Louis DOD Sustaining Readiness Conference, Avon Park Range Director of Operations Charles "Buck" McLaughlin was a highlight speaker. His discussion how the range dealt with encroachment issues while protecting the mission was well received. Leveraging conservation funding to protect military mission.

Fiscal Year 2019 Military Construction Request for Florida: Total President's Budget request for the State of Florida is \$177.423 million. We can expect full appropriation funding of the President's Requested Military Construction for Florida. Two additional projects have a good chance of being appropriated – Air Traffic tower at Whiting Field, and the Cyberspace facility at Eglin. The two Patrick AFB projects are more doubtful. Not sure appropriators have funded.

Washington Office Update

John Patrick Walsh discussed the President's recent signing of the NDAA and noted that they're still working on the accompanying appropriations package. An item that came out of Leader McConnell's office is it is likely that the appropriations will be tied to a small minibus along with two other appropriations bills.

There are mandatory budget reductions that are worrying congressional members. Unless Congress is able to come to an agreement, we are looking at a drastic reduction of over 10% of the current authorized bill for this fiscal year.

Vice President Pence is making way for the new Space Force. He's urging Congress to authorize by 2020, the Pentagon would first have to roll out a unified combat command, the U.S. Space Command, which will be led by a four-star general and will also create a new Assistant Secretary of Defense Space. The Pentagon would help with the creation of this department and stand up a space development Agency sometime in the next two years.

The Washington office participated yesterday in a conference hosted by the DoD to address the growing military-civilian divide. They are working to bridge the divide of the local communities and the military bases and are starting a new program called Know Your Military to address common misconceptions about the military and hope to create many partnerships to put forth a positive view of our military forces.

Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Update

Bruce Grant updated the TF on the FDA conference call meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 30th at 9:00 AM EDT. The next in-person FDA meeting will be on Wednesday, November 14th, in conjunction with the Thursday TF meeting. He introduced Tim Jones from the Tampa Bay Defense Alliance as the new FDA Vice Chair.

Enterprise Florida Business Development

Katie Hogan, Business Development Manager of Aviation/Aerospace and Defense, Enterprise Florida, Inc., discussed Enterprise Florida's role in working to bring businesses to Florida and to help them to succeed once they've established. There are several services within EFI to assist with these goals such as confidential site selection; property search assistance; industry sector experience which targets sectors in markets such as aviation/aerospace and defense and homeland security; demographic and workforce information and assistance; permitting and regulatory assistance; incentive programs and marketing.

She discussed briefly EFI's participation in the most recent Farnborough Air Show earlier this month during which they scheduled over 60 meetings with defense and aerospace related companies to market Florida for potential growth and expansion.

Ms. Amy Gowder asked if Ms. Hogan could provide information to share with the TF on reasons why or why not companies choose or did not choose Florida over other states, what was helpful in motivating businesses to move to Florida and what successes they've had over the past few years in recruiting new businesses to Florida. Also, she asked what issues has EFI faced with the change in funding through the Legislature the past few years.

Katie Hogan said she would check with EFI's research team and get that information to Bruce Grant to share with the TF.

Chairman, Representative Jay Trumbull, at this point, turned the meeting over to **Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer**.

Advocacy Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Update

Terry McCaffrey reported that the current advocacy contract expires February 28, 2019 and staff is beginning the process to rebid that contract. This process begins with a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and staff plans on releasing it on September 1, 2018. We will be answering questions from potential respondents and looking for responses by October 15, 2018 which will give staff some time prior to the October TF meeting to assemble and compile a list of responses to present to the TF. From there we can discuss what kind of solicitation the TF wants to execute over the next few months. Staff believes the solicitation will be a Request for Proposal (RFP) and hope to release it in November 2018. In-person presentations to the TF will be in January 2019 with an attempt to go on contract in March 2019.

Staff will compile all documents on the TF website for transparency and will be available to the public.

Approve 2019 Meeting Schedule

Terry McCaffrey briefly discussed the 2019 TF meeting location schedule which was presented at the July TF meeting.

A quorum being present, Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer asked the TF for a motion to approve the 2019 meeting schedule. Ms. Amy Gowder made a motion to approve the schedule, seconded by Commissioner Barbara Stewart, all are in favor and the schedule is approved.

Using State Funds on Base

Bruce Grant discussed his paper on using state funds on base in order to facilitate discussion on this topic. The paper outlines arguments, talking points and things to consider for and against this issue for the TF to discuss. The TF needs to come to a decision on how it wants to proceed on this issue.

Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer noted that this initiative might be useful having the capability to make an improvement on a base when competing for a mission and being able to compete by providing infrastructure or improvements on a base to make that base more competitive.

Bruce Grant replied that he would add that point to the next update of his paper.

Terry McCaffrey added that the statute is directed at the Military Base Protection (MBP) grant program, however there is no prohibition for any member to make a specific project request and run it through the budget process of any session.

Bruce Grant asked that comments be sent to him via email and he will compile a final version of the paper for the next meeting for discussion.

Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer asked if the Association of Defense Communities has any data on communities who offer this sort of program.

Bruce Grant replied that there are a number of states who do have programs and the ability to provide state funding for on-base military projects at the state level.

Military & Defense Update

Bruce Grant reported on the most recent Base Commanders Meeting at SOUTHCOM in Doral, Florida in July. Base Commanders from around the state gave many compliments to the DEO grant programs, the TF and the FDA.

This time of year DEO sends out letters to all of the base commanders referencing the MPB program, specifically aimed at non-conservation lands which are potential encroachment threats to the bases. In the process, they have overlooked NSA Orlando (including NOTU and the Navy Sonar Calibration Range at Bugg Springs) and SOUTHCOM and have added them to the list for the latest round of information updates from DEO.

Staff has been to visit new Chairman **Representative Jay Trumbull's** office for briefing to get him up to speed on current issues. Tomorrow we will be travelling to Panama City to brief the Chairman with TPG.

Brigadier General Chip Diehl noted that staff at MacDill AFB cannot assume responsibility for managing that non-conservation land once it's transacted, so they're working with the mayor's office on that issue and the TF may need to look further into this issue.

Bruce Grant replied that staff will take a look at this issue as it's also an issue with the Navy.

IV. Agenda Item IV: Public Comment

Kay Rasmussen, Defense Support Initiatives Committee, Okaloosa/Santa Rosa Counties, commented regarding the on-base state funding issue and asked the TF to investigate further into that issue possible revision of that state statute. She added that military installations can have old facilities (which are not technologically advanced) and deteriorating buildings and the challenge is to find how we can help our installations. If infrastructure grants could provide funding for projects and improvements on base, it can help to assist with critical missions these installations are trying to perform.

She also asked for clarification from **Terry McCaffrey** when he previously commented on the Military Base Protection grants and asked him to confirm his comments on that program and if does allow for projects on base.

She thanked the TF for their consideration of assisting and providing funding for on-base infrastructure improvements through the state.

