

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #90 on Thursday, January 21, 2021

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting at the Holiday Inn Panama City at 9:45 AM CST – 12:18 PM CST. For Agenda: See Page 3

Task Force Members Present:

Representative Thad Altman, Chairman
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman
Major General Richard Haddad, USAF, (Ret)
Colonel Jim Heald, InDyne, Inc.

Task Force Members Present via ZOOM:

Rear Admiral Stan Bozin, USN, (Ret)
Brigadier General Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret)
Representative Wyman Duggan
Captain Keith Hoskins, USN, (Ret)
Senator Tom Wright

Task Force Members Absent:

Major General James Eifert, USAF, The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida

Speakers Present:

Chris Moore, Bay Defense Alliance
Dr. Peter Adair, Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City via ZOOM
LTC Jason Hunt, FLNG, on behalf of MG James Eifert, The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida via ZOOM
Colonel Greg Moseley, Tyndall AFB via ZOOM
Major Jordan Criss, Tyndall AFB via ZOOM
Kellie Jo Kilberg, Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Chair via ZOOM

Others Present in Person:

Matt Chesnut, Space Florida
Jim Damato, Simple Sense
Debi Graham, Greater Pensacola Chamber/West Florida Defense Alliance
Tim Jones, FDA Vice Chair
Chris Middleton, West Florida Defense Alliance
Sal Nodjomian, Matrix Design Group
Carol Roberts, Bay County Chamber of Commerce
Andrew Rowell, Bay County Chamber of Commerce/MAC
David Tubridy, Bay Defense Alliance
Craig Williams, Bay Defense Alliance/Office of Congressman Neal Dunn

Others Present via ZOOM:

Katie Allan, Bay Defense Alliance
Jim Browne, Bay Defense Alliance
Reessa Buckels, NSA Panama City
Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Ken Crowe, Florida State University

Dave Dahl, Navy Region Southeast
Kathleen Ferguson, The Roosevelt Group
Brian Files, Jacksonville, Florida
Teri Gabreski, Bay Defense Alliance
Brooke Gilbert, Bay Defense Alliance
Sarah Hayenga, Homestead Air Reserve Base
Trudy McCarthy, EDC of the Space Coast
Liz Miller, Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
Rick Miller, South Florida Defense Alliance/FDA Mission Sustainment working Group Chair
Amy Phillips, Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)
Sheila Poland, EDC of the Space Coast
Kay Rasmussen, Okaloosa EDC/Tri-County Defense Support Initiative/Tri-County Community Partnership Initiative
Matt Schellhorn, Navy Region Southeast
John Skaggs, NSA Panama City
Lindsey Swindle, Office of Senator Tom Wright
Teri Wanamaker, FDA Family Support Working Group Chair
The Florida Channel

Staff Present:

Beth Medina, Vice President, Military & Defense, Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI)
Ray Collins, Executive Director, FDSTF
Michelle Griggs, Executive Assistant/Grants Manager, Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI)



**Florida Defense Support Task Force – Meeting #90
Panama City / Zoom Meeting
AGENDA for January 21, 2021**

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

All Times are listed in Central Standard Time (CST)

- 8:00 – 9:00 CLOSED SESSION..... Chairman **(D)**

- 9:30 – 9:35 Welcome, Roll Call, Introductions..... Chairman **(I)**
- 9:35 – 9:45 Local Community Welcome..... Chris Moore **(I)**
- 9:45 – 9:55 NSWC Panama City Division..... CAPT Back **(I)**
- 9:55 – 10:05 Gulf Coast Tech Bridge Program..... Holly Gardner **(I)**

- 10:05 – 10:15 Old Business..... Chairman **(A) / (I) / (D)**
 - Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
 - TF Grants and Contracts Status Michelle Griggs **(I)**

- 10:15 – 12:05 New Business..... Chairman **(I)**
 - 10:15 – 10:30 Task Force Member Reports
 - 10:30 – 10:40 Tyndall AFB Update..... Col. Peters / Maj. Criss **(I)**
 - 10:40 – 11:10 Task Force Member Reports (*continued*)
 - 11:10 – 11:20 Florida Defense Alliance Update..... Kellie Jo Kilberg **(I)**
 - 11:20 – 11:30 Washington Office Update..... Katherine Anne Russo **(I)**
 - 11:30 – 11:45 Florida Programs to Mitigate Encroachment..... Ray Collins **(I) / (D)**
 - 11:45 – 11:55 Presentation of Draft 2021 Progress Report and Work Plan... Ray Collins **(A) / (D)**
 - 11:55 – 12:05 Mil & Def Update..... Beth Medina **(I)**

- 12:05 – 12:15 Public Comment..... Chairman

Reminder – Upcoming Meeting Dates:

February 18, 2021	Zoom Meeting/Conf Call	March 18, 2021	Tallahassee (<i>Session</i>)
April 15, 2021	Zoom Meeting/Conf Call (<i>Session</i>)	May 20, 2021	Tallahassee FDA <i>Session</i>)
June 2021	NO MEETING		

Chairman, Representative Thad Altman began the meeting at 9:45 AM CST.

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

Chairman, Representative Thad Altman welcomed attendees and guests. He thanked the Bay Defense Alliance for hosting the social event the night prior. He asked the TF members and guests both in-person and on ZOOM to introduce themselves, then lead the TF and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. He reminded the TF that the meeting is governed by the Sunshine Law.

Local Community Welcome

Chris Moore, Bay Defense Alliance, welcomed the TF and guests to Bay County, the TF's first in-person meeting since early 2020.

Dr. Peter Adair, Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City, briefed a command overview to include:

- Naval research and development establishment and who comprises their workforce across the country
- Enduring missions to include U.S. Navy Mine Countermeasures Station, circa 1949 and Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division, circa 2015
- Their vision, mission and capabilities; and FY 2019 – 2023 Strategic Campaign Plan
- What makes them unique:
 - Full Spectrum Mine Warfare to include Tactics
 - Expeditionary Maneuver Warfare
 - Ship to Shore Maneuver to include Air Cushion Vehicles
 - Full Spectrum Diving and Life Support Systems
 - Special Warfare Maritime Mobility
 - Littoral Mission Systems Integration to include UxS
 - Joint Gulf Test Range: open ocean, bays, estuaries, rivers, & harbors
- Information on their employees: they celebrate that their diverse workforce comes from all over the nation, with a wide variety of backgrounds and education
- Their science and technology:
 - Unmanned Systems, Autonomy & Dynamics
 - Magnetism, Optics & Data Fusion
 - Marine Corp S&T
 - Advanced Mining Technologies
 - Physical Acoustics, Sensors & Processing
 - Biotechnology
 - Automatic Target Recognition (ATR)
- Focus of Unmanned Systems Work:
 - Systems Engineering/Analysis to Meet Mission Requirements
 - Common Control (UUVs, USVs, UGVs, UAVs)
 - Autonomy, Sensor Processing, and Automated
 - Target Recognition Algorithms
 - Mission Package Development
 - Mission Planning & Assessment Framework
 - Total System Performance Prediction,
 - Optimization, and Simulation
 - System Test and Evaluation
 - Platform Integration
 - Launch and Recovery
 - System Certification

He also briefed on the Gulf Coast Tech Bridge, Overview and Technical Focus Areas which included:

- Purpose, background, technical focus areas and collaborations
- Tech Bridge Concept: NSWC PCD is partnering with CNMOC and NRL South for a NavalX Tech Bridge along the Gulf Coast
- Coastal Sciences and Technology research areas of interest
- Assured maritime access research areas of interest
- Operational meteorology and oceanography research areas of interest
- Holly Gardner, Director; Dr. Joseph Calantoni, Deputy Director; CAPT Micah Weltmer, CNMOC Gulf Coast Tech Bridge Lead

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of Minutes

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Representative Thad Altman** asked if any corrections are needed for the November 19, 2020 minutes. Noting none, a motion to accept these minutes was made by **Major General Richard Haddad**, seconded by **Mr. Tom Neubauer**, all were in favor and the November 19, 2020 meeting minutes were approved.*

Task Force Grants and Contracts Status

Michelle Griggs reported grantees were given an extension on the due dates of their quarterly reports due to the holidays.

Two grantees are requesting extensions on which the TF will need to approve today:

DTF Grant #14-05, Economic Development Alliance of Bay County (BayEDA), is requesting an extension until December 31, 2021.

DTF Grant #19-101, Polk County, is requesting an extension until January 31, 2022.

Staff executed a contract with Matrix Design Group in mid-December 2020 to compile an inventory of Florida's Defense Contractors to assist DEO with their Aerospace and Defense Portal.

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Representative Thad Altman** asked for a motion to extend grants DTF #14-05, Bay County, to December 31, 2021 and DTF #19-101, Polk County, to January 31, 2022. A motion to extend these close dates was made by **Major General Richard Haddad**, seconded by **Colonel Jim Heald**, all were in favor and the grant extensions were approved.*

III. Agenda Item III: New Business

Task Force Member Reports

Mr. Tom Neubauer reported that Bay County anticipates the release of the record of decision on funding to Tyndall AFB, they anticipate in early February. It's currently going through a process and they are waiting for the dollars to flow into Tyndall to fund the 40 MILCON projects and 120 buildings to be constructed over the next 5 to 7 years.

Tyndall AFB has a Compatible Use Plan (CUP) underway. It was presented last week to their County Commission and a draft is available for public view at www.tyndallijus.com. Sixty-five (65) recommendations are included in the study, one being that the county forms a committee to aid in the alignment of their communities with the new Base of the Future construction. These recommendations will be decided on over the next 30 days.

Major General Richard Haddad briefed at SOCOM, the previous Acting Secretary of Defense, Christopher Miller, was only at the Pentagon for one week when he announced major changes to military posture and structure around the globe amid a major White House shakeup of civilian leadership. Standing in front of “Bronze Bruce,” a memorial to Army Special Forces at Fort Bragg, Acting Secretary Miller signed a memo authorizing the Pentagon’s Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict Office to begin reporting directly to the Defense Secretary, instead of reporting to the policy undersecretary. Such a move was permitted in the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Note that the NDAA did not mandate the change, it allowed it.

U.S. Special Operations Command, the military’s elite joint force of fighters that operates globally, will be the test bed for new artificial intelligence applications in warfare. Army General Richard Clarke said that SOCOM will be the first in the Department of Defense (DoD) to be fully AI-enabled, using the emerging technology on everything from maintenance to fighting. SOCOM has special acquisition and technology authorities that allow it to purchase and test technology more than other parts of the military, and it operates outside traditional theaters of war, giving it more testing grounds in real-life operations. Overall, SOCOM is interested in working on new technology that can help leaders make decisions faster and win in the information environment. The command has already been the first adopter of some forms of AI, such as image detection developed through Project Maven. Secretary Clarke predicted SOCOM will move to testing more communications and command-and-control technology as the military works to develop new AI-powered network-of-network systems.

AFSOC

November 27, 2020 U.S. Air Force Special Tactics operators from the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron at Hurlburt Field responded to a request for humanitarian assistance following the devastation of Hurricanes Eta and Iota in Central America. Within hours of formal notification, the team deployed in support of Joint Task Force Bravo and U.S. Southern Command, and based their operations out of Soto, Cano Air Base, Honduras.

Air Force Special Operations Command’s Inspector General team conducted its first no-notice inspection on November 30th through December 2nd, 2020 on the 1st Special Operations Wing. This was IG’s first no-notice inspection since 2013. In June 2020, U.S. Air Force Lieutenant General Jim Slife, Commander of AFSOC, directed AFSOC IG to begin planning no-notice inspections. The focus areas were on task evaluation, trending risk areas and training validation, performance evaluations and emphasis on compliance and identification of additional staff support requirements.

Staff Sergeant Alexey Germanovich, 26th Special Tactics Squadron combat controller, was awarded the Air Force Cross during a medal ceremony on December 10, 2020 at Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico. Secretary of the Air Force Barbara Barrett presented the Air Force Cross to Germanovich for his actions during a fierce firefight in Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan on April 8, 2017. Germanovich’s efforts were credited with saving over 150 friendly forces and destroying eleven separate fighting positions.

U.S. Air Force Colonel Shelley Woodworth, formerly Colonel Rodriguez, retired after almost twenty-nine (29) years of dedicated service to the United States Air Force and Air Force Special Operations Command on November 23, 2020. Woodworth was the first female pilot in AFSOC, flying the MC-130P/J Combat Shadow and went on to a distinguished career as a command pilot with over 3,500 flying hour, serving in operations PROVIDE COMFORT, EAGLEGUARD, NORTHERN WATCH, ALLIED FORCE, ENDURING FREEDOM and OSYSSEY DAWN.

AVON PARK AIR FORCE RANGE:

January 11, 2021 to February 12, 2021: The Range will be conducting one of its semi-annual Range Clearance/Maintenance. Moody AFB Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) personnel will be assisting Range staff in clearing ordnance residue from the weapons impact ranges to allow for target maintenance. Many ranges must close during range clearance/maintenance however due to its size, Avon Park is capable of leaving one weapons impact range open while doing clearance/maintenance on the other.

Additionally, at the Deployed Unit Complex (DUC) at MacDill AFB, they will be hosting multiple deployments throughout the spring to include:

- February 1st through 12th, 2021: 19th SOS AC-130 Gunships from Hurlburt Field

- February 22nd through 26th, 2021: Moody AFB Agile Combat Employment (ACE) exercise MOSAIC TIGER involving A-10s, F-15Es, H-60s, and MC-130s. This exercise will include operations at Avon Park AFR and Patrick AFB.
- March 1st through 17th, 2021: 305 RQS HH-60s from Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona
- March 15th through April 2nd, 2021: VMFAT-501 Marine F-35s from MCAS Beaufort, South Carolina

Buck MacLaughlin expresses his concern regarding SB 62 proposed by Senator Bradley which is scheduled to be considered by the Community Affairs Committee on Tuesday, January 26th. The Bill proposes to revise a requirement for the Executive Office of the Governor to review and consider certain reports, data, and analyses relating to the revision of the state comprehensive plan; eliminating the advisory role of regional planning councils in state comprehensive plan preparation and revision; repealing provisions relating to the Florida Regional Planning Council Act; authorizing local governments to recommend areas of critical state concern to the state land planning agency, etc.

He is concerned that this Bill will significantly impact the Regional Planning Councils, to include the Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC). CFRPC has been a vital partner of Avon Park Air Force Range since at least 2006 with the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS); multiple JLUS implementation grants/efforts; they host the APAFR Sentinel Landscape Coordinator position; and most recently the Compatible Use Plan (CUP) grant which is the update/replacement of the JLUS. Without the close partnership with the CFRPC, Avon Park's REPI program would not have been nearly successful as it has been and he firmly believes, they would have not received the Sentinel Landscape designation, and likely would have had more encroachment similar to the Resort at Canopy Oaks (Triple Canopy). They are in the process of preparing a letter to submit to the Community Affairs Committee informing them of all the benefits that Avon Park AFR has received through partnering with CFRPC.

He strongly recommends that the TF look at this Bill and the potential for impact to military installations across the state.

Senator Tom Wright discussed that the Senate Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space and Domestic Security, the Committee he Chairs, met last week in Tallahassee. Major General James Hartsell from the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs provided an update from the FDVA. Senator Wright is working to ensure that MG Hartsell becomes FDVA's next Executive Director as he is a great champion for both veterans and active-duty military.

He continues to work with **MG James Eifert** on the 70-75-acre parcel of land in the Miami-Dade area for the construction of a new National Guard facility.

His committee, as well as the Space Caucus, is working every angle to secure Florida as the location for auxiliary types of organizations coming as a result of the U.S. Space Force.

Colonel Jim Heald reported that Brigadier General Scott Cain, Base Commander for Eglin AFB, directed the base go back to Health Condition Charlie COVID-19 restrictions due to the continues positive increases in the community.

BG Cain's priorities remain:

- Protection of the Gulf Range is Critical
 - Moratorium east of Military Mission Line needs to be made permanent in law.
 - Current range support aircraft (RSA) nearing end of service life and suffer from low availability rates and parts obsolescence. Over water test support and sea surveillance are currently provided by 2 E-9 aircraft that are failing; not configured to meet full requirements of current and future test programs
 - Range modernization needed to meet 21st century weapon test requirements; Facilities Sustainment, Restoration and Modernization (SRM)/Improvement & Modernization (I&M) funding insufficient compared to what is needed

- Eglin Gulf Test and Training Range (EGTTR) Electronic Warfare threats are outdated; must be modernized to meet near-term operationally relevant test environment
- Fully instrumented EGTTR is critical to next generation weapons testing
- Operations in cyber domain increasing across all technology areas drives increased cyber test requirements.
 - Improvements to cyber infrastructure underway (Avionics Cyber Range), additional investments required to fully realize cyber domain and C4ISR testing
 - Increasing number of programs requiring special access security drives need for advanced multi-level security environments
 - Must increase manpower, controlled facilities, and secure data transmission/storage

Previously reported information about Adversary Air contracts coming to NW Florida. The Environmental Impact analysis was kicked off on 7 Jan to bring ADAIR to the panhandle. The AF is currently assessing three locations: Eglin main, Bob Sikes (Crestview Airport) and NWF Beaches Airport (Panama City).

Eglin Combined DT/OT Test Force will be receiving F-15EX aircraft, approximately 5-6 x FY21 and 5-6 x FY23. Roll out for the first F-15EX to Eglin is scheduled for 5 April 21 (previously reported as 2nd Quarter).

The second squadron of F-35 training aircraft for the 33rd Wing will begin arriving in Oct 21, phased through Nov 22. This was previously reported as contingent upon the EIS being completed and the F-22/T-38s leaving Eglin.

The new Spectrum Warfare Wing which is growing out of the 53rd Wing will be standing-up in FY21.

And finally, some good news/fun activities: Eglin Air Force Base's 780th Test Squadron and the 40th Flight Test Squadron executed the Air Force's first Golden Horde Vanguard program test Dec. 15. This is a precursor to swarming weapons being developed.

- During the weapons' flight test, a 40th FLTS F-16 carried four Collaborative Small Diameter Bombs (CSDBs) and released two of them. The bombs communicated between themselves to locate, self-assign and track two ground targets.
- CSDBs are Small Diameter Bomb I weapons modified to include a collaborative autonomous payload. The payload consists of technologies allowing the weapons to share data, interact, and execute coordinated actions or behaviors. The Air Force Research Laboratory and Scientific Applications and Research Associates developed the technologies responsible for the weapon.

Captain Keith Hoskins first thanked **Senator Tom Wright** for his support for Space Command and STAR Command and continuing to push forward to potentially bring a command to the state of Florida. Northwest Florida has a high interest in aligning some of their future missions and opportunities with the STAR Command basing.

New leadership at NAS Whiting Field as outgoing commanding officer Captain Paul Bowdich has been replaced by Captain Paul Flores for a three-year tour.

Rear Admiral Stan Bozin congratulated NAS Whiting Field as the FY21 Commander Navy Installations Command (CNIC) Installation Excellence Award (IEA) winner (Small Category). It is also worth noting that NAS Jacksonville finished second in the CNIC IEA Large Category for the third consecutive year.

NS Mayport:

Health Protection Condition Charlie remains in place. The installation has started administering COVID vaccines to essential personnel starting with Security, Fire, Air Operations, Medical, Air Operations and Child Care on a voluntary basis only.

Patrol Craft (PC) decommissionings: local media coverage, photo support and social media promotion

13 Jan – USS Shamal (PC 13) Ceremony

14 Jan – USS Zephyr (PC 8) Ceremony

15 Jan – USS Tornado (PC 14) Ceremony

Proposed 18-19 FEB – Chief of Naval Operations visit to NAVSTA Mayport.

NAS Jacksonville:

Health Protection Condition Charlie remains in place. The installation has started administering COVID vaccines to essential personnel starting with Security, Fire Air Operations, Medial, Air Operations and Child Care on a voluntary basis only.

On December 17th, the NAS Jacksonville Commanding Officer held a telecon briefing with Mr. Charles Truxal, military legislative assistant for Senator Marco Rubio. Mr. Truxal was presented with an overview of NAS Jacksonville as well as a discussion on various MILCON projects.

REPI Challenge

The Department of Defense's (DOD) Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program has launched the 2021 REPI Challenge process, focusing on projects that support key capabilities in the National Defense Strategy. NAS Jacksonville's CPLO has entered a partnership agreement with NFLT to pursue an easement on property near Pinecastle Range Complex. The REPI Challenge awards funds on an annual basis to one or more projects that provide innovative approaches to protecting the military mission. This annual competition seeks to cultivate projects that conserve land at a greater scale, thereby helping the REPI Program meet its goals. Since the initiation of the REPI Challenge in 2012, more than \$73.3 million in REPI Program funds have been leveraged with over \$300.1 million in partner contributions to protect over 532,000 acres of working lands, habitat and open spaces at 22 locations nationwide.

DOD's REPI Program is a key tool for combating encroachment that can limit or restrict military training, testing, and operations. The REPI Program facilitates cost-sharing partnerships between the Military Departments, other federal agencies, state and local governments, and private conservation organizations to help relieve or avoid land use conflicts near military installations and address regulatory restrictions that inhibit military activities.

Citadel Shield is February 1st through 5th/Solid Curtain is February 8th through 12th

Like previous years, the purpose of Exercise Citadel Shield/Solid Curtain is to ensure that the Navy is ready to respond to changing and dynamic threats at all times. For Citadel Shield / Solid Curtain 2021 additional COVID 19 precautions have been added to protect our security forces, staff and volunteers. It is their responsibility to ensure the safety of our personnel, equipment and facilities, as well as to partner with law enforcement to assist in protecting our installations. This exercise is of vital importance to our ability to execute the Navy's mission in support of Homeland Defense and to protect all our people, equipment and facilities in situations that pose a significant and immediate threat to their safety. The Navy will conduct training based on scenarios that involve waterfront events, active shooters and personnel attempting to gain unauthorized base access. It is Navy policy not to discuss specifics of force protection measures, including exercises, so information of that nature will not be released.

Brigadier General Chip Diehl briefed that MacDill AFB has returned to Health Protection Condition (HPCON) Charlie COVID-19 restrictions. Many workers have returned to their offices and he's unsure if they will revert to essential personnel only. MacDill AFB is doing very well with their vaccines as they are announcing protocols and procedures all the way down to how they will take care of military dependents.

President Trump has ordered Israel removed from U.S. European Command to the responsibility of CENTCOM.

There are 379,000 veterans living in Tampa; veterans are very important in their community.

Priorities for MacDill AFB from the TF strategic plan:

- Encroachment remains their top issue; he appreciates the support from the TF and DEO for Florida Rock; they have a compatible use plan they are hoping to launch with DoD in the second quarter.
- An Army reserve helo unit is arriving soon; the construction in preparation for their arrival is complete.
- The Tinker School will begin its projects funded by the DoD next fiscal year.

Lieutenant Colonel Jason Hunt briefed on behalf of **Major General James Eifert**, provided the following as a Florida National Guard (FLNG) Update.

COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE: The Florida National Guard currently has approximately 1,151 Soldiers and Airmen mobilized, supporting 78 Active Missions as part of Florida's COVID-19 response effort. Their steady-state mission sets include:

- Operating 15 Community Base Test Sites and 8 Mobile Testing Buses
- Administering 3,398,216 Tests to date
- Operating 5 Community Vaccine Sites and 11 Mobile Vaccine Teams
- Supporting Vaccine Distribution to high-risk populations throughout the State of Florida and Administering 874 Vaccines to frontline Florida National Guard Servicemembers
- Supporting State Logistics Resource Center and a Logistical Staging Area
- Supporting multiple State and County Operations, Planning and Liaison responsibilities
- The Florida National Guard continues COVID response activities through federal funding (502f), approved through 31 March 2021.
- To date, the FLNG has conducted 421,745 total work days for COVID support; to put this in perspective, the FLNG has conducted just over 700,000 total work days for all previous activations since Hurricane Andrews.

MOBILIZATION/DEPLOYMENT UPDATE: The Florida National Guard currently has 1,246 (1,120 Army and 126 Air) Servicemembers representing 14 Organizations deployed globally, supporting our National Defense Strategy. Their mobilization pipeline identifies 11 Organization consisting of approximately 1,078 Servicemembers scheduled for deployment throughout the remainder of this calendar year.

FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FRESHMAN LEGISLATIVE DAY. The Florida National Guard hosted a legislative orientation day at Camp Blanding Joint Training Center for Florida House of Representative Freshman on January 12, 2021. They had 22 newly elected House members who participated in the event, receiving Florida National Guard and Camp Blanding capability briefings along with an aerial tour of Camp Blanding.

FLORIDA NATIONAL GUARD SUPPORT TO NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND STATE CAPITOL. The Florida National Guard has mobilized and deployed approximately 650 soldiers to Washington D.C. and approximately 110 soldiers to Tallahassee to support federal and state law enforcement partners, to enhance security capabilities throughout Presidential Inauguration 59 activities.

FLORIDA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD ISSUES OF INTEREST:

- **Detachment 4, Company B, 351st Aviation Regiment Departure Ceremony.** They will conduct a deployment departure ceremony on Thursday, February 11, 2021, in Jacksonville, Florida, recognizing the deployment of Soldiers from Detachment 4, Company B, 351st Aviation Regiment in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

FLORIDA AIR NATIONAL GUARD ISSUES OF INTEREST:

- **125th Fighter Wing Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies.** They will conduct ribbon-cutting ceremonies on Friday, January 29, 2021, in Jacksonville, Florida, recognizing the opening of two newly constructed Air Base facilities; a Fire Station and an Indoor Firing Range.

Tyndall AFB Update

Colonel Greg Moseley briefed from Tyndall AFB that they remain on Health Protection Condition (HPCON) Charlie as are most of the installations in the area. They are currently mission essential and maximizing telework to the best of their abilities. They have received the vaccination and began distributing them last week, continuing this week.

The 325th continues to train their F-22 Raptor pilots and intelligence officers. They continue to focus on mission readiness and sustained ready forces for worldwide deployment of any combat operations required.

Tyndall is looking forward to their rebuild and taking early steps in preparation. Their current focus is heavy into demolition. Hangars 1, 2 and 3 at the far west of the airfield will be demolished next week to clear the way for the F-35 zone, which will be the home station for the three F-25 squadrons anticipated to arrive in early 2023..

Many exciting things going on at Tyndall as they have had their first groundbreaking on MILCON projects on the F-15 sim building, which supports the air combat controllers on the support side of the base.

Tyndall AFB covers 29,000 acres with 129 miles of coastline, so security is a large focus as they rebuild the Base of the Future.

Major Jordan Criss briefed on their new Ghost Vision 60 or robot dog technology. As they embrace the Base of the Future construct they have leveraged this technology to keep people safe and to protect critical assets on the installation. They use these robots as a safety means as they are placed on the frontline to absorb the brunt of a potential adversary, report data and leave the people to social interactions.

Technology expert, **Sergeant Miller**, discussed that Tyndall AFB has 129 miles of coastline and within that coastline the base is geographically separated by a highway running through the center. They wanted to leverage technology to traverse the terrain (marsh, beach, waterway, forestry), areas they cannot patrol, which is where they can use the robot dogs. The dogs can run around the base to give a 360-degree or 100% visibility on the entire installation from the shelter of their Base Defense Operations Center (BDOC).

The Ghost Vision 60 is a lightweight (about 20 pounds) and 36" tall robot, with the potential to have 6-10 different types of sensors that range from ground base radar to self-identifying AI style. Wherever it walks it creates a terrain model for base security to allow them to have complete oversight on a situation.

Some cool features:

- The dogs can run approximately 4.5 miles per hour
- They can travel approximately 8 miles on one set charge
- Takes about 3 hours to charge from 0% to 100%
- One sensor package gives a BDOC controller the ability to take the dog user interface, put on a virtual reality headset and give verbal commands to mitigate a situation until a human arrives to deal with the situation.

The dogs integrate with other base technology and is not the only project on the installation. Currently they have about 6-10 other projects they're working on, and the main components will all feed into a layer of defense in multiple avenues on the base. Other projects include facial recognition software and a mobile x-ray machine.

Video played: Computerized Canines to join Team Tyndall
<https://www.dvidshub.net/video/772447/computerized-canines-join-team-tyndall>

Task Force Member Reports (continued)

Chairman, Representative Thad Altman briefed that in December, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and Patrick AFB were formally redesignated as Cape Canaveral Space Force Station and Patrick Space Force Base as facilities central to the mission of the U.S. Space Force. At a formal ceremony, Vice President Pence announced the decision to shift these designations, which further confirmed the nation's commitment to operating and defending space.

2020 was a great year for launches as a 54-year record was set for orbital space launches. One of the key features was SpaceX, who is doing a remarkable job on the Space Coast. The panhandle will be a major component in the space industry as the Gulf has been the location for several Dragon capsule splashdowns. The launch schedule for 2021 is extremely aggressive so there will be many more splashdowns in the Gulf.

Florida Defense Alliance Update

Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chair, reported that FDA has been very active. Chris Middleton has joined the FDA Executive Committee. Recently the FDA Executive Committee met to review the Strategic Plan in light of the election outcomes and what that means, from mission and program realignment to being more proactive and innovative and not reactive and defensive; to having representation in Washington, D.C. and building relationships at the Pentagon.

Encroachment is still an issue in Florida with 16 different types. What will be added with Space Force and what will be the new requirements as they look at other facilities around the state that may become space ports? She reemphasized the importance of funding those programs as federal funds are leveraged moving forward.

They discussed the possibility of codifying the ban of drilling in the Gulf and opportunities to build alliances with other states on the Atlantic coast to protect our ranges and missions. This includes land, surface, subsurface and space.

They discussed the possibility of an office of resiliency moving from an appointment to an actual office. They feel this is an important office with programs emphasizing rising seas, climate change and energy resiliency. Military installations, missions and programs need to be part of that discussion as that office moves forward. Military assets need to take into consideration to be proactive and innovative to address those needs.

They discussed Senate Bill 62 which affects the regional planning councils (RPC). The RPCs are a strong partner to the FDA as they look at challenges such as regional encroachment, water/sewer and transportation in local cities and across county lines. They track federal funds and grants to leverage with local and state funds and pursue new federal grant programs. The RPCs will become very important as more P4 partnerships are developed throughout the state to pursue these funds. They are a partner when looking at defense communities' infrastructure programs, FEMA funds and Sentinel Landscapes. People don't realize the role the RPCs play and all they do for communities, particularly they are a key player in defense communities. They will continue to watch this Bill.

They continue to look at partnerships, ensuring that the MOU with the state university system and military research facilities is being implemented; meeting monthly with defense liaison partners to make sure that those opportunities to bring challenges from our resiliency programs to the students.

The Family Support Working Group (FSWG) has been working closely with the Department of Education on the Purple Star Schools of Distinction (PSSD) program. It's now in final review within DOE and once it's released the FDA will assist in getting information out on the program and the legislation needed for it to pass.

The PSSD program was based on five pillars, but Florida has added a sixth:

1. Military Point of Contact
2. Designated Website
3. Staff Development
4. Student Led Transition Program
5. Extracurricular Star/Community Programs
6. Academics

Within the FSWG, about the slide presented earlier discussing the Biden Administration priorities and continued emphasis to support for military families, the increase in economic opportunities for spouses by investing \$500 million in a military spouse entrepreneurial pilot program. The FDA is creating a group from around the state to catalog all the entrepreneurial programs in the state to identify those that can be expanded and leveraged to pursue these federal funds.

Florida Programs to Mitigate Encroachment

Ray Collins provided a presentation on Florida Programs to Mitigate Encroachment. Encroachment is defined as "External, as well as internal, DOD factors and influences that constrain or have the potential to inhibit the

full access or operational use of the live training and test domain.” Types of encroachment include urban development; threatened or endangered species; critical habitat; historic or cultural sites; noise; climate change; radio frequency competition; and light pollution.

Discussion topics include:

- Impact of Encroachment on Military Missions and Florida’s Response
- Focuses of Florida Laws to Mitigate Encroachment
- Mechanisms to Handle Encroachment Issues
- Military Representation on Local Planning or Zoning Board
- State Land Protection Programs
 - Florida Forever
 - Rural and Family Lands Protection Program
 - Military Base Protection Program
 - Governor’s Base Commanders Meetings
- Federal Programs to Assist States with Encroachment Mitigation
 - Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative (REPI)
 - Sentinel Landscapes
 - Compatible Use Plan (CUP)
 - Air Installations Compatibility Use Zones (AICUZ) Program
 - U.S. Navy Range Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (RAICUZ)
 - Enhanced Use Leasing (EUL) Program
- Recent Events

Representative Wyman Duggan noted that with respect to the impact of SB 62 as it relates to FS 163.3175 (7), the subsection authorizes the base commander of a military installation to appoint a non-voting, ex-officio representative to a local government’s planning or zoning board and SB 62, in its current version, would not repeal or amend that ability.

Chairman, Representative Thad Altman added that SB 62 is on the Senate Community Affairs agenda on January 26th, 2021 and currently does not have a sponsor in the House. They will continue to track this Bill as it moves through the process to implement mitigation provisions in the Bill to prevent negative impact to the bases. RPCs serve an extremely important role as they help plan communities, provide for infrastructure, and make communities economically competitive from a quality of life point of view.

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Central Florida Regional Planning Council, speaking on behalf of RPCs, appreciates the TF’s support.

Kellie Jo Kilberg commented that when looking at the Florida Forever program it’s important to know that the state uses funds from those programs to leverage against federal funds to aide against encroachment around the military installations.

Colonel Jim Heald asked if there are specific actions that the Staff is advocating for the TF? Does the TF need to advocate for changes to any of the statutes in the state of Florida to ensure these programs work better? Does the TF need to advocate for additional funding for or to protect the funds currently available? What actions or directions are needed?

Ray Collins answered that yes, the TF does need to advocate for more funding and to develop a plan that strengthens the ability to protect the bases, a stronger plan from the state and local levels.

Beth Medina added the EFI legislative agenda and budget request this year (which is partially incorporated into the DEO budget request) included replenishing the Military Base Protection Program (MBPP) funding of \$2.0 a year million over the course of five years, for non-conservation lands.

Staff continues to support the network of funding that must occur to protect these lands so they're working with partners such as the Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape project. Camp Blanding is applying to become a Sentinel Landscape area which would give Florida a total of three Sentinel Landscapes and reflects partnerships across the state formed to protect those lands.

