

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #41 on Thursday, January 21, 2016

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting at DoubleTree by Hilton, Tallahassee, Florida 09:00 AM EST – 11:20 AM EST. For Agenda: See Page 2

Task Force Members Present:

Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman
Senator Mike Bennett, Manatee County Supervisor of Elections
BrigGen Chip Diehl, USAF, Ret.
ADM Mark Fitzgerald, USN, Ret.
Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Highlands County
Representative Ritch Workman
Representative Dana Young

Task Force Members on the Phone:

None

Task Force Members Absent:

Senator Garrett Richter, Chairman
MG Mike Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General of Florida
CW5 Derrick Fritts, USA
Representative Clay Ingram
J.R. McDonald, Lockheed Martin
MG Joseph Taluto, USA, Ret.

Speakers Present:

Secretary Tony Principi, The Principi Group (TPG)
MG Mike Jones, USA, Ret., TPG
Gary Clark, Deputy Secretary, Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP)
Deb Keller, The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
LtCol Kevin Beeker, USAF, 598th Range Squadron Commander (RANS)

Others Present:

Ana Richmond, Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
Bob Black, US Congressman Jeff Miller's Office
Brian Mimbs, US Senator Marco Rubio's Office
Kent Watson, US Congresswoman Gwen Graham's Office
Lindsey Smith, Senator Thad Altman's Office
Beth Walker, DEO
Barbara Foster, DEO
Rod Lewis, CareerSource Florida
MAJ Adam Bailey, USA, Department of Military Affairs/Florida National Guard
Jim Breitenfeld, TPG

Staff Present:

Al Latimer, Enterprise Florida, Senior Vice President, Strategic Partnerships

Rocky McPherson, Vice President, Military and Defense

Bruce Grant, Executive Director, Florida Defense Support Task Force

Camila Hornung, Grants Coordinator, Florida Defense Support Task Force

Marcy Muldrow Sanders, Administrative Assistant, Military and Defense



Florida Defense Support Task Force -- Meeting #41
Doubletree Hotel, 101 S. Adams St., Tallahassee, FL 32301
AGENDA for January 21, 2016 (As of: January 20, 2016)

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- 0900 - 0910 Welcome, Guest Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance.....Chairman **(I)**
- 0910 – 0920 Old Business.....Chairman **(A)/(I)**
 - Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
 - TF Grants and Contracts Status Camila Hornung **(I)**
 - FY 16-17 Grant Application Camila Hornung **(I)**
 - Budget update Bruce Grant **(I)**
 - DEO/FDSTF FY 15-16 Contract Rocky McPherson **(I) (A)**
- 0920 – 1145 New Business.....Chairman **(I)**
 - TF Member Reports Secretary Tony Principi **(I)**
 - Update from The Principi Group Gary Clark **(I)**
 - DEP Non Conservation Lands Update Deb Keller **(I)(A)**
 - Out-of-Cycle Grant Request – Sentinel Landscapes Eric Sherman **(I)**
 - DOD Family Issues Rocky McPherson **(I)**
 - Legislative Update Bruce Grant **(I)(A)**
 - Task Force Annual Report for 2015 Bruce Grant **(I)(A)**
 - Proposed Task Force Meeting Schedule for 2016
- 1145 – 1215 Public Comment.....Chairman
- 1215 – 1330 Lunch/CLOSED SESSION
- Discussion of strategy and way forward.....Chairman **(I)**
- 1330 Adjournment.....Chairman **(A)**

Reminder -- Meeting Dates:

- February 18, 2016 Conference Call/Webex
- March 17, 2016 Melbourne/Space Coast (T)
- April 21, 2016 Conference Call/Webex
- May 19, 2016 Tallahassee (Grant applications)

Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer, began the meeting at 09:05 AM EST.

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome & Introductions

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

Staff noted an updated agenda was placed at the table for the Task Force (TF) members and copies were available for the public at the registration table.

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of the Minutes

A quorum being present, a motion was made by Sen. Mike Bennett, seconded by ADM Mark Fitzgerald, and passed unanimously to approve the November 19, 2015 meeting and closed session minutes.

FY 2013, 2014, and 2015 Budget/Contract Update

Staff provided an update on the TF grants noting all grants for FY 2012-2013 have been closed. FY 2013 – 2014 has three grants remaining open and it is anticipated they will be closed soon. Extensions have been approved for FY 2014-2015 for Clay County, University of West Florida, and the National Center for Simulation. The CareerSource Florida grant will expire in August. There have been several notices sent to Space Florida, regarding the status of their grant including a letter of nonperformance. To date staff has not received a response. There are currently two pay request pending for FY 2015-2016 grants for Clay County and Tampa Bay Defense Alliance. A resolution to the payment issue will be addressed by staff later on the agenda. Staff reminded the TF the draft application for the FY 2016-2017 grants cycle will be presented in February. Staff also provided a summary of the grants application and awards process.

Question: Commissioner Stewart asked if the results from the LambdaRail project have been reported. She also asked about the FY 2014-2015 Okaloosa County Economic Development Council's (EDC) grant which is shown as expiring in January 2016. She also wanted to know if the Bay County Dynamic Message sign was all that was intended for the grant funds.

Answer: Staff reported the quarterly report for the end of 2015 was recently received and will report to the TF next month if the results from the test were included in the report. Staff reported the EDC has requested reimbursement for the majority of the funds on their grant and anticipates requesting the remainder of the funds prior the grants expiration. Staff reported Bay County will be completing phase I of the project which is the Dynamic Message sign.

Question: BrigGen Diehl asked if the grants schedule was for all the grants including Defense Infrastructure Grants (DIG) and Defense Reinvestment Grants (DRG).

Answer: Staff noted the grants schedule is generally staggered to so the grantees will not have to apply for all of the grants at the same time. However, all grant applications and awards need to be on the legislative cycle. Staff noted they would also deconflict applications. Applications for the same project under multiple grant programs will not be approved.

Staff provided an update on the current budget status based on this year's appropriation.

DEO/FDSFT FY 2015-2016 Contract

Staff distributed a copy of a letter to Bill Johnson, CEO of Enterprise Florida, Inc. The letter formalizes an informal agreement between the TF and EFI to continue to provide support the TF for administrative, logistic, fiscal, and contracting matters. Senator Richter agreed to sign the letter upon TF approval.

Question: ADM Fitzgerald asked if there was a representative from Bill Johnson's office available to comment on the arrangement.

Answer: Al Latimer, Senior Vice President of Strategic Partnerships, told the TF Bill Johnson has been fully briefed on the arrangement and is in full support of the formal arrangement to ensure the TF can continue to fulfill its duties on behalf of the state.

A quorum being present, a motion was made by Senator Mike Bennett, seconded by ADM Mark Fitzgerald, and passed unanimously to approve the letter to Bill Johnson to formalize the relationship between Enterprise Florida, Inc. and the Florida Defense Support Task Force.

Question: BrigGen Diehl asked was there an acceptance process for the letter

Answer: Staff noted an acceptance letter could be obtained from EFI.

IV. Agenda Item III: New Business

DEP Non-Conservation Lands Update

Gary Clark, Deputy Secretary, Department of Environmental Protect (DEP), discussed the three buffering projects DEP is currently working; Naval Support Activity Panama City, Naval Station Mayport, and MacDill AFB. NSA Panama City has verbally accepted the purchase price. The county has requested an extension until spring 2016, DEP is working on reappraisals for this property due to the length of time it has taken to complete. The Naval Station Mayport's closing is anticipated mid-to-late February 2016. An updated appraisal for MacDill AFB property to include the restrictions to not allow the construction of a hotel on this site has been requested. The report is due back to DEP next week and a new offer will be made based on the new property values.

Task Force Member Reports

ADM Mark Fitzgerald reported the museum at the Naval Air Station Pensacola has been informed that visitors may only enter through the back gate. Congressman Jeff Miller's Office has engaged in the access issue. This may have a significant economic impact since the museum attracts 850,000 visitors a year and limiting access to the back gate may reduce this number. He suggested the TF keep an eye on the situation to see if they may be able to impact the potential economic impacts of this move.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart reported the Avon Park Air Force Range (APAFR) will be hosting JADED THUNDER January 25 through February 5th. This is a Special Operations Command (SOCOM) joint coordination exercise for ground personnel, artillery, and aviation units. SOCOM's D-Cell, from MacDill, is currently on the Range conducting pre-exercise set-up. This month the Range is conducting its Range maintenance/Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) program. As part of this, the North Military Operations on Urban Terrain (MOUT) site, Urban Village, was expanded, adding an additional road and several new buildings and targets. Phase II is scheduled for February. A cooperative agreement that will allow Polk County to work with APAFR as an eligible entry on Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) projects was recently signed by the Board of County Commissioners. It is now awaiting signature by the Air Force.

LtCol Beeker, 598th RANS Commander, briefed the TF on JADED THUNDER on behalf of Commissioner. He noted the various national Commands that will be participating in the exercise which translates to approximately a \$3 million economic impact to the area. Additionally, this represents an increase in Range usage from Commands across the country.

Question: Mr. Neubauer asked if this was an increase in Range usage over the past couple of years.

Answer: LtCol Beeker responded that approximately \$10 million has been spent on the Range with approximately \$7 million in additional improvements to come. In 2012 at the beginning of sequestration Range usage was at 40%. Range usage is currently at 80%, which is an increase in units across the country and in Florida utilizing the Range.

There was a discussion of Range usage for JADED THUNDER over the history of the exercise.

Comments: BrigGen Diehl noted this is a good news story for APAFR and there needs to be a way for the TF to tell the story.

Commissioner Stewart commented the TF and the Principi Group were instrumental in the increased usage of the Range.

Question: ADM Fitzgerald asked if the Governor's office could put out a press release on the exercise.

Answer: Staff noted EFI's communications team would work with the TF on a press release.

Tom Neubauer reported the current Vice Commander of the 42nd Fighter Wing at Homestead ARB will be the next Commander of the 325th Fighter Wing at Tyndall AFB. This will be a first for Tyndall. The President has nominated MajGen Robert Williams to become the Commander of 1st Air Force. He also report Tyndall AFB will have the lead squadron in the RED FLAG exercise. Col. Derek Francis has ten local civilians headed to the exercise to help kick it off.

Update from the Principi Group

Secretary Tony Principi reported the budget is expected to be delivered to the Congress on February 9th. He also discussed an anticipated push by some members of Congress to increase defense spending in the 2017 budget. Though he anticipates it would be difficult to get an increase in spending without a catastrophic event. He also discussed the House and the Senates National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) mark-up schedule and that current proposed authorizations appear positive for the National Center for Simulation. He noted the four services are working to complete the Congressional mandate in the 2016 NDAA to complete a force structure plan, an infrastructure inventory, and an assessment of infrastructure necessary to support the force infrastructure; it also requires the Department of Defense (DoD) to conduct an inventory of excess installations across the country. The report is due next month to the Government Accounting Office (GAO), it is not based on a data call based on a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), but is based on existing data. GAO will have 60 days to review the findings and make a determination on the validity of DoDs data. Over the next 90 days there will be a lot of data that will be presented to Congress which will input to a potential of a BRAC. He briefly discussed Senator McCain's interest in amending the Goldwater-Nichols Act. He also discussed the Navy's drawdown of Littoral Combat Ships (LCS) and other capabilities.

Question: Mr. Neubauer asked how changes to the Goldwater-Nichols Act may impact Florida in relation to SouthCom.

Answer: Sec. Principi noted that it could result in a consolidation of SouthCom and other commands in Florida.

MG Mike Jones reported that Senator McClusky's energy bill will be allowed for a vote next week in the Senate. This bill originally allowed for Gulf drilling off the coast of Florida. SB2012 does not include the Gulf drilling language of the previous version. An amendment could be offered on the floor that would allow the drilling to occur impacting the Range Complex. The testing of stand-off weapons study is with Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) for review and will help shoring up the position to maintain the Gulf Range Complex. BAE announced there will be a reduction of 300 shipyard workers in Jacksonville which goes along with a parallel announcement of 500 workers in Norfolk. Previous reductions were all civilians. This reduction will most likely include some military personnel. He discussed the impacts of the savings of the 2016 NDAA which were based on the President's budget request. They are continuing to look at impacts to installations. The 2016 budget

includes \$250 million for military construction (MilCon) projects for Florida.

Question: Mr. Neubauer discussed the Okaloosa County visit last year and the Commanders discussion of the need for more space to test stand-off weapons. He noted the Commander mentioned a study that was being conducted on stand-off weapons. He asked if there is a formal study being conducted.

Answer: MG Jones responded there were two studies conducted; one was an Air Force study that was specifically for Range space. The other study was directed by Congress for test capability. The Air Force has delayed the submission of the first report in order to integrate the two studies. There is no date when the final study reports will be sent to Congress.