Terry McCaffrey replied that what he was referring to was statute 288.980 which is partially titled Military Base Protection and Defense Grant Program under which identifies the Defense Infrastructure Grants (DIG), the Defense Reinvestment Grants (DRG) and the Military Base Protection (MBP) Grants that are available through the State. The DIG which provides funding for development and construction specifically states that the funds may not be used for on-base construction projects.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 AM EDT

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #68 on Thursday, October 18, 2018

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting via Conference Call at 09:00 AM EDT – 10:15 AM EDT. For Agenda: See Page 2

Task Force Members Present:

Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman
Senator Doug Broxson
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.)
Col Jim Heald, InDyne, Inc.
Representative Holly Raschein
Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Highlands County

Task Force Members Absent:

Representative Jay Trumbull, Chairman
MG Mike Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida
Representative Clay Ingram

Speakers Present:

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

Others Present:

Mr. Dowdy for MG Mike Calhoun
Greg Kiley, TPG
Jim Breitenfeld, TPG
Lt Gen Glenn Spears, The Spectrum Group
Rick Woerner, OPPAGA
Craig Deatherage, Congressman Neal Dunn's Office
Colby Brown, Escambia County
Kevin Brown, Senator Doug Broxson's Office
Debi Graham, Greater Pensacola Chamber
Kevin Morgan, Escambia County
Steve Opalenik, Escambia County
Allen Patrick, Escambia County

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 #68
Conference Call / Webex
AGENDA for October 18, 2018 (As of: Oct 8, 2018)**

CALL-IN NUMBER: 800.501.8979
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KEY:
(I) = Information
(D) = Discussion
(A) = Action

- 0900 – 0910 Welcome, Guest Introductions..... Chairman **(I)**
- 0910 – 0935 Old Business..... Chairman **(A) / (I)**
 - Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
 - TF Grants and Contracts Status Marcy Sanders **(I)**
- 0935 – 1055 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 **(D) / (A)**
 - FY2020 Grant Applicants Review Terry McCaffrey **(D)**
 - FY2020 Task Force Budget Review Terry McCaffrey **(I) / (D)**
 - Advocacy Solicitation Update Bruce Grant **(D) / (A)**
 - MBP Prioritization Bruce Grant **(I)**
 - Mil & Def Update
- 1055 – 1100 Public Comment..... Chairman

Reminder – Meeting Dates:	November 15, 2018	Cocoa Beach, FL	December 2018	NO MEETING
	January 17, 2019	Doral, FL	February 21, 2019	Conf Call/Webex
	March 28, 2019	Tallahassee, FL	April 18, 2019	Conf Call/Webex
	May 16, 2019	Tallahassee, FL	June 2019	NO MEETING
	July 18, 2019	Milton, FL	August 15, 2019	Conf Call/Webex
	September 19, 2019	Fleming Island, FL	October 17, 2019	Conf Call/Webex
	November 21, 2019	Tampa, FL	December 2019	NO MEETING

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. He reminded the Task Force the meeting is governed by the Sunshine Law and turned the meeting over to **Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer.**

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of the Minutes

*A quorum being present, **Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer** asked of any corrections be made to the August 16, 2018 minutes. Noting none, a motion was made by **Ms. Amy Gowder**, seconded by **Commissioner Barbara Stewart**, all are in favor and the August 16, 2018 meeting minutes are approved.*

Task Force Grants & Contracts Status

Marcy Sanders reported on the status of several current TF grants.

DTF #16-154, Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce – Naval Air Station Pensacola Directional Signage. After bids for the original plan were received, it was determined that the fees had increased significantly placing the initial plan out of cost range. The County Public Works department refocused efforts on identifying locations along County roads where additional signs would still be of great benefit but not require the additional expenses of engineering and manufacturing overhead structures. After a meeting with the FDSTF staff it was determined the staff would present the new signage plan to the TF for approval.

*A quorum being present, **Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer** asked the TF for a motion to approve the new signage plan for Grant #16-154. **Ms. Amy Gowder** made a motion to approve the new plan, seconded by **Commissioner Barbara Stewart**, all are in favor and the plan is approved.*

DTF #19-101, Polk County - Encroachment prevention and sustainability of the Avon Park Air Force Range and DTF #19-102, Highlands County Board of County Commissioners (HBCCC) – Avon Park Air Force Range Sentinel Landscape priority action plan both have contracts pending execution.

III. Agenda Item III: New Business

Task Force Member Reports

Mr. Tom Neubauer reported on the damage from Hurricane Michael. NSA Panama City Commander Jay Sego has reported that both NSA Panama City and the VA Clinic are both up and running as they had only some minor tree damage. Regarding Tyndall AFB, reports are that Colonel Brian Laidlaw did outstanding job evacuating servicemembers and families, keeping everyone safe as well as protecting major assets around the base. There was significant damage across the installation as most of the AFCEC building was partially destroyed and hangars, operations facilities, base housing, Base Exchange and commissary were largely damaged.

The Air Force Chief of Staff General Goldfein, Secretary Wilson and Command Chief Wright toured the base to get an idea of what is needed to rebuild. The operational F-22 mission and F-22 FTU have been temporarily relocated to Langley AFB. Other buildings had minimal damage and are being powered by generators.

The community is concerned with the time frame to restore facilities and bring missions back to Tyndall and with the MQ-9 mission as rebuilding will take several years.

The 53rd Weapons Evaluation Group base suffered significant damage and will operate out of Eglin AFB as those facilities are being restored.

On behalf of the Bay Defense Alliance he thanked the State of Florida and the CODEL for submitting strong letter of support. He thanked **Chairman, Jay Trumbull, Terry McCaffrey** and **Bruce Grant** for obtaining a letter from the Governor as Governor Scott toured the base on Thursday and has been very supportive. He also thanked MG Calhoun and the members of the National Guard.

Maj Gen Richard Haddad suggested obtaining a bi-partisan letter in support of the rebuilding of Tyndall AFB from all the legislators in Florida as this has the potential to be a BRAC action and the TF needs to make sure this does not happen.

Mr. Tom Neubauer replied that they are currently working with Congressman Neal Dunn and Congressman Matt Gaetz on obtaining letters from Florida Legislators assuring that Tyndall AFB will be rebuilt.

Terry McCaffrey added that two letters have been sent out by both Senators and Congressman Neal Dunn. One was sent to Secretary Wilson and General Goldfein and the other was sent directly to President Trump requesting that Tyndall AFB be rebuilt.

Mr. Doughty for MG Mike Calhoun reported that MG Calhoun is currently working in the impacted areas of Hurricane Michael. The FLNG, in coordination with Federal, State and Local agencies, continues to support Florida's citizens on the 8th day, post-landfall. Currently 3,500 soldiers and airmen are operating in eleven counties performing mostly security, logistics and communications missions.

In the coming days they will begin rotation of the troops with organic forces augmented by EMAC units from the Alabama National Guard. They are manning 25 points of distribution and seven salters in the area and will remain on site until they are released by the State Emergency Response Team.