In summary, the EFI budget and legislative request included base protection.

Brigadier General Chip Diehl commented that the appraisal was the issue for Florida Rock. It's important to receive that funding from the state and federal levels so the TF isn't using all or most of their grant funding dollars every year on encroachment issues, preventing projects on other bases.

Chairman, Representative Thad Altman added that looking at encroachment parcels that fall under Florida Forever type programs who have a willing seller/willing buyer, there are restrictions on how to buy in terms of appraised value. Many of these land parcels are in urban areas or next to a base and have a different set of issues when it comes to how those parcels are valued. There may be a need for some statutory reform in terms of base encroachment having a different set of criteria to give more flexibility/imminent domain powers.

Kellie Jo Kilberg added that through the Defense Infrastructure grant program, the Navy has a five year program on which they work with the City of Jacksonville to identify the land, and as soon as a willing seller comes available, they're able to purchase that land through different funding avenues. The Defense Infrastructure program is limited to two years and sometimes needs to have several grants to have the funding available to meet that demand. There needs to be a discussion on the programs currently available, how they're funded and show some of the successful outcomes.

Brigadier General Chip Diehl added that zoning oversight may be an area to keep in consideration as they get into encroachment issues around the bases.

Ray Collins commented that zoning and appraisals were central to the Florida Rock issue as the state's appraisal process was based on the value of the land with the existing zoning. The land was zoned for light industrial use. The developer requested the zoning be changed to allow for commercial use. Had the area been rezoned, the value of the land would have increased, and the owner was demanding that for the MBPP, the land be bought for the value if the zoning rules were changed and he was allowed to develop as a commercial property. The state, by law, was restricted to only be able to pay up to what is was under the existing zoning.

Representative Wyman Duggan pointed out that FS 163.3175 (7) provides the military base commander the authority to place a representative onto the local government's planning or zoning board. This should be made clearer as zoning decisions effects encroachment issues and may need to be clarified. Similarly, regarding the comprehensive plan/future land use category, military installations are a statutorily enumerated reviewing agency for any future land use change that is above a certain acreage and size. That protection is also already in existing law. Base commanders need to be informed and availing themselves with the tools which have been provided.

Rear Admiral Stan Bozin pointed out that NAS Jacksonville does have representatives on local zoning boards as one person sits on five separate county boards to work encroachment issues.

Chairman, Representative Thad Altman asked the Staff for an update at the next TF meeting, as encroachment is the TF's top issue.

Presentation of Draft 2020 Progress Report and Work Plan

Ray Collins briefed that the TF's 2020 Progress Report and Work Plan are due to the Governor, Senate President and Speaker of the House by February 1, 2021. He is currently working on a draft which will be sent our early next week for the TF's members' review. This report highlights the TF's many accomplishments and successes during FY 2019 – 2020.

Military & Defense Update

Beth Medina updated that the Staff has been very busy since the last TF meeting: Staff presented a military and defense update to the Senate Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space and Domestic Security last week. Asking for more military base protection funding this year.

They are supporting the Purple Star School of Distinction Program through the Department of Education.

They asked for an updated list of National Guard and Coast Guard installations to protect, from last session, they are confident those installations will be added to the list of critical installations to protect.

They are emphasizing the importance of a Base Commanders' Meeting as the last one was June 2019. This is the forum between the installation commanders (most are new), State Agencies and Governor's office.

They have been engaging with Space Florida and the EDC of the Space Coast to assist with resources for their proposal and support statewide to bring Space Force elements to our state.

The video project is continuing. One is complete, nine are in draft. Work is still in progress to schedule the next 15. The contract expires in June 2021 and will have a total of 35 videos. These will be immediately available to anyone needing information on Florida's military.

Michelle Griggs is now managing the TF grants and contracts. They are looking to hire a fourth team member as a Communications and Research Specialist.

The change of the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) to the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC) as OLDCC is emphasizing the partnership aspect at the state level. It's important to show the partnership with Space Florida on the U.S. Space Command effort, with local partners and communities on Sentinel Landscapes, with DEO and Florida's defense contractors. In that vein, a contract was quickly executed in December with Matrix Design Group for \$27,500 in support of DEO's Aerospace and Defense Portal for an aerospace and defense contractor's inventory. Deliverables are due by March 1, 2021.

IV. Agenda Item IV: Public Comment

No public comments were made at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 12:18 PM CST

All presentations for this meeting can be found here: <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf/meetings/>

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #91 on Thursday, February 18, 2021

The Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) held a publicly noticed meeting via Zoom/Conference Call at 10:30 AM EST – 12:34 PM EST. For Agenda: See Page 3

Task Force Members Present:

Representative Thad Altman, Chairman
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman
Rear Admiral Stan Bozin, USN, (Ret.)
Brigadier General Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret.)
Major General Richard Haddad, USAF (Ret.)
Colonel Jim Heald, InDyne, Inc., (Ret.)

Task Force Members Absent:

Representative Wyman Duggan
Major General James Eifert, USAF, The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida
Captain Keith Hoskins, USN, (Ret.)
Senator Tom Wright

Speakers Present:

Kellie Jo Kilberg, Florida Defense Alliance (FDA)
Nick Howland, Northeast Florida Fire Watch Council

Others Present:

Bob Asztalos, Florida Veterans Foundation
Mark Bontrager, Space Florida
Lee Cardice, Cardice A/V
Eli Converse, Office of Senator Tom Wright
Dave Dahl, Navy Region Southeast
Tom Ferreira
Debi Graham, Greater Pensacola Chamber/West Florida Defense Alliance
Bruce Grant, Retired
Sarah Hayenga, Homestead Air Reserve Base
Paul Hirsch, Economic Development Commission of the Space Coast/FDA Board
Tim Jones, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance/FDA Board
Trudy McCarthy, Economic Development Commission of the Space Coast
Chris Middleton, West Florida Defense Alliance/FDA Board
Liz Miller, Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
Rick Miller, South Florida Defense Alliance/FDA Board
Steve Murray, Florida Department of Veterans Affairs
Dave Murzin, Okaloosa County
Chip Nusbaum, 82 West Productions
Amy Phillips, Department of Environmental Protection
Lindsey Pierce, Office of Senator Tom Wright
Jennifer Renner, House Veteran & Military Affairs
Matt Schellhorn, Navy Region Southeast
Jamal Sowell, Secretary of Commerce, Enterprise Florida, Inc. President & CEO
Sharon Spratt, Space Florida
Karen Taporco, NAS Key West

Donna Valin, State of Florida Attorney General's Office
Teri Wanamaker, NAS Jacksonville/FDA Board
Roger Williams, Florida National Guard (FLNG)
Lew Williamson, Florida Veterans Foundation
Craig Worsham, 82 West Productions
The Florida Channel

Staff Present:

Beth Medina, Vice President, Military & Defense, EFI
Ray Collins, Executive Director, FDSTF
Michelle Griggs, Executive Assistant/Contracts & Grants Manager, EFI



**Florida Defense Support Task Force -- Meeting #91
Conference Call / ZOOM
AGENDA for February 18, 2021**

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8:30 – 10:00 CLOSED SESSION

- 10:30 – 10:35 Welcome, Roll Call, Introductions..... Chairman **(I)**
- 10:35 – 10:45 Old Business..... Chairman **(A) / (I) / (D)**
- Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
 - TF Grants and Contracts Status Michelle Griggs **(I)**
- 10:45 – 12:00 New Business..... Chairman **(I)**
- 10:45-11:30 Task Force Member Reports Kellie Jo Kilberg **(I)**
 - 11:30-11:40 Florida Defense Alliance Update Katherine Anne Russo **(I)**
 - 11:40-11:50 Washington Office Update Nick Howland **(I) / (D)**
 - 11:50-12:10 Emerging Need Grant Request Ray Collins **(I)**
 - 12:10-12:20 Florida Ethics & Sunshine Law Review Beth Medina **(I)**
 - 12:20-12:30 Mil & Def Update
- 12:30 – 12:45 Public Comment..... Chairman

Reminder – Upcoming Meeting Dates:

March 18, 2021	Tallahassee (<i>Session</i>)	April 15, 2021	Zoom Meeting/Conf Call (<i>Session</i>)
May 20, 2021	Tallahassee FDA (<i>Session</i>)	June 2021	NO MEETING

Ray Collins, Executive Director of the Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF), *began the meeting at 10:30 AM EST.*

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

Chairman, Representative Thad Altman welcomed attendees and guests, noted that the meeting is being televised by The Florida Channel and reminded attendees that the meeting is governed by the Sunshine Law. He discussed the recent passing of two friends, Jim Kuzma of Space Florida and Jim Breitenfeld of the Florida Defense Alliance. He asked for a moment of silence in reflection and remembrance of these two great men.

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of the Minutes

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Representative Thad Altman** asked for any corrections to the January 21, 2021 minutes. Noting none, a motion was made by **Mr. Tom Neubauer** to approve the minutes, seconded by **Rear Admiral Stan Bozin**. All are in favor and the January 21, 2021 meeting minutes are approved.*

Task Force Grants & Contracts Status

Michelle Griggs provided a brief update on some current TF grants. The grants report can be found on Tab 3 of the eBook:

#14-05 – EDC of Bay County, page 1

The amendment has been executed to extend the contract to 12/31/2021.

#19-101 – Polk County, page 3

The extension amendment is with Polk County to be signed at their February Board Meeting, then return to EFI to be formally executed.

#20-102 – EDC of the Space Coast, page 6

This contract has been cancelled. In a letter to Space Florida and the EDC of the Space Coast, NASA KSC says they will not support an assessment of the Roy D. Bridges Bridge, which is located on NASA KSC property. NASA KSC has incorporated the Bridge replacement into their future plans.

#21-101 – Polk County, page 8

This contract has been executed.

Beth Medina will provide an update on the Kennetic videos and the Matrix contract during her Military and Defense Update.

Ray Collins suggested a motion be made at this time to reallocate Program Expenses in the FY 2020-2021 TF Budget.

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Representative Thad Altman** asked for a motion to reallocate \$72,500 from Analyses & Studies to Out-Of-Cycle Activities under Program Expenses in the TF's FY 2020-2021 Budget; for a total of \$448,000 for Out-Of-Cycle Activities. The motion was made by **Mr. Tom Neubauer**, seconded by **Rear Admiral Stan Bozin**. All are in favor and the motion is passed.*

III. Agenda Item III: New Business

Task Force Member Reports

Colonel Jim Heald reported that Eglin AFB remains at Health Condition Charlie and is requiring facial masks to be worn on base both indoors and outdoors. Vaccinations are in progress on base and within the local community.

They are working hard on legislative activities. He's met with Brigadier General Scott Cain and his staff multiple times and continue to work with their Congressman and Senators on their list of priorities to include the Military Mission Line as the highest, number one priority. Although there is an Executive Order from the previous Administration, they would like to have a Legislative solution.

MILCON activities on Eglin AFB are centered around the Threshold Platform for Weapons and Armaments, the F-35, as they expect to receive several developmental test F-35s in the coming years and in preparation, they are advocating for MILCON with their Legislative leaders in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Tom Neubauer briefed that they continue to wait for the Record of Decision to be signed to be put into the federal register, which is an important step to the rebuilding of Tyndall AFB.

Brigadier General Mark Slowinski is the new Project Management Office (PMO) Director for Tyndall AFB and is responsible for everything happening with the rebuild.

In becoming the Base of the Future, Tyndall AFB is looking at new technology. One example focuses on the base's flightline, looking at high-tech resources as aircraft taxi in for service, technology would predict maintenance with data transferred directly to the maintainer.

They are establishing a new Air Force Association Chapter in their area and will provide more information as it becomes active.

The RAND Study is important as it discusses strategic basing of fifth generation fighters in proximity to the specific ranges. **Colonel Jim Heald** added that the RAND study was commissioned by the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Installations, Environment, and Energy (SAF/IE) and is recommending that the Air Force place fighter units/squadrons at bases located approximately 150 miles from an upgraded range. This report includes a list of upgraded ranges, with not all Florida ranges included. We need to look at how to ensure that Florida's ranges, the Eastern Gulf Test and Training Range, Avon Park Air Force Range and Pinecastle Bombing Range are included to compete for not only new basing but to keep the current basing of fifth and sixth generation aircraft. This is very important for active fighter units and the National Guard.

NOTE: After the meeting **Colonel Jim Heald** advised the Staff that in further review, the RAND study had used a different term, Eglin Test and Training Complex, but had Eglin rated as either 4th or 6th in the upgrade priority out of the seventeen ranges reviewed.

RAND Study "Fighter Basing Options to Improve Access to Advance Training Ranges" can be found at: https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RRA169-1.html

Exercise Citadel is an anti-terrorism force protection exercise currently ongoing at all Naval bases, including NSA Panama City.

Rear Admiral Bozin reported that the 2021 NAS Jacksonville Air Show, originally scheduled for April, has been cancelled.

Brigadier General Chip Diehl briefed that it was wonderful to see all the families lined up and down Dale Mabry watching the flyby of the three bombers from MacDill AFB, prior to Superbowl kickoff.

New District 15 Congressman Scott Franklin visited MacDill AFB this week and met with Commanders at SOCOM and CENTCOM. It was a good visit with good dialogue.

He thanked the TF for the good discussions with transition to the new administration. The Congressional schedule in Washington, DC is going back to normal. The Florida supports the Public Schools on Military Installations program and if Florida receives good marks this year, public schools on MacDill AFB, Eglin AFB and Key West could be funded next fiscal year.

He appreciates the support from the **Chairman, Representative Thad Altman, Senator Tom Wright**, the TF and all the Legislative members in support of encroachment protection and of Florida's ranges as a priority during this upcoming Legislative Session.

Major General Richard Haddad reported that for the first time in Air Force Special Operations Command history, two new graduates from the Air Education and Training Command's Pilot Training Next (PTN), served as aircraft commander and co-pilot on a mission sortie. PTN is part of AETC's initiative to "reimagine" how the Air Force prepares its next generation of pilots. Unlike traditional pilot training, which is accomplished in phases and relies on the availability of aircraft, PTN improves the program by utilizing emerging technology to innovate training and provides a better, more adaptive and accessible learning environment. Additionally, by augmenting current practices with new technology, PTN pilots are trained and prepared for their follow-on formal training units at a fraction of the current time and cost.

Air Force Special Operations Command hosted a Mission Defense Team Conference on February 2nd through 5th, 2021, focusing on identifying the organic cyber capabilities needed to protect missions against threats in, through and from cyberspace. General David Goldfein, former Chief of Staff of the Air Force, signed the Cyber Squadron Initiative Program Action Directive on May 12, 2020. This historic event, five years in the making, ushered in the single largest change in Air Force, changing the Air and Space Force with transforming current communication squadrons into cyber squadrons. AFSOC is focused on transforming communication squadrons from information technology customer support towards cyber defense operations to provide mission assurance. Cyber squadrons will contain Mission Defense Teams (MDT) who provide organic cyber defense capabilities aligned to individual wing priorities. The conference was planned to provide resources the MDTs need to be successful with their mission.

From SOCOM, Colonel James Guerts has been selected as temporary Undersecretary of the Navy. This newest temporary job could signal a new role for Colonel Guerts in the Pentagon, given his deep knowledge of Navy and Special Operations modernization projects over the past decade.

Roger Williams briefed on behalf of **Major General James Eifert**, providing the following remarks as a Florida National Guard (FLNG) Update.

COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE: The Florida National Guard currently has approximately 1,586 Soldiers and Airmen mobilized, supporting 104 Active Missions as part of Florida's COVID-19 response effort. Our steady-state mission sets include:

- Operating 12 Community Base Test Sites & 8 Mobile Testing Buses
- Administering 4,074,550 Tests to date
- Operating 4 Community Vaccine Sites & 11 Mobile Vaccine Teams
- Supporting Vaccine Distribution to high-risk populations throughout the State of Florida and Administering 1,583 Vaccines to Florida National Guard Servicemembers, Their Dependents and Department of Military Affairs Employees
- Supporting State Logistics Resource Center and a Logistical Staging Area
- Supporting State Operations, Planning and Liaison responsibilities
- The Florida National Guard continues COVID response activities through federal funding (502f), approved through 30 September 2021

MOBILIZATION/DEPLOYMENT UPDATE: The Florida National Guard currently has 941 (818 Army & 123 Air) Servicemembers representing 14 Organizations deployed globally, supporting our National Defense Strategy. Our mobilization pipeline identifies 10 Organization consisting of approximately 1,034 Servicemembers scheduled for deployment throughout the remainder of this calendar year.

Visit to National Capital Region: 1-5 February 2021, Major General Eifert traveled to the National Capital Region to meet with our Florida Congressional Delegation to discuss Florida National Guard Force Structure and Modernization initiatives. Major General Eifert also visited Florida National Guard Soldiers who are currently on duty supporting the National Capital Region-Integrated Air Defense System mission as part of Operation Noble Eagle.

FLORIDA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD ISSUES OF INTEREST:

- 2021 Best Warrior Competition. The Florida Army National Guard will conduct their annual Best Warrior Competition, 11-14 March 2021, to select one Noncommissioned Officer and one Soldier to represent the Florida National Guard at the Region III competition. The four-day event will include an administrative review board, Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT), qualification and operation on various individual weapon systems, 10-mile heavy pack road march, multiple scenario-based Warrior Skills tests, obstacle course, water survival test and land navigation course.

FLORIDA AIR NATIONAL GUARD ISSUES OF INTEREST:

- Florida Air National Guard Leader Development Program. The Florida Air National Guard will conduct their second Leader Development Program training 9-11 March 2021 at MacDill Air Force Base. Selected Florida Air National Guard Officers and Noncommissioned Officers, in identified leadership assignments, will receive briefings and resources from senior Florida National Guard leaders that are critical to individual and organizational success.

Chairman, Representative Thad Altman reported that there was recently some excitement in South Florida, off the coast of Palm Beach as many took to social media to report an unidentified flying object (UFO). The U.S. Navy identified the UFO as the Naval Strategic System programs conducted a scheduled Trident-II D5 missile test flight at sea from an Ohio class submarine in the eastern range. NOTU continues to do amazing things at the Cape. These unannounced launches happen all the time, but the people in South Florida aren't as used to them as those on the Space Coast.

Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Update

Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chair, thanked **Senator Tom Wright** for sponsoring SB 938 for the Purple Star School of Distinction program (PSSD). FDA is tracking both SB 938 and HB 429. The FDA Family Support Working group continues working with the Department of Education on this program to be ready to roll it out once it's passed. Their local partners are reaching out to bring together stakeholders on this program so once the legislation is passed, they can bring everyone together to understand this program's importance.

The Mission Sustainment Working Group (MSWG) is bringing together stakeholders to implement the MOU between the FDA and the State University System for the National Security Innovation Network (NSIN). The MOU was signed in 2020 and as the program is implemented they want to ensure that the missions and installations understand the importance of the program and there are resources available to help with those strategic initiatives.

They continue to build out the tasks on their Strategic Plan, tracking members' activities seeking to be proactive in addressing opportunities and challenges. They are looking to establish a range-focused task force within the MSWG to plan a coordinated effort moving forward regarding the RAND study. Back in late 1990s/early 2000s they worked together on the Eastern Test and Training Ranges to offset the Western Test and Training Ranges during the BRAC process. Florida needs to do a better job of communicating all our assets in the Florida Military Complex and get the message out so that DoD and the Pentagon understand the importance of our ranges and missions.

A reminder to our Legislators of the importance of funding the Florida Forever program. This program is used to match funding for the REPI program. Our military installations and communities get a good return on their investment using REPI and Florida Forever match funding.

The discussion on having insight and influence inside the Pentagon and DoD is vital to be proactive in seeking opportunities and to be prepared for challenges and obstacles. Activities are currently happening without a BRAC. The next round of BRAC will be focusing on missions, programs and realignment. Florida needs to truly have that insight and influence in the Pentagon and DoD to develop and work relationships within the new Administration.

Washington Office Update

Katherine Anne Russo emailed her report.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

House Armed Services Committee

- Matt Gaetz -- Tactical Air and Land Forces; Cyber, Innovative Technologies, and Information Systems
- Michael Waltz -- Strategic Forces; Intelligence and Special Operations
- Scott Franklin -- Intelligence and Special Operations; Cyber, Innovative Technologies, and Information Systems
- Stephanie Murphy -- Tactical Air and Land Forces; Intelligence and Special Operations (Vice Chair)

House Committee on Appropriations, Defense

- Charlie Crist
- Mario Diaz-Balart

House Committee on Appropriations, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

- Debbie Wasserman Schultz (Chairwoman)
- Charlie Crist
- John Rutherford

Rubio, Marco (R-FL)

- Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs

Scott, Rick (R-FL)

- Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities; Subcommittee on Seapower

COVID AID – BIDEN ADMINISTRATION PRIORITY

- Democrat leadership is working aggressively to pass a \$1.9 trillion COVID-relief package based on President Biden's "American Rescue Plan" through the Budget Reconciliation process; this process allows aid to pass by a simple majority vote in the Senate without Republican support
- President Biden wants the bill passed by March 14, 2021, when unemployment benefits run out
- Language is being finalized in the House Budget Committee currently and should be available next week; the House is expected to pass the measure late next week – following House passage, it will move to the Senate for passage (if language changes, the package will need to return to the House for final passage); unclear whether the March 14, 2021, deadline will be met

MONITORING EXECUTIVE ACTION

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/>

- Executive Order 14008 Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad -- most notably, directs Interior to pause new oil and natural gas leases on public lands or in offshore waters

PRESIDENT'S BUDGET

- Under current law, the President is required to submit a budget to Congress no later than the first Monday in February prior to the start of the fiscal year
- This deadline was not met by the Biden Administration; the new Administration is blaming aftereffects of obstinance from the outgoing Trump administration during the presidential transition; timing of budget still unclear but not expected in the coming weeks

DELEGATION MLAs

- Working to update delegation MLA list for new Congress – will share 2021 Florida Military Friendly Guide with offices when reaching out to update list
- Would like to revisit idea of quarterly MLA calls or one-on-one calls to open channels of communication between state and congress

Emerging Need Grant Request

Nick Howland, Executive Director of the Northeast Florida Fire Watch Council, presented their grant request of \$250,000 to fund Educational programming, the Northeast Florida Military & Veteran Resources Guide and a Micro Grant program, which are integral parts of The Fire Watch plan to strengthen of suicide prevention in Northeast Florida. This grant will improve the state's military friendly environment for service members, military dependents, and military retirees and deepen community support for Northeast Florida veterans.

The Fire Watch expected funding from a State of Florida appropriation that made it through conference in the 2020 legislative session but was vetoed last minute by the Governor to support COVID efforts. This is the amount respectfully requested of the Florida Defense Support Task Force. It would be used as follows:

- \$50k for Educational Events and Online Training as part of the Watch Stander program
- \$50k for management and upkeep of the NE Florida Military & Veterans Resources Guide
- \$10k for Event Calendar Maintenance
- \$90k for a Program Manager to administer expansion of Fire Watch programming
- \$50k for Micro Grants to supplement County funding

The Fire Watch will seek federal, corporate and foundation grant funding to fill its funding gap in Fiscal Year 2021.

Their plan moving forward is to find sustained funding. They have set up a Fire Watch 501(c)(3) to be eligible to apply for federal, foundation and private grants in 2022. They are hoping that this is a one-time request, but based on their ability to receive Federal funding, they may need to return to the State or TF.

Chairman, Representative Thad Altman noted that the TF heard another grant from the Bay County Board of County Commissioners earlier in the Closed Session relating to the state's strategy and are considering two out-of-cycle grants.

Beth Medina added that Staff is working with 211 At Your Fingertips in Tampa, the Fire Watch, the FDVA and the Florida Attorney General's office to produce a website which covers all benefits for all warriors (servicemembers, family members, veterans). They are hoping to have this website available in the near future.

Mr. Tom Neubauer stated that the Bay County grant request for \$220,804 is comprised of two parts. The first part is the continuation of an existing effort related to the rebuild of Tyndall AFB and the continued engagement of The Roosevelt Group. The second part is environmental, as \$5 billion is coming to Tyndall for the rebuild, one of the main reasons the Air Force decided to rebuild is its proximity to Florida's ranges. This funding comes at a critical time as there is growing pressure on the defense budget, part of this grant request includes an environmental analysis of all Florida's ranges, also looking at basing across the state, family support, resiliency, support of military families, infrastructure issues that arise in future BRACs. As the second portion of the grant is more of a statewide effort, it should be approved by the Executive Office of the Governor.

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Representative Thad Altman** asked for a motion to fund the grants for the Bay County Board of County Commissioners and the Northeast Florida Fire Watch Council.*

***Mr. Tom Neubauer** made a motion to approve the Bay County Board of County Commissioners grant application in the amount of \$220,804; \$56,527 of this amount is provisional until Staff obtains approval for this portion from the Executive Office of the Governor, seconded by **Colonel Jim Heald**.*

***Mr. Tom Neubauer** amended this motion to approve the Bay County Board of County Commissioners grant application in the amount of \$220,804; \$56,527 of this amount is provisional until Staff obtains approval for this portion from the Executive Office of the Governor; \$227,196 to be awarded to the Northeast Florida Fire Watch Council, seconded by **Rear Admiral Stan Bozin**.*

Rear Admiral Stan Bozin reiterated that the Northeast Florida Wire Watch Council must become a self-sustained organization and not continually return to the TF each year for funding.

Major General Richard “Beef” Haddad does not want to set the precedent for other organizations to continually approach the TF for funding.

Brigadier General Chip Diehl suggested a letter to the Legislative Committees from the TF in support of funding the Fire Watch in future legislation.

Chairman, Representative Thad Altman agreed that would be acceptable to include as a legislative priority.

Kellie Jo Kilberg reminded the TF of the Incubator Project clause included in the TF’s grant guidelines, and that according to the application, a grant may not fund staff salaries.

(Information on Incubator Projects in the TF Grant Funding Guidelines:

Definition: Incubator Project: The FDSTF defines an incubator project as a first-time project which adds military value to an installation and/or improves the military-friendly environment of the state. Examples include but are not limited to: the establishment of defense related community support organizations, studies, and educational projects which enhance schools that serve military children.

Funding Incubator Projects: The purpose of funding is to provide support for projects the FDSTF believes supports the mission of the Task Force and is not intended to be the primary funding source for long-term projects. The FDSTF may fund an incubator project it deems to have merit for a period of one year, not to exceed two years. In applying for funding grantees of long-term projects will be required to provide a strategic funding plan.)

Mr. Tom Neubauer amended the motion a second time, to approve only the Bay County Board of County Commissioners grant application in the amount of \$220,804; \$56,527 of this amount is provisional until Staff obtains approval for this portion from the Executive Office of the Governor. **Seconded by Rear Admiral Stan Bozin; all in favor and motion passes**

Colonel Jim Heald made a motion to award the Northeast Florida Fire Watch Council the amount of \$160,000, which is less \$90,000 for the program manager salary. **Seconded by Rear Admiral Stan Bozin; all in favor and the motion passes**

Florida Ethics & Sunshine Law Review

Ray Collins presented the yearly review of Florida’s Sunshine, public records and ethics laws. Topics discussed were:

- The TF statute 288.987
- Authorizations designated by DEO to the TF and EFI
- Public Records
- The Sunshine Law and Exemptions
 - Exemptions include:
 - portions of meetings that deal with the weaknesses, strengths and vulnerabilities of Florida’s (and other states’) bases and missions
 - Florida’s strategy to protect and preserve its bases and missions
- Ethics and Transparency
- Voting and Voting Conflicts

Presentations from this meeting can be found on the Task Force’s website:

<https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/FDSTF-Presentations-2021.pdf>

Military & Defense Update

Beth Medina discussed that Staff continues to be very busy and is working on the following:

The 2021 Military Friendly Guide is now available online at:

<https://www.enterprise-florida.com/wp-content/uploads/Florida-Military-Friendly-Guide.pdf>

The Governor sent out a press release on the Guides last week and the print version will be ready to send out in about two weeks. Staff is working towards a web-based version in the future.

The next nine videos from Kennetic Productions are ready for posting online. Those include videos on spouse license reciprocity and the first Gulf Range video. Another fifteen videos need to be scheduled and Staff and Kennetic are working with the defense communities and the bases to get those completed.

EFI's new website with the updated Military and Defense programs pages will be rolling out in March. These will include both TF and FDA pages, as well as the Military and Defense story overall, maps with layers showing defense contractors, university partners and FDA/TF installations. Staff is working on specific pages for issues such as the Gulf Range and all of Florida's Ranges, the military complex, strategic priorities, encroachment.

Staff continues to watch Legislation including the statewide effort on resiliency and the Purple Star School of Distinction Program. They are working with DEP and DEO, with new Federal mitigation funding, on moving forward as the Mission Sustainment Working Group turns its focus to Florida's ranges.

IV. Agenda Item IV: Public Comment

Lew Wilson, Florida Veterans Foundation, introduced **Chip Nusbaum** and **Craig Worsham** from 82 West Productions who are, in partnership with the Florida Veterans Foundation, producing a new PBS documentary exploring the contributions Floridians made during World War II and their sacrifices that helped win the war. Help is needed, in addition to funding they are searching for stories, films, home videos and photos. For more information please contact: Craig@82West.com or 941.323.4331

The next meeting will be in-person on Thursday, March 18, 2021 in Tallahassee, Florida. Details soon to follow.

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Representative Thad Altman** asked for a motion to adjourn FDSTF Meeting #91. A motion was made by **Major General Richard "Beef" Haddad**, seconded by **Rear Admiral Stan Bozin**, all are in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 12:34 PM EST.*

This meeting was recorded by The Florida Channel and can be found here:

<https://thefloridachannel.org/videos/2-18-21-florida-defense-support-task-force/>

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #92 on Thursday, March 18, 2021

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting at the Four Points by Sheraton Tallahassee Downtown at 10:30 AM EDT – 12:36 PM EDT. For Agenda: See Page 3

Task Force Members Present:

Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman
Rear Admiral Stan Bozin, USN, (Ret)
Brigadier General Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret)
Colonel Jim Heald, InDyne, Inc.

Task Force Members Present via ZOOM:

Major General Richard Haddad, USAF, (Ret)

Task Force Members Absent:

Representative Thad Altman, Chairman
Representative Wyman Duggan
Major General James Eifert, USAF, The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida
Captain Keith Hoskins, USN, (Ret)
Senator Tom Wright

Speakers Present:

Mark Bontrager, Space Florida
Matt Chesnut, Space Florida
Major General James Hartsell, Florida Department of Veterans Affairs (FDVA)
Kellie Jo Kilberg, Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Chair via ZOOM
Joe Marino, Veterans Florida

Others Present in Person:

Debi Graham, Greater Pensacola Chamber/West Florida Defense Alliance
Tim Jones, FDA Vice Chair
Chris Middleton, West Florida Defense Alliance
Liz Miller, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
Steve Murray, FDVA

Others Present via ZOOM:

Katie Allan, Bay Defense Alliance
Dan Barrow, Veterans Florida
Cindy Brown, Senate Military Affairs Committee
Al Carter, FDVA
Eli Converse, Office of Senator Tom Wright
Isabel Cosio Carballo, South Florida Regional Council
Dave Dahl, Navy Region Southeast
Brooke Gilbert, Bay Defense Alliance
Paul Hirsch, EDC of Florida's Space Coast
Tyrone Martin, Florida Attorney General's Office
Chris Meinhardt, Veterans Florida
Rick Miller, South Florida Defense Alliance/FDA Executive Board

Dave Murzin, Escambia County, Florida
Amy Phillips, Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP)
Randy Roy, NAS Whiting Field
Matt Schellhorn, Navy Region Southeast
Jeremy Sinnemaki, Veterans Florida
Kent Wimmer, Defenders of Wildlife
The Florida Channel

Staff Present:

Beth Medina, Vice President, Military & Defense, Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI)
Ray Collins, Executive Director, FDSTF
Chad Corriveau, Communications and Research Assistant, EFI
Michelle Griggs, Executive Assistant/Grants Manager, Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI)



Florida Defense Support Task Force – Meeting #92
Four Points by Sheraton, 316 W. Tennessee Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301
AGENDA for March 18, 2021

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

All Times are listed in Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

- 10:30 – 10:35 Welcome, Roll Call, Introductions..... Chairman **(I)**
- 10:35 – 10:45 Old Business..... Chairman **(A) / (I)**
 - Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
 - TF Grants and Contracts Status Michelle Griggs **(I)**
- 10:45 – 1:00 New Business..... Chairman **(I)**
 - 10:45 – 11:30 TF Member Reports Kellie Jo Kilberg **(I)**
 - 11:30 – 11:40 Florida Defense Alliance Update Katherine Anne Russo **(I)**
 - 11:40 – 11:50 Washington Office Update Maj Gen (R) James Hartsell **(I)**
 - 11:50 – 12:05 FDVA Update Joe Marino **(I)**
 - 12:05 – 12:20 Veterans Florida Update Mark Bontrager/Matt Chesnut **(I)**
 - 12:20 – 12:40 Space Florida Toolkit Ray Collins **(I) / (D)**
 - 12:40 – 12:50 Legislative Update Beth Medina **(I)**
 - 12:50 – 1:00 Mil & Def Update
- 1:00 – 1:15 Public Comment..... Chairman

Reminder – Upcoming Meeting Dates:

April 15, 2021 Zoom Meeting (*Session*) May 20, 2021 Tallahassee | FDA (*Session*)
 June 2021 **NO MEETING**

Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer began the meeting at 10:30 AM EDT.

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

Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer welcomed attendees and guests. He asked the in-person guests to introduce themselves, then led the TF and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. He reminded the TF that the meeting is governed by the Sunshine Law.

Two recently completed videos from the video marketing campaign were played: The Joint Gulf Range Complex and Professional License Reciprocity. Currently ten (10) are complete with filming scheduled for the Panhandle next week and in South Florida in early April.

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of Minutes

A quorum was not present at this meeting. The February 18, 2021 meeting minutes will be approved at the April 15, 2021 TF meeting, if a quorum is present.

Task Force Grants and Contracts Status

Michelle Griggs reported on several current TF grants.

#19-101 – Polk County

This extension was approved at the Polk County BOCC's February Meeting and is awaiting countersignature from EFI.