Out-of-Cycle Grant Request—Sentinel Landscapes

Deb Keller, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), and **LtCol Kevin Beeker**, APAFR, briefed the TF on the grant application request submitted for a Sentinel Landscapes project application for Avon Park Air Force Range. TNC was approached by the Sentinel Landscapes program staff and asked to compile, draft and submit the Sentinel Landscape Designation Document (SLDD) in part because of this track record of success and broad outreach to numerous stakeholders. FDSTF funding will support all required research, mapping, travel, outreach, stakeholder communication, production, distribution and defense of the SLDD. LtCol Beeker briefed the TF on the military value of the project.

Question: ADM Fitzgerald expressed concerns about relationships with the ranchers engaging in a project which involves the Department of the Interior. He asked if some ground work to shore up the relationships had been done before proceeding with the project to prevent any political backlash.

Answer: Commissioner Stewart answered the Range has a very good relationship with the cattle ranchers and the ranchers are very active participants in the community and with DoD activities. She doesn't anticipate any political backlash from the Sentinel Landscapes program.

Comment: Representative Young noted she loves the project and how beneficial she believes the project will be. This will allow ranchers to keep and manage their land while benefitting the base is good for the State of Florida.

Discussion: Representative Workman asked given the value of this project and the small amount being requested why isn't TNC paying for the application of the project themselves. He also asked if TNC would complete the application with or without the funding.

Answer: Ms. Keller responded TNC will provide a matching in-kind donation. Since the opportunity occurred during their budget year it is currently an unfunded project for this fiscal year. She also note TNC would not be able to complete the application as well without the funding, which may negatively impact the application.

A quorum being present, a motion was made by Senator Mike Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Barbara Stewart, and passed unanimously to approve the out-of-cycle grant application in the amount of \$29,500 to complete the Sentinel Landscapes application.

DoD Family Issues

Eric Sherman, DoD State Liaison Office, briefed the TF on the key issues impacting service members and their families for 2016. He discussed nine issues in the Southeast Region impacting military families the office is currently working. He provided a brief overview of the current status of the issues nationwide and where Florida is on addressing the issues. He briefed the gap in support for child abuse and neglect cases for military personnel living off-base: the need for pro bono legal representation and coordination from the attorney general to ensure service members receive legal representation. He noted the pro bono issue is a first year issue under development.

Question: Representative Young asked about Florida National Guard (FNG) protections under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) when activated by Governors outside of their home state or serve in another state. Rep. Young also noted she is looking at the legislative updates to see if there is a bill that an amendment could be added to, to resolve this issue. She would offer an amendment to resolve the issue if such legislation was located. She requested documentation from Mr. Sherman to support her amendment language.

Answer: Mr. Sherman responded that FNG members activated by the Governor of the State of Florida serving in Florida are protected under USERRA.

Question: ADM Fitzgerald asked is the TF being asked to take these issues up to present to the legislature.

Answer: Staff responded that in the past individual members of the TF have taken these issues to work on. The two ways to work the issues are either Representatives or members take the issues individually to work; or by letter from the Chair to the legislature to address.

Comment: Staff noted there is coordination that needs to happen in child abuse and neglect cases. If the DoD doesn't handle the issue then it falls to the State Department of Children and Families (DCF). There has to be coordination with DoD and DCF to ensure the cases are handled through the proper channels.

Question: Mr. Neubauer asked what are you asking the TF to do.

Answer: Mr. Sherman responded he is looking for support of the issues and for the TF members to assist in working issues that still need legislative action.

Question: Commissioner Stewart asked if Rep. Young was in support of all three issues.

Answer: Rep. Young responded she was comfortable moving forward with the FNG issue. She recommended since the two remaining issues are more complicated they should be worked on between now and the 2017 session.

Comment: Sen. Bennett noted he believed the pro bono issue would be best addressed through the Florida Bar and not necessarily as a legislative agenda item.

Answer: Mr. Sherman noted this was developed and passed by the Nevada legislature because the Attorney General thought the key was to have one focal point to ensure coordination with the Judge Advocate Generals (JAG).

Discussion: The Vice Chair asked if Sen. Bennett was asking for a letter to the Florida Bar.

Sen. Bennett noted that would probably be the best and most effective course of action at this time.

ADM Fitzgerald requested a motion of support for the three action items presented.

A quorum being present, a motion was made by Senator Mike Bennett, seconded by ADM Fitzgerald and passed unanimously to send a letter to the Senate President and the Speaker of the House supporting the two legislative issues and forwarding the information provided by Mr. Sherman for action as appropriate.

Legislative Update

Staff presented legislative issues impacting military, defense, and Veterans.

Comment: Sen. Bennett discussed the ad valorem tax issue which is in need of modification to address an issue that when a Veteran is declared disabled, the designation does not say permanently disabled

and therefore they have to request an ad valorem waiver every year. This needs to be fixed. Perhaps the waiver could be recertified for a longer period of time at three and/or five year intervals instead of annually.

Rep. Workman commented the VA doesn't give the status of permanent disability, but a recertification period longer than one year could be added as well as including a back tax penalty could be add if a service member is no longer eligible for the exemption, but continues to claim the exemption.

Task Force Annual Report for 2015

Staff presented the draft annual report for TF approval.

A quorum being present, a motion was made by Senator Mike Bennett, seconded by Commissioner Barbara Stewart and passed unanimously to approve the 2015 TF Annual Report.

Proposed Task Force Meeting Schedule for 2016

Staff presented the proposed meeting schedule.

V. Public Comment.

Deb Keller, TNC, discussed the REPI Challenge at Tyndall AFB with the support of Eglin AFB has been approved for stage 2 of the REPI Challenge. The property is north of Lake Wimico.

Mr. Neubauer noted the million dollars has been received and Tyndall is ready to move forward.

There was a discussion of the details of the acquisition.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM EST

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Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #42 on Thursday, February 18, 2016

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting via Conference Call 09:00 AM EST – 09:56 AM EST.

Task Force Members Present:

Senator Garrett Richter, Chairman
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman
Senator Mike Bennett, Manatee County Supervisor of Elections
MG Mike Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General of Florida
BrigGen Chip Diehl, USAF, Ret.
ADM Mark Fitzgerald, USN, Ret.
CW5 Derrick Fritts, USA
J.R. McDonald, Lockheed Martin
Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Highlands County
MG Joseph Taluto, USA, Ret.

Task Force Members Absent:

Representative Clay Ingram
Representative Ritch Workman
Representative Dana Young

Speakers Present:

Secretary Anthony Principi, The Principi Group, TPG

Others Present:

Beth Walker, Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
MG Mike Jones, The Principi Group (TPG)
Jim Breitenfeld, TPG
Bob Black, Congressman Jeff Miller's Office
Cybil Allison, Army OneSource
MAJ Adam Bailey, Florida National Guard, FNG
Trudy McCarthy, Economic Development Commission of Space Coast Florida (EDC Space Coast)
Pamela Dunthorp, EDC Space Coast
Debi Graham, Pensacola Chamber of Commerce
Harrison Conyers, City of Jacksonville
Jessica Kraynak, Florida Department of Veterans Affairs
Jana Wibberly, Bay Defense Alliance
Amy Phillips, Department of Environmental Protection
Jonathan Borgert, South Dade Chamber Military Affairs Committee

Staff Present:

Al Latimer, Senior Vice President, Strategic Partnerships, Enterprise Florida, Inc.

Rocky McPherson, Vice President, Military and Defense

Bruce Grant, Executive Director, Florida Defense Support Task Force

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 - TF Grants and Contracts Status Camila Hornung **(I)**
 - FY 16-17 Task Force Grant Application DRAFT Camila Hornung **(I)**
 - Budget update /discussion Bruce Grant **(I)**
 - 0920 – 1000 New Business.....Chairman **(I)**
 - TF Member Reports
 - Update from The Principi Group Secretary Tony Principi **(I)**
 - Legislative Update Rocky McPherson **(I)**
 - 1000 – 1015 Public Comment.....Chairman
 - 1030 - 1115 CLOSED SESSION
 - Discussion of strategy and way forward.....Chairman **(I)**
 - 1115 Adjournment.....Chairman **(A)**
- Reminder -- Meeting Dates:
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| March 17, 2016 | Cocoa Beach/Space Coast |
| April 21, 2016 | Conference Call/Webex |
| May 19, 2016 | Tallahassee (Grant applications) |

Chairman, Senator Garrett Richter, began the meeting at 09:08 AM EST.

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome & Introductions

Senator Richter welcomed attendees and guests. He turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman Tom Neubauer to chair the meeting. Chairman Neubauer reminded the Task Force (TF) the meeting is governed by Sunshine Law.

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of the Minutes

A quorum being present, a motion was made by Sen. Mike Bennett, seconded by MG Joe Taluto, and passed unanimously to approve the January 21, 2016 meeting and closed session minutes.

FY 2013, 2014, and 2015 Budget/Contract Update

Staff provided an update on the TF grants noting fiscal FY 2013-2014 staff is currently working with the National Center for Simulation and the Florida 8(a) Alliance for additional documentation to process and close those grants. DTF 15-10, Bay County, requested an extension. The extension was approved and will be sent out in the next weekly update.

Staff presented the updated draft grant application for TF approval noting changes from last year's application to this year's application.

Discussion: Commissioner Stewart recommended corrections:

- Under the criteria item number C at the end of that we have the applicant should justify the longer time period. This is for grants that can't be accomplished within one year. I would change the "should" to "must". I think that reflects our previous discussions or our discussions in previous years. They must justify the longer time period.
- She also recommended under item number B; I would suggest that we just say that any previous year grant recipients are not eligible to apply unless they have expended at least 50% of their funds from any and all previous grants.

Question: Mr. Neubauer asked if that is regardless of the year they began or - is this a specific amount of time?

Commissioner Stewart responded, yes, regardless of the year that they were awarded.

BrigGen Diehl Commented: The only thing I have a question about is as you know FY 2015-2016 just got released. It may not be able to do 50% of that. I agree with the rest of it.

There was further discussion. Staff commented: We would like to take this item and rework it and put out an enhanced suggestion that incorporates all the comments that have been made for a staffing. We'll do that but it'll be in the next draft and we will consult with the parties who have had concerns to make sure it's acceptable in the draft form.

The TF agreed to allow staff to rework the wording and send out for approval prior to the next TF meeting.

Staff provided a budget update to the TF noting the TF is in good financial shape.

Discussion: There was a discussion regarding whether awarding funds constituted obligating the money. Staff let the TF know awarding the funds meant obligating the funds.

Task Force Member Reports

ADM Ftizgerald noted Naval Museum at Pensacola's access has been restricted to the back gate, which is about an eight mile drive around from the front gate and seeing some problems there. The city's giving some assistance, putting up signs, trying to cope with it. I think once the Blue Angels come back and they start the Blue Angel air shows, there's going to be a lot of confusion over there. He will continue to monitor the impact the access issue is having on accessing the museum.

JR McDonald informed the TF we are planning to host the Secretary of Commerce the end of the month. We're working with the 33rd Fighter Wing to facilitate the Secretary's tour and bring in members of the EDC on the tour as well.

MG Taluto discussed forwarding staff some information about Naval Air Station Key West. He discussed three issues that have surfaced regarding some encroachment land use issues. The city commission's intent to open up the Truman Harbor to non-government boat traffic, from Key West to Cuba. The Navy's concerned about the impact that'll have on their dive training operations in the harbor. Second issue is an effort to relocate a sea plane operation from the Key West National Airport to Stock Island, which puts them directly in between Boca Chica and the international airport and that is a safety problem. Lastly, an issue on building out in the Rock Island Key is a noise abatement area for the Boca Chica. These are fairly lengthy and substantial issues that Captain MacAlerney is going to brief the Governor at the next meeting Base Commander's meeting.

Comments: Staff noted, the Governor's Base Commander's meeting was held yesterday in Pensacola. The CO of NAS Key West did in fact brief all three issues. The Executive Director of DEO was there as well as the Secretary of DEP and they are all aware of those issues and are working to coordinate what will need to be done to assist.

Commissioner Stewart noted Jaded Thunder went very well - the range was quite pleased with it. Next week we have our first Sentinel Landscape meeting at the range. It's next Wednesday. I believe that the people from the northwest have been invited to that. If they haven't, let me know.

MG Calhoun, USA, reported on January 12th we conducted our Florida National Guard Day here in Tallahassee which is our annual event to highlight our capabilities and contributions. Also on that day, Governor Scott awarded 40 veteran service awards. In January we hosted a congressional staff delegation visit campaign. The delegation was comprised of staffers U.S. Congressmen Yoho and DeSantis along with, Representative Whitfield from Kentucky, Representative Rush from Illinois, Representative Foster from Illinois, and Representative Bennett from Wisconsin. I traveled down to U.S. Army South, San Antonio, 2021 January to discuss our state partnership program with SOUTHCOM land component commander there. This conference looked to enhance the theater security campaign and theater security corporation in that region. We also briefed our programs in the regional support systems. As you know the Venezuela State Partnership program is inactive.

We visited the Horn of Africa that combines Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa in Djibouti. We visited our soldiers on ground there during a great mission. Currently there are about 600 soldiers in the Horn of Africa. There are approximate 1100 Florida soldiers, boots on ground, in different theatres.