In addition to their State response, they currently have approximately 400 soldiers and airmen still deployed.

Brig Gen Chip Diehl asked **Mr. Tom Neubauer** to continue to think of how the TF might be able to support the service members' families and guard members' families in Bay County.

Regarding MacDill AFB, the Airlift Tankers Association's (ATA) 50th Anniversary is next week in Dallas where the Tampa Bay trophy will be awarded. They are looking forward to the upcoming visit from Secretary Anthony Principi and Lt Gen Glenn Spears who will travel down to Tampa to meet the new Wing Commander and the leadership at MacDill, before Lt Gen Spears heads to the Avon Park Air Force Range.

Also, the Deployed Unit Complex (DUC) will be refurbished and renovated in the upcoming months.

Mr. Tom Neubauer discussed that he recently talked with Dave Dahl with the Navy Region Southeast who was hoping that the TF could help with ensuring that the residents of Bay and surrounding counties has a process for allowing people to vote during this difficult situation, especially those who are out of communication.

Lt Col William Dudley reported that the local VA clinic in St. Johns County, after nearly seven years of pursuing a permanent home, has found a permanent location. Construction should start in June 2019 with completion in June 2020. They are currently working with the County to expedite the permitting process.

Maj Gen Richard Haddad congratulated Colonel Jim Heald on his appointment to the TF. He discussed that his focus will now on will be on AFSOC and USSOCOM in Tampa. Has been in contact with legislative liaisons from both installations.

Col Jim Heald reported that Hurlburt sent a special tactics team to open up the runway and then the Red Horse group with heavy equipment to help out. Eglin did not have much hurricane damage but took some hits to instrumentation and are working on getting that up and running again. One of the major things that happened is damage to the GRDCS towers for the Gulf Range Drone Control System which runs from Eglin all the way to Cape San Blas/Carrabelle, so it take some time to get the drones back up and running.

Eglin is facing facilities' space issues and Space Florida is coming in to give suggestions on how to move forward. He recently spoke with Congressman Matt Gaetz and his military advisors, looking at FY19 funding

which came in fairly well for Eglin and the Gulf Range Enhancement Project. Now they are working with the Air Force who is trying to prioritize where the funding will go and is being impacted by two items: the standup of the new Space Force which appears to be siphoning money away from current projects and Hurricane Michael recovery.

Next weekend there are multiple events in and around Hurlburt Field as the Air Commando Association is honoring their newest Medal of Honor winner who will be inducted in the Air Commando Association Hall of Fame on the 27th of October.

Admiral Mark Fitzgerald reported that he headed a delegation to Cecil Field with the Commander of the Naval Air Force Atlantic, the Chamber President and Airport Authority to show him the depot issues and what is needed to fix them. He recently engaged Representative Rutherford who engaged the Secretary of the Navy staff and hopefully we are looking at solving the most serious depot issues with those public/private ventures. Looking forward to 2020, the President announced a budget which is \$16 billion less than 2019. We will need innovative solutions to not only get through issues like the depot renovation at Cecil Field but the rebuilding of Tyndall AFB and the Gulf Ranges. We'll need to look at our business development plan and how to work with the Washington, DC and Florida delegations.

Ms. Amy Gowder reported that AUSA, the large Army Conference was held in Washington, DC last week. The PEO of simulation training from Orlando was in attendance, as well as the leader of the synthetic training environment initiative that's under futures command. The I/ITSEC Conference, the largest modeling, simulation and training event in the world, will be held in Orlando on November 26th through November 30th.

On the Space Coast, Cape Canaveral has a few launches scheduled for this month from ULA and Northrop Grumman.

Many mergers and acquisitions are on-going as Harris and L3 have merged and retained their corporate headquarters in Melbourne, Florida. Harris employs about 6,000 people in Brevard County and L3 employs about 100 on the Space Coast. Their coming together will add job growth from the headquarters perspective into the Melbourne area.

Boeing has acquired Embraer and entered into a joint venture with them on their commercial jet business, partnering with them on the military side, as well. Embraer is assembling two, new, private jets in Melbourne, expanding their Space Coast footprint and at the Melbourne International Airport, bringing additional jobs to Florida.

Representative Holly Raschein sent well wishes to the Panhandle and is keeping in close contact with colleagues there. She's happy to help with a letter from the Speaker of the House, if needed.

She also noted that the HARB will be hosting the Thunderbird for an air show the first week of November.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart reported on the refurbishment of the DUC at MacDill AFB which is a substantial \$1.5 million project and is about 80% complete. The Range anticipates minimal impact to the following upcoming deployment visits to the DUC such as the Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron from Norfolk, Virginia, which will be down the end of this month. The Training Squadron 86th from NAS Pensacola will be down at the end of this month, or the beginning of November. In December, the 63rd Fighter Squadron from the Fort Wayne National Guard Station will be at the Range.

The Range is currently hosting the initial planning conference for a large exercise, Jaded Thunder and the final planning conference is scheduled for early December with the exercise scheduled for the month of February.

Secretary Principi and Lt Gen Spears will be visiting the DUC and then Lt Gen Spears will be coming to Range in two weeks.

Senator Doug Broxson reported that he's been visiting the cities hardest hit by the hurricane with Senator Galvano as he wanted him to see first-hand, the devastation in the panhandle. He's been working on the removal of debris and with the Army Corps of Engineers for road reparation.

He is very concerned about Tyndall AFB. Along the perimeter, all vegetation and all the buildings are destroyed beyond belief. He suggested that the TF should have an emergency, half-day meeting at Tyndall in the very near future as we need to show that we're actively involved in preventing any disruption of our military commitment. We need to let people understand the significance of what we're going through. They are doing everything they can to make sure that the people of the panhandle have a chance to rebuild their lives. He's invited all of his colleagues in the Senate to come for a half-day visit to realize the significance to the State and is hoping we'll be a better State in response to this disaster.

.Update from the Principi Group

Secretary Anthony Principi reported that even as the storm was hitting the Florida Panhandle and Big Bend, TPG was in touch with Air Force and Department of Defense leadership. Shortly after it became apparent that Tyndall had suffered major damage, TPG began reaching out to the Congressional Delegation. We felt, and they agreed, that early and robust declarations that Tyndall would be fully rebuilt as soon as possible was in the Nation's best interests.

Congressional Delegation (Sens Rubio and Nelson, and Rep. Dunn) wrote to Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Oct 12th asking for that commitment. Then they followed with a letter to the President on October 15th.

TPG staff continue to talk with congressional delegation staff, congressional defense committee staff, Air Force, and OSD leadership on next steps and requesting updates.

We should expect congressional staff to begin to develop emergency supplemental appropriations language as more refined estimates of the damage become available. TPG will track closely, also ensuring that Naval Support Activity Panama City facilities damages are captured. Timing of such legislation will most likely follow national elections in November, with final passage no earlier than December recess.