#20-102 - EDC of the Space Coast

EFI is working to set up a meeting with DEO to discuss reverting the funds from this grant back to DEO or to allow the TF to use them for other projects.

#21-105 – Northeast Florida Fire Watch Council

This contract is in progress.

Kennetic Video Project

Kennetic filmed on the Space Coast with Space Florida last week and has set up to film in Northwest Florida (NAS Whiting Field, NAS Pensacola and Corry Station) on March 23rd and 24th. They will be filming in South Florida (NAS Key West, US Coast Guard District 7, USSOUTHCOM, Avon Park AFR, Homestead ARB) the week of April 9th.

Matrix Design Group

The Florida Defense Contractor Inventory was delivered on March 1, 2021. This project is complete, and the contract will be closed pending final payment.

#14-05 – EDC of Bay County

As a way-forward for this grant, Bay County has instituted a plan for the deployment of a segment of fiberoptic telecommunications backbone; providing high-speed communication from Tyndall AFB to the Point of Presence in Panama City, connect the signalized intersections located on US 98 adjacent Tyndall AFB to the Bay County Traffic Management Center (TMC), connect Bay County to the Advanced Wastewater Treatment (AWT) facility and provide 911 redundancy for the base. The original concept was to install fiber optic cable from HWY 79 in Bruce, Florida to the entrance of NSA Panama City.

Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer added that this grant has taken a long time to complete, largely because new opportunities have arisen to leverage the project with new opportunities to support their installations.

- Began a project to obtain up to 100 GB/s capability for NSA-PC and Tyndall AFB via Florida Lambda Rail from I-10
- Following the Study, other stakeholders became interested: School board, colleges, hospitals, in addition to installations
- Bay Economic Development Alliance has been managing the \$500K grant since its inception
- Bay County Commission identified the project as the #1 priority for matching BP Triumph Grant funding and secured a commitment for \$1MM
- EDA moved grant management to the Bay County Board of Commissioners who agreed to manage the Bay Technology Initiative Process

Bay County has identified dark fiber that will deliver the capability to Tyndall AFB in addition to creating an endpoint at NSA-PC.

This project will benefit the **military** by:

- Providing closed system fiber optic connectivity from Tyndall AFB to Naval Support Activity-Panama City
- Providing redundant 911 communications for Tyndall AFB
- Helping Tyndall AFB PMO fill the bandwidth requirements of the many support contractors who will be involved in Tyndall AFB's rebuild for the next 5 years
- Improving traffic flow for Tyndall AFB by allowing real-time monitoring of the traffic signal system along U.S. 98 adjacent to Tyndall AFB
- Providing connectivity to high-speed POP located within Panama City
- Providing Tyndall AFB fiber optic connectivity to Engineering Testing Center
- Providing video images from the County traffic system to both base security offices, if needed

This resiliency project will benefit the **county** by:

- Providing Bay County School Board fiber optic connectivity to Tyndall Elementary School, now designated as K-8
- Providing Bay County Traffic Management Center (TMC) with fiber optic connectivity to dynamic message sign (DMS) just west of Dupont Bridge
- Providing Bay County Utilities fiber optic connectivity to Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant located at Tyndall AFB
- Providing eastward expansion of fiber optic system at a greatly reduced cost of connecting system to the Mexico Beach 800 MHz radio tower
- Providing redundant communications for the City of Mexico Beach

III. Agenda Item III: New Business

Task Force Member Reports

Major General Richard Haddad briefed on SOCOM, AFSOC and Avon Park Air Force Range.

AFSOC

Air Force Special Operations Command hosted this year's Emerald Warrior exercise at multiple locations from February 16th to March 5th. This joint exercise provides realistic and relevant training to prepare special operations forces, conventional forces and international partners for crises and contingencies. Emerald Warrior applies lessons learned from real-world operations to provide trained and ready forces to the joint force. The exercise took place at Cannon AFB, New Mexico, Hurlburt Field, Florida, Camp McCain and Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

The late Master Sergeant John Chapman was honored during a plaque unveiling ceremony, hosted by members of the Special Warfare Training Wing, at Airmen's Heritage Park on March 4, 2021. Chapman was a combat controller who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor Aug. 22, 2018, for his actions in the Battle of Takur Ghar during the War in Afghanistan. He is the first Airman to receive the Medal of Honor since the Vietnam War.

The 919th Special Operations Wing hosted U.S. Air Force Lieutenant General Jim Slife, commander of Air Force Special Operations Command, and Chief Master Sergeant Cory Olson, command chief of AFSOC at Duke Field, Florida, February 6, 2021.

SOCOM

The first Special Operations Forces (SOF) truth, “Humans are more important than hardware” speaks to their most valuable asset, their people. The strategic plan guides sustained efforts to strengthen the operational capability of the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) by leveraging diversity and inclusion, as well as committing to increase the diversity of their force while creating more inclusive environments.

AVON PARK AIR FORCE RANGE (APAFR):

Avon Park AFR has seen a recent uptick in 5th Generation aircraft training. Twelve Marine F-35s from VMFAT-501 are visiting the Deployed Unit Complex (DUC) at MacDill AFB March 15th – April 2nd. They are conducting new F-35 pilot training.

They are also hosting 85th FS F-35s launching out of Eglin AFB, which underscores Avon Park’s ability to host operational training and relieve some of the pressure on Eglin’s airspace.

On February 22nd, Avon Park AFR had the great opportunity to host Major General Eifert along with both Major General H. D. Polumbo Jr. (Ret.) and Major General Robert N. Polumbo (Ret.), to discuss increasing the Florida Army National Guard footprint on APAFR by upgrading/expanding the existing small arms range, as well as supporting future Florida ANG F-35 operations out of Jacksonville International Airport.

Brigadier General Chip Diehl briefed that MacDill AFB and the Tampa VA are doing a wonderful job vaccinating veterans and servicemembers. He welcomed **Chad Corriveau** to the Military and Defense Team.

Rear Admiral Stan Bozin briefed on Naval Station Mayport, the Pinecastle Range Complex and Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island.

NS Mayport:

Naval Station Mayport had a very successful engagement with the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), Admiral Gilday in early March. Highlights included a detailed windshield tour of the improved Navigation Seamanship Ship Handling Trainer (iNSST), the Triton Hangar, Shoreline Restoration, Wharf Recapitalization and LCS Support Facility Phase II.

The iNSST is the first of ten (10) for the Navy. Construction was completed ahead of schedule. \$60 million in simulators are currently being installed and is on schedule to be online by fall 2021.

The Triton Hangar’s construction was completed ahead of schedule in December 2019.

CNO toured the far eastern point of Charlie Wharf where he witnessed the massive damage of eroded land as a result of Hurricanes Matthew and Irma. This area will be repaired following airfield restoration.

Pinecastle Range Complex:

2020 operations include:

- USS Dwight D Eisenhower Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX)
- USS Dwight D Eisenhower Tailored Ships Training Availability (TSTA)
- 719 training missions
- 1,827 sorties
- 105,977 ordnance dropped
 - 210 live high explosives
 - 586 inert
 - 105,181 20MM/30MM/50Cal/7.62 MM

Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island

Last year Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island (MCSF-BI) completed a ~\$32 million demolition project to remove a massive concrete sill from the bottom of the installation's deep-water port. The project is part of a multi-phase effort to deepen the slipway to align with the St. Johns River commercial shipping channel and should preclude the requirement to conduct annual dredge operations.

The command recently broke ground on a ~\$11 million MILCON project to build a police department/emergency operations building at MCSF-BI. Estimated completion date is March 2022.

Most important are the installation REPI operational buffering programs and the state partner grants that support them. Every dollar of state funding brings three dollars of REPI funds. NAS Jacksonville plans to close on 297 acres by the end of June 2021 with grant funding to the City of Jacksonville, using REPI as match.

April 29, 2021 Rear Admiral Wes McCall will relieve Rear Admiral Gary Mayes as the commander of Navy Region Southeast. The change of command for NAS Jacksonville will be on April 9, 2021 as Captain Brian Weiss will be relieved by Captain Jeff Hill.

Colonel Jim Heald reported from Eglin AFB:

Brigadier General Scott Cain, Base Commander for Eglin AFB, in his weekly (March 11 version) 9 AM address to the base on COVID; the base is easing restrictions due to the improvements in the community and on base. He is allowing some non-essential workers to return to in-person activities. Still encouraging telework where appropriate. Masks still mandatory.

On March 11, the Squadron commanders of the 40 Flight Test Squadron (FTS) and the 85 Test Evaluation Squadron (TES) flew the F-15EX #1 to Eglin. The use of both squadron commanders highlighted the Combined Developmental Test/Operational Test (DT/OT) Test Force and the historical significance of bringing on a new version of the jet with the combined DT/OT collaboration from the beginning. F-15EX #2 will be flown in by Commander Air Combat Command (COMACC) in April. As previously reported, approximately five to six F-15EX will arrive in FY21 and five to six more in FY23.

Acting Secretary of the Air Force, John R. Roth, sent the congressionally mandated Air Force Test Center assessment March 2021 Report to Congressional Committees. This 119-page report highlights needs assessment and the way forward for many issues impacting the bases under Air Force Test Center (AFTC) (Edwards AFB, Eglin AFB, Arnold AFB, and Holloman AFB).

March 10th saw the groundbreaking for the 55,000 square foot 96th Cyber Test Group Avionics Cyber Range Facility. It highlights not only the growing importance of cyber warfare, but also the tie-in across the state of Florida and into the National Cyber Range as the home of the Eglin Operations Site.

Ongoing efforts by a large consortium of military and community partners are starting to show progress on the solution to a more responsive Childcare Development Center for military who live and/or work in the northern parts of the area. Dubbed the Crestview Wellplex, the investors and developers are doing their due diligence on an 11.5-acre campus and are currently working through the environmental issues such as wetlands mitigation. We anticipate groundbreaking to occur in the 4th quarter. When complete as envisioned, the Wellplex will include:

- A CDC run by KinderCare/KinderFit that will have 300 spaces where military children have priority and another 200 spaces for local civilian children
- Wellness/Performance Center
- Ambulatory surgery/Orthopedic/Pain Management/Durable Medical Equipment Center
- Women's Center
- Multi-specialty Center to include Neurology, Cardiology, and Oncology
- Primary Care Center

The Tri-County Partnership Initiative recently stood up a Task Force on the Purple Star School of Distinction program as they share best practices among the three (3) counties in their region to be prepared to submit applications as soon as the legislation is passed.

Eli Converse reported for **Senator Tom Wright**, discussed that it was a good week for the Military and Veterans Affairs, Space and Domestic Security Committee and they will likely meet one or two more times before the end of Session. Many good bills continue moving through both the House and Senate.

Mr. Tom Neubauer reported that Tyndall AFB has been downgraded to Health Condition Bravo while NSA Panama City remains at Health Condition Charlie. NSA PC recently had a change of command as Commander Keith Foster took over for Commander Kevin Christenson who now reports to Navy Region Southeast.

Last week the Air Force announced that First Air Force/AFNORTH has been named as the air component to US Space Command. They expect to be at Initial Operational Capability at the end of this year and Full Operational Capability will be in about this time next year.

Florida Defense Alliance Update

Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chair, provided an update from the FDA meeting that was held the day prior. This meeting focused on current state legislative bills. One update from the meeting was from the Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) on the new FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grants program which uses federal funds for community projects. Last fall 60 applications were submitted to FDEM but only 22 were sent to FEMA. Once the awards have been announced they will begin meeting with Local Mitigation Strategy groups around the state, addressing large community resiliency projects and work on applications for this year grant cycle.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection reported on Resilient Florida and bills pertaining to statewide flooding and sea level rise. The importance of Florida Forever funds was also discussed and how to leverage against REPI funds for encroachment prevention.

The Purple Star Schools of Distinction program was discussed as Senate Bill 938 moves through the Senate. They are working the bill on the House side to ensure that companion bill continues movement, as well.

Within the Mission Sustainment Working Group the FDA has recently stood up a Florida Test and Training Range Task Force which is comprised of a diverse group from across the state to cover all regions and all services in Florida. **Colonel Jim Heald** is the FDSTF's representative on this task force and he will continue to provide updates from this group at future meetings.

DoD recently release its report on grants for license portability. Florida is looking at six (6) compacts as they are currently part of only one (1) in nursing. The other areas Florida is looking at are teaching, social work, cosmetology, massage therapy, and dentistry/dental hygiene. The FDA will work with state agencies on moving forward on these compacts using this as the new model for licensure portability.

Washington Office Update

Katherine Anne Russo submitted her Washington Office update via email.

COVID Aid / American Rescue Plan

- President Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan into law last week, which passed Congress without a single Republican vote through the reconciliation process; states are awaiting federal guidance to implement state funding programs.
- The Governor's recommended uses of state funds announced on March 16 included a recommendation of \$41.7 Million (FY 21-22) for Florida National Guard Expansion.

Infrastructure / Economic Growth Package

- With the COVID package signed into law, the Administration and Congress are shifting their focus to an infrastructure and economic growth package estimated at trillions of dollars.
- Last week, Speaker Pelosi directed committee chairs to begin working with their GOP counterparts to craft a "big, bold and transformational infrastructure package."
- The House wants to have a draft bill completed by Memorial Day.
- President Biden indicated he wants this to be a bipartisan effort, but Democrats may ultimately use the budget reconciliation process again to move legislation without GOP support. This process creates procedural hurdles and limits on what can be included.

Earmarks

- In February 2021, House Appropriations Chair Rosa DeLauro announced a Democrat-led process to bring back earmarks rebranded as "Community Project Funding." Earmarks give lawmakers greater ability to direct money to specific projects but have been banned since 2011.
- The infrastructure package could be the opening legislative piece for earmarks. On March 3, 2021, House Transportation Committee Chairman Rep. DeFazio issued a "Dear Colleague" letter broadly outlining his plans regarding earmarks in the upcoming surface transportation reauthorization bill, which is expected to be a part of the larger infrastructure package. The letter suggests a formal member submission process will be finalized toward the end of the month.
- Republicans would have to eliminate their own party's earmark prohibition to participate, but they remain divided on the issue. Those supportive say the process needs to be more transparent and less open to fraud. The House Freedom Caucus and Republican Study Committee announced they won't back an earmark return because of concerns about abuses and the national debt. There is no set timeline for a final GOP decision.
- Democrats are ready to move forward with earmarks even without Republican participation.

President's Budget

- The President will likely release his budget in May.
- Pentagon officials are crafting a fiscal 2022 budget plan that assumes the military will receive \$704 billion to \$708 billion; that number is essentially flat compared to this year's Defense Department budget.
- For awareness, on March 16, 50 House Democrats sent a letter to President Biden urging him to reduce the Pentagon's \$700 billion budget to pay for other activities: "Hundreds of billions of dollars now directed to the military would have greater return if invested in diplomacy, humanitarian aid, global public health, sustainability initiatives, and basic research."
- Slashing the defense budget lacks broad support and the Chairmen of the House and Senate Armed Services committees have rejected across-the-board defense cuts.

Appropriations Deadlines

Senate: dates pending

House:

Subcommittee	Database Opens	Language Requests	Programmatic Requests
Agriculture	March 29th	April 15th by 6pm	April 15th by 6pm
CJS	March 29th	April 15th by 6pm	April 15th by 6pm
Defense	March 29th	TBD (late May)	TBD (late May)
Energy and Water	March 29th	April 14th by 6pm	TBD (late May)
FSGG	March 29th	April 16th by 6pm	April 16th by 6pm
Homeland Security	March 29th	April 16th by 6pm	April 16th by 6pm
Interior	March 29th	April 16th by 6pm	April 16th by 6pm
LHHSE	March 29th	April 14th by 6pm	April 14th by 6pm
Leg Branch	March 29th	April 15th by 6pm	April 15th by 6pm
MILCON-VA	March 29th	April 14th by 6pm	TBD (late May)
SFOPs	March 29th	April 14th by 6pm	April 14th by 6pm
T-HUD	March 29th	Not Yet Released	Not Yet Released

Delegation MLAs

- DC office working to schedule an MLA call in early April.

FDVA Update

Major General (R) James Hartsell presented an update on the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs (FDVA). He discussed the following:

- FDVA's mission and vision
- Claims examiners who are currently teleworking and the issues they face
- Veterans' Homes throughout the state and how they are dealing with the pandemic
- New State Veterans' Nursing homes opening in 2021
 - Ardie R. Copas in Port St. Lucie
 - Lake Baldwin in Orlando
- Veteran Suicide Prevention
- The GI LAW program
- The passing of Amendment 6, Homestead Property Tax Discount
- Legislative Initiatives
 - Florida Veterans Treatment Courts
 - Expansion of the 211 Crisis Center

Veterans Florida Update

Joe Marino, Veterans Florida, presented an update on the missions and programs of Veterans Florida. Discussions included:

- Veterans Florida Purpose
- Board of Directors
- Veterans Employment and Training Services (VETS) Program
 - Services, Staff, Statute
 - FY 2020-2021 Grant Funding Received, Agreements/MOUs, Veterans Trained/Training, Amounts funded/dispersed
 - Employers/Corporations as partners

- Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Legislative Priorities
 - Operations
 - VETS Program
 - Florida SkillBridge Initiative
 - Partnership with CareerSource

Space Florida Toolkit

Mark Bontrager and **Matt Chesnut**, Space Florida, presented an update on Space Florida and the tools they use around the state.

- Legislatively Chartered (F.S. 331)
- Spaceport Development Authority
- Single point of contact for state aerospace-related activities with federal agencies
- \$2B+ projects statewide supporting aerospace development and infrastructure
 - Northrup Grumman (Melbourne)
 - United Launch Alliance
 - Navy Strategic Weapons Ashore Complex
 - CAE (Tampa)
 - SpaceX
 - Blue Origin
- Space Florida Structure, Role & Mission
 - Public Corporation
 - Spaceport Authority
 - Industry Development Role
- Financing Capabilities
 - Conduit Financing
 - Synthetic Leasing
 - Securing Property
 - Business Infrastructure and Facilities
- Investment Activity
- Statewide activity: established and ongoing projects
- Establishment of Space Force December 20, 2019
- Comparison: Spaceport activity in 2016 versus 2017 – 2022
- FDOT Spaceport Improvement Program
- Florida as the Global Space Commerce Trade Port
- Partners

Legislative Update

Ray Collins briefed on the movement of several current bills during this Legislative Session.

- HB 1357: Military Installations - (by **Representative Thad Altman**)
- SB 1796: Military Installations - (by **Senator Tom Wright**)
 - The above two bills would provide the state Eminent Domain authority for Military Base Protection
- HB 429: Purple Star School Campuses - (by Learned, Maney CoSponsors: Tant, Toledo)
 - This bill doesn't have the preferred language and the committee is awaiting getting the right language available before moving it forward
- SB 938: Purple Star School Campuses - (by **Senator Tom Wright** CS Sponsors: Education)

- This bill had passed its first committee and is the one with the preferred language.
- SB 62: Regional Planning Councils
 - This bill lacks a House companion and seems destined to die a quiet death
- Another bill that might have impact is SB 496: Growth Management. The House version is HB 59: Growth Management.

Military & Defense Update

Beth Medina updated that the Staff has been very busy since the last TF meeting:

Potential recommendations for stimulus money that could come to Florida, FDA has renewed its partnerships with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Department of Emergency Management working on the resiliency vulnerabilities identified at Florida's installations. The DEP and DEM have integrated FDA members into their processes and have connected them with their local Mitigation Strategy Work Groups as much FEMA BRIC planning occurs during those meetings.

Chad Corriveau is the newest member of our EFI Military and Defense Team as the Communications and Research Assistant and will help our team maximize our presence on websites and social media. He will be working on the video marketing campaign and will ensure that the B-roll footage is available to our partners for their use, as well. He will be working on EFI's new web pages, as well.

Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer thanked **Beth Medina** for her hard work on behalf of the FDSTF and FDA during her time at Enterprise Florida and wished her well in all her future endeavors. At this time, **Tim Jones**, FDA Vice Chair, presented her with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the FDA and **Vice Chair, Mr. Tom Neubauer**, presented her with a certificate of appreciation from the FDSTF.

IV. Agenda Item IV: Public Comment

Kent Wimmer, Defenders of Wildlife, commented that he's been working with Eglin AFB, the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Navy in developing a partnership to support a designation in Northwest Florida as the Sentinel Landscape. The Federal Sentinel Landscape Coordinating Committee has opened a new application cycle and they will submit a pre-proposal by the end of next week and hope they'll be invited to submit a full proposal this summer. At that point the Federal Sentinel Landscape Coordinating Committee, who is comprised of representatives from DoD, Departments of the Interior and Agriculture and several other Federal agencies, will make their determinations for designations of Sentinel Landscapes. He anticipates three (3) to five (5) Sentinel Landscapes will be designated. **Ray Collins** is on their committee representing the FDSTF and has contributed a strong commitment statement for the pre-proposal. He will report their successes as they move through this process.

The meeting adjourned at 12:36 PM EDT

All presentations for this meeting can be found here: <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/FDSTF-Presentations-2021.pdf>

The recorded meeting from The Florida Channel can be found here: <https://thefloridachannel.org/videos/3-18-21-florida-defense-support-task-force/>

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #93 on Thursday, April 15, 2021

The Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) held a publicly noticed meeting via Zoom/Conference Call at 10:30 AM EDT – 11:25 AM EDT. For Agenda: See Page 3

Task Force Members Present:

Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman
Rear Admiral Stan Bozin, USN, (Ret.)
Brigadier General Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret.)
Major General James Eifert, USAF, The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida
Major General Richard Haddad, USAF (Ret.)
Colonel Jim Heald, InDyne, Inc., (Ret.)

Task Force Members Absent:

Representative Thad Altman, Chairman
Representative Wyman Duggan
Captain Keith Hoskins, USN, (Ret.)
Senator Tom Wright

Speakers Present:

Kellie Jo Kilberg, Florida Defense Alliance (FDA)

Others Present:

Katie Allan, Bay Defense Alliance
Mark Bontrager, Space Florida
Lee Cardice, Cardice A/V
Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, FDA Board/Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Eli Converse, Office of Senator Tom Wright
Harrison Conyers, City of Jacksonville
Dave Dahl, Navy Region Southeast
Ryan Fierst, Department of Economic Opportunity
Debi Graham, Greater Pensacola Chamber/West Florida Defense Alliance
Paul Hirsch, FDA Board/Economic Development Commission of the Space Coast/
Tim Jones, FDA Vice Chairman/Tampa Bay Defense Alliance
Ty Martin, State of Florida Attorney General's Office
Trudy McCarthy, Economic Development Commission of the Space Coast
Rick Miller, FDA Board/South Florida Defense Alliance
Steve Murray, Florida Department of Veterans Affairs
Dave Murzin, Okaloosa County
Lindsey Pierce, Office of Senator Tom Wright
Brooke Trawick-Gilbert, Bay Defense Alliance
Teri Wanamaker, FDA Board/NAS Jacksonville
Roger Williams, Florida National Guard (FLNG)
Kent Wimmer, Defenders of Wildlife
The Florida Channel

Staff Present:

Ray Collins, Executive Director, FDSTF

Chad Corriveau, Communications & Research Specialist, EFI

Michelle Griggs, Executive Assistant/Contracts & Grants Manager, EFI



Florida Defense Support Task Force – Meeting #93
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AGENDA for April 15, 2021

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8:30 – 10:00 CLOSED SESSION

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| 10:30 – 10:35 | Welcome, Roll Call, Introductions..... | Chairman (I) |
| 10:35 – 10:50 | Old Business..... | Chairman (A) / (I) |
| | • Approval of Minutes | Chairman (A) |
| | • TF Grants and Contracts Status | Michelle Griggs (I) |
| | • FDSTF Budget Discussion | Ray Collins (I) / (D) |
| 10:50 – 12:30 | New Business..... | Chairman (I) |
| | • 10:50 – 11:35 TF Member Reports | |
| | • 11:35 – 11:45 Florida Defense Alliance Update | Kellie Jo Kilberg (I) |
| | • 11:45 – 11:55 Washington Office Update | Katherine Anne Russo (I) |
| | • 11:55 – 12:05 Legislative Update | Ray Collins (I) / (D) |
| | • 12:05 – 12:10 FDSTF FY 2021-2022 Meeting Schedule | Ray Collins (I) / (D) / (A) |
| | • 12:10 – 12:15 Military & Defense Update | Ray Collins (I) |
| 12:15 – 12:30 | Public Comment..... | Chairman |

Reminder – Upcoming Meeting Dates:

May 20, 2021 Tallahassee | FDA (*Session*)

June 2021 **NO MEETING**

Ray Collins, Executive Director of the Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF), *began the meeting at 10:30 AM EDT.*

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

Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer welcomed attendees and guests, noted that the meeting is being televised by The Florida Channel and reminded attendees that the meeting is governed by the Sunshine Law.

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of the Minutes

*A quorum being present, **Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer** asked for any corrections to the February 18, 2021 minutes. Noting none, a motion was made by **Rear Admiral Stan Bozin** to approve the minutes, seconded by **Colonel Jim Heald**. All are in favor and the February 18, 2021 meeting minutes are approved.*

*A quorum being present, **Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer** asked for any corrections to the March 18, 2021 minutes. Noting none, a motion was made by **Rear Admiral Stan Bozin** to approve the minutes, seconded by **Major General Richard "Beef" Haddad**. All are in favor and the March 18, 2021 meeting minutes are approved.*

Task Force Grants & Contracts Status

Michelle Griggs provided a brief update on some current TF grants. The grants report can be found on Tab 3 of the eBook:

Quarterly Reports were due on April 12, 2021. A few were received prior to the printing of this report, the remainder will be included in May's grants' report.

Contracts for both the Northeast Florida Fire Watch Council and the Bay County Board of County Commissioners were executed last month.

Kennetic Productions is currently working on the videos for the Panhandle. They are filming US Coast Guard Helicopter Training at Avon Park Air Force Range on April 20th, then will work their way south making their way to Key West by the end of that week.

FDSTF Budget Discussion

Ray Collins reported that the TF still has \$125,919.73 unencumbered for this fiscal year. Staff is still waiting on EOG approval to move forward with phase two of the Bay County Board of County Commissioners Grant, which would reduce those funds to \$69,392.73. He will be scheduling an additional TF open meeting in early May to vote on proposals to encumber these funds prior to the end of this fiscal year.

III. Agenda Item III: New Business

Task Force Member Reports

Captain Keith Hoskins reported that NAS Pensacola is one of 2021's Great American Defense Communities and their community is very excited to have received this recognition.

Coast Guard Cutter Walnut arrived at its new home port at NAS Pensacola as they continue to expand their Coast Guard footprint. The 225-foot cutter recently went through a dry dock which extended it to a 30-year life expectancy.

U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense, Kathleen Hicks, recently visited NAS Pensacola to discuss the effects of climate control on military operations. Last September Hurricane Sally hit their community, so this topic is fresh

on the minds of the DoD as to how climate control is managed moving forward in planning and infrastructure build-out on those bases, particularly in coastal areas. NAS Pensacola still has much damage and repair needs from that hurricane and he hopes this visit will bring much needed funding to the base for those repairs.

Major General James Eifert provided the following remarks as a Florida National Guard (FLNG) Update.

COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE: The Florida National Guard currently has approximately 1,914 Soldiers and Airmen mobilized, supporting 87 Active Missions as part of Florida's COVID-19 response effort. Our steady-state mission sets include:

- Operating 16 Community Base Test Sites & 10 Mobile Testing Buses
- Administering 5,023,678 Tests to date
- Operating 4 FEMA Hub-Sites, 9 Community Vaccine Sites & 10 Mobile Vaccine Teams
- Administering 1,565,754 Vaccines to date
- Supporting State Logistics Resource Center, Logistical Staging Areas & Logistical Staging Teams
- Supporting State Operations, Planning and Liaison responsibilities
- Maintaining Florida National Guard Command & Control responsibilities
- Continuing COVID response activities in (502f) federal status, through 30 September 2021

MOBILIZATION/DEPLOYMENT UPDATE: The Florida National Guard currently has 936 (818 Army & 118 Air) Servicemembers representing 11 Organizations deployed globally, supporting our National Defense Strategy. Our mobilization pipeline identifies 11 Organizations consisting of approximately 1,191 Servicemembers scheduled for deployment throughout the remainder of this calendar year.

NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU LEADERSHIP VISIT: On Wednesday, 14 April, Major General Eifert hosted General Hokanson, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, and Lieutenant General Jensen, Director of the Army National Guard, at Camp Blanding Joint Training Center to review installation training capabilities and discuss Florida National Guard growth, force structure, readiness and facility/construction initiatives.

WASHINGTON KEY LEADER ENGAGEMENTS: 19-22 April, Major General Eifert will travel to Washington DC to conduct military and legislative key leader engagements focusing on organizational growth and space initiatives that include gaining a defensive space unit, space range operations and Space National Guard. He will also meet with Congressman Greg Steube to discuss Avon Park Air Force Range initiatives.

STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM: 26-29 April, Major General Eifert will travel to Guyana, coordinating with their State Defense Force leadership to support our State Partnership Program association with the Nation of Guyana.

114TH SPACE COMMAND SQUADRON DEPARTURE CEREMONY: On Saturday, 1 May at 1430, we will conduct a deployment departure ceremony at Patrick Space Force Base to recognize Airmen from the 114th Space Control Squadron who will deploy to United States Central Command in support of Operations Freedom's Sentinel and Resolute Support.

Major General Richard Haddad reported that this is his last TF meeting and hopes to be reappointed as he'd like to continue to serve. He thanked the members for their hard work and dedication that goes into ensuring the TF remains a viable part of the process within the state of Florida. He raised his concerns regarding advocacy, which was in place when he was appointed, but no longer and made a big difference in terms of what the TF was able to accomplish. He raised his concerns about a potential future BRAC and the possibility of losing a few bases in Florida and the economic impact it would have in the communities around USSOUTHCOM, MacDill AFB, Tyndall AFB and Eglin AFB.

Ray Collins added that he's recently spoken to the staff in the Senate President's office and they are amenable to reappointing Major General Richard "Beef" Haddad to the TF. He also reminded the TF members that they can continue to serve once their appointment has expired until they or a replacement has been reappointed.

Rear Admiral Bozin reported that at NS Mayport, the USS Fort McHenry was decommissioned on March 21st. It is anticipated that in late 2021, the USS Iwo Jima will shift homeport from NS Mayport to NS Norfolk as part of the implementation of the implementation of OPNAV Strategic Laydown and Dispersal 2019 East Coast Laydown Plan. As destroyers and cruisers move into NS Mayport to replace the amphibians, the number of personnel will increase. Also, there is a new frigate (Constellation Class) that will not come out until 2030 but NS Mayport is in the running to be the East Coast bed for those ships.

As mentioned the last meeting there will be a Change of Command at NAS Jax with Captain Brian Weiss turning over to Captain Jeff Hill and Navy Region Southeast will have RDML Mayes turning over to RDML Wes McCall. RDML McCall is coming to NRSE from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Installations and Environment where he was the EA for the Secretary. He was also the former installation commander of NS Mayport.

The CPLO and Chief Planner from NS Mayport are participating in a Resiliency Study with the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization and various other stakeholders. The North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (North Florida TPO) has previously assessed the vulnerability of the region's roadways and identified segments connecting Naval Station Mayport (NS Mayport) as vulnerable. This study evaluates existing conditions, identifies vulnerabilities, and identifies adaptation strategies for those roadway segments and associated assets to include the access points to NS Mayport. The segments to be evaluated include roadways and six assets along these roadways. Segment A includes SR A1A from Wonderwood Dr. to Ft. George Ferry Terminal. Critical assets along this segment include NS Mayport Gate 5, the US Coast Guard Station Mayport, and the St. Johns River Ferry Docks. Segment B includes Wonderwood Dr. from SR A1A to Mayport Road. Segment C includes Mayport Road from Wonderwood Dr. to NS Mayport Main Gate. Critical assets along these two segments include the JEA Substation serving NS Mayport and the Main Gate. Segment D extends from Wonderwood Drive / Seminole Road at Mayport Road to the NS Mayport Seminole Gate, a critical asset. This study evaluates existing conditions for the segments. The existing condition of infrastructure and assets is a crucial resilience factor, since it helps define adaptive capacity, or the ability to respond to potential damages, take advantage of opportunities or cope with consequences.

Brigadier General Chip Diehl reiterated his concern in Major General Richard "Beef" Haddad's reappointment to the TF as he's been an important and integral member during his term.

Colonel Jim Heald reported that Brigadier General Scott Cain, Base Commander for Eglin AFB, in his weekly (April 1st version) address to base on COVID, that the base is entering Recovery Stage 3 due to the improvements in the community and on base. He is allowing some/all personnel to return to in-person activities. They are still Official Business Only. Still encouraging telework where appropriate. Masks are still mandatory. This Stage allows for larger gatherings such as change of command ceremonies.

On April 8th, the F-15EX had a naming/unveiling ceremony. We now have the Eagle II.

The Technology Coast Manufacturing and Engineering Network, more commonly known as TeCMEN, had its long awaited and delayed TeCMEN Industry Day on April 14th, in-person at the Emerald Coast Conference Center. Some of the highlights were a keynote address from Greg Kiley on Washington, D.C. issues, panel presentations on various topics including Space Florida /FloridaMakes/Tom Feeney talking about their support to Industry Resiliency which is very apropos to the Defense Community, and the Bronco II (a multi-mission SOF aircraft being built in Crestview). The highlight was a sold-out, COVID-19 appropriate, exhibit area with many exciting vendors.

The next meeting of the Tri-County Partnership Initiative will occur on April 27th and will feature a presentation by Colonel Osborn, the 96 Test Wing Civil Engineering Group Commander, who will highlight Eglin's activities in MILCON, infrastructure and planning for the future.

Staff played the Eglin AFB video.

Mr. Tom Neubauer briefed that on March 15th, there was a change of command at NSA Panama City as Commander Keith Foster relieved Commander Kevin Christenson.

Some great news is that on March 26th, the Tyndall Air Force Base Memorandum of Basing Decision was signed by the U.S. Air Force. This Record of Decision was posted on Monday, March 29th, and it paves the way for the beddown of the three operational squadrons of F-35s at Tyndall AFB. The first jet is expected to arrive in the fall of 2023.