Update from the Principi Group

Secretary Principi briefed the TF on the President's FY 2017 budget of \$4.1 trillion that was formally presented to Congress about a week and a half ago on February 9th. House Armed Services Chairman Mac Thornberry is urging the House Budget Committee to add as much as \$23 billion to the defense appropriation. This will most likely be through a bump to the FY 2017 Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) account. The two year budget deal passed back in 2015 treated the FY 2017 OCO amount of \$59 billion as a minimum proposed amount based on the uncertainty of world events. Though some key Democrats, see it as a maximum. Now House Armed Services Committee Republicans are concerned that if OCO stays at \$59 billion, emerging requirements will cannibalize funding for base requirements. This is creating a lot of concern.

Also we're watching how the expanding rifts and strong disagreements between the Secretary of Defense and his service chiefs and the Senate Armed Services committee will play out during the hearing cycle. For example, the Defense budget plan is to further reduce the size of the Army, the Marine Corps and the Navy at a time when as we've heard the nation's top national intelligence chief, James Clapper, recently state in his 50 years in intelligence, he'd never seen a nation beset by a more diverse array of challenges and crisis around the world. Secretary Carter wants to use this year's budget to invest more in advanced weapons, such as next generation fighters and submarines, high demand skills in cyber warfare, unmanned aerial systems; all at risk in the core structure.

A few emergency Defense Congressional issues are in the FY2017 budget request. All four Defense committees are authorizing an approach that will have accelerated markup schedules in 2016 in support of a continually strong and disbursed Navy presence on the East Coast. Funding to \$3.4 billion up significantly from \$800 million last year for efforts to contain Russia called, the European Reassurance Initiative has military planners reviewing Cold War force structure and rethinking the 60/40 percentages of Naval capability spread between the Atlantic and Pacific theatres as proposed by the 2012 rebalance into Asia.

The U.S. Navy is absorbing a \$7 billion reduction in fiscal 2017 funding. That's about 3.5% over last year's plan and is reducing the number of ships it's buying while adding more aircraft. In addition, uniformed personnel are also being cut up to as many as 6,400 sailors below previous forecasts. The personnel reductions appear to stem from two major areas, the permanent elimination of a 10th carrier air wing and four aviation squadrons and a new request to take seven cruisers out of service in 2017 to undergo the Navy's proposed modifications of its controversial cruiser modernization plan to fund all remaining seven ships in 2017. It means that by the end of that year, all 11 ships would be out of service, and we need to see how that affects the status of Mayport's four cruisers.

In ship building, the Navy reduced its buy by one Littoral Combat Ship (LCS), asking for two ships instead of last year's plan for three on Carter's directive. Also the LCS plan through the Future Year's Defense Program (FYDP) now reflects Carter's direction, one ship per year from 2018 through 2020, with two in 2021. Although no current change to the basing of LCS' at Mayport is planned, we need to watch closely the Congressional response to this new acquisition strategy.

The President's budget request for FY 2017 does contain \$4 million for the planning of a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round, and a request for the authorization to conduct a round in 2019. The request is similar to last year and has language that the administration will exercise its authority if no BRAC round is authorized. This is the second time and whether they would follow through on that indication that they are going to exercise their authority under 2687 of Title X remains to be seen.

DOD has yet to submit a report in response to the Congressional mandate to the FY 2016 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) Section 2815 to complete a force structure plan, infrastructure inventory, and the assessment of infrastructure necessary to support the force structure. That report, which has been a preamble to a BRAC round in previous rounds, requires DOD to conduct a survey of excess installation capacity assuming service caveats about force structure over the next 20 years. It was due on February 9th. As of this date, it has not been submitted. The GAO is under a mandate to follow up with a validation of that report. I think they have 90 days after the submission of the report by DOD. Our team is standing by to provide a review and assessment of the review for potential threats and opportunities for Florida installations by getting the report before markup. The Defense authorizers are signaling their willingness to consider legislation for a BRAC round; a signal that we believe makes the prospect of a BRAC authorization in the 2017 NDAA, and probably in the lame duck session after the election, a more likely possibility for a round in 2019. Whether they'll authorize two rounds, 2019 and 2021 is yet to be determined.

Question: Mr. Neubauer asked about the reduction in force. Is that immediate or is it over a period of time? Is it beyond 2016 or 2017?

Answer: Secretary Principi responded it's spread over a period of years. The Army going down to 450,000 is spread over several years. The 6,000 plus in the Navy I believe is in 2017 as they take those cruisers out of service and of course the reduction of the air wing and the squadrons.

Legislative Update

Staff presented legislative issues impacting military, defense, and Veterans.

Discussion: There was discussion of House Bill 803 which would allow for the off shore archeological digs around military bases. The future of the bill does not appear promising.

Senator Bennett made a point of clarification on the voting by computer legislation, which he wanted to point out, authorizes a Task Force to study voting by email or computer, and not the ability to vote by email.

Senator Bennett also discussed trying to get some language clarification on what is a permanently disabled for armed service veterans. As we talked about at the last meeting there are some problems getting the VA to say somebody is permanently disabled, and so consequently some of these Vets who are trying to apply for these disability benefits have a difficult time with their local property tax people to get it on a permanent basis. They have to get documentation every year and we're trying to get the legislature to clear that up

There was a discussion of the Military Installation Community Planning Liaison exemption from filing financial disclosure documentation legislation.

The meeting adjourned at 09:50 AM EST

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #43 on Thursday, March 17, 2016

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting at Courtyard by Marriott Cocoa Beach, Florida 09:00 AM EST – 11:20 AM EST. For Agenda: See Page 2

Task Force Members Present:

Senator Garrett Richter, Chairman
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman
MG Mike Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General of Florida
BrigGen Chip Diehl, USAF, Ret.
ADM Mark Fitzgerald, USN, Ret.
Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Highlands County
MG Joseph Taluto, USA, Ret.
Representative Ritch Workman

Task Force Members on the Phone:

Senator Mike Bennett, Manatee County Supervisor of Elections
J.R. McDonald, Lockheed Martin

Task Force Members Absent:

CW5 Derrick Fritts, USA
Representative Clay Ingram
Representative Dana Young

Speakers Present:

Secretary Tony Principi, The Principi Group (TPG)
MG Mike Jones, USA, Ret., TPG
David Clark, Interim Director of State Lands, Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) (Phone)
Trudy McCarthy, Space Coast Economic Development Council (EDC)
Capt. John Sager, Commanding Officer, Naval Ordnance Test Unit (NOTU)
Marcus Lingenfelter, National Math Science Initiative
Donna Valin, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

Others Present:

Sybil Allison, Army OneSource
Steve McConner, NOTU
Paul Hirsch, Space Coast EDC
Andrea Bowen, Miami Recruiting
Trey Stapleton, Office of the Attorney General
Jim Kuzma, Space Florida
MAJ Adam Bailey, USA, Department of Military Affairs/Florida National Guard
Jim Breitenfeld, TPG

Staff Present:

Rocky McPherson, Enterprise Florida, Inc., (EFI) Vice President, Military and Defense (Phone)

Bruce Grant, Executive Director, Florida Defense Support Task Force

Camila Hornung, EFI, Manager Military and Defense Programs (Phone)

Marcy Muldrow Sanders, Grants Manager, Florida Defense Support Task Force



Florida Defense Support Task Force -- Meeting #43
Courtyard by Marriott, 3425 N. Atlantic Ave., Cocoa Beach, FL 32931
AGENDA for March 17, 2016 (As of: March 8, 2016)

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- 0900 - 0910 Welcome, Guest Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance.....Chairman **(I)**
- 0910 – 0930 Welcome from Local Defense Community.....Randy Harris, Chair,
Space Coast Defense
- Alliance
- 0930 – 0945 Old Business.....Chairman **(A)/(I)**
 - Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
 - TF Grants and Contracts Status Marcy Sanders **(I)**
 - FY 16-17 Grant Application Marcy Sanders **(I)**
 - Budget update Bruce Grant **(I)**
- 0945 – 1100 New Business.....Chairman **(I)**
 - TF Member Reports Secretary Tony Principi **(I)**
 - Update from The Principi Group TBD **(I)**
 - DEP Non Conservation Lands Update Marcus Lingenfelter
 - National Math Science Initiative Bruce Grant **(A)/(I)**
 - TF Strategic Plan Update Rocky McPherson **(I)**
 - Legislative Update
- 1100 – 1115 Public Comment.....Chairman
- 1115 – 1230 Lunch/CLOSED SESSION
 - Discussion of strategy and way forward.....Chairman **(I)**
- 1230 Adjournment.....Chairman **(A)**
- 1230 – 1500 Tour of Patrick AFB.....Scott Cook

Meeting Dates: April 21, 2016 Conference Call/Webex May 19, 2016 Tallahassee (Grant applications)
 June 16, 2016 Conference Call/Webex July 21, 2016 Jacksonville
 August 2016 NO MEETING Sept. 15, 2016 Pensacola

Chairman, Senator Garrett Richter, began the meeting at 09:00 AM EST.

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome & Introductions

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

Trudy McCarthy, Senior Director of Operations, Space Coast Economic Development Council (Space Coast EDC) welcomed the Task Force (TF) to Brevard County and the Space Coast. She provided a brief discussion of the mission of the EDC and their support of the military community on the Space Coast. She discussed the role of the Space Coast Defense Alliance and its alignment with the goals of the TF. She provided an overview of the successes the organizations and the military have had with military construction (MilCon) totaling over \$253 million. She specifically highlighted the Air Force Technical Application Center as one of the successes which had a \$158 million budget. She noted other past and present activities in the community which have added value to the community.

Question: Admiral Fitzgerald noted, you talked about two potential areas that should Congress go to a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round in 2017; the Naval Ordnance Station and the Communication Station. Are either of those -- or are there other areas -- that are soft that could be brought up in a future BRAC, and if so, are there things that we need to do?

Answer: Specific areas of concern have been the underutilization of the facility and the ability for the facility to be consolidated into another location. The concern over the years of the space facilities and support is there is a belief that they will always stay here. However, the growth in commercial space does not need to come here. So we need to really make sure that while our military base stays true to the military mission of space, they're open to commercial missions as well and they are willing to work with the private industry to increase the number of launches available here in the Space Coast.

Capt. John Sager, USN, Commanding Officer of the Naval Ordnance Test Unit (NOTU) began his brief by note the NOTU is a soft target in a BRAC. He provided an overview of the mission of the NOTU and discussed the relationship the command has with its over 700 contractors including Lockheed Martin who recently announced moving high-paying jobs in here to NOTU, includes 20 new jobs. He discussed the various missile testing capabilities of the NOTU, and the support the commands provides to the various services including the Coast Guard. He briefed the TF on land and sea encroachment issues with the NOTU with special emphasis of the impact on the Trident program.

Comments: There was a brief discussion of the mission of the NOTU after the briefing.

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of the Minutes

A quorum being present, a motion was made by ADM Mark Fitzgerald seconded by Sen. Mike Bennett, and passed unanimously to approve the February 18, 2016 meeting and closed session minutes.

FY 2013, 2014, and 2015 Budget/Contract Update

Staff provided an update on the current budget status based on this year's appropriation and the remaining funding available for the grants program for FY 2016-2017 including the proposed FY 2016-2017 budget. Staff reminded the TF they will review grant applications at the May meeting.

Discussion: There was a discussion regarding the definition of "obligated" funds and the requirements to keep funds from reverting back to the state. The TF requested staff obtain a definition in writing prior

to the May meeting, as there is concern over a potential delay in executing contracts as there have been in previous years.

Staff provided an update on the TF grants reporting final payments were made on DTF 14-06, National Center for Simulation; DTF 14-09, Florida 8(a) Alliance, and; DTF 15-05, Economic Development Council (EDC) of Okaloosa County. The EDC of Okaloosa grant was under budget and they forfeited \$326.28 which reverted to the TF. Staff also report extensions were requested and granted for DTF 15-04 National Center for Simulation; DTF 15-08 Florida 8(a) Alliance, and; DTF 15-10 Bay County. DTF 16-01 Clay County Development Authority's grant was closed since the last meeting. Staff informed the TF the out-of-cycle grant request awarded to The Nature Conservancy (TNC) for the Avon Par Sentinel Landscapes application was declined by the organization. TNC decided to fund the project internally instead of accepting the grant award.

Discussion: Commissioner Stewart provided an update of the current status of the Sentinel Landscapes project.

Staff also discussed the inactivity on the DTF 15-13, Space Florida, grant, and recommended the grant be cancelled and the \$38,500 be reverted back to the TF. Staff noted Jim Kuzma of Space Florida was present to answer any questions they may have. The Chairman invited Mr. Kuzma to speak. Mr. Kuzma noted that Space Florida has been in communications with staff and they were in agreement the grant should be cancelled due to inactivity. Mr. Kuzma noted Space Florida's concurrence with the cancellation of the grant.

A quorum being present, a motion was made by Sen. Mike Bennett seconded by ADM Mark Fitzgerald, and passed unanimously to cancel the DTF 15-13, Space Florida, grant for \$38,500.