Now that FY19 budget cycle has wrapped, speculation has begun on FY2020 levels. In short, we can expect flat to modest 1-2% growth. There will be much noise about the Budget Control Act still having effect, and potential for large decrease in spending levels, but with continued emergency supplemental and a tight political congressional balance, we should expect more to stay the same rather than change beyond the level of FY19's \$716 billion for defense.

The Pentagon obtained a historic, 10 percent jump in its topline funding in fiscal 2018 and a further increase this year following a two-year budget deal lawmakers reached in February, but a possible change in control of the House and the return of the statutory spending caps could upset DoD's plans to continue rebuilding readiness and fulfill new modernization priorities.

If nothing else, a congressional deal over the FY 2020 budget almost certainly won't be realized nearly as quickly as this year's was, with the president signing a defense spending bill prior to the start of the fiscal year for the first time in a decade.

Most analysts expect the two parties to negotiate another two-year budget deal to loosen the spending caps, which extend through FY 2021. For now, the outcome of that negotiation is unknown.

A Democrat takeover of the House possibly could limit growth in DOD spending but the most likely outcome, regardless of the results of the midterms, still appears to be a deal which provides increases for both domestic and defense spending.

On October 11th, the Senate confirmed Robert H. McMahon, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment.

The Pentagon is rolling the office of logistics, management and readiness together with the office of Energy, Installations and Environment into the new Sustainment office. Our friend, Lucian Niemeyer, remains hard at

work pushing his agenda of improved Test and Training Ranges, Energy Resilience, and improved installation management, but will now become a Special Assistant at OSD while other leadership moves shake out.

On October 2nd and 3rd meetings were held in the Fort Walton area with TPG's Greg Kiley and Jim Breitenfeld and local leaders.

Florida meetings covered emerging Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape program with Eglin's Tom Tolbert, Eglin Growth management issues with former Eglin Commander Gen Gordy Fornell, and a larger group discussion on the Moratorium on oil drilling east of the Gulf military mission line led by FDSTF's newest member Jim Heald.

Sustainment and enhancement of the Gulf of Mexico Test and Training Range Complex continues to be listed as the top priority in the FDSTF 2018 – 2019 Strategic Plan.

In order to promote and further Florida interests, all three issues suggest further consultation and coordination between TPG, FDSTF personnel and Capitol Hill in the coming year.

This past month, the Administration released its long-awaited report on the defense industrial base. A call-to-action, the classified recommendations cover over 300 items the Administration plans to proceed with to bolster and make more robust our defense industrial supply base.

Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Update

Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chair, discussed the upcoming FDA meeting on Wednesday, November 14th. She is currently working on the agenda and has a full day with great presenters with wonderful information.

FY2020 Grant Applicants Review

Marcy Sanders discussed that the grant application window was opened in August. As part of our process, this month we review the applications with respect toward budget request for next session.

- Clay Count Development Authority - \$500,000
- City of Key West - \$137,500
- Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast - \$650,000
- Santa Rosa County Board of County Commissioners - \$128,500
- Military Child Education Coalition - \$100,000
- Tampa Bay Defense Alliance - \$100,000
- **Total \$1,616,000**

Brig Gen Chip Diehl asked if the TF could open a window to give Bay County a chance to apply for an emergency grant to help their community.

Terry McCaffrey noted that the TF will be receiving about \$130,000 back from the NAS Pensacola grant and could use this to help Bay County. **Mr. Tom Neubauer** noted that they are working on engaging some help from Washington, DC and can put some grant money to good use, but first want to figure out what is needed. **Bruce Grant** added that the NDAA included a provision for off-base projects for states which would be funded at the national level. We are still looking for projects that are off- base for which we could apply at the national level.

FY2020 Task Force Budget Review

Terry McCaffrey discussed the forecasted FY2020 budget based on the \$2 million appropriated to the TF to see if the TF would like to ask for additional funds in the upcoming Legislative Session. Administrative Support looks to be about \$215,000. With what we know right now, Programs looks to run about \$175,000, leaving \$1,610,000. This does not include the new advocacy contract or contingency funds for special projects or studies. After those costs come in, the balance is left for the grants program.

The Staff does not recommend a request for increased funding during this next Legislative Session. The TF agreed.

Advocacy Solicitation Update

Terry McCaffrey discussed the process for the new TF advocacy.

10/19/2018	8:00 AM	Release of DTFRFP19-001
10/26/2018	5:00 PM	Vendor questions due to EFI
10/30/2018	5:00 PM	Answers to vendor questions will be posted on our website at https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf/funding-contracts/
11/9/2018	5:00 PM	Proposals are due to EFI
11/12/2018	5:00 PM	Proposals provided to Task Force Members for review
11/15/2018	9:00 AM	Task Force Meeting #69 (Cocoa Beach) – Task Force will discuss proposals in closed session and select vendors to present in January
11/21/2018	5:00 PM	Staff will publish list of selected vendors and post on our website at https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf/funding-contracts/
01/17/2019	9:00 AM	Task Force Meeting #70 (Doral) – Vendor Presentations / Discussion / Selection
03/1/2019	TBD	Contracting action

MBP Prioritization

Bruce Grant discussed that this is a yearly process where the base commanders around the state identify those lands that are non-conservation lands, which includes any land that is not on the Florida Forever list. These lands are encroachment threats to their respective bases. They then come back to the TF for prioritization. Staff will provide the TF a recommended list to approve or modify, which goes back to the State of Florida for possible funding, by priority, for those non-conservation lands.

\$3.5 million remains with DEP, as it was used to initially target the past three properties (Mayport Village, Barefoot Palms, and Florida Rock) and the Legislature has not appropriated additional money for this, so it remains an issue.

Staff will have this list to the TF at the November meeting.

Military & Defense Update

Bruce Grant reported that from the last Strategic Planning session, Staff was given much guidance and is putting together a concept paper and slide presentation. It's almost finished and should be ready at the November meeting in closed session.

He added that Staff has been working to acquire the \$150,000 funding that has gone to the Defense grants. It has been appropriated over the last 6 years, each year, but has always been turned back in to the State unused. Staff is trying to obtain these funds for FDA, the Economic Impact Analysis and possibly the Military Friendly Guide. These are legitimate expenditures and we are working with DEO on a contract amendment which would allow us those funds.

The November meeting is a joint meeting with the FDA meeting on Wednesday and the TF meeting on Thursday. All TF members are welcome to attend the FDA meeting. TPG will have their meetings with the base leadership on the Tuesday prior to the FDA meeting.

The letters that have been discussed have been drafted for Chair Trumbull to present to Governor Scott in support of the rebuild of Tyndall AFB. We must have the Governor's support as well as Congressional support in Washington, DC.

Staff will work with **Mr. Tom Neubauer** on a date in the next few weeks for a half-day tour of Tyndall AFB and the surrounding areas.