The final Economic Impact Study included an environmental analysis for the EPA, the remotely piloted aircraft MQ-9 for Base Y at Tyndall, which was selected as the preferred location for the RPA base in November 2017. In November, the Air Force leadership briefed the community and suggested that there could be a future decision on that mission once the Air Force makes the decision on their next platform for remotely piloted aircraft. They are looking forward to hearing from Air Force this summer on that decision.

Last week the Bay Defense Alliance briefed the Secretary of the Air Force and the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment, and Energy in Washington, D.C. on the recovery of their community. Each quarter they provide details on the recovery of housing, medical, schools and spousal employment. Also, the Secretary of the Air Force is visiting Tyndall AFB today for a brief on the Base of the Future.

Last month, the Air Force announced that First Air Force will become the air component to U.S. Space Command. AFNORTH will continue its responsibility for the air sovereignty mission of North America in support of NORAD and Northern Command and will additionally support USSPACECOM. ACC hasn't fully developed the concepts for that mission, it will be an Initial Operating Capability by the end of this year.

The Air Force has released its new Mission Statement. He'll send that report out to the TF members post-meeting.

Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Update

Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chair, reminded that the next FDA Meeting will be in-person in Tallahassee on Wednesday, May 19th. Members will be able to attend via Zoom, as well.

The Range Task Force meets every two weeks under the leadership of **Rick Miller** and **Chris Middleton**, along with ten (10) representatives from across the State of Florida. They are taking a comprehensive look at the entire Florida Test, Training and Evaluation Range Complex. They've had some very good conversations, looking at different available data, reflecting broad geographic military service experience perspectives. They're developing plans for encroachment needs and concerns, education and information campaign, Legislative engagement strategy and Legislative approach, and official Defense engagement. The Range Task Force will show the comprehensive assets in the State of Florida regarding test, training and evaluation ranges. This will tell the entire story how we the ranges fit into the National Defense Strategy.

April is the month of the Military Child. Thank you to **Senator Tom Wight** for working with the FDA on the proclamation from the State, recognizing all of Florida's military children. FDA is tracking the progress of the Purple Star Schools of Distinction bills in both the House and the Senate, working with them on bringing those two bills together to get them passed and bring that program to schools in Florida.

Congratulations to the NAS Pensacola and NAS Whiting Field communities on being a member of this year's class of five (5) for the Great American Defense Communities. Florida now has four (4) communities that are classified as Great American Defense Communities which includes the Eglin AFB/Hurlburt Field communities, the Tyndall AFB/NSA Panama City community, and the Tampa/MacDill AFB community.

Northwest Florida is moving forward with their application to become designated as a Sentinel Landscape.

Washington Office Update

Ray Collins reported that **Katherine Anne Russo** has been working with the Staff on getting the monthly Military Liaison/Military Legislative Assistants meeting back on the calendar as they would communicate issues

from the FDA and the TF to the CODEL in Washington, D.C. She's also been working very closely tracking the different committee hearings regarding the Defense Authorization Act.

Also, Staff is working with EOG to schedule a Base Commanders' Meeting for June 2021. They are still awaiting approval and will send the tentative date to **Major General James Eifert** post-meeting.

Katherine Anne Russo has submitted her report via email.

President Biden's submitted his \$1.52 trillion FY 2022 discretionary funding request to Congress on April 9:

- The Administration proposes:
 - \$769 billion in non-defense discretionary funding in FY 2022, a 16% increase over the FY 2021 enacted level
 - \$753 billion for national defense programs, a 1.7% increase
 - Department of Defense topline: \$715 billion
- The full President's Budget is expected "in the months ahead"
- Source: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/FY2022-Discretionary-Request.pdf>

Afghanistan

- On April 14, President Biden laid out a plan for a phased withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan by September 11, 2021
- Biden said the United States must focus on disrupting terror networks and operations across the globe, competing with China, strengthening international alliances, and defeating the coronavirus pandemic
- The U.S. withdrawal in Afghanistan is in coordination with the withdrawal of nearly 10,000 NATO troops
- The announcement was met with mixed congressional responses, largely along party lines

House Appropriations Committee Earmarks (aka "Community Funding Projects")

- Guidelines for the FY2022 Community Project Funding Member Request Process can be found here: <https://appropriations.house.gov/sites/democrats.appropriations.house.gov/files/documents/Guidance%20on%20Community%20Project%20Funding.pdf>
 - Members will be limited to no more than 10 requests
 - Members will have an opportunity to re-prioritize their requests in the Member database following the release of the full President's budget
 - Only projects with demonstrated community support will be considered
- Updated appropriation request deadlines can be found here: <https://appropriations.house.gov/appropriations-requests>
 - Defense
 - [Dear Colleague](#) (contains Community Project Funding Request Guidance)
 - Deadline Extended: April 29, 2021

Senate Appropriations Earmarks

- Senate Republicans are scheduled to debate next week on whether a "permanent ban" on earmarks in their conference rules actually prevents members from requesting home-state projects in spending bills
- Senate Appropriations Chairman Leahy has said if Republicans opt to participate in congressionally directed spending, he'll dedicate half of the earmarked funds to GOP senators

President Biden's Infrastructure Plan

- The White House is going through the motions to try to make the infrastructure package a bipartisan effort
- Republican senators have said they hope to offer a slimmed-down version of the President's plan that would cost between \$600 billion and \$800 billion
- Congressional Democrats will likely try to move a package without GOP support

Senate Miscellaneous

- Senators from both parties are considering working together on an effort to counter China's global influence
- However, Senate Majority Leader Schumer is working behind the scenes on potential maneuvers and mechanisms to reform the legislative filibuster

FL HASC MLA Call w/ FDSTF:

- Scheduled for Monday, April 19

Legislative Update

Ray Collins provided an update on some of the bills the Staff has been tracking:

HB 429/SB 938

Both Purple Star Campuses bills have been moving very quickly with very strong bipartisan support. That bill currently is on the agenda for the House Education and Employment committee, its final committee. That Committee meets today to vote and once it gets through that committee it will go to the full House. The Senate version is currently in appropriations so both should be moving on to their full chambers very soon.

HB 1357/SB 1796

The House version made it as far as the local Administration and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee. That committee is no longer meeting so that bill has died. The Senate version is currently in the Judiciary Committee, but it has not moved in a while, so it might be dead as well. If it does move through the Senate there would be a possibility it could get pulled over through messaging into the House. The prospects for the two bills for the Military Base Protection Program did not look particularly good during this Session.

HB 435/SB 586

Veterans Employment and Training: these bills would strengthen and codify the DOD SkillBridge Program in Florida. This bill has made it through all of its committees in the House and was placed on a special-order calendar for today, so it will be read in the House today. The Senate equivalent is currently in the appropriations committee waiting to be heard. He expects both bills to pass.

Staff is working through channels to get the Purple Star Schools bills approved before the end of this month as it would be a fantastic opportunity for the Governor to have a bill that he can sign into law, improving schools for military children, during the Month of the Military Child.

FDSTF FY 2021-2022 Meeting Schedule

Ray Collins discussed the meeting calendar for fiscal year 2021-2022. Base tours are tentative, as he'll have more information on base access as time nears. Should the TF not be able to tour a base, the TF meeting in the area continue as planned, as they can still visit with the local defense community.

*A quorum being present, **Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer** asked for motion to approve the FDSTF FY 2021-2022 Meeting Schedule. The motion was made by **Major General Richard "Beef" Haddad**, seconded by **Rear Admiral Stan Bozin**. All are in favor and the schedule is approved.*

Military & Defense Update

Ray Collins discussed that Staff continues to be very busy and is working on the following:

The new EFI and Military and Defense website rolled out last week. Please be patient as bugs are worked out and Staff works to complete it over the next few weeks.

Staff is working on the RFP for the 2021 Florida Defense Factbook and Economic Impact Study. They hope to have that out in the next few weeks.

The search for a new Vice President of Military & Defense Programs is moving forward and they hope to have someone on board by the end of this month.

IV. Agenda Item IV: Public Comment

Kent Wimmer, Defenders of Wildlife, reported that on March 26th, Defenders of Wildlife submitted a pre-proposal for certain designation of the Northwest Florida Sentinel landscape, they feel it is a strong proposal and that it will be favorably considered. He anticipates learning if they will be invited to submit a full proposal by the end of May. If so, they will submit that full proposal by the end of August and three (3) to five (5) Sentinel Landscapes will be designated by December. He is currently preparing a briefing paper with **Ray Collins'** assistance for Florida's State Agency Heads and Congressional Representatives.

There have been two (2) Sentinel Landscapes proposed, one in Northwest Florida, the other surrounding Camp Blanding. The one around Camp Blanding was proposed by the North Florida Land Trust in conjunction with Camp Blanding and includes the bases in the Jacksonville area. It stretches from the Ocala National Forest and Pine Castle, up through the Osceola National Forest.

The next meeting will be in-person on Thursday, May 20, 2021 in-person, in Tallahassee, Florida. Details soon to follow.

*A quorum being present, **Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer** asked for a motion to adjourn FDSTF Meeting #93. A motion was made by **Major General Richard "Beef" Haddad**, seconded by **Rear Admiral Stan Bozin**, all are in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM EDT.*

This meeting was recorded by The Florida Channel and can be found here:

<https://thefloridachannel.org/videos/4-15-21-florida-defense-support-task-force/>

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force May 2021 Supplemental Meeting on Friday, May 7, 2021

The Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) held a publicly noticed meeting via Zoom/Conference Call at 11:00 AM EDT – 11:50 AM EDT. No Agenda was created for this meeting.

Task Force Members Present:

Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman
Rear Admiral Stan Bozin, USN, (Ret.)
Major General James Eifert, USAF, The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida
Colonel Jim Heald, InDyne, Inc., (Ret.)
Captain Keith Hoskins, USN, (Ret.)

Task Force Members Absent:

Representative Thad Altman, Chairman
Brigadier General Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret.)
Representative Wyman Duggan
Major General Richard Haddad, USAF (Ret.)
Senator Tom Wright

Speakers Present:

Rick Miller, Florida Defense Alliance (FDA), Range Task Force
Chris Middleton, Florida Defense Alliance (FDA), Range Task Force

Others Present:

Nic Ancheta, Senator Tom Wright's Office
Lee Cardice, Cardice A/V
Dave Dahl, Navy Region Southeast
Ryan Fierst, Department of Economic Opportunity
Sarah Hayenga, Homestead Air Reserve Base
Tim Jones, FDA Vice Chairman/Tampa Bay Defense Alliance
Kellie Jo Kilberg, Chair, Florida Defense Alliance (FDA)
Ty Martin, State of Florida Attorney General's Office
Dave Murzin, Okaloosa County
Larry Ventura, Homestead Air Reserve Base
The Florida Channel

Staff Present:

Terry McCaffrey, Vice President, Military & Defense Programs, EFI
Ray Collins, Executive Director, FDSTF
Chad Corriveau, Communications & Research Specialist, EFI
Michelle Griggs, Executive Assistant/Contracts & Grants Manager, EFI

Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer began the meeting at 11:00 AM EDT.

Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer welcomed attendees and guests and turned the meeting over to Ray Collins to discuss the FY 2020-2021 budget.

Ray Collins discussed that the TF has \$186,326.04 left to spend in this year's budget. This includes:

- \$2,196.73 remaining from the Military Friendly Guide
- \$123,723.00 remaining from Out-Of-Cycle Activities
- \$7,406.31 remaining from Task Force travel and per diem
- \$53,000 remaining from the total budget

This amount also includes the \$56,527 included in the Bay County Board of County Commissioners grant heard in February, but not yet approved by the Governor's office.

Rick Miller and **Chris Middleton**, representing the FDA Mission Sustainment Working Group's Range Task Force (RTF) Committee, presented on four (4) separate projects which could be funded by the TF with this year's remaining funds.

First Priority:

- Develop a holistic 3D model of Florida's Range Complex (\$34,000)
 - This product will be a compelling tool to be used in all other subsequent RTF activities and range support tasks

If additional funding is available, consider support to remaining projects in priority order:

- Develop a comprehensive report capturing full range complex, capabilities and opportunities (\$30,000)
- Develop a strategic engagement plan for both near- and long-term range support (\$30,000)
- Execution support for FDA range-focused engagement campaign (\$30,000)

After some questions, answers and discussion, **Ray Collins** suggested that the 3D model be funded immediately and that tasks 2 through 4 be presented to the TF during the May 20th meeting as a grant, possibly through the University of West Florida, to be funded prior to June 30, 2021.

*A quorum being present, **Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer** asked for a motion on this proposal. **Colonel Jim Heald** made a motion to directly fund the 3D model of Florida's Gulf Range Complex and allow the Range Task Force Committee to present a grant proposal at the TF's May 20th meeting to fund the remainder of the proposal. The motion was seconded by **Rear Admiral Stan Bozin**, all are in favor and the motion passes.*

Additionally, staff will contact the grantees who presented at the September 2021 TF meeting, who were not awarded their full grant amounts and invite them to present to the TF at the May 20th meeting for additional funding on their previously submitted grants.

This meeting was recorded by The Florida Channel and can be found here:

<https://thefloridachannel.org/videos/5-7-21-florida-defense-support-task-force-supplemental-meeting/>

The meeting concluded at 11:50 AM EDT

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #94 on Thursday, May 20, 2021

The Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) held a publicly noticed meeting at the Four Points by Sheraton Tallahassee Downtown at 10:30 AM EDT – 12:39 PM EDT. For Agenda: See Page 3

Task Force Members Present:

Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman
Brigadier General Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret)
Colonel Jim Heald, InDyne, Inc., USAF, (Ret)
Captain Keith Hoskins, USN, (Ret)

Task Force Members Present via ZOOM:

Representative Thad Altman, Chairman
Rear Admiral Stan Bozin, USN, (Ret)
Major General Richard Haddad, USAF, (Ret)
Senator Tom Wright

Task Force Members Absent:

Representative Wyman Duggan
Major General James Eifert, USAF, The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida

Speakers Present:

Kellie Jo Kilberg, Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Chair
Rick Miller, South Florida Defense Alliance/FDA Executive Board via Zoom
Roger Williams, Florida National Guard (FLNG) via Zoom

Others Present in Person:

Matt Chesnut, Space Florida
Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Debi Graham, Greater Pensacola Chamber/West Florida Defense Alliance
Tim Jones, FDA Vice Chair
Buck MacLaughlin, Avon Park Air Force Range
Craig Williams, Bay Defense Alliance

Others Present via ZOOM:

Katie Allen, Bay Defense Alliance
Nic Ancheta, Office of Senator Tom Wright
Harrison Conyers, City of Jacksonville
Ryan Fierst, Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
Brooke Gilbert, Bay Defense Alliance
Bruce Grant
Sarah Hayenga, Homestead Air Reserve Base
Paul Hirsch, EDC of Florida's Space Coast
Dale Ketcham, Space Florida
Tyrone Martin, Florida Attorney General's Office
Chris Middleton, West Florida Defense Alliance
Dave Murzin, Escambia County, Florida
Amy Phillips, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

Matt Schellhorn, Navy Region Southeast
Dr. Matthew Schwartz, University of West Florida
Kent Wimmer, Defenders of Wildlife
The Florida Channel

Staff Present:

Terry McCaffrey, Vice President, Military & Defense, Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI)
Ray Collins, Executive Director, FDSTF
Chad Corriveau, Communications and Research Assistant, EFI
Michelle Griggs, Executive Assistant/Grants Manager, EFI



Florida Defense Support Task Force – Meeting #94
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AGENDA for May 20, 2021

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- 10:30 – 10:35 Welcome, Roll Call, Introductions..... Chairman **(I)**
- 10:35 – 10:40 Old Business..... Chairman **(A)**
 - Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
 - TF Grants and Contracts Status Michelle Griggs **(I) / (A)**
- 10:40 – 12:45 New Business..... Chairman **(I)**
 - 10:40 – 11:15 TF Member Reports Kellie Jo Kilberg **(I)**
 - 11:15 – 11:25 Florida Defense Alliance Update Katherine Anne Russo **(I)**
 - 11:25 – 11:35 Washington Office Update Ray Collins **(I) / (D)**
 - 11:35 – 11:40 FDSTF 2020-2021 Budget Update
 - 11:40 – 12:10 FY 2020-2021 Grant Presentations
 - University of West Florida 11:40-11:55 Chris Middleton **(I) / (D) / (A)**
 - South Florida Progress Foundation 12:00-12:10 Rick Miller **(I) / (D) / (A)**
 - 12:15 – 12:25 Military & Defense Update Terry McCaffrey **(I) / (D)**
- 12:25 – 12:45 Public Comment..... Chairman

Reminder – Upcoming Meeting Dates:

June 2021	NO MEETING		
July 15, 2021	Orange Park NAS Jacksonville	August 19, 2021	Zoom
September 16, 2021	Ft. Walton Beach Eglin AFB	October 21, 2021	Zoom
November 18, 2021	Orlando PEO STRI / FDA	December 2021	NO MEETING

Chairman, Representative Thad Altman began the meeting at 10:30 AM EDT and turned the meeting over to **Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer**.

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

Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer welcomed attendees and guests, introduced **Terry McCaffrey** as the new Vice President of Military Programs at EFI and informed the TF of the newest appointed member, the **Honorable Thomas Bowman**, former Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, who is unable to attend today's meeting, but look forward to meeting.

He asked the in-person guests to introduce themselves, then led the TF and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. He reminded the TF that the meeting is governed by the Sunshine Law.

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of Minutes

A quorum being present, Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2021 TF meeting. Colonel Jim Heald made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Brigadier General Chip Diehl, all are in favor and the minutes are approved.

A quorum being present, Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2021 Supplemental TF meeting. Brigadier General Chip Diehl made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Colonel Jim Heald, all are in favor and the minutes are approved.

Task Force Grants and Contracts Status

Michelle Griggs reported on several current TF grants with approaching end dates.

DTF #20-104, the Bay County Board of County Commissioners grant expires on May 21st. They are on track to expend the remaining funds in this grant to close it out on time.

DTF 20-103, the City of Jacksonville grant expires on 6/29/2021. They are expected to close on a parcel of land in late May or early June which will expend the remaining funds of this grant.

DTF 20-105, the Department of Military Affairs grant expires on 6/29/2021. They have requested a one-year extension on this project as they continue to work on the acquisition of property in South Florida.

Kennetic Productions has completed ten (10) videos which have been uploaded to the EFI You Tube Page and staff is working to get them placed on the new website. They are working on finalizing the videos from NAS Pensacola, Corry Station, NAS Whiting Field, Patrick Space Force Base, and the Space Coast. They continue to work with community contacts to gain filming access to MacDill, HARB, NAS Key West and SOUTHCOM. This contract is set to expire on June 30, 2021 and may need a six-month extension, depending on when they can travel to film on the remaining installations.

A quorum being present, Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer asked for a motion to extend the contract for DTF grant #20-105 for one year (6/29/2022). Colonel Jim Heald made a motion to approve the contract extension. The motion was seconded by Brigadier General Chip Diehl, all are in favor and the contract is extended.

A quorum being present, Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer asked for a motion to extend the Kennetic Productions contract for six-months, if needed. Brigadier General Chip Diehl made a motion to approve the contract extension. The motion was seconded by Colonel Jim Heald, all are in favor and the contract can be extended, if needed.

III. Agenda Item III: New Business

Task Force Member Reports

Rear Admiral Stan Bozin briefed that the Timuquana County Club (TCC) REPI Effort Plan to close on 35 acres at TCC no later than June 30, 2021, perhaps as early as late May. The 27th of May is the closing date for TCC as they have experienced title issues that will delay this closing at least 2 weeks and possibly longer.

The Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program Annual Proposal Submission Help Session takes place on Wednesday afternoon May 19, 2021. This session provides a comprehensive overview of proposal development on the web based REPI proposal tool, and highlights changes in proposal criteria for FY22. Attendance is critical to proposal success in the grading process that begins in late July.

NAS Jacksonville and NS Mayport have moved to HPCON Bravo +. Utilize measures from Health Protection Condition (HPCON) A and B with the following modifications:

- Less than 40 percent of normal occupancy in the workplace.
- Be prepared to limit access to installations by visitors and cancel events /exercises.
- Military commanders may restrict off-duty military personnel from off-installation venues (e.g., bars, restaurants, concert halls).
- Indoor common areas and large venues may be closed. Dining establishments may be limited to takeout service and outdoor service. Venues identified as mission-critical, such as commissaries, may be limited in their operational hours and occupancy.
- Gyms may be closed at this level or operate at diminished occupancy.

Limit personal activities to only that which is necessary to travel to/from place of residence and work and, consistent with orders and guidelines issued by state and local civil authorities, only that which is necessary for off-installation essential services (e.g., food, medical, pharmacy, gas, child care services, veterinary services, banking, and auto/home maintenance).

This could impact a potential base tour at the July 2021 TF meeting and instead have installation representatives brief at the meeting but hoping that restrictions are lifted before then.

Fleet Forces Command recently participated in ten (10) days of intensive hurricane simulations and team drills, which ended on May 14th. All region installations participated, increasing awareness and resilience for the upcoming hurricane season which begins next month and runs through the fall.

Chairman, Representative Thad Altman reported that the 45th Space Wing just supported a successful Atlas launch, which had been recently delayed due to mechanical issues. SpaceX continues its robust launch schedule as they are launching the cluster of small satellites to support their broadband network. The Space Force also is prepping for the upcoming crewed launch. He is hopeful that Cape Canaveral and the Kennedy Space Center/NASA will be reopening soon as the COVID crisis dissipates.

Senator Tom Wright briefed on a few items coming out of the most recent Legislative Session as Legislators have included \$16.8 million in the budget to upgrade some of Florida's National Guard facilities as well as additional funding for two (2) additional National Guard Armories.

Recently, he was the Legislative Representative at Patrick Space Force Base at a deployment ceremony where servicemembers will be deploying overseas.

Both he and **Chairman, Representative Thad Altman** have been busy during the recently concluded legislative session staying on top of the decision making processes for basing U.S. Space Force components.

Major General Richard Haddad briefed on SOCOM, AFSOC and Avon Park Air Force Range.

Air Force Special Operation Command is looking into the development of a plane that can take off and land from the water. AFSOC would modify an existing MC-130J to allow the special ops transport plane to work in amphibious environments, Air Force Colonel Ken Kuebler, Special Operations Command's program executive officer, Fixed Wing, said during a May 19th presentation at the virtual Special Operations Forces Industry Conference, organized by the National Defense Industrial Association.

Air Commandos came together to honor the top performers throughout Air Force Special Operations Command during the Outstanding Airmen of the Year and Annual Award winners' banquet on May 13, 2021. The banquet honored the best Airmen and civilians in AFSOC during 2020. Leadership from across the enterprise nominated the winners due to their commitment to excellence, both professionally and personally.

In a split-second while on a mission in 2015, U.S. Air Force Captain Matthew Roland made the last leadership decision he would ever make. Without hesitation, he chose to protect his team and give them the best shot at overcoming an insider attack in Afghanistan, sacrificing his life in the process. To honor the fallen Special Tactics Officer's actions and courageous leadership, the 24th Special Operations Wing along with friends and family hosted a dedication ceremony in Roland's honor on May 6, 2021 at Hurlburt Field, Florida.

The Special Operations Command's top science and technology official said SOCOM plans to double funding available for offensive electronic warfare weapons research. The "next-generation effects" funding category will see major growth as SOF moves away from precision strike research to capabilities that will help maintain dominance in future contested environments, said Lisa Sanders, director of science and technology, at the Special Operations Forces Industry Conference on May 18th.

The head of Air Force Special Ops Command, Lieutenant General James Slife, warned at the annual SOFIC conference that "the SOF that we have is not the SOF we will need" for the future, one in which battlefields will be more dynamic, and influenced by machine learning and long-range standoff weapons. It was a sentiment echoed by SOCOM commander General Richard Clarke on Tuesday: What "we can't say is: USSOCOM only does counterterrorism, only does crisis response. We have to develop and make sure we really look at what SOF can do in competition and what SOF can do in high-end conflict."

At Avon Park Air Force Range (APAFR), as part of a visit to Moody AFB, General Mark Kelly, COMACC, toured the Range. Varmint (Lieutenant Colonel Thomas) briefed him on current and future range activities and initiatives. Congressman Scott Franklin is scheduled to tour APAFR in August. This is Mr. Franklin's first visit although there's a chance he's flown Hornets there in the past. In mid-June, APAFR will host the 58th Fighter Squadron F-35s from Eglin AFB for a weeklong deployment at the (deployed Unit Complex) DUC.

Colonel Jim Heald reported from Eglin AFB:

In mid-May, Eglin AFB participated in hurricane exercises in preparation of the upcoming hurricane season.

Some COVID restrictions have been relaxed, but many are still in place. As one example, for the first time in over a year, the Eglin Yacht Club is meeting on base, face-to-face, which is good news.

Eglin AFB continues testing as the F-15EX, now designated as Eagle 2, using the combined test force concept with both developmental and operational testers. This brand-new aircraft has been flown to Alaska and is being actively used in combined testing exercises.

In the community, the Crestview Wellplex is moving forward. The Wellplex will bring not only a lot of specialized medical care into the area, but very importantly it will bring a childcare development center for those who need childcare development in the northern parts of the county. The need for more childcare for military children has been an issue since the last BRAC in 2005.

The Community is looking forward to a west side expansion using Air Force land as State Road Highway 85 will be redesigned from Crestview to Fort Walton Beach. This redesign will aid in hurricane evacuations and in

moving workers to and from the military bases. It will also give needed area for the new missions that are coming to Eglin AFB, specifically in weapons acquisition programs.

The Community is looking forward to implementing the Purple Star Campus Program into their school system and are awaiting the onboarding process from the Department of Education. In anticipation Tri-County Partnership Initiatives have stood up a task force for the Tri-County Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton counties to share information to ready their school systems to support the Purple Star Campus Program when it finally comes into play.

The Eglin community continues to advocate for range modernization as they have spoken to many of the of Florida CODEL to ensure this issue moves ahead.

Indyne, Inc. has embarked on a new joint venture called Reliance Test and Technology, which has come through the protest period for the Atlantic Test Range and is actively transitioning. They are setting up in Mayport and Key West, in addition to Patuxent River and Oceana, Point Mugu and other locations meaning there will be a single company performing range operations and maintenance on both coasts of Florida.

Brigadier General Chip Diehl briefed that the biggest issue in the Tampa area is the recent announcement by the Air Force to initiate a strategic basing selection process between two (2) active-duty bases, MacDill and Fairchild, to bring in 24 KC-46s. The process is very short as the site survey team arrives to make the decision inside of a month and the Acting Secretary of the Air Force should make the announcement in August or September of this year. A big part of this competition process takes into consideration quality of life programs important to military families (education, spousal employment, license reciprocity, healthcare, housing).

He will continue to keep the TF updated as the process moves forward.

Roger Williams briefed on behalf of **Major General James Eifert**, provided the following as a Florida National Guard (FLNG) Update.

COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE: The Florida National Guard currently has approximately 1,558 Soldiers and Airmen mobilized, supporting 71 Active Missions as part of Florida's COVID-19 response effort. Our steady-state mission sets include:

- Operating 7 Community Base Test Sites & 8 Mobile Testing Buses
- Administering 5,604,857 Tests to date
- Operating 4 FEMA Hub-Sites, 8 Community Vaccine Sites & 10 Mobile Vaccine Teams
- Administering 2,134,632 Vaccines to date
- Supporting State Logistics Resource Center, Logistical Staging Areas & Logistical Staging Teams
- Supporting State Operations, Planning and Liaison responsibilities
- Maintaining Florida National Guard Command & Control responsibilities
- Continuing COVID response activities in (502f) federal status, approved through 30 September 2021

MOBILIZATION/DEPLOYMENT UPDATE: The Florida National Guard currently has 826 (818 Army & 8 Air) Servicemembers representing 13 Organizations deployed globally, supporting our National Defense Strategy. Our mobilization pipeline identifies 12 Organizations consisting of approximately 1,462 Servicemembers scheduled for deployment throughout the remainder of this calendar year.

DEFENDER-EUROPE 2021: Major General Eifert and other senior Florida Army National Guard leaders are currently in Eastern Europe (Poland & Albania) visiting approximately 1,600 Florida National Guard Soldiers from our 53rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team who are currently participating in the multinational joint exercise, DEFENDER-Europe 21. DEFENDER-Europe is an annual large-scale US Army-led, multinational, joint exercise designed to build readiness and interoperability between US, NATO and partner military nations. This year's exercise integrates approximately 28,000 multinational forces from 26 nations who will conduct nearly simultaneous operations across more than 30 training areas in 12 countries.

Mr. Tom Neubauer reported that Checkered Flag, the largest air exercise of the Department of Defense, is going on at Tyndall AFB. Happening twice a year, the Air Force and the Navy unite to practice in a simulated combat environment involving 70 jets involved and 2,000 personnel. This event ends tomorrow, Friday, May 21st.

Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Mike Gilday and Master Chief Petty Officer Navy Officer Russell Smith recently visited Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division to learn about the programs and progress of unmanned artificial intelligence and machine learning technology which enables the Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division to expand their capabilities through projects like the Regional Super Connector Network and Gulf Coast Tech Bridge and accelerates solutions to the Navy's Coastal Science and Unmanned Systems challenges through partnerships, innovation and leveraging Florida's university system.

Also, the Navy Dive and Salvage Training Center celebrated the launch of the Human Performance Center. This facility will be shared with all four services to accommodate 1,400 students per year. The Center will help military divers through data-driven performance and increased physical readiness. Special Ops training takes place there as well as the four branches of the military and some three letter agencies.

Yesterday, the Defense Community Infrastructure Grant Program (DCIP) announced a pre-proposal webinar on June 2nd with applications due on July 12th. The DCIP was enacted by Congress to support infrastructure projects to impact both military value of the installation as well as resiliency and family quality of life issues.

Captain Keith Hoskins briefed that Coast Guard Cutter Diligence has just returned home from deployment to NAS Pensacola. NAS Pensacola has increased its Coast Guard footprint and Diligence is one of five (5) Coast Guard Cutters who call NAS Pensacola home.

Captain Marc Ratkus, the Commanding Officer of the Center for Information Warfare Training at Corry Station, is participating on a cyber panel at a DEO sponsored event on May 25th. That command at NAS Pensacola trains over 24,000 military members per year across the range of cyber security, technical skills and certifications. Corry Station annually trains more than 4,000 cyber personnel.

Pensacola State College is launching a new charter school in the Pensacola area. The primary focus of the school is to provide educational opportunities for students who come from military families, as well as those who may be at risk. There's a dual enrollment program which be available for students in 10th 11th and 12th grades. Pensacola State College, under the leadership of Dr. Ed Meadows says, that this school will include a state-of-the-art Technology Center.

He discussed the partnership between Pensacola State College and NAS Pensacola, as Captain Tim Kinsella, the Commanding Officer of NAS Pensacola, has been hyper focused on educational opportunities for military families that relocate into Pensacola and also enhancing those the skills and opportunities given to those military Children, since he took command over two years ago . Captain Tim Kinsella has already stated that creating this charter school not only benefits the military members that relocate to Pensacola but will also enhance Pensacola as a whole, therefore, enhancing the state of Florida as well.

As a final point regarding the new charter school, the project is funded by Gulf Power and NextEra Energy who provided \$100,000 in funding. He appreciates the investment in the Pensacola community ensuring military families, along with others in the Pensacola area have access to education through a school that can fast track them to an associate's degree, while also completing high school education. The school set to open in August of 2022 and will be located on one of Pensacola State College's satellite campuses.

Florida Defense Alliance Update

Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chair, provided an update from the FDA meeting that was held the day prior.

Starting off the day was a family support panel that discussed several issues from military family challenges to spousal employment; CareerSource Gulf Coast presented on their current state programs; and members were updated on the Purple Star School Campus legislation as they are looking forward to having that bill signed by the Governor soon so that the program can be quickly implemented into schools.

An active-duty Colonel discussed his struggles and challenges on obtaining his engineering license in the State of Florida, even though a 2017 House Bill states that military/military families in Florida are able receive occupational licenses. She will be reaching out to **Chairman, Representative Thad Alman** and **Senator Tom Wright** for assistance on this issue as it should be easy to resolve.

Rick Miller from the South Florida Defense Alliance (SFDA) presented on the South Florida Progress Foundation's resiliency grant, funded by the TF. They have been working with the Southeast Regional Planning Council to leverage this grant with federal funds to make a much larger impact regionally.

Space Florida presented on the regional statement of capabilities they are working to pull together all of the linkages in Florida and how they can tell the story of the pairing of Space Force and the military applications in the future along with the commercial space industry.

She discussed the renaming of the Defense Reinvestment Grant during this Legislative Session to the Military Base Protection and Defense Reinvestment which was only funded at \$800,00. Military Base Protection was previously funded at \$150,000 and Defense Reinvestment was previously funded at \$850,000, meaning a loss of \$200,00 for our local communities. As the focus shifts to the next Legislative Session the FDA will be looking at how they tell the story of the value of Florida's military installations and remind Legislators that military and defense is in the top three largest industries in the state and that funding is necessary to retain current and recruit new missions.

The Family Support Working Group looked at the historical perspective of licensing compacts, license portability and spouse employment with some wonderful testimonials, however the FDA will be reaching out to **Chairman, Representative Thad Alman** and **Senator Tom Wright** for assistance on licensure reciprocity and some of the compacts in which Florida does not participate. Florida participates only in the nursing compact. Other compacts in which Florida is not a member:

- Physical Therapy
- Emergency Medical Services
- Psychology
- Speech Language and Hearing
- Occupational Therapists
- Counselors

The Range Task Force within the Mission Sustainment Working Group is working diligently and we'll soon see recommendations from them, as well as the 3D interactive model of Florida's range network. The reminded the TF that the FDA's vision is to provide the most innovative, comprehensive military defense and national security support in the nation. Today, military-friendly means nothing to the Department of Defense. They're interested in speed, innovation and national security relevance. Florida, with twenty (20) installations and three (3) unified commands, needs to be agile and able to move quickly. She recommends the TF start mapping out and establishing connections and communications within DoD and the Pentagon to keep up with issues ongoing and arising out of Washington, DC.