Comment: Commissioner Stewart noted the report shows no activity on DTF 15-14, Polk County. However, she noted she discussed the grant with them recently and there has been activity. She requested staff contact Polk County regarding this grant.

Staff presented the TF with the updated FY 2016-2017 grants application with recommended changes from the last meeting.

Question: Commissioner Stewart asked, when we referred to fiscal year 2015 grant is this fiscal year '15/'16? She also asked for clarification regarding expending 50% of the prior year's grant to be eligible to apply for FY 2016-2017 grant cycle.

Answer: Staff noted that fiscal year 2015 is FY 2014-2015. Staff noted prior grantees would have to have expended 50% of FY 2014-2015 grant award to be eligible for this grant application cycle.

Staff will make the noted corrections to grant application prior to releasing Friday March 18, 2016.

Staff briefed the TF on a request from the State of Arkansas for The Principi Group to conduct a SWOT analysis. TPG contact staff who conducted a review of the request to identify any potential conflicts of interest, and notified Chairman Richter. Chairman Richter approved TPG's request to move forward with the SWOT analysis for Arkansas as no conflicts of interest were identified.

IV. Agenda Item III: New Business

Task Force Member Reports

BrigGen Chip Diehl reported this weekend is the Air Fest Air Show at MacDill Air Force Base featuring the Air Force Thunderbirds. General Austin the Commander US Central Command is retiring and changing command with General Votel at the end of the month. We anticipate the Wing Commander will probably be changing out this summer. The My MacDill campaign to celebrate the 75th

Anniversary of MacDill is coming to an end on 16 April. He presented the TF with commemorative magazines marking the anniversary.

ADM Mark Fitzgerald reported Pensacola still has the same issues with the nine-mile detour to get into the museum. The Blue Angels are returning from El Centro and they do practices every Tuesday and Thursday. There are about 10,000 to 12,000 people typically enter the base. He spoke with Ander Crenshaw's defense liaison person (Jackie Davis). There's some positive progress being made there. The city is going up with Representative Crenshaw to visit with the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) in April; that's a positive thing. He also reported on this trip to Orlando and noted the TF has the opportunity to influence what happens with Team Orlando with the help of TPG. He also discussed encroachment issues at Key West.

Tom Neubauer reported the Northwest Florida Defense Coalition, which is a group of about five counties, travels to Washington, D.C. every year for briefings. I think we were well represented this year with approximately 40 to 50 members in attendance. We had a good day of briefings by Lucien Niemeyer and Jim Breitenfeld with TPG and other key individuals in Washington. He noted Representative Clay Ingram and J.R. McDonald were part of the NW Florida delegation as well. One of the visits that stands out is the SAFIE—Secretary of the Air Force for Installations and Environment visit. The new principal there is Secretary Ballentine and Richard Hartley, who replaced Kathleen Ferguson. If you remember, SAFIE is really key to BRAC, they are the center of the universe for BRAC in the Air Force. The two main points we left with were: One is implementing Public-Public, Public-Private Partnerships (P4) which they made clear Florida has embraced the community partnership program very well, and; the second thing that's very important to SAFIE right now is they're doing a full court press for getting an authorization in 2017 for a 2019 BRAC. He also noted, there's still about a 30% excess infrastructure in the Air Force. In one of the briefings we had there was the guestimate is about less than a dozen, probably between 7 and 12 bases, that would need to be closed to meet a 31% reduction in infrastructure requirements. The concern communities like ours have right now is the movements that are taking place as the funding dries up, and we need to look real hard at the value of supporting a BRAC perhaps in 2019. He told the TF how valuable the Military-Friendly Guide was as a tool during the visit and evidence of the great work the TF is doing.

MG Mike Calhoun, The Army Installation Management Emergency Management identified the needs for emergency operations center training to include the handling of large scale multi-jurisdictional and catastrophic disasters. The ones that we're most familiar with are the shootings at Fort Hood and the naval ship yard shooting. To address this an Army Emergency Management Installation Emergency Operations course is under development in partnership with the Department of the Army Installation Management Command and the Florida National Guard at Camp Blanding to conduct training courses. To date we've conducted five pilot courses, 140 students from 37 installations across 21 states, and students from five countries have attended. It's been very positive and the Department of Army and the National Guard Bureau (NGB) have signed a memorandum of agreement to continue conducting these courses and to draft, provide, and deliver expanded courses. The Army is looking to divest itself of some of the other courses and they're looking at the State of Florida and Camp Blanding to train those courses to make it exportable. FNG is finishing preparations to train Ukrainians here as well. To that end February 12th the Federal Emergency Management Administration Administrator, Craig Fugate, (FEMA) was at Camp Blanding to speak at the course. This was the second time FEMA has come to speak to at the course. Last week Governor Scott visited the course, he was impressed with the course. He asked to make it available to the Base Installation Commanders and the 23 Emergency Operations Centers throughout the State of Florida, as a point of continuity of effort among the installations in Florida. The Governor asked the FNG to bring the course to the next Base Commanders Meeting.

Last month we briefed Army South, Major General Chin, the Commanding General of the US Army South, came to visit at Camp Blanding on March 5th. We discussed the Florida National Guard's partnership program. Those states include the countries of Guiana, Venezuela, and the regional security system countries which include Barbados, Dominica, Granada, St. Kitts, Neva, St. Lucia, St. Vincent. We also gave him a tour of the EOC course that he was impressed with and we discussed maybe some of the countries down in the Caribbean basin coming to witness or proctor some of those

courses as well. We gave him our counter drug brief and showed him our transition or emphasis on countering transnational organized crime as well along with our plans to prevent (Zika) because we have soldiers going down into the Caribbean basin in Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Grenada.

This past week we visited Alabama, we're getting ready to transition an Infantry Battalion in our Brigade Combat team. We're looking to solidify that and all of the dos and don'ts and training and all of the command relationships involved there. 202 Red Horse Battalion and the 3rd of the 20th had deployment ceremonies in the past two to three weeks, and service members between them. The Governor attended the deployment ceremonies.

The Governor visited the artillery team in the DC area on the National Capital Region (NCR) mission. The 1st of the 265th redeployed from Afghanistan where they had the counter rocket artillery mortar mission and some of our signalist from the expeditionary support command have come back as well.

Representative Ritch Workman thanked the TF for hosting the meeting in his hometown and district. He noted the General mentioned briefly the Governor of this great state did attend and visited soldiers in the National Capital Region in Washington, DC becoming the first Governor to visit those soldiers. It's a rotating mission, Florida is there every couple of years and they're rotated with South Carolina, Ohio, and New Mexico.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart reported the Avon Park Air Force Range (APAFR) has remained pretty busy the last month. For example, the T-45 Aircraft out of Pensacola Naval Air Station recently completed a two week deployment to the, what we call the (duck), deployed unit complex at MacDill. The feedback was very positive both in terms of the range as well as the (duck). The reason why they deployed again this winter was because the water temperature in Pensacola was too cold for their training. Second, the 1st of the 75th Ranger Regiment held their Multi-Lateral Advanced training at the range the last two days of February, and that also went very well. The rangers assaulted the main airfield under the cover of darkness and they were able to meet all of their training objectives. A third interesting deployment, the 820th Base Defense Group from Moody Air Force Base is currently deployed to the range with over 300 personnel receiving training on assaulting and securing an airfield. Also, we mentioned the Centennial Landscape meeting. The first meeting was held and hopefully that application process will move along quite quickly. The Department of Defense (DoD) representative was very encouraging and he said basically what the range has done and is doing is exactly what just has to be written up and put into the application. There are other states competing for this also, so working on moving this along quickly is important.

Update from the Principi Group

Secretary Tony Principi reported the House Budget Committee reported out a resolution Tuesday that basically adhered to the budget agreement's top line spending although they did depart by increasing the defense baseline by \$18 billion to \$551 billion. In a departure from the administration they transferred \$23 billion out of Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) which is set at \$59 billion over to the base defense spending increasing base defense from \$551 to \$574. This is in the hopes that at some point because OCO is not subjected to any budget limits or budget caps that those - that \$23 billion can get restored at some point in time by the Appropriations Committee or by the next administration. So they're gambling a little bit but they felt it was more important to increase the baseline spending to \$574. Senator Enzi who chairs the budget committee in the Senate has basically indicated he doesn't think he can get a budget resolution through the Senate. They will proceed to the appropriation bills. I think what this all means quite honestly is that defense will be on a continuing resolution past October 1st to December. If there's a change of control in the Senate or the administration, DoD could be on a continuing resolution until March 2017.

The Senate has been mired down in energy legislation. The Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2015 been on the floor two weeks debating that bill, 150 amendments were proposed of which 32 have been adopted. But what's very important in that bill is on a hold that's been put on by Senator Nelson because of an amendment that was offered by Senator Bill Cassidy of Louisiana that would increase revenue sharing for those states from which offshore drilling is done. The states would benefit from the offshore drilling. The problem is that although it doesn't impact Florida, the concern is that the incentive for more money and the state coverage would encourage the state to allow offshore drilling in Florida, which would impact the ranges, and the beaches.

Senator Bill Nelson is adamantly opposed and has put a hold on the bill. There is hope it's going to get resolved, but until such time energy legislation doesn't seem to be going anywhere. There is some good news. The Navy has opposed offshore drilling off of the coast of Virginia, and the Obama administration is opposing drilling in the southern Atlantic waters. There is a possibility that there's going to be no drilling, offshore drilling, anywhere on the Atlantic coast because of all of the fury that's been raised by coastal communities up and down the Atlantic coast.

The House Armed Services Committee (HASC) will be marking up in April. The Appropriations Committee will follow suit in early May. The Senate will be delayed until May because Senator McCain is helping to get the Goldwater-Nichols reform as part of his bill. The Senate Appropriations Committee will probably mark up in June.

He discussed the current status of a potential BRAC and concurred with Mr. Neubauer's assessment from his Washington, D.C. briefings.

He highlighted that the service chiefs have provided their unfunded priority list to the Congress. General Jones will go into more detail in closed session. But there are two unfunded high priorities in the Navy: One is Mayport advanced wastewater treatment plant, which is very, very important; Second is a \$50-55 million unfunded project in Pensacola for new dormitories. Both of these unfunded priorities for Military Construction (MilCon) are high on the list and hopefully they will be funded in 2017.

DEP Non-Conservation Lands Update

David Clarke reported Naval Support Activity Panama City has verbally accepted the purchase price. However, the county commission has not yet approved the offer, and they have requested an extension of that offer until spring of 2016. The county has been working in conjunction with the Navy to receive a piece of potentially surplus Navy beachfront property that could offset some of the investment the county originally made in the Barefoot Palms property. This may make the county a little more comfortable with accepting the state's offer. Unfortunately, the Navy surplus process could take upwards of one year to complete. As a result, the state has been working concurrently with the county and the Navy. Based on the age of the current appraisals and changes in the local market, we've gone through the process to update the appraisals, and we're currently reviewing the final parts of those appraisals and should be able to reengage with the county on an updated number very soon. We'll continue to update the TF as those changes occur, and on any new discussions with the county and any progress updates from the Navy in regards to the surplus.

The next one is good news on Naval Station Mayport. This easement acquisition was approved by the Board of Trustees in October, and we closed on the property on February 26th. I just want to take a moment and say it was a job well done. It was a heavy lift but everyone pulled together to get it done.

The last one is MacDill; this one is of keen interest to many folks including General Diehl. As you know, we were at impasse with this acquisition but several things have occurred since we reached impasse with Florida Rock. DEP has gone through and updated the appraisal to include a restriction to prohibit hotel and motel construction. The final values have been received and DEP and the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) have been in discussions on the best course of action, understanding the new value and the effect of another potential rejected offer by Florida Rock; which is a reality now that we know what the updated number is. I did have an opportunity to speak with Fred Fallman the Deputy Director of MacDill's Mission Support on Monday as a follow up to a discussion I had with Colonel Crossman at the Governor's State Commander's meeting stating the existing acquisition process and progress, restrictions that are absolutely necessary to protect the base from encroachment. DEP trying to work through those details right now to get both agency heads together to figure out who is going to be the most appropriate to take off the rights on those properties so we can ensure that we protect MacDill. There is still progress to be made there and we're working on it.

Pro Bono Legal Services Update

Donna Valin briefed the TF on the status of the pro bono legal service initiative briefed to the TF by Eric Sherman with the DoD. Ms. Valin and Eric Sherman have been in discussions with Nick Janna, Director of the Nevada program, which is the program that was launched in November with tremendous success. We've had an opportunity to meet with him and with Eric Sherman to provide us some background data. At this stage, we're still in the very preliminary investigation stage.

There was a robust discussion on the merits of the program and some discussion of the Veterans Courts in the state, and how to build a coalition of support for the program with other partners including the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs and Veterans Florida, Inc.