IV. Agenda Item IV: Public Comment

Craig Deatherage, Congressman Neal Dunn's Office, commented Congressman Neal Dunn, with the support of Congressman Matt Gaetz and others, is working on a full Florida, bi-partisan delegation letter to request support for the rebuild of Tyndall AFB. Dr. Dunn is on site at the Emergency Operations Center in Bay County where he has been living and working since storm. He remains much attuned to Tyndall AFB and should be visiting on Sunday with Congressman McCarthy to garner further support for the rebuild.

He also noted that this is a wonderful opportunity for to discuss an intelligent rebuild of Tyndall AFB with the MQ-9 beddown as one of the discussion items rather than the prior semi-piecemeal plan to bring the MQ-9 in and fit it in around existing missions. We have an opportunity to begin a discussion with the Air Force about an intelligent redesign of the base which will be even more sustainable for those missions.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM EDT

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #69 on Thursday, November 15, 2018

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting at the Courtyard by Marriott Cocoa Beach at 09:00 AM EST – 10:47 AM EST. For Agenda: See Page 2

Task Force Members Present:

Representative Jay Trumbull, Chairman
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman
Brig Gen Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret)
Maj Gen Richard Haddad, USAF, (Ret)
Col Jim Heald, InDyne, Inc.
Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Highlands County

Task Force Members on the Phone:

Senator Doug Broxson
ADM Mark Fitzgerald, USN, (Ret)
Representative Holly Raschein

Task Force Members Absent:

MG Mike Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida
Lt Col William Dudley, USAF, (Ret)
Amy Gowder, Vice President, Lockheed Martin Rotary and Missions Systems Company

Speakers Present:

Trudy McCarthy, Economic Development Commission of the Space Coast
Secretary Anthony Principi, The Principi Group (TPG)
John Patrick Walsh, State of Florida Washington D.C. Office (Phone)
Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chair
Jim Kuzma, Space Florida

Others Present:

LTG David Huntoon, TPG
Lt Gen Glenn Spears, TPG
Greg Kiley, TPG
Jim Breitenfeld, TPG
LTC Jason Hunt, USA, FLNG (Phone)
Paul Hirsch, Madison Government Affairs, Inc.
George Cheros, National Center for Simulation
Tim Jones, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance
Donna Cucinella
Kay Rasmussen, Defense Support Initiatives Committee, Okaloosa/Santa Rosa Counties
Ryan Fierst, DEO
Liz Miller, DEO
Katie Smith, DEO
Eric Sherman, DoD State Liaison Office
Larry Ventura, HARB
Mike Jones, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance
Cassie Muffley, NSA Orlando, NOTU
Steve Kaufman, Jacksonville Chamber Military Issues Committee

Chad Allison, Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Chuck Nygaard, Crowley Maritime
Joe Mayer, Lockheed Martin
Jana Wibberley, Deloitte (Phone)
Sherry Spiers, DEO (Phone)
James Stansberry, DEO (Phone)
Kate Doyle, DEO (Phone)

Staff Present:

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



Florida Defense Support Task Force – Meeting #69
Courtyard by Marriott Cocoa Beach, 3435 N. Atlantic Avenue, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931
AGENDA for November 15, 2018 (As of: Nov 5, 2018)

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<i>(D) = Discussion</i>
<i>(A) = Action</i>

- 0900 – 0910 Welcome, Guest Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance..... Chairman **(I)**
- 0910 – 0920 Welcome from Local Defense Community..... Ms. Trudy McCarthy **(I)**
- 0920 – 0930 Old Business..... Chairman **(A) / (I)**
 - Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
 - TF Grants and Contracts Status Terry McCaffrey **(I)**
 - Vote on Prioritization of MBP non-conservation lands Bruce Grant **(D) / (A)**
- 0930 – 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 Jim Kuzma **(I) / (D)**
 - Space Florida Update Bruce Grant **(I)**
 - Mil & Def Update
- 1050 – 1100 Public Comment..... Chairman
- 1110 – 1230 CLOSED SESSION / Working Lunch..... Chairman
- 1300 – 1500 Tour – Cape Canaveral AFS

Reminder – Meeting Dates:		December 2018	NO MEETING
January 17, 2019	Doral, FL	February 21, 2019	Conf Call/Webex
March 28, 2019	Tallahassee, FL	April 18, 2019	Conf Call/Webex
May 16, 2019	Tallahassee, FL	June 2019	NO MEETING
July 18, 2019	Milton, FL	August 15, 2019	Conf Call/Webex
September 19, 2019	Fleming Island, FL	October 17, 2019	Conf Call/Webex
November 21, 2019	Tampa, FL	December 2019	NO MEETING

Chairman, Representative Jay Trumbull began the meeting at 09:00 AM EST.

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

Chairman, Representative Jay Trumbull welcomed attendees and guests. He thanked the Economic Development Commission of the Space Coast for the nice dinner held the night prior. He asked guests both in-person and on the phone to introduce themselves and led the Task Force and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. He reminded the TF the meeting is governed by Sunshine Law. He recognized Representative Clay Ingram as he termed out of the Florida House of Representatives and presented him a certificate for his service to the TF.

II. Agenda Item II: Welcome from Local Defense Community

Trudy McCarthy, Economic Development Commission of the Space Coast, welcomed the TF members and guests to Cocoa Beach. She explained that in Brevard County the EDC has a Space Coast Defense Alliance and the Chamber of Commerce has a Military Affairs Council. They have a very active local civilian military council and their military leaders are aware that they are supported through these agencies.

Four military organizations are supported in Brevard County: the Naval Ordnance Test Unit (NOTU), the 45th Space Wing and also the Air Force Technical Applications Center (AFTAC), the 920th Rescue Wing Coast Guard installation and the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institution (DEOMI), managed by the Army. The total annual economic impact of these installations is \$1.1 billion, employing 13,643 people.

She spoke of the successes they've had such as keeping the AFTAC headquarters building in Brevard County, securing a grant to rebuild a newer, safer building and employing contractors from Central Florida to work on the new headquarters. She also spoke of the P4, public-public-private-partnerships and how they worked with many entities to successfully secure two P4 contracts with the City of Satellite Beach and are currently pursuing larger opportunities in the coming years.

She noted the \$5.47 million in defense grants they've received since 2003 which have supported various projects to include environmental assessments, infrastructure updates, assessment studies, facilities upgrades and many others.

III. Agenda Item III: Old Business

Approval of Minutes

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Representative Jay Trumbull** asked if any corrections be made to the October 18, 2018 minutes. Noting none, a motion was made by **Commissioner Barbara Stewart**, seconded by **Mr. Tom Neubauer**, all are in favor and the October 18, 2018 meeting minutes are approved.*

Task Force Grants and Contracts Status

Terry McCaffrey reported on DTF Grant #16-154, Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce – Naval Air Station Pensacola Directional Signage. The TF has approved the Chamber's new plan to place roadside signage along the proposed route. The grant has been extended to June 30, 2019.

He reported on DTF Grant #17-161, Clay County Development Authority, which has completed its project as of October 29, 2018 and will be closed pending final report and payment.