Chairman, Representative Thad Alman asked for clarification on the 2017 House bill and the issue with the engineer's license.

Kellie Jo Kilberg added that the rule changes lie within the associations and agencies who interpret and apply the policies and laws and are not updating their rules to the new legislation. The bill states that this Colonel's engineering license issued in Nebraska should be respected in Florida while serving in the military.

Chairman, Representative Thad Altman stated that this will be his top priority as he and **Senator Tom Wright** will work with the Staff on the occupational reciprocity requirements to determine if the agencies are not acting quickly enough to implement these rules and exactly which rules have been implemented. He asked Staff for a report on Florida's professional licensure reciprocity needs and where they are in the working place at the next TF meeting.

Senator Tom Wright added that he's happy to assist with resolving this issue and feels it can be accomplished very quickly. He thinks it might be the organizations who are unaware of the recently passed bills on license reciprocity to make it easier for the spouses of active-duty personnel might be licensed in another state to easily transfer that license to Florida, and if only needed for a year or two may not even need to get a Florida license, but can work on their own old license for that time period. There are bills which have been passed in both the House and the Senate that should be validated.

Kellie Jo Kilberg replied she believes it may be an interpretation or application issue, hasn't been read correctly or those organizations are simply unaware.

Washington Office Update

Katherine Anne Russo submitted her Washington Office update via email.

- Call with Ray Collins and Florida House Military Legislative Assistants (MLAs) took place on April 19th, to restart communication this Congress and share contact information
 - Delegation voiced preference for one-on-one conversations rather than group call; will adjust as needed
- The President's full fiscal budget is expected to be released next week: May 27 or May 28 -- opportunity to engage with delegation on submitting priorities following release
 - The top-line numbers announced in early April requested \$715 billion for the Defense Department; only a 1.6% increase
 - Republican lawmakers have said the increase does not match a need for annual 3-5% growth in defense spending
- Release of the detailed budget proposal will officially start the budget and appropriations process, creating a tight timeline for Congress to act
- The House Armed Services Committee is expected to delay markup of the National Defense Authorization Act until early September; a markup schedule has not yet been announced
- The Senate Armed Services Committee delayed National Defense Authorization Act markup until July due to the previous uncertainty of the timing of the president's budget submission
- The Senate is currently focused on a bill aimed at combating China's economic influence: The Endless Frontiers Act (S.1260)/"US Innovation and Competition Act (USICA) of 2021"
 - A summary can be found at <https://www.democrats.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/USICA%20Summary%205.17.21.pdf>; language is expected to change due to amendments
 - An open amendment process began on May 19 and is expected to continue into next week
- The House is heading into recess today and won't vote until June 14; Democrats focused on passing a major infrastructure bill then
 - The White House continues to stress bipartisan efforts, while Republicans are concerned that a deal may not be possible; additional GOP and WH proposals expected as bipartisan talks continue

FDSTF FY 2020-2021 Budget Update

Ray Collins presented an updated the TF on the funds available in this year's budget.

\$2,196.73	Remaining from the Military Friendly Guide
\$123,723.00	Remaining from Out-Of-Cycle Activities
\$53,000.00	Remaining from total budget
<u>\$7,406.31</u>	Remaining from Admin/TF Travel
\$186,326.04	

\$34,950.00 Less the funding for the RTF 3D Model
\$151,376.04 Available for today's grant proposals

FY 2020-2021 Grant Presentations

The TF considered two grant presentations:

- University of West Florida; \$60,000
- South Florida Progress Foundation; \$40,000

*A quorum being present, **Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer** asked for a motion to approve Task #1 of the University of West Florida grant proposal, to develop a comprehensive report capturing full range complex, capabilities, and opportunities, \$30,000. **Rear Admiral Stan Bozin** made a motion to approve the funding for Task #1. The motion was seconded by **Brigadier General Chip Diehl**, all are in favor and Task #1 for \$30,000 is funded.*

*A quorum being present, **Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer** asked for a motion to approve Task #2 of the University of West Florida grant proposal, to develop a strategic marketing plan for both near- and long-term range support, \$30,000. **Brigadier General Chip Diehl** made a motion to approve the funding for Task #2. The motion was seconded by **Colonel Jim Heald**, all are in favor and Task #2 for \$30,000 is funded.*

No motion was made for Task #3 of the University of West Florida grant proposal, the execution support for FDA range-focused marketing campaign, \$30,000.

*A quorum being present, **Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer** asked for a motion to combine Task #1 and Task #2 from the University of West Florida's grant proposal into one, single grant. **Brigadier General Chip Diehl** made a motion to combine the Tasks. The motion was seconded by **Rear Admiral Stan Bozin**, all are in favor and the Tasks are combined into one grant.*

Brigadier General Chip Diehl stated that he doesn't want to set a precedent that the TF is the funding source for resiliency studies for the state.

Kellie Jo Kilberg added that the FDA will be meeting soon with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to discuss using other state funds for resiliency studies. She will work with **Chairman, Representative Thad Altman** and **Senator Tom Wright** on the possible use of stimulus funds for these studies.

Rick Miller added that the South Florida Progress Foundation, last year when they were awarded the grant, reached out to Secretary Valenstein and DEP who were supportive and aligned with their efforts. At the same time they were having conversations with DEP, the additional federal opportunity opened and gave them the ability to get the 10-to-1 leverage out of the state money.

Senator Tom Wright added that he and **Chairman, Representative Thad Altman** can meet with the DEP to ensure they're aware of the money that's in the budget in support of the efforts of the TF and FDA.

*A quorum being present, **Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer** asked for a motion to amend South Florida Progress Foundation's Grant #21-104 by awarding an additional \$40,000. **Brigadier General Chip Diehl** made a motion to amend the grant and award the additional funding. The motion was seconded by **Colonel Jim Heald**, all are in favor and the grant is amended.*

Military & Defense Update

Terry McCaffrey updated the TF on the grant application cycle. The application for the FY 2021-2022 grant cycle will be available on the website on June 1, 2021. Grants applications will be presented to the TF for funding this summer, then the application for FY 2022-2023 will be available on the website in early fall, in order to get the cycle back on track. The funding for the FY 2022-2023 grants will be awarded in May 2022.

Florida Defense for Task Force budget was approved by the Legislature for \$2 million. The Military Base Protection and Defense Reinvestment programs were funded collectively for \$800,00. The Defense Infrastructure program was funded as it has been over the several years at \$1.6 million. The budget approved by the Legislature has not yet been signed by the Governor.

Current bills during this Legislative Session:

HB 7045 – School Choice

The bill will provide more education opportunities for children from low-income families and students with unique abilities. The bill expands eligibility for low-income students, and prioritizes military, foster, and adopted students. *The bill empowers military families to maximize their school choice options by exempting the dependents of United States Armed Forces members from any limitations of waitlists or maximum scholarship program enrollment.* Passed by the Legislature and Signed into Law by the Governor. Effective Date: July 1, 2021

SB 366 – Educational Opportunities Leading to Employment

The bill renames the Florida Ready to Work Certification Program as the Florida Ready to Work Credential Program; establishes where the program training is conducted; requires that certain students be covered by the workers' compensation of their employers in a work based learning opportunity; requires admissions counseling to use certain tests for alternative methods to measure achievement of college level communication and computation by students entering college program. A student who entered 9th grade in a Florida public school in the 2003-2004 school year, or any year thereafter, and earned a Florida standard high school diploma *or a student who is serving as an active duty member of any branch of the United States Armed Services is not required to be assessed for readiness for college-level work in communication and computation and is not required to enroll in developmental education instruction in a Florida College System institution.* Passed by the Legislature, but not yet signed into law by the Governor. Effective Date: July 1, 2021

HB 429 and (SB 938) – Purple Star Campuses

The bill requires the DOE to establish a Purple Star Campus Program; specifies program criteria for participating schools; authorizes schools to partner with school districts to meet criteria.

(The Purple Star program's purpose is to help schools respond to the educational and social-emotional challenges military-connected children face during their transition to a new school and keep them on track to be college, workforce, and life-ready.) Passed by the Legislature, but not yet signed into law by the Governor. Effective Date: July 1, 2021

Colonel Jim Heald asked that the Staff keep the TF informed on the implementation of the Purple Star Campuses Program by DOE as to not exclude private and charter schools.

HB 435 and (SB 586) – Veterans Employment and Training

This bill directs Florida Is For Veterans, Inc., to serve as the state's principal assistance organization under United States Department of Defense's SkillBridge program; prescribes duties of corporation to facilitate administration of SkillBridge program.

(The DoD's SkillBridge program is an opportunity for Service members to gain valuable civilian work experience through specific industry training, apprenticeships, or internships during the last 180 days of service. SkillBridge connects Service members with industry partners in real-world job experiences.) Passed by the Legislature, but not yet signed into law by the Governor. Effective Date: July 1, 2021

HB 1069 and (SB 654) – Public Records/Department of Military Affairs

Provides exemption from public records requirements for information held by Department of Military Affairs stored in United States Department of Defense system of records, transmitted using United States Department of Defense network or communications device, or pertaining to United States Department of Defense; provides certain information may be disclosed only in accordance with federal & state laws; provides for retroactive

application; provides for future legislative review & repeal of exemption; provides statement of public necessity. Passed by the Legislature, but not yet signed into law by the Governor. Effective Date: Upon Becoming Law

SB 676 -- Special and Specialty License Plates

This bill prevents the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles from issuing any new specialty license plates until a sufficient number of plates are discontinued; providing an exception to the requirement that specialty license plate annual use fees and interest earned from those fees only be expended in this state; requiring the department to discontinue an independent college or university's existing specialty license plate if the college or university elects to use the standard template specialty license plate; revising distribution of annual use fees from the sale of a total of 14 license plates, including the *Honor flight license plates, and Army of Occupation license plates*. Passed by the Legislature, but not yet signed into law by the Governor. Effective Date: October 1, 2021

HB 873 and (SB 770) – Military Affairs

The bill deletes a provision that requires that certain military personnel have the same salary and benefits as career service employees and modifies the minimum qualifications and duties of the Adjutant General. The bill also specifies that a court martial is an administrative procedure under the executive branch of the State government; and authorizes the AG, the AG's designee, or a military judge to issue and execute search authorizations under certain circumstances. Passed by the Legislature, but not yet signed into law by the Governor. Effective Date: July 1, 2021

SB 1028 – Education

This bill authorizes members of certain committees of a district school board to attend meetings in person or using telecommunication networks; authorizes state universities and colleges to solicit applications and sponsor charter schools; and authorizes charter schools to offer a career and professional academy. The bill also creates the "Fairness in Women's Sports Act" (which would keep transgender athletes from participating in women's and girls' sports.); expands the eligibility to receive funds to schools of hope; and authorizes the principal, teachers, and/or parents to collaborate to develop a customized 1 year education plan for the student in lieu of retaining the student. *Also, each lab school shall provide sequential instruction and shall be affiliated with the college of education within the state university of closest geographic proximity. It is limited to one lab school per university. The limitation of one lab school per university does not apply to a university that establishes a lab school to serve families of a military installations.* Passed by the Legislature, but not yet signed into law by the Governor. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1, 2021

SB 1954 and (HB 7019) – Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience

The bill establishes the Resilient Florida Grants Program within the Department of Environmental Protection. The bill requires the department to do the following:

Complete a comprehensive flood vulnerability and sea level rise data set and assessment, develop an annual Statewide flooding and sea level rise resilience plan and Submit the plan to the governor/legislature, implement a scoring system for assessing projects for inclusion in the plan. A vulnerability assessment conducted pursuant to the bill must encompass the entire county or municipality, and *includes all critical assets, including military installations*, as defined in the bill. Passed by the Legislature, but not yet signed into law by the Governor. Effective Date: Upon becoming law

IV. Agenda Item IV: Public Comment

Kent Wimmer, Defenders of Wildlife, reported that Northwest and Northeast Florida have submitted Sentinel Landscape pre-proposals to the Department of Defense Agriculture and Interior. He's hoping to hear back by the end of May with an invitation to present full proposals, which would be submitted by August. He anticipates three (3) to five (5) Sentinel Landscapes will be designated. **Ray Collins** has developed a background paper which will be used to brief agency heads, partners, state legislators and Florida's CODEL to brief them on the Sentinel landscape proposals. As a part of the Sentinel Landscape background paper, he's asking agency and private partners to consider signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which will help set the ground rules for how Florida's Sentinel Landscapes and their partners work together, describing how they're going to coordinate multiple designations within one state. Through this pre-proposal they're working to develop the

MOU to submit with the full proposal and requests the TF's Legislative Members to support legislation next year that would recognize Sentinel Landscapes and put the MOU into law.

The meeting adjourned at 12:39 PM EDT

All presentations for this meeting can be found here: <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/FDSTF-Presentations-2021.pdf>

The recorded meeting from The Florida Channel can be found here: <https://thefloridachannel.org/videos/5-20-21-florida-defense-support-task-force/>

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #95 on Thursday, July 15, 2021

The Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) held a publicly noticed meeting at the Hampton Inn & Suites Jacksonville – Orange Park, at 8:30 AM EDT – 10:36 AM EDT. For Agenda: See Page 3

Task Force Members Present:

Senator Tom Wright, Chairman
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman
Rear Admiral Stan Bozin, USN, (Ret)
Representative Wyman Duggan
Major General James Eifert, USAF, The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida
Major General Richard Haddad, USAF, (Ret)

Task Force Members Present via ZOOM:

The Honorable Thomas Bowman
Colonel Jim Heald, USAF, (Ret)
Captain Keith Hoskins, USN, (Ret)

Task Force Members Absent:

Representative Thad Altman
Brigadier General Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret)

Speakers Present:

Rear Admiral Wesley McCall, Navy Region Southeast
Harrison Conyers, City of Jacksonville
Captain Howard Wanamaker, USN, (Ret)
Kellie Jo Kilberg, Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Chair (Zoom)
Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Humphrey, FL ARNG

Others Present in Person:

Ashley Cook, Office of Senator Marco Rubio
Dave Dahl, Navy Region Southeast
Dave Hill, Office of Congresswoman Kat Cammack
Captain Jeff Hill, NAS Jacksonville
Lieutenant Colonel Jason Hunt, FL ARNG
John Loeffeholte, Carlisle
Captain Chris Middleton, Aide-de-Camp to Major General James Eifert, FL ARNG
Chris Miller, Office of Congressman John Rutherford
Allison Reinwald, Office of the Adjutant General, FL NG
Teri Wanamaker, NAS Jacksonville

Others Present via ZOOM:

Katie Allen, Bay Defense Alliance
Mark Bontrager, Space Florida
Adam Callaway, Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
Ryan Fierst, Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
Josh Gabel, Office of Senator Marco Rubio
Brooke Gilbert, Bay Defense Alliance

Sarah Hayenga, Homestead Air Reserve Base
Paul Hirsch, EDC of Florida's Space Coast
Scott Luth, Pensacola, Florida
Tyrone Martin, Florida Attorney General's Office
Chris Middleton, West Florida Defense Alliance
Rick Miller, South Florida Defense Alliance
Dave Murzin, Escambia County, Florida
Roger Williams, FL NG
Kent Wimmer, Defenders of Wildlife
The Florida Channel

Staff Present:

Terry McCaffrey, Vice President, Military & Defense, Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI)
Ray Collins, Executive Director, FDSTF
Chad Corriveau, Communications and Research Assistant, EFI
Michelle Griggs, Executive Assistant/Grants & Contracts Manager, EFI



Florida Defense Support Task Force – Meeting #95
Hampton Inn & Suites Jacksonville – Orange Park, 141 Park Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32207
AGENDA for July 15, 2021

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

All Times are listed in Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

- 8:30 – 8:50 Welcome, Roll Call, Introductions..... Chairman **(I)**
 - Naval Region Southeast Overview RDML Wesley McCall **(I)**
 - Local Community Welcome Mayor Lenny Curry **(I)**
- 8:50 – 8:55 Old Business..... Chairman **(A) / (I)**
 - Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
 - TF Grants and Contracts Status Michelle Griggs **(I)**
- 8:55 – 10:20 New Business..... Chairman **(I)**
 - 8:55 – 9:40 TF Member Reports
 - 9:40 – 9:50 Florida Defense Alliance Update Kellie Jo Kilberg **(I)**
 - 9:50 – 10:00 Washington Office Update Katherine Anne Russo **(I)**
 - 10:00 – 10:20 Space National Guard Lt. Col. Kevin Humphrey **(I)**
 - 10:20 – 10:30 FDSTF FY 2021-2022 Budget Ray Collins **(D) / (A)**
 - 10:30 – 10:40 Military & Defense Update Terry McCaffrey **(I)**
- 10:40 – 10:45 Public Comment..... Chairman
- 11:00 – 12:30 CLOSED SESSION

Reminder – Upcoming Meeting Dates:

September 16, 2021	Ft. Walton Beach Eglin AFB	August 19, 2021 (21-22 Grants) Zoom	
November 18, 2021	Orlando PEO STRI / FDA	October 21, 2021	Zoom
		December 2021	NO MEETING
January 20, 2022	Tallahassee (<i>Session</i>)	February 17, 2022	Zoom
March 17, 2022	St. Augustine St. Francis Barracks	April 21, 2022	Zoom
May 19, 2022	Tallahassee (22-23 Grants) / FDA	June 2022	NO MEETING

Chairman, Senator Tom Wright began the meeting at 8:30 AM EDT.

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

Chairman, Senator Tom Wright welcomed attendees and guests, welcomed the **Honorable Thomas Bowman** as the newest member of the TF and he recognized past Chairman, **Representative Thad Altman** and thanked him for his outstanding leadership and dedication with the TF during the last year.

He asked the in-person guests to introduce themselves, then led the TF and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. He reminded the TF that the meeting is governed by the Sunshine Law.

Rear Admiral Wesley McCall briefed the TF on the Navy Region Southeast. He provided an overview of his day-to-day dealings with installation issues, hurricane/storm issues and funding difficulties due to hurricanes. He is looking forward to working with the TF to continue making Florida the most military-friendly state in the nation, protecting Florida's installations from BRAC and increasing Florida's military value.

Harrison Conyers read a letter of welcome from **Mayor of Jacksonville, Lenny Curry**, who was unable to attend in person.

Captain Howard Wanamaker welcome the TF and guests to Clay County. He briefed the TF on growth of Clay County, focusing on their support of the military at Camp Blanding Joint Training Center training soldiers and law enforcement officers, support of retired and active-duty military (30% of their population), many parks, athletic associations and community events, achievements in water management, new construction of highways and infrastructure and new industry (Niagara Bottling) bringing in 50-100 new jobs.

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of Minutes

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Senator Tom Wright** asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 20, 2021 TF meeting, to include minor corrections provided by **Colonel Jim Heald**. **Rear Admiral Stan Bozin** made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by **Representative Wyman Duggan**, all are in favor and the minutes were approved.*

Task Force Grants and Contracts Status

Michelle Griggs reported on several current TF grants.

The fiscal year ended on June 30th, 2021 and 4th quarter grants report were due on July 12, 2021. Those will be included in the report at next month's Task Force Meeting.

DTF grant #21-107 – The University of West Florida contract was executed on June 30, 2021.

The Geollect contract for the 3D Interactive Range model was executed on June 18, 2021.

Grant #20-103 – City of Jacksonville and #20-104 – The Bay County Board of County Commissioners both completed their projects and submitted their final reports. These grants will be closed once the final payments have been received.

Kennetic Productions has completed eight (8) additional videos which are with EFI COMMS for final approval. These videos are for Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, the Space Coast, Corry Station, NAS Pensacola, NAS Whiting Field, Avon Park Air Force Range, Conservation and Military future. The Education and Encroachment videos have been completed and currently in the approval process. The team has nine (9) videos left to complete with NAS Key West and NS Mayport scheduled to be filmed in late July/early August. They are also planning on scripting the videos for MacDill AFB and Blount Island Command.

DTF grant #20-100, Military Child Education Coalition's grant expires on 7/31/2021 and due to COVID and other factors they don't anticipate execution on the remainder of the project until later in 2021. They are asking the TF for a one-year extension on their contract, however they will very likely complete their projects and close the contract prior to the end of the extension.

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Senator Tom Wright** asked for a motion to extend the contract for DTF grant #20-100 for one year (7/31/2022). **Mr. Tom Neubauer** made a motion to approve the contract extension. The motion was seconded by **Rear Admiral Stan Bozin**, all are in favor and the contract was extended.*

III. Agenda Item III: New Business

Task Force Member Reports

Honorable Thomas Bowman discussed that he is honored to be serving on the TF and is looking forward to contributing both at meetings and in Washington, DC.

Captain Keith Hoskins briefed that Pensacola community and NAS Pensacola continue to support the growth of the U.S. Coast Guard presence in their area as the Coast Guard Cutter Diligence has an upcoming change of command at NAS Pensacola and following that change of command, the Pensacola Navy League will hold an adoption ceremony for the Diligence and its crew.

The Navy League will hold their National Navy League Awards Ceremony at the Pensacola Country Club and will be presenting a leadership award to NAS Pensacola Commanding Officer Tim Kinsella

The Greater Pensacola Chamber is hosting their inaugural Military Family Expo next week, which will offer information to families relocating to the areas around NAS Pensacola and NAS Whiting Field information on the community, finance, healthcare, education, real estate and much more.

On August 5th, Training Wing 6 at NAS Pensacola will have a change of command as Captain Scott Janik will be relieved by Captain Ken Russell. Captain Janik will take over the duties as the Commanding Officer of the Naval Aviation Safety School at NAS Pensacola.

Recently Florida **Secretary of Commerce Jamal Sowell** visited Pensacola with **Terry McCaffrey** to engage with community stakeholders and elected officials as well as visit the naval installations in the Pensacola area. He thanked Secretary Sowell for his leadership and his presence and interest in Northwest Florida.

Colonel Jim Heald reported from Eglin AFB:

May 21, 2021 – A contract was awarded for design/construction of the NAS Whiting Field, North Control Tower. The current ATC tower is too small to support the mission. Air traffic controllers work within a tight space that should be twice the size given the amount of staffing required. The new, state-of-the-art North Tower should be complete in May 2024.

June 10, 2021 – The first TH-73A helicopter was delivered to the Navy by Leonardo. The TH-73A is the aircraft portion of the Advanced Helicopter Training System (AHTS). The AHTS will replace the 35-year-old TH-57 training system to meet advanced rotary wing and intermediate tilt-rotor training requirements for the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard through 2050. The current contract is for 32 aircraft in 2021 and 130 total by 2024. Leonardo has committed to building a Helicopter Support Center at the Whiting Air Park and is anticipating a December 2021 groundbreaking.

June 23, 2021 – The Northwest Florida State College (NWFSC) held an opening ceremony at their new 27,000 square foot Aviation Center of Excellence located at the Hsu Innovation Institute North at the Crestview Air Park. Designed to produce certified aviation workers such as Airframe and Powerplant mechanics and Unmanned Aerial Systems operators and maintainers. Collaborators included Triumph Gulf Coast, Florida Department of Transportation, Okaloosa County as well as NWFSC and Hsu Foundation.

June 24, 2021 – Orange Flag at Edwards and Emerald Flag at Eglin collaborated to highlight new technologies and capabilities. The combination was designed to prove long-range data linking and targeting capabilities. In addition, the Air Force Vanguard program Skyborg unmanned aerial vehicle was included in the action. Although long-range Link-16 has been around for a while, working across the Army network is new. These were Army tracks that were converted to Link 16, so the highlight here is the Integrated Fire Control Network.

June 25, 2021 – The 33rd Fighter Wing held a moving Memorial Ceremony to remember those fallen during the Khobar Towers terrorist attack 25 years ago.

June 25, 2021 – The first of its kind 350th Spectrum Warfare Wing, commanded by Colonel William Young, Jr., was activated provisionally at Eglin AFB. Colonel Young is a 1991 USAFA graduate with a PhD and four Master's degrees. He is an Instructor Electronic Warfare Operator in the EA-6B and B-52 with 240 combat hours. The 350th Spectrum Warfare Wing is comprised of over 1,200 current and 2,131 planned military and civilian personnel across eight units at three locations throughout the United States. The Air Force will conduct further environmental analysis before making a final basing decision for the wing's permanent location, expected in spring 2022.

June 29, 2021 – Aircraft movement update: The F-22 training aircraft (and support) have been delayed moving to Langley until FY 2023. The second squadron of F-35s for the 33rd Fighter Wing begin arriving at Eglin in October 21.

June 30, 2021 – A ribbon cutting ceremony was done on the underground fuel pipeline connecting the bulk fuel storage tanks on main base Eglin with the 33rd Fighter Wing storage improving capability (600 gallons per minute) and resiliency. Project completed during the COVID-19 restrictions, four months ahead of schedule and has been in use since May.

July 7, 2021 – The 780th Test Squadron at Eglin Air Force Base has successfully detonated a hypersonic weapon warhead for weapons like the AGM-183A Air-Launched Rapid Response Weapon (ARRW).

July 9, 2021 – Recently, OCEANA approached the Defense Support Initiatives (DSI) with a partnering proposal concerning the new threat of marine wind turbines. Currently the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has announced planning for marine wind turbines in the Western and Central Gulf Planning Areas. OCEANA is having a strategy planning meeting near Milton on August 11th and DSI hopes to meet on August 13th to discuss collaboration on range encroachment prevention.

July 12, 2021 – The Tri-County Partnership Initiative's Defense Community Investment Program (DCIP) Task Force identified an Okaloosa County DCIP need for an Okaloosa Traffic Management Center and submitted the proposal.

July 13, 2021 – The Air Force Research Lab Munitions Directorate held a change of command ceremony saying goodbye to Colonel Garry Haase and welcoming Colonel Woodrow "Tony" Meeks. Colonel Meeks has a tremendous biography which includes special operations, space, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, National Reconnaissance Office, and Missile Defense Agency.

Major General James Eifert provided the following as a Florida National Guard (FLNG) Update.

COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE: The Florida National Guard currently has approximately 514 Soldiers and Airmen mobilized, supporting 5 Active Missions coordinating close-out activities for COVID-19 operations. Our final COVID-19 mission totals include:

- Activated 2,906 Servicemembers for a total of 652,573 man days
- Completed 1,111 Missions over a period of 489 Days on Mission
- Administered 5,668,553 Tests and 1,534,044 Vaccines
- Compounding an estimated Cost of \$161,900,733

MOBILIZATION/DEPLOYMENT UPDATE: The Florida National Guard currently has 793 (782 Army & 11 Air) Servicemembers representing 13 Organizations deployed globally, supporting our National Defense Strategy. Our mobilization pipeline identifies 16 Organizations consisting of approximately 1,728 Servicemembers scheduled for deployment throughout the remainder of this calendar year.

LEADERSHIP VISIT TO AFRICA: Major General Eifert and other senior Florida Army National Guard leaders recently traveled to Africa (Djibouti & Kenya) visiting deployed Florida Army National Guard Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 111th Aviation Regiment (Air Operations Battalion[AOB]) and Detachment 1, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 245th Aviation Regiment (C-12).

Mr. Tom Neubauer reported that the communities of Pensacola and NAS Whiting Field will be awarded as Great American Defense Communities at the Association of Defense Communities' (ADC) Conference in Washington, DC next week. Congratulations to both of those great communities on being a part of the 2021 class.

The ADC Conference is a great place to meet with senior military leaders as they are away from the Pentagon and can spend some time with the folks attending the conference.

The F-22 Formal Training Unit (FTU) jets have been at Eglin AFB since Hurricane Michael as the pilots train via simulator and in the classroom at Tyndall AFB, then travel to Eglin AFB to train on the jets. Last week the Air Force made the final decision that those jets will go to Langley-Eustis AFB in Virginia.

He thanked Senator Wright and the Legislature for passing legislation that will allow Florida State University (FSU) to build a third laboratory school at Tyndall AFB to support the children of military families.

Since Hurricane Michael, each quarter Bay County provides a brief to the Air Force updating them on the post-hurricane situation in the community and they've recently started providing an update to the Navy, as the Coast Guard has a \$10 billion contract for recapitalization of the offshore patrol cutters, so they have an interest in the workforce, as well.

Last week the PMO at Tyndall's 325th Fighter Wing briefed the community on the rebuild, discussing the 5–7-year timeline and how the \$5 billion has and will be spent. At peak, they will have from 3,000 to 3,500 workers on the base and will start to decline in 2023 as those squadrons bed down and the military members and their families return.

Last week the F-22 FTU had aircraft down at NAS Key West joining the F/A-18s giving the Raptor pilots and ground crews the ability to work the 4th generation aircraft.

Major General Richard Haddad briefed on SOCOM, AFSOC and Avon Park Air Force Range.

Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC)

Eight Air Commandos received the Distinguished Flying Cross or Air Medal during a ceremony at Hurlburt Field, Florida, June 22, 2021. The Airmen formed the crew of Shadow 71, an AC-130J Ghost Rider flight that directly supported American and Afghan forces during an ambush and subsequent firefight, repeatedly engaging multiple enemy positions while simultaneously coordinating a multitude of other support functions in the air.

U.S. Air Force Lieutenant General Jim Slife, commander of Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC), addressed the Global SOF Foundation's 2021 virtual SOF Imperatives Forum to discuss the critical mission areas AFSOC will need to focus on to remain competitive in the future operating environment on June 6, 2021.

U.S. Air Force Colonel Jason Daniels accepted command of the 24th Special Operations Wing from Lieutenant General Slife during a change of command ceremony at Hurlburt Field, Florida on June 4, 2021. Colonel Daniels commands the only Special Tactics wing in the Air Force, supporting the mission of providing Special Tactics forces for rapid global employment to enable airpower success.

For the first time, an AC-130J Ghost rider, assigned to the 1st Special Operations Wing trained alongside Romanian special operations forces and assets from the 352nd Special Operations Wing to conduct joint training in Romania and North Macedonia on May 11, 2021, as part of Trojan Footprint 21. This was the first time an AC-130J Ghost rider and crew were involved in training in Romania and with NATO allies in the region.

U.S. Special Operations Command (SOCOM)

David Lee Northern Jr. retired after 63 years of service on May 14, 2021 at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. He served 26 years in the Air Force, 37 years as a civil servant and is an original member of USSOCOM.

U.S. Special Operations Command hosted Special Operations Forces Week from May 17th to the 21st at the SOFWERX facility in Ybor City. This year SOF Week consisted of two virtual conferences, Special Operations Forces Industry Conference and International Special Operations Forces Conference.

The week began with the Special Operations Forces Industry Conference which took place May 17th through the 21st, and was virtual for the second year in a row. The conference, co-sponsored by the National Defense Industrial Association and U.S. Special Operations Command, brought together senior U.S. SOF leaders, industry and academia to discuss USSOCOM acquisition program priorities. This year's theme was "Expanding the Competitive Space" and focused on emerging requirements, trends and technology USSOCOM needs industry's assistance to compete and win in the future.

Avon Park Air Force Range

The Avon Park AFR continues to have a full schedule. The 23rd Wing Flying Tigers welcomed Colonel Russell P. Cook and said farewell to Colonel Dan Walls.

Rear Admiral Stan Bozin thanked VP-8 Commander Thomas Doran for the tour given to the TF yesterday at NAS Jacksonville. Looking north of NAS Jacksonville, all the trees and that land will remain undeveloped thanks to the efforts of Harrison Conyers and Dave Dahl leveraging DoD and State of Florida funds to purchase those parcels of lands warding off any encroachment toward the base.

They continue to watch the Northeast Florida Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Resiliency Study, focusing on A1A, Wonderwood and Mayport Road. This study identified the vulnerability of roadway segments connecting NS Mayport and Mayport Village, including: FL-A1A from Wonderwood Drive (FL-116) to the Ft. George Ferry Terminal ("Segment A") FL-116 from FL-A1A to Mayport Road (FL-101) ("Segment B"). The purpose of this scope of work is to: Summarize the vulnerability of Segments A and B to flood hazards, as well as the following associated segments: FL-101 / Maine Avenue from FL-116 to the NS Mayport Main Gate ("Segment C"); and Wonderwood Drive from FL-101 through Katherine Abbey Hanna Park ("Hanna Park") to the NS Mayport Gate on Seminole Road.

A virtual meeting of the Regional Carolina Long Bay Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force (CLBTF) is scheduled for July 21, 2021. This meeting will contain an overview of the wind energy planning process to date, and focus on draft Sale Notice, Task Force members' positions, questions, and concerns related to the proposed lease area. There will also be an opportunity for the public to comment and ask questions. BOEM Renewable Energy Task Forces are intergovernmental groups; members include Federal officials and elected state, local, and tribal officials.

Representative Wyman Duggan recognized Colonel Chris Miller, USA, retired, representing the office of Congressman John Rutherford, who was in attendance.

He represents House District 15 and is privileged and honored to have NAS Jacksonville in his district. He asked Rear Admiral McCall and Captain Hill to please contact him whenever he can assist

He thanked Commander Doran for the tour and brief at NAS Jacksonville provided to the TF yesterday afternoon.

Senator Tom Wright briefed on accomplishments by the Florida Senate during the first half of this year. They passed two bills which brought the Governor to Ponte Vedra for signing: the SkillBridge Program and the Purple Star School Program.

He was recently made a lifetime member of American Legion Post 380 in his district.

He recently led a presentation which honored five military veterans, including a husband and wife from WWII, Vietnam Veterans, and a Korean War Veteran. The event organizer was also honored for his service to our country as well as a flyover by WWII Airbirds.

He agreed with **Representative Wyman Duggan** that they are here to help and support all of our military men and women as well as military families.

Florida Defense Alliance Update

Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chair, provided an update from the FDA.

Regarding the Purple Star Schools, they are hoping that the application is released either this week or early next week and they will be tracking to ensure consistency in communications and making sure those schools who apply are submitting the correct documentation.

At next month's TF meeting, they will be presenting opportunities for legislation on spousal employment, focusing on the eight (8) compacts on which Florida is not currently involved and a long-term solution to provide portability to licensures.

There are several communities who have submitted DCIP grant applications this year and they will be tracking those to see which communities receive funding.

We've been participating with Space Florida on their data collection calls that they have been having.

She will be in Washington, DC next week attending the ADC Reconnect Summit.

Later this year they hope to begin coordinating visits from state legislators to Florida's installations to help them get a better understanding of how important the military is to the state as well as gain an understanding of the diversity and the complexity of our military in Florida.