National Math Science Initiative

Marcus Lingenfelter, briefed the TF on the history of the National Math Science Initiative since its inception. He noted as of today, there are 117 military connected schools. This has been primarily a P&R issue trying to address family concerns as they PCS around the country, and the quality of the school system that they're arriving at and how to address their comfort and concerns about quality of the school system. In the last year, it has shifted to becoming more of a stem workforce pipeline for the Department of Defense. How do we measure ourselves? We use the advanced placement framework. It is the gold standard for high school work that demonstrates college level proficiency. And, it's not a curriculum. It's a framework with a common assessment. Here in Florida, you're one of the largest users of advanced placement at large; Governor Bush implemented program changes years ago. The program is built essentially on building structural capacity in the school system. We don't have some sort of magic wand that we wave. We have to train up the teachers who are teaching physics, calculus, computer science and chemistry, and provide them with the extra support and incentives necessary to be able to train the students so they can come out of those schools with the stem skills that are needed to go into stem careers. We provide financial incentives much like the State of Florida has been doing for years. Most recently we got an extra grant commitment from NSF and DoD to implement the new computer science course in all of our DoD connected sites over the next three years, both our historic sites, as well as the 83 that are coming on board in the next two years. He also discussed a significant investment in Florida which will be announced soon by OSD and the National Math Science Initiative.

There was discussion regarding having Mr. Ligenfelter make this presentation at the next Governor's Base Commanders meeting. There was also a discussion regarding schools and the Florida Department of Education's involvement with the program. Curtis Jenkins, Florida Department of Education (Phone), noted the Commissioner of Education was aware and is very interested in learning more.

Strategic Plan Update

Staff presented the updated strategic plan to the TF with corrections and input. Staff noted that in addition to TF members input the plan was vetted by TPG. The TF agreed to vote on the plan at the April meeting.

Legislative Update

Staff presented legislative initiatives impacting military, defense, and Veterans. Staff also noted house bill 1361, this was of particular interest. The Community Planning Liaison Officer (CPL) issue was resolved this session thanks to Rep. Workman.

There was a discussion of other legislation which passed during session which impacts military and Veteran in the state.

Jessica Krainak, Florida Department of Veteran's Affairs, noted the Gold Star license plate billed passed. The plate is in recognition of families who had a service member killed in action (KIA). The billed is being sent to the Governor for signature.

V. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM EST

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #44 on Thursday, April 21, 2016

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting via Conference Call 09:00 AM EST – 10:20 AM EST.

Task Force Members Present:

Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman
Senator Mike Bennett, Manatee County Supervisor of Elections
MG Mike Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General of Florida
BrigGen Chip Diehl, USAF, Ret.
ADM Mark Fitzgerald, USN, Ret.
J.R. McDonald, Lockheed Martin
Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Highlands County
MG Joseph Taluto, USA, Ret.
Representative Ritch Workman
Representative Dana Young

Task Force Members Absent:

Senator Garrett Richter, Chairman
CW5 Derrick Fritts, USA
Representative Clay Ingram

Speakers Present:

Secretary Tony Principi, The Principi Group (TPG)
MG Mike Jones, USA, Ret., TPG
David Clark, Acting Director of State Lands, Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP)

Others Present:

Sybil Allison, Army OneSource
BrigGen Jim Eifert, USAF, Department of Military Affairs/Florida Air National Guard (FANG)
Col Allison Reinwald, FNG
Jim Breitenfeld, TPG
John Patrick Walsh, State of Florida, Washington DC Office
Mark Roberts, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance (TBDA)
Jana Wibberley, Bay Defense Alliance
Steve Murray, Florida Department of Veterans Affairs (FDVA)
Jessica Kraynak, FDVA
Deb Keller, The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
Elizabeth Ryon, The Florida Senate
Carolyn Turner, Florida Military Families

Staff Present:

Rocky McPherson, Enterprise Florida, Inc., (EFI) Vice President, Military and Defense
Bruce Grant, Executive Director, Florida Defense Support Task Force
Camila Hornung, EFI, Manager Military and Defense Programs
Marcy Muldrow Sanders, Grants Manager, Florida Defense Support Task Force



Florida Defense Support Task Force -- Meeting #42
Conference Call / WEBEX
AGENDA for April 21, 2016 (As of: April 19, 2016)

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0910 – 0920 Old Business.....	Chairman (A)/(I)
• Approval of Minutes	Chairman (A)
• TF Grants and Contracts Status	Marcy Sanders (I)
• Defense Grants RFP 2016	Bruce Grant (I)
• Budget update	Bruce Grant (I)
0920 – 1000 New Business.....	Chairman (I)
• TF Member Reports	Secretary Tony Principi (I)
• Update from The Principi Group	Bruce Grant (I) (A)
• Lake Wimico Support Issue	Bruce Grant (I)
• Legislative Summary	Bruce Grant (I)
• FL Chamber Military Summit	
1000 – 1015 Public Comment.....	Chairman
1015 Adjournment.....	Chairman (A)

Reminder – Meeting Dates:

May 19, 2016 Tallahassee (grant applications)
June 16, 2016 Conference Call
July 21, 2016 Jacksonville
November 17, 2016 Tampa

August NO MEETING
September 15, 2016 Pensacola
October 20, 2016 Conference Call
December 2016 NO MEETING

Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer, began the meeting at 09:12 AM EST.

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome & Introductions

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

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of the Minutes

A quorum being present, a motion was made by BrigGen Diehl, seconded by Commissioner Stewart, and passed unanimously to approve the March 17, 2016 meeting and closed session minutes.

FY 2013, 2014, and 2015 Budget/Contract Update

Staff provided an update on the TF grants reporting they are processing quarterly reports for 15 open grants. Staff noted the grant applications request closes today. Grants closed since the last meeting were DTF 14-06 – The National Center for Simulation, DTF 14-09 – Florida 8(a) Alliance, and DTF 15-05 – Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County who forfeited \$326.28 because the project was completed under budget. Staff also reported on two anticipated extension requests for DTF 14-05 EDA of Bay County – LambdaRail Expansion Project, and DTF 15-09 – CareerSource Gulf Coast.

Comment: Mr. Neubauer briefed the Task Force (TF) on the successful release of data for Tyndall and Eglin AFB's in addition to Hurlburt Field for DTF 15-09. This marks unprecedented access to this type of data. Additionally, he noted there is language in the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) to release similar data for all services.

Staff also briefed the TF on the budget change request for DTF 15-09 CareerSource Gulf Coast due to a change in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidance to capture indirect costs.

Question: ADM Fitzgerald asked if there was an answer to the, what constitutes obligating funds for the upcoming grant awards.

Answer: Staff noted the question has been submitted to the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and we are awaiting an answer.

Question: Senator Bennett asked how long of an extension is being requested for the two grants, and if the grants have been extended in the past. He also expressed concern that grantees may be extending contracts and not completing projects depriving other potential grantees from receiving grants for their projects.

Answer: Mr. Neubauer said he believed they will be requesting a one year extension, and he noted the LambdaRail has been extended.

Staff provided an update on the annual Defense Reinvestment Grants (DRG) and Defense Infrastructure Grants (DIG). The grants were funded at \$2.6 million for FY 2016-2017. Staff is working with DEO to get their grant applications out as soon as possible.

Staff provided an update on the current budget status based on this year's appropriation and the remaining funding available for the grants program for FY 2015-2016, including the proposed FY 2016-2017 budget. Staff noted there is approximately \$2 million in FY 2015-2016 funding available to award grants in addition to the FY 2016-2017 funding.

IV. Agenda Item III: New Business

Task Force Member Reports

ADM Mark Fitzgerald reported on the competition for the Triton Global Hawk aircraft between Florida's Naval Station Mayport, NAS Key West, and Wallops Island, Virginia. He noted the command and control for the aircraft will be at NAS Jacksonville, but there will continue to be press coverage on the issue until a decision is made. He also discussed the planned visit to discuss basing issues with Senator Nelson next week.

BrigGen Chip Diehl, reported the First Lady, Ann Scott, visited Tinker School at MacDill AFB last week. General Austin retired and is staying in St. Petersburg. He reported the Wing Commander at MacDill may have his change of command prior to the May TF meeting; Col. Tulley will be his replacement. He reported the 75th anniversary of MacDill, closing out the yearlong My MacDill campaign.

Rep. Dana Young, reported on the appointment of BrigGen Diehl to the Board of the Tampa Aviation Authority and congratulated him on his appointment.

MG Joe Taluto, reported he, MajGen Sabol, and MG Jones will visit SOUTHCOM on April 29th. They will meet with the Deputy Commander, LTG Joe DiSalvo. MajGen Sabol plans to visit Homestead ARB prior to the meeting with SOUTHCOM.

MG Mike Calhoun, reported the Secretary of the Air Force released the F-35 installations bed down candidate list. The list included Air National Guard locations; the 125th Fighter Wing in Jacksonville was one of the 18 bases identified in the announcement. The Florida National Guard (FNG) is fully committed to pursuing the F-35 and they are currently working on an empirical data call for the first screening of the identification of the first four to six bases for site surveys. The FNG will release a press release today discussing the Florida Air National Guard's positioning on the bed down of the F-35. The 1st of the 124th Battalion, Alpha Troop, 153rd CAV recently departed for a yearlong deployment to the Horn of Africa (HOA). They will replace the 2nd Battalion that is currently deployed to the HOA. With this deployment there are approximately 1,600 FNG soldiers deployed.

Question: Mr. Neubauer asked if Vermont has bedded down the F-35's from the last bed down round. He also asked, if there was an order to who would have been next to receive the aircraft in the next round.

Answer: BrigGen Eifert answered they will get them in about two years, in 2018. He noted there was no feedback on the selection. There has been some noted objections to the lack of objectivity in the selection process.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart reported last week the Sentinel Landscapes designation application for Avon Park was submitted. There was a meeting to review the application and criteria by the Department of Defense (DoD), the Department of the Interior, and Department of Agriculture members of the Sentinel Landscapes Steering Committee. The announcement for the Sentinel Landscapes designation is expected in early June.

Tom Neubauer reported the 95th Fighter Squadron recently deployed from Tyndall AFB to Europe. The squadron won the Raytheon Trophy, making them the top fighter squadron in the Air Force. The Air Force Chief of Staff will visit May 5th. Yesterday Tyndall released its Air Compatibility and Use Study (ACUS), which the first step in the Joint Land Use (JLUS) study process.

Update from the Principi Group

Secretary Tony Principi discussed the current negotiations on the budget resolution and its impact on military spending. He also noted the short timeframe this year to approve a budget for 2017. He anticipates a

continuing resolution through April 2017. The defense appropriations committees in both the House and the Senate are continuing to work on the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). There are some impacts to Florida in Military Construction (MilCon) which require attention from the Florida delegation to garner funding. There is still a move to plus up Overseas Contingency Funding (OCO). Senator Nelson lifted his hold on the Energy Policy Modernization Act as a result of an agreement that was reached to not expand operations in the Gulf. He also discussed ongoing concerns over the Service Chiefs authority to conduct under the radar BRAC cuts.

MG Mike Jones reported the force structure plan and inventory assessment that was required in last year's authorization act was delivered to the Congress on April 12th. This requirement was a look at excess installation capacity. The requirement was to review force structure using 2012 as a baseline. The report that was submitted is based on force structure for 2019, which is considerably less than 2012. Representative Thornberry, Chair of the House Armed Services Committee, has been particularly displeased with the difference. The Deputy Secretary of Defense noted in the submission letter that in order to enhance the dialogue on BRAC they were submitting the report as required by the law with the intent to combine the information in this report with additional material that fully meets the requirements. Thus the report is an interim report and the final has yet to be released. There is no indication when the final report will be submitted, or whether it will satisfy Congress that DoD is compliant with the law. As a result of using a 1989 baseline the Army is 30% over capacity, the Navy is 7%, the Air Force is 32%, and the Defense Logistics Agency is at 12%. The total DoD over capacity is 22%. TPG will provide the TF with a detailed comparison of Florida installations based on the interim report.

He also reported the Air Force has narrowed down the Air Reserve choices to receive the F-35 to four bases. Among the candidates are Davis-Monthan in Arizona; Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth, Texas; Whiteman AFB in Missouri, and; Homestead ARB in Florida. The selection process is ongoing. A decision is anticipated in the fall.

Lake Wimico Support Letter

Staff briefed the TF on the status of the 2016 Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) challenge proposal submitted by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in partnership with Tyndall AFB, the Florida Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the area of Lake Wimico in Southern Gulf County, Florida. The area makes up approximately 20,000 acres located Northeast of Eglin AFB test area D-3 at Cape Sandblast. This is a critical operational area which allows for airspace of largely unpopulated areas. TNC is requesting a letter of support from the TF to the Governor and the Department of Environmental Protection to use money from the Florida Forever Fund to purchase this land. The seller is not interested in an easement, only a full purchase.

Mr. Neubauer noted the parcel of land covers military operation areas (MOA) E and F. Tyndall has expressed the importance of maintaining operations over this area of the Range. He noted there is a \$2.775 million reservation from the REPI Challenge which will be matched. He asked Deb Keller to discuss what is needed from the TF.