Vote on Prioritization of MBP Non-Conservation Lands

The Military Base Protection Program was established under F.S. 288.980 and includes the securing of non-conservation lands to serve as a buffer to protect military installations against encroachment. "Non-conservation lands" are defined as lands that are not subject to acquisition by the Florida Forever Program.

The TF must now review annually by December 1st the list submitted to DEO by military installations and provide its recommendations for ranking the lands back to DEO.

Considerations include existing land use restrictions and actual/current use; future land use designation and zoning; existing development on site; redevelopment potential; ownership; identified encroachment threat; short term vs. long term threat; and development pressures.

Tier 1 Recommendations

1. **Florida Rock** – Previous Tier 1 – northern 14.7 acres in CZ
2. **Bugg Spring** – Spring Creek Run (54 acres in Exclusion Zone 2)
3. **Pensacola Naval Air Station** – Cook Property (23+ acres in APZ 1)
4. **Key West Naval Air Station** – Alfred Sears Trust Property (124 acres in APZ 1)
5. **Homestead ARB** – Homestead Park of Commerce – (105.5 acres in APZ 2)

Chairman, Representative Jay Trumbull suggested that it may be beneficial to research the Springs Restoration Projects and how they are funded through the state and the St. Johns County Water Management District for a possible future partnership.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart suggested that if Florida Rock is unrealistic, the TF should place funding toward the other areas below it. **Bruce Grant** replied that \$3.5 million is being held for Florida Rock and legislation is needed to be able to use that funding elsewhere.

Tier 2 Recommendations

1. **Eglin AFB** – Valparaiso Lots (6 acres/18 homes in Clear Zone)
2. **MacDill AFB** – ZONS Property (5.9 acres in Clear Zone)
3. **Blount Island** – Parcel adjacent to main Entry Control Point (4.24 acres)
4. **Key West NAS** – Enchanted Island (4 acres in APZ 1)
5. **MacDill AFB** – 3C Self Storage – in Clear Zone (already developed-incompatible w/ CZ)

Tier 3 Recommendations

1. **Key West NAS** – Gulf Seafood (8 acres in high noise area)
2. **Camp Blanding** – Chemours Properties (6,000 + acres adjacent to ranges)
3. **NS Mayport** – (1.28 acres adjacent to main gate; security issues)
4. **MacDill AFB** – Sally Harris – already developed (in APZ 1)
5. **MacDill AFB** – Caribbean-American Club - already developed (in APZ 1)

MBP Funding for \$7.5 million was originally slated for 3 parcels (Florida Rock, Mayport Village and Barefoot Palms). Approximately \$3.5 million remains with DEP, but designated for Florida Rock property and no additional funding has yet been provided by the Florida Legislature.

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Representative Jay Trumbull** asked for a motion to approve the tiered non-conservation lands as outlined above. A motion was made by **Commissioner Barbara Stewart**, seconded by **Major General Richard Haddad**, all are in favor and tiered lands are approved.*

IV. Agenda Item IV: New Business

Task Force Member Reports

Mr. Tom Neubauer showed a presentation from the Bay Defense Alliance on the hurricane damage done to Tyndall AFB and its importance to the Bay County community. He spoke of the TF tour of Tyndall AFB post-hurricane to survey the damage to the installation. Most important was to get word from the Air Force that the base would be re-opened. Secretary Wilson announced shortly after the hurricane passed that the base would be re-built and that all missions would return. Currently the community is working to re-open schools and medical facilities and re-build housing.

The goal is to re-build Tyndall AFB bigger and stronger than it was, making it the base of the future. Strong relationships with the Congressional Delegation and working closely with military and state leadership have contributed to the commitment to rebuilding the base. He discussed detailed damage to the Fighter Wing, support facilities (the Base Exchange and commissary, marina and housing) and tenants of the base. Restoring Tyndall and its missions is essential, as military is 1/3 of the local economy. Any indication that this will not happen will cause business and families to abandon their property.

Brigadier General Chip Diehl asked **Mr. Tom Neubauer** what the TF or the TF Members' communities can do to help Tyndall AFB or the Panama City community as we need to continue to move forward on the commitment to stand up the installation.

He reported that Secretary Principi and Lt Gen Spears from The Principi Group came to MacDill AFB to meet the new leadership to discuss issues at the base such as transportation, encroachment (Florida Rock) and education. They discussed locality pay and asked to help to update this issue.

Colonel Jim Heald reported on the training missions from Tyndall AFB now flying out of Eglin AFB. They are expecting 800 people who support those missions to come to Eglin temporarily and the community is looking at how to house these people.

Eglin has several new weapons programs which are bringing an influx of people into the area. There is not enough space to house them on the main base, so they've spent about \$20 million on trailers for housing. The community has been working with the Air Force to develop innovative ideas on how to get office space, classified work areas and classified conference areas. Space Florida has assisted to accelerate that effort. This not only helps the people on base but they are looking at this as an economic development issue where if they can bring world class facilities, then perhaps the missile specialists from Arizona and Missouri can be enticed to relocate to the panhandle to work right next to the Air Force Research Lab and the program offices buying those weapons systems.

They are very pleased on the passing of amendment 9, the prohibition of oil drilling in state waters. They realize that this is a necessary but insufficient first step as this issue needs to be addressed in the federal legislature. He distributed a brochure from the 96th Test Wing which is being used by the Test Wing Commander on his visits. It explains the military value of the Eglin ranges and the fact that not only has it been used for decades, but they will need even more of the area in the future as more long range weapons come into play.

Major General Richard Haddad discussed that he will focus specifically on Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) and United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM). From AFSOC, members of the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron which is part of the 24th Special Operations Wing and members of the 8th Special Operations Squadron, which is part of the 1st Operations Wing, responded to Tyndall AFB after Hurricane Michael to assist with clearing and opening the runway and was instrumental in getting Tyndall back up and running. General Holmes, Commander of Air Combat Command, held an all call at Hurlburt Field on November 6th to thank them for their efforts and their quick response. Also, Master Sergeant John Chapman was awarded the Medal of Honor, the first airman to receive the Medal of Honor since Vietnam. As a result AFSOC honored him by dedicating and renaming the 24th Special Operations Wing Headquarters building in his name. Some new faces at Hurlburt Field are Major General Vincent Becklund is the new Deputy Commander of AFSOC. Brigadier General Select Brenda Cartier is the new Director of Operations and Brigadier General Select Dave Harris is the new A5 Programs Commander. Mr. Steven Herrera, the Senior Executive Service Member has left to be the Pentagon's Deputy Director of Staff. A replacement has not been named at this time.

From USSOCOM, General Thomas is conducting his Component Commanders Conference currently and some things they'll be discussing are command and control, current budget requirements and theater special operations command requirements within the combatant commands. Once meeting has concluded he will have more information at the next meeting.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart reported that at the end of October, they had a great visit with Lieutenant General Spears at the Avon Park Air Force Range. Colonel Stark and Buck MacLaughlin provided an in-depth briefing and extensive tour of the Range.