Space National Guard

Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Humphrey provided a briefing on the Florida Air National Guard Space Initiatives. The Florida Air National Guard has two objectives: (1) Establish the Space National Guard and (2) Grow Space National Guard capability in Florida.

Update on Space National Guard (SNG)

- Department of the Air Force (USAF/USSF) and CJCS decision is to support Establishment of the SNG
- FY21 NDAA Report - provide recommendations on the preferred organizational structure & integration of the Space Force reserve components - awaiting the SecDef signature
- House Armed Services Committee NDAA has language establishing a SNG
- Senate Armed Services Committee is awaiting the SecDef Report
- Deadline for inclusion into FY22 NDAA is September 2021

Current Mission

- 114th Offensive Space Control Squadron at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida with 87 members
 - Deployable within 72 hours
- Engages in combat operations to negate adversary satellite communications

- Monitors and surveys the operational environment to detect changes and confirm key target information
- Mission Growth Opportunities
- US Southern Command, Counter-drug, multi-national partners
- Recently completed two highly successfully deployments
- The 114th brings an economic impact of \$2.9M annually to the Cape area.

Defensive Space Control Squadron (DSCS)

- Force Multiplier for Global Satellite Communication link protection and Geolocation
- Requires an additional 62 members (19 Full-time & 43 Part-time)
- Requires \$6M MILCON - Operational Facility (SCIF)
- Requires (2) Bounty Hunter Systems – approx. \$5M per system
- Generates economic impact of approx. \$2.1M annually

WHY FLORIDA?

- Adds geographically separated range emitter to fleet
- Complements current Electronic Warfare Mission
- Bolsters local Advanced Training initiatives
- Ideally located 50-100 miles from an offensive unit

Space Test and Training Range (STTR)

- STTR provides safe and secure environment to support Space Control system testing, training & exercise activities
- Requires 35 additional personnel (15 Full-time & 20 Part-time)
- Require \$7M+ MILCON - Training Facility with SCIF
- Supports 35 units, joint and multi-national
- Generates economic impact of approx. \$1.2M annually

WHY FLORIDA?

- Low-cost equipment and minimal manpower
- Built in house or purchased through L3 Harris
- Cross flow of experience from the 114th SCS

Combat Training Squadron (CTS)

- Provides combat mission ready personnel to the Combatant Commands
- Requires 25 Full Time personnel
- Requires \$4-6M MILCON - Training Facility with SCIF
- Generates economic impact of approx. \$850K annually

WHY FLORIDA?

- All Mission Qualified Training material fully developed by the 114 SPCS
- Top-Tier talent located in Florida Air National Guard
- Lauded “Best in Space Electronic Warfare Enterprise” from USSF
- 114 SPCS has the Air National Guard first accredited Electronic Warfare SCIF with 2 Operations floors
- Minimal stand-up: CTS can be functional from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station today

What You Can Do to Help

- Engage with OSD, Air Force leadership and federal legislators to:
 - Establish the Space National Guard, and ensure inclusion in the 2022 NDAA
 - Advocate for Space growth in Florida

- o Engage with Active Component installations in Florida to partner for stationing the Defensive Space Control Squadron

FDSTF FY 2021-2022 Budget

Ray Collins briefed on the proposed FY 2021-2022 TF Budget.

	<u>Encumbered</u>	<u>Actual/Expended</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Revenues			
Program Revenues			
Program Appropriation	1,750,000.00		
Total Program Revenues	<u>1,750,000.00</u>		
Administrative Revenues			
Administrative Appropriation	250,000.00		
Total Administrative Revenues	<u>250,000.00</u>		
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Expenses			
Program Expenses			
Economic Impact Study	155,000.00	0.00	
Military Friendly Guide	5,000.00	0.00	
Continuing Services Contract	250,000.00	0.00	
Contingency Reserve	100,000.00		
Local Grant Program	1,240,000.00	0.00	
Total Program Expenses	<u>1,750,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
Administrative Expenses			
¹ Staff Salaries & Benefits	193,000.00	0.00	
² Task Force Travel and Per Diem	45,000.00	0.00	
Total Administrative Expenses	<u>238,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
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Total Expenses	1,988,000.00	0.00	12,000.00

Footnotes:

1 Line for two salaried staff. (Executive Director and Grants Manager)

2 Line includes venue expenses, A/V contractor, travel, per diem and other meeting costs for approximately six (6) board meetings.

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Senator Tom Wright** asked for a motion to approve the proposed FY 2021-2022 TF Budget. **Mr. Tom Neubauer** made a motion to approve the Budget. The motion was seconded by **Rear Admiral Stan Bozin**, all are in favor and the FY 2021-2022 TF Budget was approved.*

Military & Defense Update

Terry McCaffrey updated the TF items on which the Staff is currently working.

He thanked Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Humphrey for his brief on the Space Initiatives ongoing by the Florida National Guard, noting that Space is an important aspect of Florida's military future.

Michelle Griggs has just been certified as a Florida Certified Contract Manager.

Staff, along with Kellie Jo Kilberg, has been working with Space Florida as they look across the state for future capabilities.

He provided an update on the KC-46 to MacDill AFB.

Staff will be travelling to Washington, DC next week for the ADC Reconnect Conference. They have several meetings set up with MLAs and will be attending several meetings in support of Space Florida, as well.

He discussed the removal of \$150,000 Military Base Protection (MBP) funding from this year's budget. Last year's MBP funding was drawn down via contract with Matrix Design Group to expand on their Florida Defense Contractor's database for the DEO Aerospace and Defense Portal.

Staff continues to work with the Business Development side of EFI to bring more defense industry to Florida. He and EFI's Secretary of Commerce, Jamal Sowell, recently travelled to Orlando and Pensacola to establish contacts in those areas.

Staff will be working with the FDA to ensure that Florida's legislators are knowledgeable about our military installations and realize how important they are to Florida's economy.

Chad Corriveau is working on the website to make it more interactive using the videos, showing the economic impact and creating a dashboard to show the return on investment in each area of Florida.

Ray Collins continues to work on the Governor's Challenge Initiative alongside the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs.

Both the Northeast and Northwest areas of Florida were chosen to submit a full proposal to be designated as a Sentinel Landscape and Ray Collins has been working with the Defenders of Wildlife in order to get those submitted by the August deadline.

IV. Agenda Item IV: Public Comment

Kent Wimmer, Defenders of Wildlife, reported that Northwest and Northeast Florida have been invited to submit full Sentinel Landscape proposals to the Department of Defense Agriculture and Interior by August 31, 2021. Between three (3) and five (5) Sentinel Landscapes will be designated before the end of this year.

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Senator Tom Wright** asked for a motion to adjourn FDSTF Meeting #95. **Rear Admiral Stan Bozin** made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by **Mr. Tom Neubauer**, all are in favor and FDSTF Meeting #95 is adjourned.*

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 AM EDT

All presentations for this meeting can be found here: <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/FDSTF-Presentations-2021.pdf>

The recorded meeting from The Florida Channel can be found here: <https://thefloridachannel.org/videos/7-15-21-florida-defense-support-task-force/>

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #96 on Thursday, August 19, 2021

The Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) held a publicly noticed meeting via Zoom at 9:00 AM EDT – 10:24 AM EDT. They reconvened at 11:30 AM for a vote, then adjourned at 11:32 AM EDT. For Agenda: See Page 3

Task Force Members Present:

Senator Tom Wright, Chairman
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman
Representative Thad Altman
The Honorable Thomas Bowman
Rear Admiral Stan Bozin, USN, (Ret.)
Brigadier General Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret.)
Major General James Eifert, USAF, The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida
Major General Richard Haddad, USAF (Ret.)
Colonel Jim Heald, USAF, (Ret.)

Task Force Members Absent:

Representative Wyman Duggan
Captain Keith Hoskins, USN, (Ret.)

Speakers Present:

Josh Cockrell, Clay County Development Authority
Harrison Conyers, City of Jacksonville
Kellie Jo Kilberg, Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Chairwoman
Matt Schellhorn, NS Mayport

Others Present:

Katie Allan, Bay Defense Alliance
Nic Ancheta, Office of Senator Tom Wright
Lee Cardice, Cardice A/V
Dave Dahl, Navy Region Southeast
Matt Dews, Office of Senator Marco Rubio
Ryan Fierst, Department of Economic Opportunity
Josh Gabel, Office of Senator Marco Rubio
Debi Graham, Greater Pensacola Chamber/West Florida Defense Alliance
Steven Gustafson, Department of Economic Opportunity
Sarah Hayenga, Homestead Air Reserve Base (HARB)
Paul Hirsch, FDA Board/Economic Development Commission of the Space Coast
Tim Jones, FDA Vice Chairman/Tampa Bay Defense Alliance
Chris Middleton, FDA Board
Rick Miller, FDA Board/South Florida Defense Alliance
Dave Murzin, Okaloosa County
Exit Smith, Department of Economic Opportunity
Brooke Trawick-Gilbert, Bay Defense Alliance
Roger Williams, Florida National Guard (FLNG)
Kent Wimmer, Defenders of Wildlife
The Florida Channel

Staff Present:

Terry McCaffrey, Vice President of Military & Defense Programs, Executive Director, FDSTF

Ray Collins, Special Advisor to the Vice President of Military & Defense Programs

Chad Corriveau, Communications & Research Specialist, EFI

Michelle Griggs, Manager, Contracts & Grants, EFI



Florida Defense Support Task Force – Meeting #96
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AGENDA for August 19, 2021

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 - Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
 - TF Grants and Contracts Status Michelle Griggs **(I)**
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 - 9:10 – 9:20 TF Member Reports (by exception)
 - 9:20 – 9:25 Florida Defense Alliance Update Kellie Jo Kilberg **(I)**
 - 9:25 – 9:30 Washington Office Update Katherine Anne Russo **(I)**
 - 9:30 – 9:50 Spousal Licensing Compacts Kelli Jo Kilberg **(I) / (D)**
 - FY 2021 - 2022 Grant Application Presentations
 - 9:50 – 10:05 City of Jacksonville H. Conyers & M. Schellhorn
 - (I)**
 - 10:10 – 10:25 Clay County Development Authority Josh Cockrell **(I)**
 - 10:30 – 10:35 Military & Defense Update Terry McCaffrey **(I)**
- 10:35 – 10:40 Public Comment..... Chairman
- 11:00 – 11:15 CLOSED SESSION
- 11:30 – 11:40 PUBLIC MEETING (Part 2) – Voting on grant proposals..... Chairman **(A)**

Reminder – Upcoming Meeting Dates:

September 16, 2021	Ft. Walton Beach Eglin AFB	October 21, 2021	Zoom
November 18, 2021	Orlando PEO STRI / FDA	December 2021	NO MEETING
January 20, 2022	Tallahassee (<i>Session</i>)	February 17, 2022	Zoom
March 17, 2022	St. Augustine St. Francis Barracks	April 21, 2022	Zoom
May 19, 2022	Tallahassee (<i>22-23 Grants</i>) / FDA	June 2022	NO MEETING

Terry McCaffrey, Vice President of Military & Defense Programs, Executive Director of the Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF), *began the meeting at 9:00 AM EDT.*

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

Chairman, Senator Tom Wright welcomed attendees and guests, instructed **Terry McCaffrey** to lead The Pledge of Allegiance, noted that the meeting is being televised by The Florida Channel and reminded attendees that the meeting is governed by the Sunshine Law. He also thanked **Representative Thad Altman** for his efforts and leadership as previous Chairman of the TF.

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of the Minutes

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Senator Tom Wright** asked for any corrections to the July 15, 2021 minutes. **Major General Richard Haddad** directed a change to his Member Report. A motion was made by **Major General Richard Haddad** to approve the minutes with the directed change, seconded by **Rear Admiral Stan Bozin**. All were in favor and the July 15, 2021 meeting minutes were approved, with the directed change.*

Task Force Grants & Contracts Status

Michelle Griggs provided a brief update on some current TF grants.

Kennetic Video Project: There are a total of 22 videos in the showcase. 10 are completely finished, 8 are approved and are receiving finishing touches and 4 are waiting to be approved. What remains is to complete the videos for Mayport, Key West, the combatant commands, Florida as a destination for post-career and an overall video about what makes Florida the best state in the country for Florida's military.

All 4th quarter reports have been received at this time. DTF grant #20-100, Military Child Education Coalition submitted their report after the printing of this grants' update, so it will be included in the September report.

#21-102 – the Orlando Economic Partnership has requested a contract extension due to last year's late grant awards and issues with their project due to COVID-19. They are asking the TF for a two-month extension on their contract to December 31, 2021.

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Senator Tom Wright** asked for a motion to extend the contract of DTF grant #21-102 to December 31, 2021. The motion was made by **The Honorable Thomas Bowman**, seconded by **Mr. Tom Neubauer**. All were in favor and the contract was extended.*

III. Agenda Item III: New Business

Task Force Member Reports

Representative Thad Altman reported that recently new NASA Director Bill Nelson visited the Space Coast to tour Kennedy Space Center. At that same time the launch for the Boeing Starliner was aborted as they are having issues with valves on the vehicle and as repairs are made the launch may be delayed until sometime next year.

Rear Admiral Stan Bozin reported that Navy bases have reverted to Health Protection Condition (HPCON) Level Charlie meaning masks must be worn inside all buildings. He briefly discussed a few military focused bills which were recently passed in Texas which might be helpful in Florida regarding infrastructure enlisting the Department of Transportation (DOT) to help with certain projects to stretch DoD funding.

The Honorable Thomas Bowman discussed that he will be travelling to Washington, DC next week to meet with members of the Senate and House Armed Services Committees to reestablish past relationships in the interest of the TF.

Major General James Eifert reported that the Florida National Guard (FLNG) is preparing to deploy over 1,700 soldiers over the next two-to-three months. They are grateful that Tropical Storm Fred did not have a major impact on Florida and are hoping that pattern continues for the rest of this year's hurricane season.

Major General Richard Haddad provided comments from AFSOC Commander Lieutenant General James Slife on the current situation in Afghanistan:

"If, like me, you find yourself trying to put your own experiences into some context which will allow you to move forward positively and productively, I urge you to talk about it. For our still-serving Airmen and families, you can start with chaplains, psychologists and physicians. For our teammates who have separated or retired since 9/11, there are resources available for you as well. While there is no "one size fits all" answer, there is a size which fits. If you can't find resources through the Preservation of the Force and Families program, the Veteran Affairs Administration, the local Chapel, the Mental Health clinic at your servicing Medical Group, the Airman and Family Readiness Center or Military OneSource, ask your chain of command or message me directly and let us help you find the right avenue. We've been through too much together as an AFSOC team to try to process these very complex things on our own."

Colonel Jim Heald reported Eglin AFB has reverted to HPCON Charlie and masks are required on base. Also, the 350th Spectrum Warfare Wing will be housed in a temporary building until MILCON is received to build a permanent location and he will continue to monitor the strategic basing process and MILCON in the future.

Chairman, Senator Tom Wright discussed that in his district and all over the state, he reminds our residents, veterans and currently existing military members that Florida's Legislators are here to support them.

Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Update

Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chairwoman discussed the recent ADC conference for updates on program resources and best practices. She also discussed the Air Force Quality of Life scorecard and the adjustments that Florida will need to make receive a positive grade on their next report as it plays a huge role in the strategic basing process. FDA is working the M&D team at EFI on legislation to present at the next TF meeting. She discussed the importance of the M&D team at EFI and how they are an integral part of working to manage and combine the efforts of the FDA and the TF.

Spousal Licensing Compacts

Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chairwoman, presented information on License Portability. She clarified the DoD license portability framework; Florida's progress on military spouse licensure portability policy; relevance of occupational licensure interstate compacts; and the difference between state policy and interstate compacts.

Spouse Employment continues to remain one of the DoD's top military family issues. State specific laws are important to reducing the burden associated with the occupational relicensing of military spouses. Florida has been proactive in the past and has made it easier to use another state's license when the legislature passed HB 615 in 2017 and HB 29 in 2018. These new policies significantly streamlined the application process if the spouse presented an active license. However, the spouse must still complete an application to receive a license which is only good in Florida. Florida's licensing law is unique to Florida.

There are two lines of effort in which the DoD looks at licensure portability and why they view Florida current actions as important as future intentions. Licensure portability is based on initiatives designed to impact current military spouse licensure transfers and on initiatives designed to create long-term reciprocity. These initiatives align with short-term and long-term legislative objectives. The short-term objectives provide some assistance, but still require a spouse to relicense. This is seen in universal licensing policy, like Florida's HB 615 and HB 29, that help a spouse receive a license within 30 days while requiring minimal paperwork; but, have limits of transferability to other states. Long-term initiatives, such as occupational interstate licensure compacts, provide full reciprocity, but take longer to engage, particularly because they depend on multiple state actions.

Compacts provide true licensure portability as they allow the spouse to practice in different states without reapplying for a license.

Both initiatives are important, and the Defense State Liaison Office is working with the military services to help them understand the merits of each and use these standards in their strategic basing evaluations. The FDA is thankful for the partnership with the Eric Sherman and the Defense State Liaison Office as they are working to help the services to understand Florida's support for our military families.

As licensing laws are established independently by each state government, significant differences and disparities in licensing requirements often exist across states. Interstate Compacts offer a standardized approach to licensing which alleviates confusion as our spouses transfer between member states. They offer license portability for our spouses and important access to care for our military families. Right now, Florida is recognized for membership in one (1) compact. Florida introduced a bill to join PSYPACT in 2020, but the policy was dead with no companion bill in the House.

Looking at the remaining compacts, Florida is not yet a member of the PSYPACT, EMS, PT, ASLPC, Occupational Therapists, and Licensed Professional Counselors compacts. Licensing Compacts provide many benefits to our military spouses. The DoD considers them the long-term solution in licensure portability and the key to true licensure reciprocity. For example, these compacts provide the following benefits to members of the military community:

- The NLC, APRN Compact, PT Compact, OT Compact, ASLP-IC and Counseling Compact allow military spouses to designate a home state for their license and use the "privilege to practice" provision to work in any member state without obtaining another license.
- The EMS Compact simplifies endorsement requirements for transferring a license. While the EMS Compact is committed to supporting our military veterans and their spouses, it also enables the cross-border practice of EMTs and Paramedics licensed in other EMS Compact member states. Florida is an important part of the EMS Compact puzzle because our neighbors in SC, GA, TN, AL, MS, LA, and TX are already in the EMS Compact.
- The PSYPACT supports tele-practice and temporary practice (30 days). This improves access to mental health services for military families while allowing military spouses who are psychologists to sustain a counseling practice through telecommunications in compact states.

One of the compact representatives said it best:

Dominique Marsalek LPCC: "Compacts are the gold standard for licensure portability that allows our professional counselors greater flexibility through in person practice and telehealth while also maintaining a high standard of professional care that is safe, tracked, and uniform through a public commission and database system. Compacts are the most durable way to enhance services and provide flexibility long term while respecting individual state practice acts and regulations."

Five professions were recently announced to work with the Council of State Government's National Center for Interstate Compacts to develop compact legislation: teaching, social work, cosmetology, massage therapy and dentistry/dental hygiene.

The FDA looks forward to working with TF and our Legislative Representatives, Senators and their staffs on these endeavors and stand by to assist in the coming months as we head into the 2022 session.

Representative Thad Altman asked for the bill drafting language in order to file the bill quickly and get it into Committee for the next Legislative Session.

Terry McCaffrey agreed and stated that Staff is working with FDA to get copies of other states' bills very soon.

Washington Office Update

Terry McCaffrey reported that **Katherine Anne Russo** has submitted her report via email.

General

The Senate broke for August recess last week following passage of the \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill and the \$3.5 trillion budget resolution; the Senate is scheduled to return September 13th. Context: The reconciliation process begins with the budget resolution. If the budget calls for reconciliation, it tells certain committees to change spending, revenues, deficits or the debt limit by specific amounts. Each committee writes a bill to achieve its target, and if more than one committee is told to act, the Budget Committee puts the bills together into one bill. That bill has special status in the Senate - it cannot be filibustered, and only needs a simple majority to pass.

The House is scheduled to return from August recess early the week of August 23 to pass the budget resolution. House Moderate Democrats are trying to force a vote on the bipartisan infrastructure deal before moving the budget resolution. Speaker Pelosi is firmly against this, messaging that the bipartisan infrastructure bill will not be brought to the House Floor until the Senate passes reconciliation (the reconciliation process is expected to play out over the next few months): Pelosi: "President Biden endorsed the House Rule which will allow us to consider the budget resolution, H.R. 4 and the bipartisan infrastructure bill next week. The budget resolution is the key to unlocking the 51-vote privilege of the reconciliation path for our transformative Build Back Better bill. Again, any delay in passing the budget resolution could threaten our ability to pass this essential legislation through reconciliation."

Text of the bipartisan infrastructure bill:

<https://www.congress.gov/117/bills/hr3684/BILLS-117hr3684eas.pdf>

Text of the budget resolution: <https://www.democrats.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/HEN21B52.pdf>

Summary:

<https://www.democrats.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Topline%20Summary%20of%20FY2022%20Budget%20Resolution.pdf>

Afghanistan

All of Washington is closely monitoring the situation. August 18th, Secretary Austin said his first priority is "the safety and security of our people and the people that we're trying to evacuate." There are currently 4,500 American service members in Kabul now: a number that could grow to around 6,000. "They are trained and equipped to defend themselves and their operations," the secretary said. "There have been no hostile interactions with the Taliban, and our lines of communication with Taliban commanders remain open, as they should be." Maintaining the security at the airport is the secretary's second priority. "In concert with forces from our allies, our troops have set up defensive positions around the airport, and the airport is able to function safely," he said. He is in daily contact with leaders on the ground to ensure they have all they need to continue the mission. <https://www.defense.gov/Explore/News/Article/Article/2737183/austin-milley-say-dod-laser-focused-on-kabul-evacuation-mission/>

Congress is in the process of scheduling hearings in response:

Senate Foreign Relations Chairman Bob Menendez (D-N.J.)

"The Senate Foreign Relations Committee will continue fulfilling its oversight role with a hearing on U.S. policy towards Afghanistan, including the Trump administration's flawed negotiations with Taliban, and the Biden administration's flawed execution of the U.S. withdrawal. The Committee will seek a full accounting for these shortcomings as well as assess why the Afghan National Defense and Security Forces collapsed so quickly. Congress was told repeatedly that the Afghan Defense and Security Forces were up to the task, that it had the troops, equipment and willingness to fight. To see this army dissolve so quickly after billions of dollars in U.S.

support is astounding. The American and Afghan people clearly have not been told the truth about the ANDSF's capacity and deserve answers. Finally, the Committee will examine the path forward, focused on the international response to the looming humanitarian and human rights catastrophe under a Taliban-led regime."

House Foreign Affairs Committee Chair Gregory Meeks (D-N.Y.)

"The situation in Afghanistan is rapidly changing and it is imperative that the administration provide the American people and Congress transparency about its Afghanistan strategy. I have asked Secretaries Blinken and Austin to testify before the House Foreign Affairs Committee and tell Congress what the administration's plan is to safely evacuate American citizens, SIVs, and other vulnerable Afghans from the country, and to understand our broader counter terrorism strategy in South Asia following the collapse of the Ghani government."

Senate Intelligence Chairman Mark Warner (D-Va.)

"As the Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, I hope to work with the other committees of jurisdiction to ask tough but necessary questions about why we weren't better prepared for a worst-case scenario involving such a swift and total collapse of the Afghan government and security forces"

Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Jack Reed (D-R.I.)

"At the appropriate time, the Senate Armed Services Committee will hold hearings on what went wrong in Afghanistan and lessons learned to avoid repeating those mistakes."

NDA

Senate: July 22nd, U.S. Senators Jack Reed (D-RI) and Jim Inhofe (R-OK), Chairman and Ranking Member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, announced today that the Committee voted 23-3 to advance the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2022. During the subcommittee and full committee markups of the legislation, the Committee considered 321 amendments and adopted 143 bipartisan amendments. The bill now heads to the Senate floor for consideration.

An executive summary can be found here: <https://www.armed-services.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/FY22%20NDAA%20Executive%20Summary.pdf>

House

Full markup scheduled for September 1 at 10:00a.m.

<https://armedservices.house.gov/hearings?ID=17A5703B-CC87-4525-B6E1-F68E1A8C6DF9>

The full text of H.R. 4350 and additional resources can be found at the links below:

<https://armedservices.house.gov/cache/files/e/c/ecac9ec3-554f-4f30-a0f2-20b5ab6f7485/DF26CE0B576548D89BEFAB08D96E7DAD.fy22-by-request.xml.pdf>

and

<https://armedservices.house.gov/ndaa>

COVID/National Guard

On August 17, the White House extended the National Guard's Title 32 COVID-19 mission through December 31 at 100 % federal cost share.

White House memorandum: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/08/17/memorandum-on-maximizing-assistance-to-respond-to-covid-19/>

Military Vaccines

Secretary Austin issued a memorandum to all DOD employees on August 9:

“Based on these consultations and on additional discussions with leaders of the White House COVID Task Force, I want you to know that I will seek the President’s approval to make the vaccines mandatory no later than mid-September, or immediately upon the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) licensure, whichever comes first.”

<https://media.defense.gov/2021/Aug/09/2002826254/-1/-1/0/MESSAGE-TO-THE-FORCE-MEMO-VACCINE.PDF>

Grant Application Presentations

Grant presentations were as follows:

- City of Jacksonville, \$500,000 for encroachment protection, compatible land use for NS Mayport, NAS Jacksonville and OLF Whitehouse
- Clay County Development Authority, \$500,000 for installation encroachment acquisition at Camp Blanding Joint Training Center.

Military & Defense Update

Terry McCaffrey discussed that Staff continues to be very busy and is working on the following:

- He and Ray Collins attended the ADC Reconnect Conference in Washington, DC last month along with **Kellie Jo Kilberg, Tim Jones** and other FDA members.
- They discussed two Department of the Air Force items with Jennifer Miller, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Energy. Her staff advised that the STARCOM decision is moving through the strategic basing process and should be finalized in 2022. Also, the Department of the Air Force did not make any changes to the criteria used in this year’s Quality of Life Survey but incorporated updated date and said they understand that the process isn’t perfect and still needs improvement.
- He has several meetings on the Hill with MLAs in the works. While in D.C., Ray Collins and Kellie Jo Kilberg visited with Congressman Scott Franklin as Terry accompanied Space Florida to meetings with Senator Marco Rubio, Congressman Bill Posey, Congressman Mike Waltz and Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy. He also met with Vice Admiral Johnny Wolfe and Lieutenant General B. Chance Saltzman at the Pentagon.
- He is working with Space Florida and several county EDCs to create a statewide Space Force Capabilities paper in preparation for upcoming DoD space initiatives including strategic planning with Space Florida, the FDA and FDSTF as the next military basing decisions continue.
- He is working with EFI’s Business Development department to become better connected and recently attended a dinner in Okaloosa County to support a possible defense manufacturing company’s relocation to Florida.
- Staff continues supporting a House Military Caucus inside the Florida House of Representatives.
- Staff is looking forward to the September TF meeting in Fort Walton Beach. Unfortunately, due to the increasing HPCON levels, Florida bases are limiting access to mission essential personnel, so there will most likely not be a tour of Eglin AFB, but we are still planning a dinner and a meeting focused on the future of the TF and military and defense programs in our state.

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 AM EDT.
The meeting was reconvened at 11:30 AM EDT.

*A quorum being present, **Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer** asked for a motion to award funding in the amount of \$500,000 to the City of Jacksonville and \$500,000 to the Clay County Development Authority, once the CCDA has met the criteria of spending 50% of their current grant award, for the FY 2021-2022 grant cycle. A motion was made by **Rear Admiral Stan Bozin**, seconded by **the Honorable Thomas Bowman**, all were in favor and the grants were awarded.*

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Task Force Members Absent:

Senator Tom Wright, Chairman
Major General James Eifert, USAF, The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida

Speakers Present:

Brigadier General Scott Cain, Commander, 96th Test Wing, Eglin AFB
Colonel Jack Arthaud, Commander, 33rd Fighter Wing, Eglin AFB
Kellie Jo Kilberg, Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Chairwoman

Others Present:

Katie Allan, Bay Defense Alliance
Andy Bourland, 96th Test Wing, Eglin AFB
Kristin Boyle, Torch Technologies, Inc.
Karen Bushnell, Polk County
Adam Callaway, Department of Economic Opportunity
Matt Chesnut, Space Florida
Melissa Chui
Harrison Conyers, City of Jacksonville
Ashley Cook, Office of Senator Marco Rubio
Dave Dahl, Navy Region Southeast
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Rick Miller, FDA Board/South Florida Defense Alliance
Dave Murzin, Okaloosa County
Colonel Kevin Osborne, 96th Test Wing, Eglin AFB
Ryan Price, Air Force Enlisted Village (AFEV)

Kay Rasmussen, One Okaloosa EDC
Allison Reinwald, Florida National Guard (FLNG)
Josue Rosales
Tina Rushing, CHELCO
Sid Saunders, Pendulum Services, LLC
Matt Schellhorn, NS Mayport
Exit Smith, Department of Economic Opportunity
Tom Tolbert, NAS Pensacola
Teri Wanamaker, NAS Jacksonville
The Florida Channel

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Terry McCaffrey, Vice President of Military & Defense Programs, Executive Director, FDSTF
Ray Collins, Special Advisor to the Vice President of Military & Defense Programs
Chad Corriveau, Communications & Research Specialist, EFI
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 - Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
 - TF Grants and Contracts Status Michelle Griggs **(I)**
- 9:10 – 9:30 New Business..... Chairman **(I)**
 - 9:10 – 9:20 TF Member Reports (*by exception*)
 - 9:20 – 9:25 FDA Update/Washington, D.C. Report (*by exception*) K.J. Kilberg / T. McCaffrey **(I)**
- 9:25 – 9:30 Public Comment..... Chairman

Reminder – Upcoming Meeting Dates:

November 18, 2021	Orlando PEO STRI / FDA	October 21, 2021	Zoom
January 20, 2022	Tallahassee (<i>Session</i>)	December 2021	NO MEETING
March 17, 2022	St. Augustine St. Francis Barracks	February 17, 2022	Zoom
May 19, 2022	Tallahassee (<i>22-23 Grants</i>) / FDA	April 21, 2022	Zoom
		June 2022	NO MEETING

Terry McCaffrey, Vice President of Military & Defense Programs, Executive Director of the Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF), *began the meeting at 9:30 AM EDT.*

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

Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer welcomed attendees and guests, asked **Allison Reinwald, FLNG**, to lead The Pledge of Allegiance, noted that the meeting is being televised by The Florida Channel and reminded attendees that the meeting is governed by the Sunshine Law.

Brigadier General Scott Cain, Commander of the 96th Test Wing, Eglin AFB, briefed the TF on the 96th Test Wing. He provided some general information:

Infrastructure:

- 724 Square Miles: 70 test sites / 3,526 facilities
- 123,000 Sq Miles over water range
- 8 Wings/40 Tenant Units
- \$2.75B economic impact

People:

- 20,000+ personnel
- Services for >117K

Resources:

- Privatized Housing; 747 units
- 100+ aircraft at ETTC

He updated on current issues of importance:

- C5ISR Test Capability Expansion
- GRE/EGTTR-MAX/East-to-OWIL
- GOMESA & MML
- Community Partnership Programs
- Installation Recapitalization

Colonel Jack Arthaud, Commander of the 33rd Fighter Wing, Eglin AFB, briefed the TF on the 33rd Fighter Wing. He discussed the Nomad Heritage, their missions in Operation Desert Storm in 1990 and their recent remembrance of the Khobar Towers attack in which 19 USAF members (12 of whom were assigned to the 33 FW) were killed while the unit was deployed to Saudi Arabia during Operation Southern Watch. Other items of discussion were as follows:

The Mission of the 33rd Fighter Wing is to Train, Develop and Graduate:

- Air Battle Managers
 - Over 2,500 students graduated from over different 41 countries
- F-35 Maintainers
 - Over 10,000 US and over 1,700 partner-nation students
- Intel Analysts
 - Over 300 Joint F-35 intel students and over 1400 AFOSOF intel students
- F-35A Pilots
 - Over 550 pilots across three courses (IPUG, TX, and Basic)

The Vision of the 33rd Fighter Wing:

- Build Combat Credible Airmen
- Ready for Great Power Competition

- Become Leaders of Resilient Teams

The future of the F-35:

- Training bases are located at Eglin AFB (Florida) and Luke AFB (Arizona)
- Test units are located at Nellis AFB (Nevada) and Edwards AFB (California)
- Operationally and combat ready bases that support F-35s are located at Eielson AFB (Alaska), Hill AFB (Utah), NAS Fort Worth (Texas), Tyndall AFB (Florida) and RAF Lakenheath (United Kingdom)
- Future basing locations include Madison, Wisconsin, Burlington, Vermont, Montgomery, Alabama and Jacksonville, Florida, all Air National Guard units

60th Fighter Squadron Expansion:

- Record of decision was made in June 2021
- Officially stood up August 20, 2021
- Aircraft arrival beginning October 2021

A second squadron was necessary because:

- F-35 FY22 Procurement: 85 Joint Strike Fighters, 48 requested by the DAF
- Planned stand up of 8 ops squadrons FY22-27

60th Fighter Squadron Expectations by the Numbers:

- 26 additional aircraft
- 3,000 additional sorties
- 377 additional personnel
- 829 estimated dependents
- Economic impact of \$24 million, based on projected population
- \$5 million in infrastructure, FY21-22 DAF investments in equipment, renovations, and refurbishments

Support of the Military Family

- Results based off of the 2021 USAF Quality of Life Survey
 - Eglin Air Force Base – 2019 vs 2021
 - Public education shows less than 33.3%, needs improvement
 - Licensure portability shows greater than 4, in good standing

Kellie Jo Kilberg added that the Florida Defense Alliance is creating a Task Force to look at this study and create a plan of what they can do to help address the issues that came up within this study. They intend to report their findings back to the TF at the November meeting.

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of the Minutes

*A quorum being present, **Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer** asked for any corrections to the August 19, 2021 minutes. Hearing no changes, a motion was made by **Colonel Jim Heald** to approve the minutes, seconded by **Major General Richard Haddad**. All were in favor and the August 19, 2021 meeting minutes were approved.*

Task Force Grants & Contracts Status

Michelle Griggs provided an update on current TF grants.