Deb Keller, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), noted how competitive the REPI process is and this will be the second REPI Challenge award to protect this Range. The property has been on the Florida Forever list since it was Preservation 2000. Tyndall has \$2.5 million in the bank for the land acquisition. There is a private foundation interested in helping make the land acquisition as long as they are not the biggest contributor to the purchase. The private donor will hold no interest in the purchase.

Question: Commissioner Stewart asked what the letter will say to the Governor.

Answer: Staff responded the draft letter says the TF supports the commitment of Florida Forever funding for this purchase, and that Florida match or exceed the federal government funding (\$5.275 million) to protect the property.

TNC has written a letter to DEP stating that they will move forward with an appraisal if DEP will except TNC's appraisal. REPI will release the challenge funds if no commitment is made on the property by July.

Question: Commissioner Stewart asked if the purchase will have to go to the Cabinet for approval. Should we send a letter to the other members of the cabinet as well?

Answer: Ms. Keller responded the purchase would have to be approved by the cabinet. It would be good to send a letter to the other members of the cabinet but it is not required since DEP will prepare the package for presentation.

A quorum being present, a motion was made by J.R. McDonald, seconded by Rep. Dana Young, and passed unanimously to approve a letter to be sent to the Governor and the Department of Environmental Protection in support of the use of Florida Forever Funds to purchase the parcel of land known as Lake Wimico.

Legislative Summary

Staff presented the last update on the military and veterans legislation which the Governor has signed into law. Staff also noted these will be included in the next Military-Friendly Guide and the draft will be presented to the TF at the July meeting.

The Florida Chamber's Annual Military and Veteran's Summit

Staff discussed the Florida Chamber's event which will be held August 17th in St. Petersburg. The Chamber will be reaching out to TF members to participate.

V. Public Comment.

Deb Keller, TNC, thanked the TF for their support over the years in acquiring land over the years. She also noted that Florida is the only state that is able to make the large purchases Florida is able to acquire.

BrigGen Diehl requested a letter of thanks be sent to Col Prendergast for his support during his tenure as the Executive Director of the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs.

He also discussed the Association of Defense Communities (ADC) Conference and Tampa Bay Defense Alliance's, John Schueler's role in this year's conference in drafting the agenda. John Schueler is also bringing in the Air Reserve to participate in panels this year.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM EST

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #45 on Thursday, May 19, 2016

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting at The DoubleTree by Hilton Tallahassee, Florida 09:00 AM EDT – 16:30 PM EDT. For Agenda: See Page 2

Task Force Members Present:

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

Task Force Members on the Phone:

Senator Mike Bennett, Manatee County Supervisor of Elections
MG Joseph Taluto, USA, (Ret.)

Task Force Members Absent:

Senator Garrett Richter, Chairman
CW5 Derrick Fritts, USA
Representative Ritch Workman
Representative Dana Young

Speakers Present:

John Patrick Walsh, State of Florida Washington D.C. Office
MG Mike Jones, USA, Ret., The Principi Group (TPG)
David Clark, Director of State Lands, Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP)
Dave Dahl, Navy Region Southeast, Florida Defense Alliance (FDA)
Dr. Steve Butler, The Doolittle Institute
Dr. Bill Rabena, Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC)
Debi Graham, Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce
Stephanie Oram, NAS Pensacola
Bob Black, Congressman Miller's Office
Josh Cockrell, Clay County Development Authority
Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Marcus Lingenfelter, National Math Science Initiative
Jim Scholl, City of Key West (Phone)

Others Present:

Sid Saunders, Pendulum Services
Larry Sassano, LS Advisors, LLC
CPT Ryan Hagemeyer, USA, Florida National Guard
Jim Breitenfeld, TPG
Rene Lewis, DEP
Lisa Monnet, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance (TBDA)
LtGen Tom Baptiste, USAF (Ret.), National Center for Simulation

Jim Heald, DSI
Elizabeth Ryon, The Florida Senate
Margaret Sanders, The Florida Senate
Cassie Muffley, Tyndall AFB
Beth Walker, Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
John Calhoun, DEO
Carrie Kyzar, Ecology & Environment
Ryan Butler, DEO
Paul Hirsh, EDC of Florida's Space Coast
Ryan Long, Ecology & Environment
William Huber, Ecology & Environment
Kaye McKinley, MCEC
Kirk Huff, Homestead Air Reserve Base
Brian Mimbs, Senator Rubio's Office
Jennifer Renner, House of Representatives
Amy Phillips, DEP

Staff Present:

Rocky McPherson, Enterprise Florida, Inc., (EFI) Vice President, Military and Defense
Bruce Grant, Executive Director, Florida Defense Support Task Force
Camila Hornung, EFI, Manager Military and Defense Programs
Marcy Muldrow Sanders, Grants Manager, Florida Defense Support Task Force



Florida Defense Support Task Force -- Meeting #45
Doubletree Hotel, 101 S. Adams St., Tallahassee, FL 32301
AGENDA for May 19, 2016 (As of: May 16, 2016)

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- 0900 - 0910 Welcome, Guest Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance.....Chairman **(I)**
- 0910 – 0920 Old Business.....Chairman **(A)/(I)**
 - Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
 - TF Grants and Contracts Status Marcy Sanders **(I)**
 - Budget update Bruce Grant **(I)**
- 0920 – 1000 New Business.....Chairman **(I)**
 - TF Member Reports John Patrick Walsh**(I)**
 - Florida Washington Office Update MG Mike Jones **(I)**
 - Update from The Principi Group David Clark **(I)**
 - DEP Non Conservation Lands Update Dave Dahl/Bruce Grant **(I)**
 - FDA Meeting Report MG Mike Jones **(I) (A)**
 - Southeast Range Concept Proposal
- 1000 – 1015 Public Comment.....Chairman
- 1015 – 1200 FY 2016- 2017 Grant Application Presentations.....Chairman **(I) (D)**
- 1200 – 1245 Lunch
- 1245 – 1430 FY 2016 - 2017 Grant Application Presentations.....Chairman **(I) (D)**
- 1430 – 1530 CLOSED SESSION.....Chairman
- 1530 -- 1615 OPEN SESSION – Voting on grant proposals.....Chairman **(A)**
- 1615 – 1630 Public Comment.....Chairman
- 1630 Adjourn

Reminder -- Meeting Dates:

June 16, 2016	Conf Call/Webex	July 21, 2016	Jacksonville (Mayport)
August	NO MEETING	September 15, 2016	Pensacola
October 20, 2016	Conf Call/Webex	November 17, 2016	Tampa
December	NO MEETING		

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

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome & Introductions

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

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of the Minutes

A quorum being present, a motion was made by ADM Mark Fitzgerald seconded by Commissioner Barbara Stewart, and passed unanimously to approve the April 21, 2016 meeting minutes.

Budget/Contract Update

Staff reported grant DTF 14-05 (the Lambda Rail project) has been extended to June 30, 2017. Grant DTF 15-10 (the Bay County Transportation System) was extended to June 30, 2016.

Staff noted Enterprise Florida is now in compliance with the State of Florida Travel Policy, a copy was provided to Task Force (TF) members.

Staff reported there is a \$2,178,543.00 balance projected at year-end for FY 2015 – 2016, of which \$1,800,000.00 is available for this grant cycle. Additionally, staff reported the use of the administrative funds projecting approximately \$78,000 which will remain unencumbered at year-end. Staff also reported on the FY 2016 – 2017 appropriation of \$2,000,000.00. After deducting \$250,000 in administrative budget and other contract obligations staff estimates \$850,000 will be available in program expenses.

Staff reported that if all contracts were obligated by June 30, 2016 the \$1,800,000.00 the funds for FY 2015 – 2016 may be certified forward.

Discussion: There was discussion regarding the short timeline to get contracts signed by June 30, 2016 to obligate funds. The TF also discussed obstacles in getting contracts obligated by June 30.

IV. Agenda Item III: New Business

Task Force Member Reports

Commissioner Barbara Stewart reported we have a lot of great news today. Avon Park Air Force Range has received the Sentinel Landscape designation. The formal announcement will occur in June. We're all quite excited about that. The Department of Defense (DoD) has awarded the Central Florida Regional Planning Council a second Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) Implementation grant as a task for further public outreach through property disclosures. The Property Appraiser in Polk County has posted information on the Range on its website. It is very easy to see disclosure about what goes on and the impact of the Range. These efforts will be implemented in the other counties in our region and they will be using what Polk County has done as a model.

Also, the Regional Planning Council is working on additional local land development regulations for further compatibility with the Range. Finally, an Avon Park Air Force Range website, as well as the Public Information video are being developed.

The not so good news, but it depends upon who you are, is Lieutenant Colonel Beeker will be leaving the Range this July. He'll be attending the War College at Maxwell Air Force Base. So that's really good for him, but

we are certainly going to miss him. What impressed me is almost from the beginning he understood the importance of the Range, the potential of the Range, and how the Range fits into the overall picture. He was really a delight to work with. Under his leadership and with assistance of (Principi) Group and others, the utilization of the Range has greatly increased during his tenure there..

BrigGen Chip Diehl reported it is changeover time, summertime at McDill. Recently CENTCOM and SOCOM had change of commands. The four stars changed and then in June the Wing will have a change of command. As a result we'll probably have a pretty stable leadership force for a couple years. The Association of Defense Communities (ADC) has their National Convention the third week of June in Washington, D.C. It's a great opportunity for many of us who are attending to get the word out about Florida. The last thing is the First Lady of Florida, Ann Scott, came down to visit Tinker School. Thanks to the Task Force for all the support of expanding that school for the military families. It was just a good visit. So thank you.

ADM Mark Fitzgerald noted no real big issues here. As we mentioned it is summer turnover season. We've had changes at Pensacola and in Orlando, and we will see changes soon at both Mayport and NAS Jacksonville. The access issues in Pensacola continue to be a problem, particularly on Blue Angel Show Days. I think we'll hear more of that later.

MG Mike Calhoun, reported last month on April 12 the Secretary of the Air Force announced the list of bases considered for the next bed down for the F-35 Aircraft. Two of the locations will be National Guard units. This week we completed our first step in the application process, which was an empirical data call. We know we're competitive. However, this list of criteria, unlike the list from 2012, we're actually going to start five points in the hole because of what is being called double-basing: Because we already have a F-15's aircraft. We may have to displace some of the F-15 aircraft and bring in more aircraft or the F-35 should we receive it. That's a very costly mission, to move out a standing unit and bring in another standing unit. We're competing with units don't have aircraft units. We have begun our push with staff, visiting legislatures, and other legislative members. Of course the F-35 is the 5th generation premier war fighter. But we believe we've got the premier fighter wing and we bring a lot to the table in the State of Florida, the City of Jacksonville, and all of the accomplishments the wing has made so far.

We currently have 1,500 soldiers and airman deployed. In the next two weeks we'll deploy another 500 and redeploy some of the units from the AFRICOM mission.

We're culminating, or today we're culminating, the Seasonal Hurricane Exercise where we test the continuity of operations where the Governor's office is displaced to Camp Blanding. We're tackling some of the issues should we get hit with a hurricane down in the Lake Okeechobee area. The exercise included interagency partners, including the Army Corps of Engineers and Navy Southeast Region. We're off to a good start this year; a lot of planning and interagency work.

We just finished the Military Appreciation Day over at the (TPC) where we had General Welsh come in and visit us. He was the Guest Speaker.

Questions: Mr. Neubauer asked if there's a timeline for the strategic basing process for the F-35?
These are the same jets that were supposed to go to Vermont?

Answers: MG Calhoun responded sometime in June and November, but he would let him know the exact dates later.

These are not the same airplanes. We competed in 2012 and we were very much at the top of the list. We've gotten better since 2012 but there is a list of criteria. We hope starting out five points behind is something we can overcome with the support from the community, the Governor, the State, and the legislature. We want to prove our track record with the 125th Fighter Wing, along with the missions that the 125th Fighter Wing has accomplished. The 125th Fighter Wing protects the Southeastern United States Borders. That is from the Gulf States, Florida, Texas, and New Orleans, up to the Carolinas. That's a huge protection space and the theatre security package for our mission as well. To have the

5th generation fighter to project another 30-40 years you want to have the premiere platform protecting the United States, and that's one of our missions. We think we stand a good chance.