Last week there was a Sentinel Landscape coordination meeting and the new program manager is making great progress, especially in establishing closer working relationships with the various federal and state agencies involved in easement programs. The Sentinel Landscape program is progressing well due in large part to having a dedicated program manager focused on this effort. Thanks to the TF for helping to fund this position.

An update from the Range: DUC renovations are about 95% complete. Currently they are finishing up interior painting and still need to install the new awnings over the doorways.

After Thanksgiving, the range will be hosting the 163rd Fighter Squadron A-10s out of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Lastly and perhaps most important, they're scheduled to close on a conservation easement on Goolsby Ranch. Approximately \$8M with half from REPI and half from RFLPP. No TF money this time but the more easements that are completed, the more landowners trust the process and the TF has played a big role in that.

Senator Doug Broxson reported on hurricane efforts in the Panhandle noting that we cannot wait until March and the start of the Legislative Session to deal with hurricane issues in the Panhandle. There's been some discussion about Legislature creating a task force to deal with social and physical issues as we're seeing some migration out of the area from residents who are displaced. He believes that there will be an effort to make sure that the community gets back on its feet, but it will take both federal and state involvement.

Admiral Mark Fitzgerald discussed that the Navy is moving forward in trying to determine the best way to set up the Depot facilities at Cecil Field. They are working with Representative Rutherford's office and the City of Jacksonville on moving forward with expanding the capabilities of the Depot in Jacksonville and increasing the opportunities there. They are working with the community colleges to ensure they get the right programs set up.

Representative Holly Raschein updated that the Army dive school on Fleming Key is supporting a lot of special operations training as the Naval Air Station's Port Operations Department in the Truman Harbor. Naval Air Station Flight Operations includes support of those bases which were impacted by Hurricane Michael. Crew members of the USS Key West just completed a namesake visit in Key West over Veterans Day and were the highlight of the parade. They provided highly valued and welcomed presentations to six classes between three schools, plus the Navy JROTC unit and the Key West Arts Historical Society Museum. Their community relations project provided a very valued service in restoring part of a school functionality which was lost in Hurricane Irma.

Three planned major military construction projects they are continuing to track and were awarded for FY2019 as a result of Hurricane Irma damage: 1 - A new 400-room transient quarters at Trumbo Point Annex, 2 - A new aircraft hangar at Boca Chica and 3 - a new fire station at Sigsbee Park to replace the old Trumbo Point firehouse.

From Homestead Air Reserve Base, they had wonderful two day air show hosting the Thunderbirds, Wings Over Homestead, the weekend before the election. They had a fantastic turnout from the community and families and then had a great Veterans Day Parade where veterans rode along the parade route with the new base commander.

LTC Jason Hunt for MG Mike Calhoun reported that in the Florida National Guard's Response to Hurricane Michael, the Florida National Guard mobilized over 3,700 Soldiers and Airmen with 148 personnel from over 8 states through the Emergency Mutual Assistance Compact, also known as EMAC. These states are New York, Mississippi, Ohio, Louisiana, Kansas, Minnesota, Arkansas and Alabama. Operations were focused in the panhandle from Walton County as their western boundary to Lafayette, Dixie and Levy counties as their eastern boundary. Critical mission sets were communications support, voice and data, to county EOCs, Law Enforcement Support and Logistics Staging Area support which is currently ongoing.

In summary, the Florida National Guard conducted 43 Law Enforcement Support missions, executed 38 rotary wing missions and supported 36 Shelters and 83 Points of Distribution (PODs) handing out more than 804,000 MREs, over 4.5 Million liters of water and over 24,000 tarps.

Currently, they have 109 personnel on State Active Duty providing support to the Logistical Staging Area in Tallahassee, the State Emergency Operations Center in Tallahassee and the State Logistics Resource Center in Orlando.

In addition to our State response, the FLNG has approximately 430 personnel currently mobilized supporting federal operations overseas.

Washington Office Update

John Patrick Walsh noted that many are returning to Washington, DC this week and for those from the south, one of their first acts and responsibilities is to work on supplemental bills to help cover hurricane damages. They are hoping to see some movement on those soon and it's important that county and local officials continue to reach out to state and FEMA representatives with their numbers and assessments so they can get working on their end.

He discussed that regarding the election, there are still some outstanding races to be called. He believes they will see a number of changes within the delegation and their office has made sure to put aside a number of copies of the latest TPG report as well as the Florida Military Friendly Guide and the Veterans Benefits Guide and they stand ready to reach out as soon as the new offices are set up. They expect a number of changes in the President's Cabinet and are working a few more funding bills that run out on December 7th including Homeland Security. They are beginning to see some movement on that and hope to have those agreements in place by the end of the year.

Update from The Principi Group

Secretary Anthony Principi remarked that regarding Hurricane Michael, they expect congressional staff to begin to develop emergency supplemental appropriations language as more refined estimates of the damage become available. TPG will track closely, also ensuring that Range facilities' damages are captured.

Most missions expect to return to Tyndall AFB within three months. Costs are just beginning to be understood. Joint Base San Antonio command will assist in the \$1 billion rebuild. The Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center at Joint Base San Antonio Lackland on the South Side is led by Major General Brad Spacy.

On October 2nd and 3rd meetings were held in the Fort Walton area with TPG's Greg Kiley, Jim Breitenfeld and local leaders. Florida meetings covered emerging Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape program with Eglin's Tom Tolbert, Eglin growth management issues with former Eglin Commander General Gordy Fornell, and a larger group discussion on the Moratorium on oil drilling east of the Gulf military mission line led by FDSTF's newest member, Jim Heald. Sustainment and enhancement of the Gulf of Mexico Test and Training Range Complex continues to be listed as the top priority in the FDSTF 2018-2019 Strategic Plan. In order to promote and further Florida interests, all three issues suggest further consultation and coordination between TPG, DSTF personnel and Capitol Hill in the coming year.

Secretary Principi and Lieutenant General Glenn Spears visited the Tampa area, MacDill Air Force Base and the Avon Park Air Force Range. Strong communities like Tampa are key to sustaining the men and women of our Armed Forces and wonderful installations such as MacDill and Avon Park. The new wing commander, Colonel Steve Snelson, shared his priorities and challenges. His installation and operational risk-reduction priorities match the threats we've outlined – grow/gain new mission aircraft (KC-135 and KC-46), airfield encroachment (Florida Rock), and easing commute/transportation and improve K-12 school quality.

Secretary Principi and Lieutenant General Glenn Spears also visited the Avon Park "Deployed Unit Complex" on MacDill. This tenant facility is oft-forgotten but extremely valuable to deploying units that then train in the Avon Park range airspace and other nearby ranges. There's great potential here, but funding is always a challenge. They shared some ideas and will follow-up with their parent command, Air Combat Command.