Kennetic Video Project: There are a total of 22 videos in the showcase, 18 are completely finished, two (2) are approved and are receiving finishing touches (Blount Island and MacDill AFB) and two (2) are waiting to be approved by EFI leadership (Education and Encroachment). What's left: NS Mayport, NAS Key West, Homestead Air Reserve Base, Joint Gulf Range Complex #2, Florida as a destination for post-career,

Combatant Commands and an overall video about what makes Florida the best state in the country for our military.

Geollect 3D Range Model Project: Rick Miller from the FDA Range Task Force has requested a contract extension to November 30, 2021 as the Range Task Force is behind on providing updates to Geollect. They are planning to have it complete by the November FDA in-person meeting in Orlando.

DTF #21-103, Santa Rosa Board of Commissioners has informed staff that they are on track to have their project completed by October 31st, the end of their contract.

DTF #21-105, the Northeast Florida Fire Watch Council grant has asked for a shift in their funding award as they are working with the FDVA to expand their Watch Stander Program, which was launched statewide on September 10th, National Veteran Suicide Prevention Day. \$30 thousand dollars was shifted from management and upkeep of the NE Florida Military & Veterans Resources Guide to the Watch Stander Program, reducing that task to \$20 thousand dollars. They have assured staff that this task can be completed with the reduction in funds.

#21-100, the Clay County Development Authority is requesting from the TF a contract extension to March 31, 2022. The CCDA in coordination with Camp Blanding Joint Training Center is working diligently and as quickly as possible to fully execute the contract; however, due to factors beyond either party's control, the project is not expected to be fully completed until March 31, 2022. This request for an extension will not affect the budget for this project nor will it alter the scope of work.

#21-104, the South Florida Progress Foundation has requested a contract extension to align with their federal grant from OLDCC which should be received by the end of this month. They are asking the TF for a contract extension to June 30, 2022, the end of the state's fiscal year.

#19-101 and #21-101, Polk County is working on conservation easements within the Avon Park Air Force Range Military Influence Planning Area (MIPA). The majority of the funds from this grant have already been expended on the FX Bar Ranch conservation easement. Polk County is pursuing the Rucks' family property in the Avon Park Air Force Range MIPA area as the next conservation easement. Negotiations on the easement document with the property owners has taken longer than anticipated as there have been issues with the family and the land appraisal.

Polk County is requesting a 12-month extension on #19-101 to January 31, 2023 and a 12-month extension on #21-101 to October 31, 2022 in order, to perform due diligence and closing on the conservation easements with the anticipated shift in ownership.

Staff suggests that these two contracts be extended to the end of this fiscal year, June 30, 2022, then revisit the projects for additional extension at that time.

#19-101: \$46,451.09 remains from the \$500,000 award.

#21-101: \$500,000 remains from the \$500,000 award.

*A quorum being present, **Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer** asked for a motion to extend the contracts of DTF grant #21-100 to March 31, 2022 and DTF grants #21-104, #19-101 and #21-101 to June 30, 2022. The motion was made by **Colonel Jim Heald**, seconded by **Rear Admiral Stan Bozin**. All were in favor and the contracts were extended.*

III. Agenda Item III: New Business

Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Update

Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chairwoman discussed that the FDA continues working with Staff to develop legislation on the occupational compacts discussed at last month's TF meeting. The occupational therapy

licensure compact will be held back until next year as they are working on some issues with their association which will not be resolved in time for this year's Legislative Session. The FDA is also working with Staff on the second renewal of the interstate compact for military school children.

The November in-person meeting will be looking at the DCIP grants received this year by Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties and how Florida's other counties can be successful in receiving those grants, as well. Southeast Florida and the Tampa Bay area are still waiting on news from OLDCC for the resiliency grants and in Northwest Florida, the Emerald Coast Regional Council is working on their regional resiliency grant.

Eglin AFB is receiving up to 20% in temporary housing allowance for their area which is a big area of concern statewide on attainable housing not just for the military but for the entire state. The FDA will be looking at what they can do to address some of those issues.

FDA has been discussing with staff Texas' infrastructure grants program as they award \$30 million over two years for projects on base and they are forming a task force to look at the Department of the Air Force Quality of Life Study and what can be done to address the red squares on the educational portion of the study.

The Range Task Force continues working with Geollect on the 3D range model which they plan on having ready by the November FDA and TF meetings. The RTF plans on meeting in October.

Florida needs to put more emphasis on the Coast Guard and National Guard facilities as they tend to get overlooked with so many other installations throughout the state.

Task Force Member Reports

Representative Thad Altman reported on Wednesday's historic SpaceX launch which placed four civilians into space. The flight, representing the first crewed mission to orbit with no professional astronauts, is expected to last about three days from launch to splashdown in the Atlantic.

Brigadier General Chip Diehl discussed the vigilance of the VA hospitals as they battle the new wave of COVID-19. The 927th Air Refueling Wing has a new Commander in Colonel Kurt Matthews from the Air Reserve Headquarters. MacDill AFB is hoping for good news from OLDCC as they await news on a grant award and the Tinker School is looking good with the public school funding that is currently going through Congress. He announced that there may be a solution finally for the Florida Rock issue and will report on that at a future TF meeting.

Representative Wyman Duggan reported that the Speaker of the House has appointed him as Chair of the Civil Justice and Property Rights Subcommittee so consistent with the discussion at the July meeting he's reached out to committee staff to start the discussion with leadership on doing a proposed committee bill for legislative initiatives relating to military members' relief from rental contracts and addition of easements surviving tax deed sales. He hopes to roll those into a committee bill that will start the process of gaining relief on those two issues.

Looking at Quality of Life issue as it relates to the public schools, we can seek legislation that gives military families additional preference or priority in the queue for family empowerment scholarship dollars, which would allow them to go to schools outside of the public school system. It's public dollars that would facilitate that and could dramatically increase where Florida falls in that matrix.

Captain Keith Hoskins (via Zoom Chat) reported that Governor DeSantis announced Wednesday morning more than \$3.4 million in funding for military communities and bases across the state of Florida. Governor DeSantis stopped in Milton to announce that more than \$800,000 in funding will be awarded to military communities and bases in the region. The \$3.4 million funding for the communities come from the Defense Infrastructure, Defense Reinvestment and the Florida Defense Support Task Force grant programs. The funding was broken down around Northwest Florida:

- \$300,000 Santa Rosa County easement purchases around Whiting field and \$60,000 for the development of the Whiting Engagement Park

- \$300,000 Escambia County for easement purchases around NAS Pensacola
- \$90,000 to Okaloosa County to encourage economic diversification around Eglin Airforce base
- \$90,000 Pensacola Chamber of Commerce to create higher skilled jobs for those in the military community

Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer discussed that work is on track at Tyndall AFB as 44 new MILCON projects are underway, 260 facility sustainment restoration modernization projects and they're on schedule to receive three F-35 squadrons beginning in fall of 2023. They're projecting that 73% of the MILCON projects will be under contract by the end of this calendar year. Construction personnel will grow to a workforce of about 3,500 people by mid-2024 and the F-35s will bring about 2,200 personnel and about 3,000 family members.

Last month, the Bay Defense Alliance stood up a Coast Guard team as a huge part of our state has a Coast Guard presence and it's a very important part of our national Defense. Their Program Management Office for the Offshore Patrol Cutter, the recapitalization to the Navy's Offshore Patrol Cutter Fleet, is about a \$10 billion program and brought in 80 people to Bay County.

Military & Defense Update

Terry McCaffrey discussed that Staff continues to be very busy and is working on the following:

- Staff continues working with our partners to monitor the STARCOM and KC-46 Basing Decision Strategic Basing Processes.
- Staff is working with ADC, FDA and state agencies on how to engage with the Department of the Air Force on the second Quality of Life survey. The primary objective is to convince the Department of the Air Force (DAF) to improve its methodology before they conduct next year's survey. The most needed change is to convince the DAF to stop rating education as a relative comparison of states by top/middle/bottom thirds and switch to using an objective standard reflecting an accurate picture of performance.
- Governor DeSantis announced the FY2021 DIG, DRG and FDSTF grant awards yesterday at Camp Blanding. These awards totaled \$3.4 million and included:
 - \$1.6 million distributed among five communities through the Defense Infrastructure Grant Program
 - \$800,000 divided among ten communities through the Defense Reinvestment Grant Program
 - \$1 million divided between two communities through the FDSTF Grant Program
- Next week is the first committee week for the 2022 Legislative Session.
 - a. Staff will be supporting Space Florida as they testify before Senator Wright's committee in the Senate during committee week next Wednesday.
 - b. Our Team will testify in October.
 - c. About 9 bills that support military and veterans' issues have already been filed.
 - d. Staff will be watching how these move through committees and during session.
- The new Military Benefits Guide is at the printer and will be released soon. Staff has rebranded it as **Advantage Florida – Military Benefits Guide** as the new name better communicates what the guide contains and also the fact that Florida leads in its great support to our military servicemembers and their families. Next year Staff is contemplating shifting the guide to an online-only version.
- Matrix Design Group continues working on the biannual Economic Impact Study and Staff will be meeting with them for an in-progress review in October.
- DEO has been forwarding to us the replies from the various base commanders to the annual MBPP query. Staff is collecting those and preparing materials for the TF to review in November.

- Staff is working on the FDSTF Strategic Plan and will be forwarding that for review soon.
- Florida has completed and submitted two Sentinel Landscape proposals and we are hoping that we'll have one or both selected for designation.

IV. Agenda Item IV: Public Comment

No Public Comments were made at this time.

*A quorum being present, **Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer** asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by **Major General Richard Haddad**, seconded by **Colonel Jim Heald**, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.*

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 AM EDT.

This meeting was recorded by The Florida Channel and can be found here:

<https://thefloridachannel.org/videos/9-16-21-florida-defense-support-task-force/>

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #98 on Thursday, October 21, 2021

The Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) held a publicly noticed meeting via Zoom at 9:00 AM EDT – 10:11 AM EDT. For Agenda: See Page 3

Task Force Members Present:

Senator Tom Wright, Chairman
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman
Representative Thad Altman
The Honorable Thomas Bowman
Rear Admiral Stan Bozin, USN, (Ret.)
Brigadier General Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret.)
Major General James Eifert, USAF, The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida
Major General Richard Haddad, USAF (Ret.)
Colonel Jim Heald, USAF, (Ret.)
Captain Keith Hoskins, USN, (Ret.)

Task Force Members Absent:

Representative Wyman Duggan

Speakers Present:

Gerald Goosby, Florida Department of Transportation
Kellie Jo Kilberg, Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Chairwoman
Katherine Anne Russo, Florida's Washington, DC Office

Others Present:

Adam Callaway, Department of Economic Opportunity
Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Harrison Conyers, City of Jacksonville
Dave Dahl, Navy Region Southeast
Ryan Fierst, Department of Economic Opportunity
Josh Gabel, Office of Senator Marco Rubio
Angela Glass,
Debi Graham, Greater Pensacola Chamber/West Florida Defense Alliance
Sarah Hayenga, Homestead Air Reserve Base (HARB)
Jonas Marquez, Enterprise Florida, Inc.
Ty Martin, Office of Florida's Attorney General
Trudy McCarthy, EDC of Florida's Space Coast
Rick Miller, FDA Board/South Florida Defense Alliance
Christopher Morris, The Florida Senate
Amy Phillips, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Kay Rasmussen, One Okaloosa
Matt Schellhorn, NS Mayport
Brooke Trawick-Gilbert, Bay Defense Alliance
Roger Williams, Florida National Guard (FLNG)
The Florida Channel

Staff Present:

Terry McCaffrey, Vice President of Military & Defense Programs, Executive Director, FDSTF

Ray Collins, Special Advisor to the Vice President of Military & Defense Programs

Chad Corriveau, Communications & Research Specialist, EFI

Michelle Griggs, Manager, Contracts & Grants, EFI



Florida Defense Support Task Force – Meeting #98
Zoom
AGENDA for October 21, 2021

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(A) = Action

All Times are listed in Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

- 9:00 – 9:05 Welcome, Roll Call, Introductions..... Chairman **(I)**
- 9:05 – 9:15 Old Business..... Chairman **(A) / (I)**
 - Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
 - TF Grants, Contracts & Budget Status Michelle Griggs **(I)**
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 - TF Member Reports
 - FDA Update..... Kellie Jo Kilberg **(I)**
 - Washington, D.C. Report..... Katherine Anne Russo **(I)**
 - FDOT Update..... Gerald Goosby **(I)**
 - Military and Defense Update..... Terry McCaffrey **(I)**
- 10:25 – 10:30 Public Comment..... Chairman
- 11:00 – 12:00 CLOSED SESSION

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Terry McCaffrey, Vice President of Military & Defense Programs, Executive Director of the Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF), *began the meeting at 9:00 AM EDT.*

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

Chairman, Senator Tom Wright welcomed attendees and guests, instructed **Representative Thad Altman** to lead The Pledge of Allegiance, asked for a moment of silence to remember colleague, Tim Jones and reminded attendees that the meeting is governed by the Sunshine Law.

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of the Minutes

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Senator Tom Wright** asked for any corrections to the September 16, 2021 minutes. Noting none, a motion was made by **Captain Keith Hoskins** to approve the minutes, seconded by **Colonel Jim Heald**. All were in favor and the September 16, 2021 meeting minutes were approved.*

Task Force Grants & Contracts Status

Michelle Griggs provided a brief update on some current TF grants.

Video Project: There are a total of 22 videos in the showcase: 20 are completely finished, 2 are receiving additional work (Education and Encroachment). 8 videos remain to be completed: NS Mayport, NAS Key West, Homestead ARB, Joint Gulf Range Complex v2, Florida as a destination for post-career, Combatant Commands and an overall video about what makes Florida the best state in the country for our military. The scripts for 4 videos (NS Mayport, NAS Key West, Homestead ARB, Joint Gulf Range Complex volume 2) have been completed and those videos should be in the showcase in the next few weeks for review and approval.

Grantees are currently submitting their quarterly reports from the first quarter of this new fiscal year. Several have been received and are included in your report. Others will be included as they are received and will be in next month's report.

Staff will have an updated Budget for next month's meeting as we're waiting on Administrative expenses to be provided from Orlando. The highlighted areas on the rough updated provided show a possible \$602,000 in available funds which will be briefed later.

III. Agenda Item III: New Business

Task Force Member Reports

Chairman, Senator Tom Wright discussed that he was able to provide a donated Chevrolet Bel-Air which was auctioned off for \$1 million to benefit Florida Honor Flights. Also, in Daytona Beach on Veteran's Day, November 11th, Gary Puckett and the Union Gap will be performing a free concert for veterans. The show starts at 5 PM at the pavilion at the local Harley Davidson dealership and 1,000 veterans have already signed up to attend.

Mr. Tom Neubauer briefed that all is going well with the Tyndall AFB rebuild and another Checkered Flag exercise will be taking place at the base soon.

Captain Keith Hoskins discussed that a few weeks ago at Fort Benning, Georgia the Bronze Star previously awarded to local veteran, retired U.S. Army Colonel Larry Perino was upgraded to a Silver Star. Then Lieutenant Perino was a platoon leader during the attacks that occurred in Mogadishu, Somalia in October 1994 (the action on which the movie "Black Hawk Down" was based). He was part of the Third Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment and responded by setting up the initial perimeter throughout the night and into the early morning with the men alongside him when the Blackhawk went down.

Colonel Jim Heald reported that DoD contractors are also affected by the mandatory military and government civilian COVID-19 vaccine mandates. This will only go into effect on each contract once the responsible contracting officer makes the appropriate amendment(s) to that contract.

The DoD policy memo is available at:

<https://media.defense.gov/2021/Oct/18/2002875550/-1/-1/1/FORCE-HEALTH-PROTECTION-GUIDANCE-SUPPLEMENT%2023-REVISION-1-DEPARTMENT-OF-DEFENSE-GUIDANCE-FOR-CORONAVIRUS-DISEASE-2019-VACCINATION-ATTESTATION-SCREENING-TESTING-AND-VACCINATION-VERIFICATION.PDF>

A separate DoD memo that defines when and how this policy goes into effect is available at:

<https://www.acg.osd.mil/dpap/policy/policyvault/USA001998-21-DPC.pdf>

Major General James Eifert provided the following remarks as a Florida National Guard Update.

MOBILIZATION/DEPLOYMENT UPDATE: The Florida National Guard currently has 1,526 (1,472 Army & 54 Air) Servicemembers representing nineteen organizations deployed globally supporting our nation's National Defense Strategy. Additionally, our mobilization pipeline continues to grow, with 7 Organizations consisting of approximately 701 Servicemembers scheduled for deployment throughout the remainder of this calendar year.

UPCOMING MOBILIZATION DEPARTURE CEREMONIES:

- 2 Nov 21 @ 1430 | Headquarters, 53RD Infantry Brigade Combat Team | 165 PAX | Armed Forces Reserve Center Pinellas Park, FL | Ukraine | Operation Atlantic Resolve-European Deterrence Initiative
- 3 Nov 21 @ 0900 | Company A & B, 2nd Battalion, 124th Infantry Regiment | 262 PAX | Orlando Sanford International Airport | Kuwait | Operation Spartan Shield

F-35 UPDATE: In developing the FY 2022 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) establishes language in S 2792, Section 145, that would, on date of enactment, immediately restrict the Secretary of the Air Force from equipping the Air National Guard with the F-35 aircraft until the combat-coded F-35 aircraft ratio in the Air Force is greater than 4 to 1. We recommend removing this section from the SASC version of the NDAA because it would delay and/or prohibit the 125th Fighter Wing from transitioning to the F-35 in FY 2024.

SPACE NATIONAL GUARD UPDATE: In developing the FY 2022 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), the House Armed Services Committee (HASC) establishes language in HR 4350, Section 921, that establishes the Space National Guard by renaming the Air National Guard to the "Air and Space National Guard." We recommend support for this section of the HASC version of the NDAA because it meets the intent of establishing a clear line of command and control for the organizations.

Brigadier General Chip Diehl discussed the OLDCC Compatible Use Plan/Resiliency grants recently awarded to MacDill AFB and South Florida; he continues to monitor the ongoings with the KC-46 bed down process; and the Airlift Tanker Association Convention will take place in-person at the Orlando Marriott World Center on October 28-31.

The Honorable Thomas Bowman reported that a commission is being formed to look at the footprint of VA facilities and their capability to provide healthcare into the future called the Asset and Infrastructure Review (AIR) Commission. The VA is preparing a report to provide to the Commission and they will have a year to look at the plan for how the infrastructure of VA healthcare should look in the future. He suggested that a representative from the FDVA brief more details on that project at a future TF meeting.

Rear Admiral Stan Bozin reported that representatives from the City of Jacksonville, the Florida Department of Transportation and Naval Station Mayport met recently to discuss an upcoming resiliency project for A1A to help improve the roads going to NS Mayport and Mayport village and there will be more to follow on that project

at a later date. The USS Iwo Jima, the last amphibious assault ship at NS Mayport, recently returned from deployment. In December their home port will change to NS Norfolk. Florida's naval bases are still at HPCON Charlie and are still requiring masks to be worn on base.

Representative Thad Altman briefed that this month the U.S. Space Force has selected more than 900 transfers from other military branches including members of the Army, Navy and Marine Corp. They've selected 670 active duty servicemembers and 259 civilian employees to transfer into the Space Force. These volunteers came from a pool of candidates who applied in March of 2021 and members who are currently assigned to Army and Navy units slated to transfer into the new service. These new selectees join the initial tranche of 50 selectees announced in June of 2021 and once transferred into the Space Force they will account for about 7% of service personnel which totals nearly 13,000 military and civilians today.

Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Update

Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chairwoman, reported that the FDA is working on planning their next meeting in Orlando on Wednesday, November 17th. Two panels will present, the first panel will be on the Starbase Academies. The Starbase Academies focus on STEM programs in the fifth grade and are currently taught in Jacksonville, Orlando, the Space Coast, Pensacola and St. Petersburg. The FDA is working with **Rick Miller** in South Florida to submit an application for a Starbase Academy in that region. The second panel will be on resiliency. Like the OLDCC grants recently received in Tampa and Miami, Northwest Florida is currently working with the Emerald Coast Regional Planning Council and Eglin AFB to apply for a resiliency grant, as well. Also, there will be a presentation by the Florida National Guard. Geollect will present a demonstration on phase one of the 3D Range Model. They are excited to see all the capabilities of this new and exciting model.

The Purple Star School Program is waiting to be implemented as the Department of Education is working out all the different rules and regulations needed for installation into Florida's schools.

Information has been submitted to Bill Drafting for the spousal employment compacts. She'll be working with **Chairman, Senator Tom Wright, Representative Thad Altman** and **Representative Wyman Duggan** on ensuring there are bill sponsors for the compacts.

The FDA will not be creating a task force to look at the recent Quality of Life report released by the Air Force as that challenge was going to require more focus.

FDOT Update

Gerald Goosby, Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Planning Manager, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), presented on the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS). SIS funds annually are over \$2 billion.

Items of discussion are:

- The SIS foundation and basic components:
- Foundation
 - Corridors
 - Carrying the most people in goods around and out of the state: high speed/high capacity
 - Highways
 - Railroads
 - Urban Fixed Guideways
 - Waterways
 - Hubs
 - Largest / niche facilities
 - Airports

- Freight Terminals
 - Passenger Terminals
 - Seaports
 - Spaceports
 - Connectors
 - The last mile connecting corridors
 - Railroads
 - Roads
 - Military Access Facilities (MAF)
 - MAFs are slightly special since they do not connect to hubs
 - Waterways
- Designation of the system
 - Designation change request process in place, document local support, and criteria for designation
 - Request process
 - Local or facility support
 - Facility criteria
- Projects
 - SIS is looking for capacity enhancements moving people and freight interregionally or internationally
- Military Support
 - Prioritization for projects linking to military bases
 - Designated Military Access Facilities (MAF)
 - Support through extra points in SIT project prioritization comparing to other projects and MAF connections to main entry gates of 9 eligible installations
 - Military Access Facilities (MAF)
 - Eligible installations: 4% of FL total personnel & Camp Blanding for continuity of government
 - Highways/Railroads
 - Connects eligible installations
 - Capacity improvements
 - Identified MAF: NAS Pensacola, Hurlburt Field, Eglin AFB, Patrick SFB, NAS Jacksonville, Tyndall AFB, MacDill AFB, NS Mayport, Camp Blanding JTC
 - Proximity Projects (10 Year)
 - All phases: studies to construction
 - US 231 six-laning
 - SR 85 six-laning
 - SR 173 / Blue Angel Parkway four-laning
 - I-295 @ US 17 interchange
 - US 98 ITS
 - I-10 Pensacola six-laning
 - US 92 / Gandy ITS
 - SR 123 Study

FDOT is currently in the process of updating the SIS Policy Plan which is required by statute every five years after the update of the Florida Transportation Plan. They are drafting that plan based on part of the input that was received throughout the state and have reached out to military officials throughout the process and will include their input in building the SIS Policy Plan. Five focus they are looking at as part of this plan are: safety,

resiliency of the SIS network, technology, urban mobility and connectivity and rural mobility and connectivity. They are hoping to have a draft plan approved by their Secretary by Spring 2022 and would like to come back and brief the TF on the new plan.

If anyone has any questions about SIS eligibility, funding, designation, military access facilities or the SIS policy plan update, please visit the website: www.fdot.gov/planning/systems/programs

Military & Defense Update

Terry McCaffrey discussed that Staff continues to be very busy and is working on the following:

- Staff continues to focus on the U.S. Space Force installations as the new service continues its growth and the Department of the Air Force works through the Air Force Strategic Basing Process to decide where to locate those units. They're working with Space Florida, as well as other support entities and different sections of the Department of Defense to continue to support U.S. Space Force commands in Florida and influence those basing decisions toward the outcome of locating those units in Florida.
- Staff is continuing to monitor the Space Force & KC-46 Strategic Basing Decision Processes and working with our partners to bring additional new missions to Florida.
 - The result of the KC-46 basing decision between MacDill AFB in Tampa or Fairchild AFB in Washington State should be announced soon.
- The USAF distributed their Quality-of-Life scorecard for 2021 in early September. Florida is a national leader in military spouse licensure and is recognized as such. However, the USAF scoring system for education has all Florida Air Force installations in the bottom 3rd of the nation compared to other states. Staff is working with Association of Defense Communities (ADC), the Florida Defense Alliance & state agencies on how to engage with Department of the Air Force on the Quality-of-Life survey. Primary objective is to convince the Department of the Air Force to improve its methodology and or change the way the data is reported. Specifically, we would like to see the USAF provide objective criteria reflecting an accurate picture of performance rather than a relative comparison of states by top/middle/bottom thirds. The Florida Defense Alliance had decided to establish a Task Force to gather data on our actual education metrics that we can evaluate and inform the USAF, but that effort has not come together.
- Matrix Design Group is on contract for the 2022 version of the "Florida Defense Factbook". This version will evaluate 2020 numbers on the economic impact of defense installations and industry in the State of Florida. In 2018, Defense made up 9.8% of the Florida State product, or \$94.9 billion and over 914,000 jobs, exceeding tourism for the first time which is remarkable as 2018 was a non-COVID, record breaking year for tourism. We anticipate that we will see the significant resilience of the defense sector even during COVID-19. Like the "Military Benefits Guide", we are looking at re-naming this product to better communicate what it is, a defense economic impact study. The new version will be published in January.
- Military Base Protection Program: The Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) has collected all the inputs and provided to staff. We are finishing up the draft prioritization into three tiers for approval by the Florida Defense Support Task Force in November. The Task Force provides the prioritized list to State Lands for possible purchase with available funding.
- Strategic Plan/Annual Report for FY20-21: Staff is working on the FDSTF Strategic Plan update and completing the Annual Report for last FY. It is due to the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House by 1 Feb 22. Staff will finalize over the next month and then send for TF Member review and comment in December. It will be voted on at our January meeting.
- ADC Installation Innovation Forum: Nov 1st through 3rd, **Terry McCaffrey** and **Ray Collins** will be participating in the Forum in San Antonio TX. Terry will be a panelist on the "Enhancing Your Defense Sector: Economic Development Strategies for Communities & States" panel.

- Committee Weeks for 2022 Session underway: **Kellie Jo Kilberg** and **Terry McCaffrey** presented to the Military and Veteran’s Affairs, Space and Domestic Security Committee on Tuesday. They have also been asked to present to the Local Administration and Veterans Affair Committee in the House.
- Several bills (30) that support military and veterans’ issues have already been filed.
 - A few to highlight are:
 - SB 0438 – US Space Force – Burgess: United States Space Force; Revising the definition of the term “uniformed services” to include the United States Space Force; revising the military service branches for which any county or state official who is called to active service may receive a leave of absence; updating military base names; adding post exchanges operated by the United States Space Force to the those that are exempt from paying tax on cigarettes sold; revising the armed forces uniforms that are protected from imitation to include uniforms of the United States Space Force, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022
 - SB 0430 / HB 153 - Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children – Wright / Altman: Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children; Extending the scheduled repeal of the compact and related provisions, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law
 - SB 0290 – Surplus State-owned Non-conservation Lands – Ausley: Surplus State-owned Non-conservation Lands; Authorizing the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund to dispose of surplus non-conservation lands at specified values under certain circumstances; authorizing the board to donate such lands to fiscally constrained counties under certain circumstances; authorizing the board of trustees to sell or lease surplus non-conservation lands located in fiscally constrained counties to private entities under certain circumstances, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022
 - We will be watching how them move through committees and during session.
- The next TF meeting is on Thursday, November 18th in Orlando at the Celeste Hotel, adjacent to the UCF campus. Staff is working on a tour of the UCF Research Park on Wednesday, November 17th at 1:30 PM and dinner with the FDA members at 6:00 PM that evening at the Island Wing Company, across from the hotel. Please turn your registration forms into Michelle Griggs at your earliest convenience.

Washington Office Update

Katherine Anne Russo reported that back on September 30th the President signed a Continuing Resolution through December 3rd extending government funding through early December. There will most likely be a fight at the end of the year in terms of another short-term extension or trying to do the actual appropriations process, which is unlikely.

Funding levels remain unchanged through December 3rd but the Administration added other funding priorities. \$6.3 billion in additional funds went toward Afghan evacuation and emergency funding for weather. Afghan evacuee funding could potentially come to the state as roughly 1,000 Afghan evacuees are expected to be relocated to Florida. Her office is coordinating with the Federal Government to obtain more information on that issue.

Currently infrastructure is driving the conversation in Washington, DC. The two components of that are the \$1 trillion bipartisan bill, which is no longer very bipartisan. Republicans are very against it as it is connected to the \$3.5 trillion reconciliation piece. The bipartisan piece passed in the Senate and still needs to pass in the House. The reconciliation bill is being negotiated solely by Democrats; the Republicans are not part of the conversation at all. There is a lot of very concerning problematic language in that bill that's still being negotiated. The price tag may come down a bit but will still likely be in the \$2 trillion range. Speaker Pelosi has set a deadline of October 31st to come to an agreement on the reconciliation piece and then to pass the

bipartisan piece in the House. There is a lot of infighting among extreme and moderate Democrats and then the White House is a part of those conversations as well.

She discussed the NDAA timeline as it is late in the year not to have an NDAA passed. Currently the schedule is uncertain as it depends on when the Senate brings their bill to the floor. The House already passed their version. The Senate needs to pass their version and then go to conference. The Senate initially set late October to bring their version of the bill to the floor, but that is quickly approaching so it could be early November, with conference spilling into December.

Currently she's working with the Florida National Guard on some problematic language with regards to the F-35. She asked if anyone ever needs assistance with problematic language needing flagged, she's happy to work with members within the Delegation on a resolution.

Representative Thad Altman asked about the PFOS issues on the bases and if anything is being done to resolve that issue.

Katherine Anne Russo replied that last Monday the EPA rolled out their initial PFOS/PFOA guidance which did not include any immediate action needing to be taken by military bases. Staff will provide the TF with the EPA guidance as this issue is a priority of this Administration. She believes this initial guidance is just a first step in something that will take years to finalize.

Roadmap:

https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2021-10/pfas-roadmap_final-508.pdf

Press release:

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-administrator-regan-announces-comprehensive-national-strategy-confront-pfas>

Chairman, Senator Tom Wright noted that the TF will be making a trip up to Washington, DC soon, along with **Senator Doug Broxson** and will be in contact to set up meetings during their visit.

IV. Agenda Item IV: Public Comment

Ty Martin, Florida's Office of the Attorney General, reported that he runs the Military and Veterans Assistance Program within the Office of the Attorney General and want to inform the TF that in July, their Office released their 2021 Military Consumer Protection Resource Guide as they help to combat any deceptive business practices or any frauds affecting service members and veterans across Florida. Please contact him to receive hard copies. He's hoping to attend the November TF meeting in Orlando and will bring several hard copies to the meeting, as well.

<http://www.myfloridalegal.com/MilCPGuide>

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Chairman, Senator Tom Wright reminded the TF that the next meeting will be in-person, Thursday, November 18, 2021 at the Celeste Hotel in Orlando, Florida. The FDA will meet the day prior at the same venue.

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Senator Tom Wright** asked for a motion to adjourn FDSTF Meeting #98. A motion was made by **Major General Richard Haddad**, seconded by **Rear Admiral Stan Bozin**, all were in favor and the meeting is adjourned.*

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 AM EDT.

This meeting was recorded by The Florida Channel and can be found here:

<https://thefloridachannel.org/videos/9-16-21-florida-defense-support-task-force-2/>

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #99 on Thursday, November 18, 2021

The Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) held a publicly noticed meeting at the Celeste Hotel Orlando - Orlando, at 9:00 AM EST – 11:31 AM EST. For Agenda: See Page 3

Task Force Members Present:

Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman
Rear Admiral Stan Bozin, USN, (Ret)
Brigadier General Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret)

Task Force Members Present via ZOOM:

Representative Thad Altman
The Honorable Thomas Bowman
Major General James Eifert, USAF, The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida
Colonel Jim Heald, USAF, (Ret)
Captain Keith Hoskins, USN, (Ret)

Task Force Members Absent:

Senator Tom Wright, Chairman
Representative Wyman Duggan
Major General Richard Haddad, USAF, (Ret)

Speakers Present:

Dr. Steven Crocker, USN Underwater Sound Reference Division (Bugg Spring)
Dr. Neal Finkelstein, National Center for Simulation
Kellie Jo Kilberg, Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Chair
Kim Stangle, Florida High Tech Corridor
Reeves Valentine, Lockheed Martin

Others Present in Person:

Brian Baluta, EDC of Florida's Space Coast
Mark Bontrager, Space Florida
Matt Chesnut, Space Florida
Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Dave Dahl, Navy Region Southeast
Captain Tim James, NSA Orlando
Buck MacLaughlin, Avon Park Air Force Range
Ty Martin, Office of the Attorney General of Florida
LT Tabriz Ommanney, NSA Orlando
Jennifer Rupert, East Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Ashley Sneed, NSA Orlando

Others Present via ZOOM:

Katie Allen, Bay Defense Alliance
Nic Ancheta, Office of Senator Tom Wright
Adam Callaway, Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
Harrison Conyers, City of Jacksonville
Lori Cox

Ron Demes, NAS Key West
Ryan Fierst, Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
Angela Glass
Paul Hirsch, EDC of Florida's Space Coast
Trudy McCarthy, EDC of Florida's Space Coast
Tara McCue, East Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Chris Middleton, West Florida Defense Alliance
Rick Miller, South Florida Defense Alliance
Dave Murzin, 850 Consulting Group, LLC
Steven Nagakawa, Collins Aerospace
Kay Rasmussen, One Okaloosa
Roger Williams, FLNG
Kent Wimmer, Defenders of Wildlife

Staff Present:

Terry McCaffrey, Vice President of Military & Defense Programs, Executive Director, FDSTF
Ray Collins, Special Advisor to the Vice President of Military & Defense Programs
Chad Corriveau, Communications and Research Assistant, EFI
Michelle Griggs, Executive Assistant/Grants & Contracts Manager, EFI



Florida Defense Support Task Force – Meeting #99
The Celeste Hotel, Orlando
4105 North Alafaya Trail, Orlando, FL 32826
AGENDA for November 18, 2021

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(A) = Action

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| 9:00 – 9:30 Welcome, Roll Call, Introductions..... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Defense Community Welcome • USN Underwater Sound Reference Division (Bugg Spring) Briefing | Chairman (I)
Dr. Neil Finkelstein (I)
Dr. Steven Crocker (I) |
| 9:30 – 9:40 Old Business..... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Minutes • TF Grants and Contracts Status • FDSTF Budget..... | Chairman (A) / (I)
Chairman (A)
Michelle Griggs (I)
T. McCaffrey (I) / (D) / (A) |
| 9:40 – 11:30 New Business..... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TF Member Reports • FDA Update..... • Washington, D.C. Report..... • Military Base Protection Program..... • Defense Industry Update..... • Florida High Tech Corridor Update..... • Space Florida Update..... • Military and Defense Update..... | Chairman (I)

K.J. Kilberg (I)
Katherine Anne Russo (I)
Ray Collins (I) / (A)
R. Valentine (I)
Kim Stangle (I)
Mark Bontrager (I)
T. McCaffrey (I) |
| 11:30 – 11:40 Public Comment..... | Chairman |
| 12:00 – 1:00 CLOSED SESSION | |

Reminder – Upcoming Meeting Dates:

January 20, 2022 March 17, 2022 May 19, 2022 May 19, 2022	Tallahassee (<i>Session</i>) St. Augustine St. Francis Barracks Tallahassee (<i>22-23 Grants</i>) / FDA Tallahassee (<i>22-23 Grants</i>) / FDA	December 2021 February 17, 2022 April 21, 2022 June 2022 June 2022	NO MEETING Zoom Zoom NO MEETING NO MEETING
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Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer began the meeting at 9:00 AM EST.