Representative Clay Ingram reported we have experienced some turnover locally at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola. We saw an outgoing base Commanding Officer (CO), Captain Keith Hoskins, retired. He's going to stay in our community. We're excited about that. We welcomed Captain Chris Martin who will follow him as CO of NAS Pensacola

MG Joe Taluto reported a trip to Homestead Air Reserve Base (ARB) on April 28th through the 29th. MG Taluto was joined by MajGen Keye Sabol of TPG. They met with Colonel Garfield, the new Commander Officer. They discussed the base's efforts to get F-35's. The next day MajGen Sabol and MG Mike Jones, also of TPG joined MG Taluto at SOUTHCOM for a visit with the new Chief of Staff MajGen Plehn, and the Deputy Commander, LTGEN DiSalvo. We discussed Homestead ARB and our concerns, in addition to actions that we've taken at Homestead. They have some at SOUTHCOM in operations at Homestead ARB. The primary purpose of our discussion was to energize any internal discussions at SOUTHCOM over the use of assets at Homestead. MajGen Plehn and LTGEN DiSalvo are very familiar with the Florida Defense Support Task Force and provided us with a list of their concerns including: Quality of life for their military force and their civilian force in Miami Dade, which is extremely expensive. One issue the command is currently working is obtaining some property the FAA owns. Once the property is acquired the base may apply for a TF grant to assist them in the construction of housing on the parcels. Their more immediate issue is the cost of living expenses, as I mentioned, for their military and civilian forces. Many of the bases in high-cost areas are authorized to increase percentages in cost-of-living-allowance (COLA), anywhere from 1 to 13%. For some reason Miami only gets a 1% bump-up; which is basically nothing for the amount of in and around travel that people have to do, the rents, and other costs. There are places like New York City, which I know for a fact is getting double digit COLA, 10-11%, for their people. I'm recommending to the Task Force that TPG be authorized to look into this issue on behalf of SOUTHCOM. Just from a standpoint of information.

It was a great visit. We look forward to a good relationship with SOUTHCOM and the new leadership. They are definitely on board. In fact, one of the Generals said that they were going to make one of the Governor's meetings in the near future.

Mr. Tom Neubauer reported there are a couple of changes of command going on at Tyndall Air Force Base. First is the Air Force's Northern First Air Force and The Continental NORAD Region Commander, Lieutenant General Bill Etter will be retiring in July. He's being replaced by Major General Robert Williams. I think that that happens in early July. The Commander of the 325th Fighter Wing, Derrick "Trapper" France is transferring. We hate to lose this guy. He's been outstanding. He's going to be the new Executive for the Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force. He'll be replaced by Colonel Michael Hernandez. Also, at Navy Diving Salvage Training Center at NS Panama City Commander Hung Cao will be replaced this summer, actually this month. The Commander SOUTHCOM, ADM Tidd will be there to officiate that transfer.

He also mentioned the Lake Wimico project, which is a 20,236 acre project right near Tyndall Air Force Base, will be added to the Greenway if this project is successful. There's a Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) challenge grant application in for that acquisition. Tyndall has a grant of about \$2.5 million. The challenge grant that we're applying for and competing for is \$2.77 million. There's a requested match from the State of Florida for \$5.2 million, and there'll be some assistance from a private donor if all goes well. This project would be a big benefit for both Tyndall and Eglin AFB.

Update from the Florida Washington DC Office

John Patrick Walsh reported there is a new Governor's Representative in the Washington office. Christine Diaz has taken over for Chris Hartline. Some of you may know Christine from her time as the Governor's Regional Representative in Miami. It's been a very busy couple of weeks. Mr. Paul Hirsch brought the Space Coast EDC to the office, and we were able to meet with them. We were finally able to do that after a couple years.

He also reported also the DC Office continues to work with the Florida VFW and the Florida Legion, trying to navigate the political waves we're facing. One of the things he is most concerned about in the

coming months for the Task Force and the Military Affairs Portfolio for the State, is we fully expect to lose a third of our delegation after the next election. Whether it's to retirements, or running for other offices, we'll be down a good third. Many of those members are coming off of our Armed Services Committees, Military Construction (MilCon), Veteran's Affairs (VA) Committees, and the Appropriations Committee. We are losing a number of very senior members including: Chairman Miller, Mr. Crenshaw, Mr. Nugent, and Ms. Graham. That is going to play a little bit of havoc with our ability to move legislation in Washington D.C. and make sure that Florida's voice is continues to be heard. I recommend to the members, when you're meeting in November with your newly elected representatives, please make sure that you push the military portfolio and let them know how important that is to the State; and we will continue to do that in the D.C. office as well.

The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) passed last night. The vote count was two hundred seventy seven to one hundred forty seven with nine members not voting. The problem is that it was pretty much among strictly partisan lines, and there's not enough support currently to override a veto if one is made by the President. I would like to thank Ms. Graham for voting in favor of the Bill and moving it towards conference. We fully expect with the differences between the House version and the Senate version, which is to be voted on next week, that there will be a great deal of trading and changes made in the conference process. He also noted, the big issue, as I'm sure General Jones, will mention is the \$23 billion that was moved from local funding into the Pentagon's Base Budget by the House Republicans. This is \$18 billion over what the President requested; even though the total package the President and the DoD requested was \$610 billion. So we expect there to be some horse trading on that front as well. That was one of the issues that led to the ranking member and most Democrats voting against the Bill. It's certainly not without its controversy.

As for the Senate, the MilCon Bill has actually been folded in with the Transportation Appropriations Bill. And they're considering that this week. There has some been some warning from the White House that the President opposes certain ideological additions into those Bills, and so they have been warned about combining the two; but they are working on that today. We hope to see the Milcon Bill and NDAA pass through the Senate by next week. The House of course, will finish their business this week.

We were also working with Ms. Ros-Lehtinen's office on the F-35 bed-down at Homestead. I was very happy to work with her staff on the letter. General, I'm hoping that we'll be able to get other members of the delegation in support of that as well, and just bring more awareness in the South Florida delegation.

Questions: ADM Fitzgerald asked when you're up there last, two or three weeks ago, we were requested to try to put more pressure on the delegation to support the Triton Basing at Mayport. As you know it's, this foresights under negotiation here. Have you heard any more of that? Or is there any more support being generated?

Answers: Mr. Walsh answered I have not Admiral heard of any additional support.

Update from the Principi Group

MG Mike Jones reported on that as John Patrick mentioned the key issue is the additional \$18 billion that the House has put into its version of the NDAA that comes out of overseas contingency operations (OCO) funds in order to fund base budget items. This is different than the original budget agreement. This could result in the next President having to make a supplemental request for additional funding to fund the war effort next year if this version passes the House as proposed. The White House has already threatened to veto the House version. The Senate's version does not have that provision. In terms of what's actually in the budget: There are some things of significance that are important for Florida. Strong funding for F-35's for next year; Eighteen P8 Aircraft; funding for fifteen KC-46A tankers, which is important because those help displace KC-135's to plus up the fleet at MacDill; Three LCS ships, and; \$70 billion in research and development. The House version also includes as part of this \$18 billion plus up, self-funding that essentially stops the projected reduction of Army Forces; both active and National Guard. He noted, regarding Base Realignment and Closure round (BRAC), neither version of the Bill authorizes a BRAC in 2019 as requested by the President. Congressman Smith from Washington does have a proposal that is a little different take on this. Typically, BRAC authorizations come

through the committee process and are part of the authorization act. Congressman Smith has introduced legislation that would go directly to the floor of the House which is currently in the Rules Committee. It's our estimate that because of the opposition by House Chairman, Warren Berry, that it is very unlikely the bill will make it out of the Rules Committee and actually get a vote on the floor. In our assessment an authorized BRAC is unlikely this year. Therefore an unauthorized BRAC will continue to occur. The DoD will continue to realign, reduce, make other adjustments, and even close spaces within their authorities under current law. In a previous meeting I mentioned three of the kinds of moves that affect Florida. Where we lost two small detachments we gained another. As I'm sure many of the Task Force Members know, the Air Force is published an Environmental Assessment with a proposed re-stationing of 18 aircraft and 169 personnel that would come from Cannon Air Force Base and move to Duke Field. So again, it would be a plus up for the military presence in Florida. This is a good illustration of what the services can do within their current authorities. It does not take Congressional action. And we believe that we're going to see more of these kinds of realignments and adjustments. Especially once the department concludes that 2019 is off the table. And probably the earliest their going to see a BRAC is 2021.

He reported on another timely piece of language in a piece of legislation that directs the Secretary of Defense, and I quote, "...the Secretary of Defense to establish an investment strategy for the preservation and enhancement of regional ranges and exercises needed to provide adequate live training for air crews across the full spectrum of operations." This fits in nicely with the tasker that you gave us at the last meeting to look at a proposal to do a stakeholders conference on the Southeast Range Complex concept to: Number one, embrace the idea of the Southeast Range Complex concept, and; Number two, to determine what are the various things that need to be done from - all the way from policy and procedure level to mechanisms and software, and the other kinds of things that have to be done to make the ability to use multiple ranges simultaneously for a single event smooth and much easier for folks to be able to do. The proposal includes a firm fixed price that covers all the coordination preparation for the conference, the conduct of it, and the follow-up where we try to build the strategic plan and coordination with the stakeholders of what has to be done by the parties in order to move towards an implementation of the concept.

Finally, as an indicator of how Florida installations are doing we have three recent recognitions of our Florida Installations. Naval Air Station Whiting Field added to its array of installation awards by being designated as an Installation Excellence Award winner from the Association of Defense Communities. In addition to, the Naval Supply Systems Fleet Logistics Center, Jacksonville has a Key West detachment which was selected as a Naval Retail Fuel Activity of the Year for the superior support that they provide. Lastly, Eglin AFB's Environmental team won the Defense Departments top environmental prize, the 2016 Secretary of Defense Environmental Quality Team Award. All terrific recognitions for the State of Florida.

Finally Mr. Chairman, I wouldn't be able to sleep at night if I didn't talk about the huge contribution to Florida that Rocky McPherson has made. I just have to say that among everybody that we work with it's been an honor and a pleasure to work with Rocky McPherson, who's a treasure, not only for the State of Florida but for our nation. So appreciate it.

DEP Non-Conservation Lands Update

Mr. David Clark reported that DEP is working on three specific statutorily required projects. The first being Naval Station Mayport in Jacksonville; Naval Support Activity Panama City; and MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa. The Naval Station Mayport easement acquisition was approved by the Board of Trustees in October, and we did close in February of this year. The next one is Naval Support Activity Panama City. The County has verbally accepted our offer and we're waiting on the County Commission to work through the details to go ahead and accept that offer and approve it. The recent update is based on the age of the appraisals and changes in the local market. DEP had the appraisals update, and we made another offer on April 21, 2016, which was valid through May 31 of 2016. However, Bay County has recently requested an extension of that offer until September 30, 2016. Bay County is waiting to see if the Navy will donate of a piece of beachfront property. The process could take 8-12 months. The last one is the MacDill Air Force Base property. We made a new offer in April of this year. We would be buying the residential restriction and the hotel/motel restriction. The owner declined that offer. We have come back in the last couple weeks and we made another offer on just buying the

residential rights. They have tentatively accepted that offer at the offered amount. However, we're going back and forth right now on some of the easement language. We hope to bring purchase to the Governor and Cabinet in August or September timeframe to complete this purchase. It's a tentative acceptance but I just want to temper any expectations that the deal is not done yet.

Comments: Commissioner Stewart pointed out the importance of educating the local officials about how their actions impact our military assets. We continue to see decisions made at the local level that end up causing problems and where the taxpayers of the state have to pay to correct these problems. I think its lack of understanding, and it's incumbent upon all of us to communicate with our local entities; the Planning Boards, the County Commissioners, and the City Councils. Yesterday in the FDA meeting we heard more similar issues. And you'd think that by now they would know better.

BrigGen Diehl noted we've learned that every property we deal with is unique, but the Task Force is learning. In that regard I'd like to applaud if we could Mr. Clark, because one of the best things that's going on right now is they call us all the time, and we're including more and more people in these decisions. For instance, Dr. Lisa Monnet, the President of Tampa Bay Defense Alliance, in June is taking the Tampa Bay Defense Alliance to Air Mobility Command Headquarters. She has invited Tampa Mayor Buckhorn, an ardent supporter of encroachment and Florida Rock issue. She's taking him there to see the Four-Star along with the delegation to lead this effort. I think the Task Force is doing very well at getting ahead of these things. *The question for David is; what's next? We went through a process with Tier 1. You have now just about completed Tier 1, could discuss it later at another time, maybe next meeting, what's the process for the next three properties on the priority list; what is the priority list; what's the process? Let's keep the process going in other words. Because there may be some things that we find that should be on that list for next session.*

Commissioner Stewart, is the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) going to continue?

Answer: David Clark replied I would not want to answer for DEO. However, that's a great question. What is next? I know that the Tier 2, and then some of the Tier 3 properties, there were local initiatives that were going on to solve some of the concerns there. And the Tier 1 properties were specifically listed out in statute. So honestly, and not to put you on the spot Rep. Ingram, but I'd be curious to know if that's a legislative act that needs to occur to identify new properties? Or to give DEO the authority through Tier 2 or a list that the Task Force would approve and then submit to State Lands? But I can tell you we're a partner, we're here to stay, and we're here to help make sure that Florida's the most military friendly state in the Union.

Staff noted we have been talking to DEO. The statute regarding this program, non-conservation buffering, does contain the word in it "may," so DEO is not required to continue this on an annual basis. We think if the Task Force was to have a discussion on that at the next meeting and then formally request DEO continue in the process that would be a positive action.