For the first time in over a decade, we are discussing next year's President's Budget Request without the cloud of current year continuing resolutions, uncertainty of funding. This is a good thing and reason for optimism. However there are some storm clouds and negative prognostications once again. DoD's initial budget guidance for FY20 had a topline of ~\$733 billion. Recently, the White House directed a topline of ~\$700 billion. The Budget Control Act's topline is < \$600 billion. DoD Comptroller David Norquist reportedly stated that the department would prepare two budgets to provide trade-offs for SECDEF.

There will be noise about the Budget Control Act still having effect, and potential for large decrease in spending levels, but with continued emergency supplementals, and a tight political congressional balance, we should expect more to stay the same rather than change beyond the level of FY19's \$716 billion for defense. In summary, they expect flat to modest 1-2% growth in defense spending.

Vice President Mike Pence held a meeting of the National Space Council at the National Defense University to discuss the next steps toward creating a Space Force as a new branch of the U.S. Military. According to a draft of the policy directive, the Defense Department would have to submit a legislative proposal to the White House Office of Management and Budget by December 1st recommending that a Space Force be formed as a separate branch of the armed forces. DoD also would submit a budget request for the new service to be included in the president's budget blueprint for fiscal year 2020. According to the draft policy document, the Space Force would be composed of a Department of the Space Force led by a civilian and a U.S. Space Force led by a four-star officer who would be a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The term Space Force only applies to the new branch, not to U.S. Space Command, a unified combatant command that is in the process of being formed. The Space Force would be responsible to provide space services to all U.S. combatant commands. The draft also directs the Pentagon to form a Space Development Agency in fiscal year 2019.

The legislative branch has the final say on whether plans for a new military service can move forward. Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle have endorsed the establishment of a U.S. Space Command but many are not yet sold on the idea of a new military service and would want to consider alternatives such as organizing a Space Corps under the Department of the Air Force. U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis has asked President Trump to approve the creation of a new military headquarters for space warfare, as Pentagon officials proposed earlier this summer.

Representative Adam Smith's Chairmanship of HASC has major implications for oversight and agenda setting. Democratic leaders have promised they'll hold hearings on President Donald Trump's decision to deploy active-duty troops to the southern U.S. border and his plans to establish a new military Space Force. They have also promised to revisit Trump's moves to ban transgender individuals from the military and provide intense scrutiny of his strategy in Afghanistan, the Middle East and Europe. Smith has vowed tougher scrutiny of military personnel and planning matters, pointedly criticized the fiscal 2019 defense budget of \$716 billion as too high and promised to oppose new nuclear weapons spending. Smith has said as chairman he will push for Congress to reassert its oversight role, particularly in places like Niger and Yemen, where U.S. involvement is little understood by the American public. He wants the committee actively engaged in fighting for the rights of women and members of the LGBTQ community to take part in military service however they desire. Smith is a supporter of another base closure round, a smaller role for the U.S. military in the world and a smaller nuclear weapons arsenal. He opposed Trump's proposed 355-ship Navy and has touted his votes to end building Northrop Grumman's B-2 bomber and Lockheed Martin's F-22 fighter.

In addition to Smith, longtime Democratic appropriator Pete Visclosky of Indiana is poised to take over the influential House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. The low-key lawmaker will be tasked with crafting annual Pentagon spending legislation, the largest of the 12 yearly government funding bills.

Three of the most vulnerable Senate Democrats sit on the Armed Services Committee. McCaskill fell to Missouri's Republican attorney general, Josh Hawley. Donnelly was soundly defeated by former Republican state legislator and businessman, Mike Braun.

With a rejuvenated Senate majority, Oklahoma Republican Jim Inhofe will hang on to his Armed Services gavel. He took over the panel in September following the death of Senator John McCain. From that influential perch,

he'll continue to be a staunch ally of the Trump administration and likely push for continued high levels of defense spending.

The House and Senate returned November 13th. While Congress passed full-year spending bills for over half of the federal government (Energy/Water, Legislative Branch, VA/Military, Defense, Labor/HHS, Education), the current Continuing Resolution (CR) for the remainder of the government (including Treasury/IRS and SEC) expires at midnight on December 7th.

Florida Defense Alliance Update

Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chairman, reported on the Florida Defense Alliance meeting from the day prior. Much discussion was had on the Gulf Range Complex and ban on drilling. They have been writing letters to the editor laying groundwork, but now they'll really be ramping up their process and get out information on the importance of the Gulf Range. They had presentations from Robert Hughes from the U.S. Air Force Office of Energy Assurance, Matt Borrón from the Association of Defense Communities, Space Florida and the Office of the Attorney General. They welcomed the new team from DEO who will now be overseeing the DIG and DRG grants.

The Mission Sustainment Working Group gave an update on the successes of the current Sentinel Landscape in Avon Park and updated on the proposed Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape on which the Defenders of Wildlife will take the lead. They also discussed disaster preparedness and response. Mike Jones will take over as the Chair of this working group.

The Family Support Working Group welcomed their new Chair Lynn Brannon with Building Healthy Military Communities. They also welcomed Katie Crofoot from DEO as the new Director of Military Family Employment Advocacy Programs. America Serves presented on local programs such as Mission United. They discussed education and getting more use of Florida's virtual schools for military families. Also discussed were issues stemming from Hurricane Michael such as childcare and lack of spousal employment.

FDA will be going to Tallahassee in late January or early February to walk the halls and talk about the issues.

Space Florida Update

Jim Kuzma, Space Florida, presented an update on Space Florida noting that there are some tools which they've used effectively at the Cape and hope to use in other parts of the state, such as the Space Port Authority. They have many ports around the state of Florida and can sponsor different types of operations. He discussed the network of space ports in Florida such as Cecil Space Port. He discussed the Florida Spaceport Improvement Program, funded from FY2012 to FY 2018, impacts over 1,200 jobs and is an approximately \$500 million total investment. Cape Canaveral is experiencing growth issues as the 45th Space Wing continues its drive for 48 launches from commercial corporations such as SpaceX, ULA and Blue Origin.

Military & Defense Update

Bruce Grant discussed some of the events Staff has been invited to in the upcoming months. On December 3rd and 4th Bruce Grant and Terry McCaffrey will be attending ADC's Mississippi Gulf Coast Defense Forum and on March 4th through 6th 2019 they will be attending ADC's Installation Innovation Forum in Miami.

OPPAGA continues to work on their report on the TF grant and contract program. We expect results at the end of November or early December.

Terry McCaffrey is working on TF reappointments as Representative Ingram needs to be replaced by the House Speaker and Representative Raschein needs to be reappointed by the Governor's office.

The FDA, which has never been funded, will be receiving funding through a MBP program due to an agreement between EFI and DEO.

Staff is preparing briefings for the incoming administration, to make sure they understand the TF, EFI and FDA, what they do and how they're all connected and work together.

Thank you to the Staff for setting up the last-minute visit to Tyndall AFB. They coordinated all of the details and the visit turned out well for the TF and all who participated.

V. Agenda Item V: Public Comment

No guests wished to make a public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 AM EST