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

Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer welcomed attendees and guests, wished a Happy 246th Birthday to the U.S. Marines and a belated Happy Veterans Day. He asked the in-person guests to introduce themselves and asked **Captain Tim James**, NSA Orlando, to lead the TF and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. He reminded the TF that the meeting is governed by the Sunshine Law.

Dr. Neal Finkelstein, the National Center for Simulation, welcomed the TF and guests to Orlando and briefed on the organizations at the Central Florida Research Park, such as the Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division (NAWCTSD), NSA Orlando, PEO STRI, the Air Force Agency for Modeling Simulation (AFAMS), a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Liaison Office, the Office of Secretary of Defense Advanced Distributed Learning Co-Lab and a UCF Incubator Building which houses 160 small business and startup companies in all different fields. Nearby is the Medical Center at Lake Nona which is home to Veteran Administrative Simulation and Learning Center. They have a vibrant gaming and digital meeting sector led by the University of Central Florida Interactive Entertainment Academy located in Downtown, Orlando which is surrounded by many small gaming and digital media companies, as well as EA Sports who is building a new \$25 million facility which will employ 800 to 1,000 people.

He discussed the Partnership Buildings and their return on investment, the upcoming I/ITSEC Conference, the NavalX Tech Grove and incoming Joint Artificial Intelligence Center, along with many new technologies coming into the Central Florida area.

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of Minutes

A quorum being present, Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer asked for corrections to the October 21, 2021 TF meeting minutes. Noting none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2021 TF meeting. Rear Admiral Stan Bozin made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Brigadier General Chip Diehl, all are in favor and the minutes were approved.

Task Force Grants and Contracts Status

Michelle Griggs reported on several current TF grants.

Video Project: There are a total of 22 videos in the showcase; twenty (20) are completely finished and the Education and Encroachment videos are receiving finishing touches. Nine (9) videos remain - Education, Encroachment, NS Mayport, NAS Key West, Homestead ARB, Joint Gulf Range Complex version 2, Florida as a destination for post-career, Combatant Commands and an overall video about what makes Florida the best state in the country for our military. Of the nine (9) remaining videos, six (6) were completed by November 10th and are in the final approval process. The three (3) remaining expected by November 24th.

Grants: All first quarter grant reports have been received and are included in your report. A new grant application has been submitted by the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast for a Feasibility Study for Cape Canaveral Space Force Station Regional Wastewater Treatment for \$200,000. TF approval is needed to invite them to present at the January 20, 2022 meeting.

A quorum being present, Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer asked for a motion to invite the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast to present their grant application at the January 20, 2022 TF meeting. Rear Admiral Stan Bozin made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Brigadier General Chip Diehl, all were in favor and the motion was approved.

DTF #14-05, Bay EDA, expires on December 31st. Bay County is requesting an extension to March 31, 2022. Construction for this project has started and is anticipated to be complete in early March. A payment of

\$138,318.57 was invoiced earlier this month for completed work. Tyndall staff are working diligently to expedite the permit process for the work to be completed within the base.

DTF #21-102, the Orlando Economic Partnership, is requesting an extension to March 31, 2022. Their team is in the process of analyzing the comprehensive economic analysis report to finalize the analysis and strategic plan. Gathering this data took longer than expected and this current quarter their team has been very busy preparing for I/ITSEC. An extension will provide adequate time to finalize a quality deliverable and gather the necessary feedback from stakeholders in the community.

*A quorum being present, **Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer** asked for a motion to extend the contracts for DTF Grant #14-05, Bay EDA and DTF #21-102, Orlando Economic Partnership to March 31, 2022. **Brigadier General Chip Diehl** made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by **Rear Admiral Stan Bozin**, all were in favor and the motion was approved.*

DTF #21-103, the Santa Rosa Board of County Commissioners grant closed on October 31st. Staff is waiting on final paperwork and invoices to send them payment and close them out.

Budget: An updated budget is included in Tab 5 of your Book which includes updated Administrative numbers from the first quarter of FY 2021-2022. Approximately \$602,000 remains unprogrammed in this year's budget.

RFPs: Staff created two (2) RFPs, (1) for a Florida Military Installation & Community Resiliency Plan and (2) for Florida Public Education Impacts on Military Families, which are included in your book for review.

Terry McCaffrey informed the TF of the upcoming changes to the Military and Defense website to include an interactive map, which when a base is clicked, will show the video.

FDSTF Budget

Terry McCaffrey briefed that of the ~\$602,000 remaining in the budget, \$200,000 would go toward the EDC of Florida's Space Coast grant to be heard in January with the balance possible going toward the two (2) RFPs. A vote is needed from the TF to proceed with the two (2) projects.

*A quorum being present, **Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer** asked for a motion to proceed with two (2) RFPs: (1) for a Florida Military Installation & Community Resiliency Plan and (2) for Florida Public Education Impacts on Military Families. **Brigadier General Chip Diehl** made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by **Rear Admiral Stan Bozin**, all were in favor and the motion was approved.*

III. Agenda Item III: New Business

Military Base Protection Program

Ray Collins briefed on the Military Base Protection Program 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. Task Force must review annually by December 1st the list submitted to DEO by military installations and provide recommendations for ranking the lands back to DEO.

The Process:

Base commanders submit non-conservation land encroachment threats to DEO. DEO provides those submissions to Task Force for prioritization. FDSTF prioritizes list. DEO submits list to the Board of Trustees which may acquire the lands.

Types of encroachment include development in Clear Zone, Accident Potential Zones or within 65dB and above noise contour line; sites exempted from local government AICUZ Ordinance (previously purchased); proximity to existing sonar testing facility; and proximity to existing and proposed ranges.

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

Prioritization Criteria:

Tier 1

- High likelihood of incompatible development within Clear Zone or Accident Potential Zone 1.
 - Approved development with potential to impact overall base mission.
 - No existing restrictions on development to reduce encroachment/safety risk.
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- MacDill AFB – Florida Rock – northern 14.7 acres in CZ
 - Naval Air Station Pensacola – Cook Property (23+ acres in APZ 1)
 - Naval Air Station Key West – Alfred Sears Trust Property (124 acres in APZ 1)
 - Homestead ARB – Homestead Park of Commerce – (19.92 acres in APZ 2)
 - Avon Park – Triple Canopy Ranch (345 acres in MIPA 1)
 - Eglin AFB – Valparaiso Lots (6 acres/18 homes in Clear Zone)
 - Naval Air Station Jacksonville – Southbelt Park Ltd. (23 acres in APZ)

Brigadier General Chip Diehl updated that Amazon is building a mid-sized distribution warehouse on the Florida Rock land. The compatibility of the warehouse is currently being validated by MacDill AFB but Florida Rock has already vacated the property.

Staff recommends Florida Rock be deleted from this list. **Brigadier General Chip Diehl** suggested that it remain on the list but expect it to be removed very soon. **Terry McCaffrey** added that staff will leave Florida Rock on the list and revisit again next year.

Tier 2

- High likelihood of incompatible development within Accident Potential Zones 1 or 2.
 - Proposed development with potential to impact overall base mission.
 - Existing development within Clear Zone or Accident Potential Zones, but with low likelihood of redevelopment.
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- **MacDill AFB** – ZONS Property (5.9 acres in Clear Zone)
 - **Blount Island** – Parcel adjacent to main Entry Control Point (4.24 acres)
 - **NAS Key West** – Enchanted Island (4 acres in APZ 1)
 - **MacDill AFB** – 3C Self Storage – in Clear Zone (already developed-incompatible w/ CZ)
 - **NAS Jacksonville – JEMSET LLC – (254 acres in APZ 2)**
 - **Bugg Spring – Spring Creek Run – (49.85 acres in Noise Contour Zone)**
 - **Bugg Spring – Joseph Branham – (5.5 acres in Noise Contour Zone)**
 - **Highlighted are new in 2021**

Rear Admiral Stan Bozin added that development is imminent at NAS Jacksonville and should be moved to Tier 1.

Tier 3

- High likelihood of incompatible development within existing noise contours (high noise areas).
- Possible development with potential to impact overall base mission.
- Threat from potential for future development mitigated by one or more of:
 - existing restrictive easements on properties.

- currently compatible land use
 - currently compatible zoning on property.
- **NAS Key West** – Gulf Seafood (8 acres in high noise area)
 - **NS Mayport** – (1.28 acres adjacent to main gate; security issues)
 - **MacDill AFB** – Sally Harris – already developed (in APZ 1)
 - **MacDill AFB** – Caribbean-American Club - already developed (in APZ 1)
 - **Coast Guard Air Station Miami** – 1-acre Parking area between Executive Airport & USCG Air Station (security concerns)
 - **Camp Blanding** – Ira Adams – (85 acres less than one mile from installation boundary and near the artillery impact area, the area that produces the highest noise on the installation)
 - **Camp Blanding** – Jason Canova – (106 acres adjacent to the installation boundary and adjacent to the Corridor and Route System (CARS) aviation route in and around installation)

MBPP funding: Original state funding for 3 parcels (FL Rock, Mayport Village and Barefoot Palms) was \$7.5 million in FY14-15; \$3.7 million remained with DEP for FL Rock property; all funding reverted in FY19-20; No additional funding appropriated to date.

*A quorum being present, **Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer** asked for a motion to approve the amended Military Base Protection Program tiered lands list, including the property at NAS Jacksonville under Tier 1. **Brigadier General Chip Diehl** made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by **Rear Admiral Stan Bozin**, all were in favor and the motion was approved.*

USN Underwater Sound Reference Division (Bugg Spring) Briefing

Dr. Steven Crocker, Director, Underwater Sound Reference Division Sensors and Sonar Systems Department, Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Newport, provided a mission overview of Bugg Spring in Leesburg, Florida.

Historical Overview: Underwater Sound Reference Division (USRD)

- Established as War Dept. Lab at Columbia University.
- Post-war transfer to the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) and moved to Orlando (Lake Gem Mary).
- Test facility at Bugg Spring established for low-frequency, low-noise research and development (1956).
- BRAC moves USRD to the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Newport NUWCDIVNPT). Bugg Spring continues as NUWCDIVNPT field activity. (1995)
- Navy acquires Bugg Spring and surrounding property to ensure continuance of mission critical support to research, development and fleet deployers (2011).
- A small activity with a long history of critical support to the U.S. Navy

Bugg Spring Mission: Bugg Spring is the Navy's only facility for the calibration of submarine and surface ship towed sonar arrays and certification of certain special mission sensors and payloads. Developmental testing and qualification of submarine, surface ship and airborne antisubmarine warfare (ASW) acoustic systems. Special measurements that require low background noise representative of remote ocean locations. Bugg Spring supports the continued acoustic superiority of U.S. Navy platforms

Bugg Spring Attributes:

- Natural spring in a (formerly) remote location
- Mud & silt floor reduces acoustic reverberation
- Consistently low ambient noise
- Consistent water flow (0.32 m3/s)
- Constant temperature (22oC)

- Little to no aquatic vegetation
- Access to transportation infrastructure including the Florida Turnpike and Orlando International Airport for rapid response to urgent fleet requirements
- Bugg Spring is a natural laboratory for low-noise acoustic measurements

Bugg Spring Encroachment:

- Collaboration and cooperation among the Navy, Lake County and the City of Leesburg has allowed USRD to remain informed and engaged regarding potential encroachment.
 - 470 Commerce Center
 - Coreslab precast concrete products plant
 - The Villages expansion
- The Navy welcomes and appreciates the Florida Defense Support Task Force interest in the continued viability of Bugg Spring as an unequalled natural laboratory for underwater acoustic research, development and fleet support.
- Continued economic development in the vicinity of Bugg Spring is a given

Task Force Member Reports

Colonel Jim Heald reported from Eglin AFB:

The Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) Tests Google Workspace Suite of Apps to Collaborate with its “worldwide network of research partners” in a pilot program that has already “dramatically enhanced engagement,” while reportedly saving researchers an average of three hours a week, according to AFRL. “Our mantra is ‘collaborate to innovate,’” AFRL Commander Maj. Gen. Heather L. Pringle said in the release. “We want our alpha nerds to be very connected, and we really want to up their proficiency as a digital workforce.

The Air Force Test Center operates two anechoic chambers with overlapping missions, Joint Preflight Integration of Munitions and Electronic Systems (J-PRIMES) at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., and the Benefield Anechoic Facility located at Edwards AFB, Calif. Recent chamber collaboration for a test at J-PRIMES demonstrated this mission overlap. The Operational Flight Program Combined Test Force tested an Angry Kitten Electronic Countermeasures Training Pod on an F-16 aircraft assigned to the 53rd Wing at Eglin AFB, Fla., Oct. 18 - Nov. 5, 2021. The existing J-PRIMES target generator was unable to meet the test programs objectives, which is why the BAF stepped in to assist. “With both chambers’ demand surpassing capacity, and the rising costs of test-technologies, the collaboration between J-PRIMES and the BAF is essential in supporting acquisition program demands and providing representative test environments for the warfighter,” said John Grigaliunas, Technical Advisor, Air Force Test Center.

The national security environment is affected by the rapid development of new technologies involving “big data” analytics, and the protection and proper utilization of our data is vital to advancing test capabilities at the Air Force Test Center. In order to merge data, tools, and relevant problems, an innovative team of Airmen across AFTC joined forces in the first AFTC Data “Hackathon” Nov. 1-5. Various participants, also referred to as “hackers” from the 412th Test Wing in California, the 96th Test Wing in Florida, and Arnold Engineering Development Complex in Tennessee combined efforts to create an event that could potentially solve U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School sponsored data problems. “The idea for a Data Hackathon started with taking a concept already created and presenting a possibility to use data software to accelerate our abilities,” said Capt. Troy Soileau, 96th Cyber Test Group chief data officer.

On November 11, 2021, the Women Veterans Monuments was unveiled at Veterans Park on Okaloosa Island. Great ceremony including F-15 Fly-by. The eight bronze statues that were unveiled pay homage to women veterans that have served throughout history. Florida is home to the second largest population of women veterans in the United States.

A Child Development Center (CDC) to support the northern part of the Eglin Community is still a top priority (especially for the 7th SFG(A)). The purchase of the WellPlex property is supposedly targeted to close next month with a CDC ground-breaking in January.

The Tri-County Partnership Initiative (TCPI) is currently set to have the Eglin-Hurlburt-Community ideas workshop on December 1. SAF/IE will be here and will facilitate. SAF/IE was here in July and held an internal (government only) ideas workshop.

BAH insufficiencies continue. A temporary increase has been implemented but will expire. Landlords increase their rent when BAH increases; continual challenge to close the gap.

Finally, and probably most important, the Military Mission Line moratorium needs to be made permanent in law. I can forward a letter sent by members of our Defense Support Initiatives (also sent to Hoyer, Schumer, Manchin, Grijalva, Caster and Murphy) if the TF would like it. The Build Back Better Act includes no drilling on the Gulf OCS but that leaves the rest of the Eastern Gulf vulnerable. The Act also permits wind turbines in the Gulf. They are currently targeted for the western and central planning areas but could migrate into the eastern planning area.

Rear Admiral Stan Bozin thanked **Dr. Steven Crocker** sharing his presentation and NAWCTSD for yesterday's tour and briefings. He is very impressed by the modeling and simulation accomplishments in Orlando and how information is shared between the services, the university and industry. Navy bases are currently at HPCON Bravo. They continue working intergovernment support agreements which are great opportunities for community awards and funding to get a lot of work accomplished.

Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer reported that the Checkered Flag exercise is currently ongoing at Tyndall AFB. The exercise began on November 8th, hosted by the 325th Fighter Wing and is one of the DoD's largest air-to-air exercises and serves to integrate fourth- and fifth-generation aircraft to train and test enhanced mobility, pre-deployment qualifications, and rapid response employment capabilities of pilots and aircrew. This exercise is directed by Air Combat Command involving 93 aircraft, 62-70 are in the air all the time. Checkered Flag is a large force aerial exercise that fosters readiness and interoperability through the incorporation of fourth- and fifth-generation fighters. Participating are F-18 Super Hornets from the Navy, F-22s from Anchorage, Alaska and F-16s from Shaw AFB. The community is happy to be hearing jet noise again.

Post Hurricane Michael, Bay County has been providing quality of life updates to the Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard have found that contractors have risen to the occasion as there are about 17,000 titled lots set to be approved or already approved in the area as well as 41 new apartment complexes with 8,000 new units. Supply and demand is leveling out to the point they should have excess supply by the time the first F-35 squadron lands.

Tyndall AFB is being rebuilt by the Project Management Office of AFCEC, the Tyndall PMO. Currently there are 40 major MILCON projects underway as well as about 260 restoration and sustainment projects.

Florida Defense Alliance Update

Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chair, provided an update from the FDA meeting held the day prior which was focused on lessons learned, best practices and looking at how to maximize and leverage resources around the state. The meeting began with a panel on the STARBASE Academies. There are four (4) located in Florida: Jacksonville, the Space Coast, Pensacola and Central Florida with a location in Clearwater coming soon. These are DoD-sponsored STEM programs for at-risk fifth grade students. Next was a resiliency panel that looked at three local communities: Tampa Bay, South Florida and the Emerald Coast, and the different stages they are at as they apply for resiliency grants with the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC). All are working with their regional planning councils as they navigate the grant process. **Major General James Eifert** provided an update on the current needs and challenges of the Florida National Guard. Representatives from Santa Rosa and Escambia Counties provided information on DCIP grant best practices. The importance of these presentations is to understand that local communities need to expand who they partner with and how apply for funding. The Mission Sustainment Working Group reviewed the 3D mapping project and the opportunities that come with this new technology to tell Florida's military complex story. The Family Support Working Group discussed the Purple Star School Program as a conference call with the Department of Education will be held on December 2nd to discuss draft rules and inputs. They are hoping to

roll out the program in spring 2022. An update was provided on programs for special needs children and the challenges faced as families transition into and out of the military.

The FDA will have a funding session to look at all available programs at both the federal and state levels to leverage and maximize those resources. The resiliency RFP will be key when looking at funding programs and how to mix and match and combine the programs.

Many FDA members attended the ADC Conference in San Antonio earlier in November which focused mainly on partnerships, resiliency, innovation, family and quality of life issues.

Defense Industry Update

Reeves Valentine, Lockheed Martin, provided a briefing on the state of the aerospace and defense industry. He indicated that defense industry conditions in Florida thanks to the hard work done by the FDA and the FDSTF to make Florida a defense-friendly state.

Lockheed Martin's Florida Presence

- Lockheed Martin represents one of many, both big and small, suppliers in the defense industry
- They have deep roots in Florida
 - Established their presence in Florida in 1957
- They have over 17,000 employees in Florida
 - Only more employees in Texas than Florida
 - Over 8,000 in the Central Florida / Orlando area
 - Employees in Orlando have increased by 33% over the past few years
 - Work with over 300 Orlando area-based suppliers
- They employ over 3,000 graduates from the University of Central Florida (UCF) and Valencia College
 - Provides a pipeline for the local higher education institutes
- UCF supplies the most graduates of any university to aerospace and defense industry in the country
- Lockheed Martin has four major business areas:
 - Space
 - Missiles and Fire Control
 - Rotary and Mission Systems
 - Aeronautics
 - All four of those business areas are represented in Florida
- Florida is the home of development and production of several of Lockheed Martin's key mission portfolios:
 - Advanced sensors
 - Fifth generation aircraft systems
 - Tactical strike missiles
 - The Orion and Space program
 - Future vertical lift
 - Future for helicopters
 - Simulation and training systems
- They work with over 1,200 suppliers in Florida with over 200 veteran owned / women owned / minority owned small businesses
- Lockheed Martin has nearly \$6 billion in contracts in Florida
 - They will contribute \$36 billion to Florida's economy over the next 10 years
- They have 20% representation of veterans in their ranks
 - 1 out of every 5 employees served in the military

Space Highlights

- There have been 26 successful launches from the Kennedy Space Center and Cape Canaveral in 2021, including:
 - SpaceX crewed missions to the International Space Station
 - The United Launch Alliance's Atlas 5 Rocket carrying Lockheed Martin's built Lucy spacecraft for NASA's mission to study Trojan asteroids
 - The privately-chartered all civilian space flight mission Inspiration 4 included a Lockheed Martin employee
- All space hardware system elements including the Orion crew capsule delivered by Lockheed Martin on the space launch system, which is a rocket provided by Boeing, are now at the Kennedy Space Center preparing for a launch in spring 2022 as part of NASA's Artemis Human Exploration Program
 - That series of missions will see the first woman and first person of color on the surface of the moon sometime in 2025 and is the building block toward the historic event of returning to the moon
- Governor DeSantis and Space Florida recently announced Terren Orbital will be building a headquarters and satellite manufacturing facility at the former space shuttle landing facility at the Kennedy Space Center with the goal of manufacturing small satellites, creating over 2,100 jobs
- Lockheed Martin expanded its human spacecraft manufacturing capacity with the grand opening of the new STAR Center located on the space coast
- Blue Origin is broadening their capacity to manufacture and launch rockets from the space coast
- Last week Lockheed Martin's Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES-T) arrived at the Kennedy Space Center to begin launch preparations for a February 2022 launch
 - This satellite is designed to observe earth and space weather faster and more accurately than ever
- The uptick of manufacturing combined with the Kennedy Space Center and Cape Canaveral's reinforcing launch pad infrastructure allows an increased number of rocket launches from 30 to 50 in the years ahead
- The future for Florida space is very bright from operations, governmental and commercial perspectives

COVID-19

- The defense industry base exemption has allowed Florida's aerospace and defense companies to continue functioning and supporting critical DoD programs, the warfighter
- They Instituted safety protocols early on based on CDC guidelines
- They have a significant amount of people working from home
- Employees need to be on site due to manufacturing and classified laboratories
 - Workers are doing what they can to protect each other and their families to support the warfighter mission
 - Covid-19 vaccines were promoted early
- The aerospace and defense community should be commended for their continued work during the pandemic in support of our national security, our allies' national security and to protects our ideals and way of life
- Industry has risen to the challenge and continues to do so
- Large companies have been more insulated from impacts, mid-size and small companies have been impacted more
- Lockheed Martin and their peers have done what they can to accelerate cash payments and to keep cash flow moving down the chain
 - To date they average more than \$400 million weekly in accelerated payments to more than 10,750 of their supply chain partners including 6,500 small businesses, to all 50 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and 47 nations

Workforce Initiatives

- Aerospace and defense industry can't grow or be successful without talented and qualified people to fill high-tech roles
- Lockheed Martin and their peers are committed to cultivating the next generation of talent to support our nation's most critical needs for generations to come
- Through STEM outreach and partnership with education institutions they're focused on educating students at every level, developing highly skilled talent to position Florida, as well as our nation, for future success
- Innovation is at the core of their business, is not something they create but something that is nurtured in the communities amongst the youth and employees
- The Orlando technology market remains strong and continues to grow
- Currently and over the next few years, especially in the aerospace industry, along with growth comes challenges like recruiting, training and retaining the right talent or having to compete for talent across the nation
- The jobs they are adding include systems / software / mechanical / electrical engineers, program managers, supply chain managers, contract managers, financial managers
 - This need extends across the supply chain
- The emerging skills needed to advance national security and serve our nation's military are
 - Data analytics
 - Artificial intelligence
 - Machine learning
 - Model based engineering
 - Simulation
 - Cyber
- In 2018 Lockheed Martin committed to creating 8,000 new apprenticeships and workforce opportunities through 2023 and are nearly halfway to their goal creating already 3,500 new workforce development opportunities across the country
- In today's marketplace a four-year degree is not necessarily needed to work in their industry as students with a two-year degree and apprenticeship fill many of the high-tech aerospace and defense industry jobs today
- Lockheed Martin partners with non-profit Veterans Florida to provide workforce training for veterans
- They are investing through Lockheed Martin Ventures in companies like Red Six
- In 2019 and 2020 Lockheed Martin invested nearly \$7 million into a STEM and vocation scholarship program
- Locally, Lockheed Martin supports the Orlando Science Center, Tech Savvy Girls and First Robotics Teams
- They value their longstanding relationships with the community and technical colleges to meet critical workforce needs
- They began their collaboration with Valencia College six years ago on curricula for manufacturing certificate programs with the culmination of opening its advanced manufacturing center in 2016
- In 2018 Lockheed Martin committed to a 3-year, \$300,000 grant to Valencia College to support a second advanced manufacturing training program that will help cultivate the community talent pipeline
- Lockheed Martin is celebrating their 40th anniversary with their College Work Experience Program called CWEP as UCF allows students to work part time
- They provide paid work experience to nearly 650 students each year, 60% are offered full time jobs upon completion
- They offer a significant number of CWEP positions remotely and onsite

Challenges

- High-tech, high-skill positions continually need to be filled as older workers retire
- The apprenticeship program needs to be expanded and the state needs to find ways to offset large industry investments in training and qualifying its workers
- Industry bears \$60,000 per apprentice, anything the state can do to get them on their training track before they come into industry will have them ready day one to start making an impact and to continue to backfill those critical jobs
- Consideration is needed during the 2022 Legislative Session
- Other states are creating an apprenticeship tax credit program
- There are 80,000 open STEM positions in Florida
- State also needs more high-tech businesses in the aerospace and defense industry
 - Needs to grow at pace with Florida's economy
- It would be helpful if the Florida Legislature restored economic incentives tools such as performance based qualified target industry tax incentives to grow jobs and attract capital investment to increase high-tech manufacturing in the state
 - Alabama and Arkansas are aggressively competing for workforce development
 - Creating attractive long-term incentives and tax abatement programs
 - Offering favorable land deals and workforce training grants as well as a comprehensive package
- Growing Florida's military presence will also attract more aerospace and defense work
- Getting Space Command and its subordinate deltas are important in growing overall aerospace and defense industry

Florida High Tech Corridor Update

Kim Stangle, Florida High Tech Corridor, provided a presentation on the introduction to the Florida High Tech Corridor Council.

The Florida High Tech Corridor is a partnership of three world-class research universities: the University of Florida, the University of South Florida and the University of Central Florida, created in 1996 to grow high-tech industry and the workforce to support it in a 23-county region. They were established by the Florida Legislature appropriating funds to universities to drive economic competitiveness in the region. The Council is co-Chaired by the three (3) university presidents and a small staff but have a vast network of partners.

Strengthening Florida's Economic Competitiveness

Regional Perspective: The state's only high-tech economic development organization with a unique regional perspective.

Collaborative Culture: The Corridor Council fosters a culture that encourages partners to leave their logos and their egos at the door; a rising tide lifts all ships.

Enterprising Approach: We honor a 25-year legacy, while challenging the status quo with "boundary breaking collaboration."

Connective Tissue for Regional Innovation

- University Research & Innovation Enterprises
- Tech Business Leaders
- Legislators
- Economic Developers
- Workforce Developers
- Investors
- To connect, collaborate and convene

Investing in Economic Development Outcomes

- Research
- Workforce
- Entrepreneurship
- Marketing

Applied Research

- The Matching Grants Research Program facilitates applied research partnerships between local companies and the three universities that result in opportunities for technology commercialization, student professional development and demonstrated faculty expertise.
- \$1 billion downstream impacts
- 120+ patents generated
- 1+ students on every project
- \$80 million Corridor Council matching funds
- 500+ companies engaged
- 1,650+ research projects

K-12 STEM Outreach

STEM Connect partners with local high-tech professionals and organizations to produce virtual presentations featuring varied career paths. Tens of thousands of students are inspired annually to pursue high-tech, high-wage careers in sectors driving economic growth.

Entrepreneurial Support

Significant investments in university incubators and entrepreneurial support organizations accelerate innovation and commercialization across the region.

Military & Defense Support

The Corridor touches many aspects of the military and defense communities across the region by providing direct investment, board service or key sponsorships for large and small events.

Reputation Building

Strategic marketing programs are designed to raise awareness about the region. They reach more than 10,000 stakeholders monthly across social media, email and website with news about initiatives driving regional growth.

The Future: Strategic Partnerships & Priorities

Connect. Collaborate. Convene.

They have launched a strategic task force to better define and communicate how stakeholders “Connect to The Corridor.”

New Funding Opportunities

Applying for grants as we attack the innovation community’s desperate need for more resources.

Industry Diversification

Spearheading an Industry Cluster and Diversification Initiative to establish Central Florida as an epicenter for four tech sectors.

Cenfluence

- Launched in February 2021 with Orange County Government, Cenfluence is driving the growth of emerging regional clusters that elevate innovation, economic development and cross-cluster collaboration.

- Energy and Environmental Sciences
- Gaming, Entertainment and eSports
- Learning Sciences and Human Performance
- Life Science

Military & Defense Update

Terry McCaffrey updated the TF items on which the Staff is currently working.

Thank you to the local community and the University of Central Florida for hosting the FDA and TF this week.

Staff anticipates that the Air Force's strategic basing decision on the KC-46 to MacDill AFB will be announced in the near future. Space Florida continues their efforts in obtaining STARCOM and the deltas associated.

Matrix Design Group is working on the 2020 Economic Impact Study with their report due at the end of November. This report will show that the military and defense industry remained robust, even during a worldwide pandemic. They will present their findings to the TF in January.

Staff is completing last year's TF Annual Report and Work Plan and is currently at DEO for review. The TF should receive it in early December for their review, comments and input to be incorporated in the update and will be voted on at the January meeting. The final report is due to the Governor, Senate President and Speaker of the House by February 1, 2022.

Committee weeks are ongoing with a Special Session underway this week. Those bills were completed yesterday. There are a robust amount of bills this session focusing on military and veterans and 52 are included in your books, more have been introduced since the report was created (Tab 9). Some highlights are:

SB 358 / HB 590 - Professional Counselors Licensure Compact
Professional Counselors Licensure Compact; Creating the Professional Counselors Licensure Compact; providing for recognition of the privilege to practice licensed professional counseling in member states; providing for the recognition of the practice of professional counseling through telehealth in member states; providing for the development of the data system, reporting procedures, and the exchange of specified information between member states; specifying that licensees practicing in a remote state under the compact must adhere to the laws and rules of the remote state, etc. Effective Date: Upon enactment of the Professional Counselors Licensure Compact into law by 10 states.

SB 430 / HB 153 - Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children
Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children; Extending the scheduled repeal of the compact and related provisions, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law.

SB 0562 / HB 559 – Military Occupational Licensure
Military Occupational Licensure; Requiring the Department of Business and Professional Regulation or the applicable board or program to expedite professional license applications submitted by spouses of active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States; requiring the department to issue temporary professional licenses under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Health or the applicable board to issue a professional license to spouses of active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States if certain requirements are met, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2022

Staff send out an updated list next week.

IV. Agenda Item IV: Public Comment

Kent Wimmer, Defenders of Wildlife, reported that the proposals to designate Northwest and Northeast Florida as Sentinel Landscapes were submitted at the end of August to the Sentinel Landscapes Coordinating Committee (DOD-USDA-USDI). As they are waiting for the designation decision, they are circulating a Florida Sentinel Landscapes MOU for signature by 25 federal, state, regional and NGO partners. In the past day 19 of

the 25 parties have signed the MOU. This MOU creates a framework for coordinating between Sentinel Landscapes in Florida and the partners and programs who are collaborating to protect military missions, maintain working lands and conserve habitat for listed species. Additionally, a second MOU has been executed by the US Navy Region South, Defenders of Wildlife and the North Florida Land Trust to support coordination with the five Navy installations in the proposed Sentinel Landscapes in Northwest and Northeast Florida. These MOUs demonstrate to the Federal Coordinating Committee that the State of Florida and its Federal and NGO partners have a framework to support sentinel landscapes throughout the state. We anticipate 3 to 5 additional Sentinel Landscapes being designated in December or January. We are supposed to receive additional guidance concerning the timing of designations before Thanksgiving.

Ty Martin, Office of Florida's Attorney General, briefed that at the last TF meeting he spoke about their office's Military Consumer Protection Resource Guide which is an excellent resource for Florida's veterans and servicemembers. He has brought several copies which are available on the front table.

Recently the Attorney General held a news conference announcing that their office was instrumental in recovering over \$500,000 from a nefarious actor who was robocalling individuals bombarding them with schemes and scams. Portions of the amount recovered were presented to several non-profits throughout the state.

Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer added that the next TF meeting will be in Tallahassee on Thursday, January 20, 2022. There is no meeting in December.

*A quorum being present, **Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer** asked for a motion to adjourn FDSTF Meeting #99. A motion was made by **Brigadier General Chip**, seconded by **Rear Admiral Stan Bozin**, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.*

The meeting adjourned at 11:31 AM EST