David Clark added I would say look at State Lands as your real estate broker for statewide acquisitions. We're a full service broker with appraisal, surveys, ESA's, the whole nine yards. If I have the money appropriated and you tell me to go buy it, I'm going to do my best to buy it.

Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Meeting Report

Mr. Dave Dahl briefed the TF on the FDA meeting held the day prior and noted yesterday's meeting of the Mission Sustainment Task Force Working Group inside the FDA, could be summarized with one word, and that word is "concerned". We're about the "effectiveness" of the Mission Sustainment Working Group. He provided background about how the mission sustainment process works throughout the country. There are always three groups: the Base Commanders, because it begins with the Mission. The Base Commanders give us their requirements. That has to be put together by some Working Group, the group that works on that in Florida is the FDA Mission Sustainment Working Group. They distill these disparate requirements from all the different commanders into modules that can be understood by decision-makers and passed on to the Task Force, and FDA, and through other means to local communities up, so that the decision-makers in the State can help ensure the military value of

our installations. The first thing that came up in yesterday's meeting we need some new blood. The tasker from yesterday was for the FDA members locally to canvass and get some new folks involved so we can get some new ideas, some new blood, some new innovations, and avoid stagnation to keep moving ahead. We are the model for the country, in Florida, thanks to the group that are sitting here and we need to keep moving forward.

The second issue is how to better educate our decision-makers. We talked about coordination at all levels. General Jones provided a little insight into the levels of communication that take place. And there's always the community-to-the-installation leadership, which is where the Mission Sustainment Mission value requirements are generated; community-to-the-Task Force and the FDA, and those are State issues; Community-to-the-State Legislators for State issues, and then the Community out to the Co-Dels. We reviewed that, and we're going to work on a strategic communication plan to improve as we bring new people aboard. In order to bring new people aboard, we need to define what the Mission of the FDA Mission Sustainment Group is, and there's three major issues: Encroachment, Energy to include cost reduction, resilience and hardening, and Transportation. Under the Encroachment section, there are a myriad of subsections. And that includes new issues like the Unmanned Aerial Surveillance, UAS tsunami aircraft, the drone swarm. And there's legislation – some was just passed the other day at Navy Sub-Base, King's Bay. St. Mary's Council passed a bill to enforce FAA regulations out to 3000 feet outside the Base perimeter. There was a robust discussion of issues including cost reduction of the Ranges; coordination with the transportation authorities and the local, regional transportation groups, and then to maintain our positive outreach on compatibility; and to leveraging the existing tools to communicate more effectively.

The last key discussion was information sharing, and we decided that we would work on broader dissemination of the products that come out of the Task Force, the products that come from staff to inform people what the Task Force is doing, different (SIP-PY) group reports, and also the TAG's Base Commanders meeting that codifies the requirements of the Base Commanders to the decision-makers and the Governor.

The last thing we talked about was there may be a potential for some EFI funding for outreach.

Comment: Staff noted Enterprise Florida has an appropriation for Marketing, and being a part of that, keeping Defense in Enterprise Florida, that's something we ought to be talking about, how to use a portion of that for outreach.

Dr. Bruce Grant briefed the TF on Family Support Working Group, and it spent the majority of its time yesterday talking about an issue that was brought to us in terms of coordination for potential child abuse cases in the State of Florida. Those cases are handled by the Florida Department of Children and Families, but there is an avenue for those to be reported up through the military chain of command. There is a coordination process that right now may be out of balance in a couple of different places in the State. The Working Group decided the best thing to do would be to get the Department of Children and Families together with the Working Group to find out what the issue is and how they can fix those coordination issues. There are Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) that do exist in different areas which allow the reporting of these potential child abuse cases to the military as well as to DCF. The intent is to ensure there a smooth communications plan in place.

He also noted that the FDA distribution list will be added to the TF weekly updates.

Recognition of Rocky McPherson

Mr. Tom Neubauer, offered the following citation to the record in recognition of Rocky McPherson's service to the Florida Defense Support Task Force which follows: "Colonel Rocky McPherson of the United States Marine Corps, Retired, for outstanding service as the Vice President, Military and Defense Programs for Enterprise Florida; the Principle Advisor to the Florida Defense Support Task Force from November 2011 to April 2016. Your superb leadership in providing sound, cogent advice and guidance to all Task Force members resulted in significant success in improving the military value of Florida's military installations. The Task Force members both admire and appreciate your ability to

effectively work with all stakeholders in the military and defense community across the State. Your knowledge, experience and expertise in this field is unparalleled and has helped shape the Task Force into its purposeful results-oriented body, moving forward relentlessly to make Florida the most military-friendly state in the nation. Thank you for your leadership and for your service to the citizens of Florida.”

Rocky McPherson thanked the TF for the honor saying thank you, please. I do want to say one or two things, not a lot. This has been going on way too long, and there’s been way too much mention of it. Service is an honor and when you can do what I was afforded the opportunity to do, work as a Marine for 30 years, and then continue to serve veterans and military, I couldn’t have envisioned a better second career and I have really enjoyed it. Now I’m going to try to succeed in my next retirement by really retiring. But thank you all. Nothing I have done was done by me. It is all our folks at every phase, in every year, along the team that you build, the team that does the work. It’s been an honor to guide some of them to help them grow, because we all need to continue all the efforts that the Task Force is doing, that we are doing, everybody in this room, to help Military and Defense in the State of Florida, and thank you for continuing to do that. I also want to say there’s another gent here named Dr. Bruce Grant, Colonel of the United States Army, Retired; Infantry Officer, Ranger; who is going to be taking my spot, and it’s those shoes, he fills them to the “T.” You’re going to have fun with him. Thank you, sir.

Elizabeth Ryon, Staff Director of the Military Affairs Committee of the Florida Senate, presented Rocky McPherson with a certificate as well stating I’m here on behalf of Senate President Gardiner, and I wanted to present Rocky with this Florida Senate coin in recognition of his service to Florida’s Military and Veterans. Thank you.

Southeast Range Complex Proposal – TPG

MG Mike Jones presented the proposal to the TF noting, in terms of the Stakeholders’ Conference, this was an idea that was originated by the Task Force. Florida has some of the greatest military Ranges in the nation. However, as technology changes, we’re starting to come up against the boundaries of the capabilities of each of those Ranges, individually. Whether it’s from the testing perspective or from the training perspective, as you move to sixth generation fighters, weapons acquisition systems that can shoot farther and acquire an enemy from farther away, our Ranges will start to have challenges in being able to fulfill their military mission, as will all the Ranges around the country. He added, it is the knitting together of these Ranges with a capability to use multiple Ranges simultaneously for a single test or for a single training event that we think provides tremendous value, not just for the military, but also cements the value that Florida brings to the nation in terms of this complex of military Ranges. It includes air, surface and subsurface is a component of all of that.

The intent of the Stakeholders Conference is to get together all of the key folks who have to work together in order to take the concept of knitting these together and make it into a reality. It includes senior policymakers in DoD; the FAA, that has to work with us on airspace coordination between those Ranges, and; it includes the managers of the Ranges on the various installations that own them; we have developed the White Paper. The conference will be the preparatory phase in order to bring everybody into the idea of how this complex can work and to begin their thinking on what has to be done to do it; whether there are policy issues, whether there are procedures or coordination methods, or whether it’s things as small as the software we use to manage Ranges and schedule and so forth. Once we get their buy-in to bring them together to have a conference, in order to come up with what has to be done to get there, and who has to take on some responsibility within DoD, within the FAA, and to try to achieve some level of commitment that says we’re ready to move forward to make this a reality. The end product we will provide back to the Task Force and all the stakeholders is the post-conference report and strategy about how to move forward to advance this concept. The proposal there lays out the purpose and how TPG envisions the conference, the Statement of Work and Tasks we will do, as well as who the initial team will be. We will bring in additional people on the team as we progress, if necessary. The tentative list of stakeholders is approximately 30 different stakeholders throughout the DoD and the FAA that we’ve identified that would be part of this conference.

Discussion: There was a robust discussion of the merits of the conference. ADM Fitzgerald and BrigGen Diehl offered comments and discussion with MG Jones.

Questions: Commissioner Stewart asked if we go on beyond the conference, you would come back to us, and either do it through your regular contract, or in addition to your contract.

Answer: MG Jones replied yes, ma'am. The obvious intent is that we don't know what the answer is going to be in terms of what responsibility these stakeholders will accept, but we want the stakeholders to grab ownership and really take over the leadership of doing this; but we recognize that we may have to try to continue to be a catalyst in order to accelerate the pace in which this occurs.

Discussion: Senator Bennett voice concerns over funding for the conference. The Chairman noted funds are available in the FY 2016 – 2017 budget.

A quorum being present, a motion was made by Commissioner Barbara Stewart seconded by ADM Mark Fitzgerald, and passed unanimously to approve a Stakeholders Conference to develop strategies for the Southeast Range Complex to be funded in the amount of \$27,702, funded with unobligated program funds.

V. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

VI. FY 2016 – 2107 Grant Application Presentations

There were eight grant applications with presenters who were provide 15 minutes each to present their grant applications to the TF followed by a question and answer period for presenters. The total amount to be awarded was \$1.8 million. The grant presenters were as follows:

- The Doolittle Institute, **Steven Butler**, requested \$197,000 to establish a technology innovation center to support weapons development mission at Eglin AFB.
- Military Child Education Coalition, **Bill Rabena**, requested \$500,000 to provide support military school children in twelve counties to improve student outcomes.
- Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce, **Debi Graham and Stephanie Oram**, requested \$500,000 to provide signage to direct visitors to the correct point of entry to NAS Pensacola.
- Okaloosa Economic Development Council (EDC), Bob Black, requested \$299,355 to facilitate the expansion of the non-hazardous military training to predesignate state lands to relieve congestion at Eglin AFB.
- Clay County Development Authority, **Josh Cockrell**, requested \$400,000 to purchase 630 acres adjacent to Camp Blanding to prevent encroachment
- Highland County, **Jennifer Codo-Salisbury**, requested \$500,000 to acquire a conservation easement to prevent encroachment adjacent to Avon Park Air Force Range.
- National Math and Science Initiative, Marcus Ligenfelter, requested \$282,000 to increase students test scores in math, science, and English.
- City of Key West, Jim Scholl, requested \$357,500 to refurbish Truman Annex seawall.

The meeting recessed at 12:15pm.

The meeting reconvened at 2:15pm.

The TF voted to awarded the following grant request:

- Highlands County for \$500,000.
- Clay County for \$400,000.
- Okaloosa EDC for \$250,000.
- National Math and Science Initiative for \$175,000.
- Military Child Education Coalition for \$225,000.
- Doolittle Institute for \$100,000.

- City of Key West for \$150,000.

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

- Greater Pensacola Chamber for \$500,000.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM EST

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #46 on Thursday, July 21, 2016

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting at The Fairfield Inn & Suites Jacksonville, Florida 09:00 AM EDT – 11:05 PM EDT. For Agenda: See Page 2

Task Force Members Present:

Senator Garrett Richter, Chairman
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman
Senator Mike Bennett, Manatee County Supervisor of Elections
MG Mike Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida
BrigGen Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret.)
ADM Mark Fitzgerald, USN, (Ret.)
Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Highlands County

Task Force Members on the Phone:

Representative Clay Ingram
J.R. McDonald, Lockheed Martin

Task Force Members Absent:

CW5 Derrick Fritts, USA
MG Joseph Taluto, USA, (Ret.)
Representative Ritch Workman
Representative Dana Young

Speakers Present:

Aaron Bowman, Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce
Secretary Anthony Principi, The Principi Group (TPG)
MG Mike Jones, USA, Ret., TPG
David Clark, Director of State Lands, Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) (Phone)
Debi Graham, Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce
Joe Marino, Veteran Florida, Inc.

Others Present:

Jackie Smith, Congressman Ander Crenshaw's Office
Kellie Jo Kilberg, Florida Defense Alliance
LTCOL Tad Warfel, Department of Military Affairs
CPT Ryan Hagemeyer, USA, Florida National Guard
Jim Breitenfeld, TPG
ADM Jim Hinkle, TPG
Taylor Teepell, Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
James Stansbury, DEO
Harrison Conyers, City of Jacksonville Military Affairs
Steve Kauffman, Businessman
Katie Ross, Regional Director for Senator Bill Nelson
Dave Dahl, Navy Region Southeast
Matt Schellhorn, Community Plans and Liaison for Jacksonville and Mayport

Staff Present:

Mike Grissom, Enterprise Florida, Inc., (EFI) Senior Vice President, External Affairs

Bruce Grant, Executive Director, Florida Defense Support Task Force

Marcy Muldrow Sanders, Grants Manager, Florida Defense Support Task Force



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KEY:
(I) = Information
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- 0900 - 0910 Welcome, Guest Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance.....Chairman **(I)**
 0910 - 0925 Welcome from Local Defense Community.....Aaron Bowman **(I)**
- 0925 – 0935 Old Business.....Chairman **(A)/ (I)**
- Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
 - TF Grants and Contracts Status Marcy Sanders **(I)**
 - Budget update Marcy Sanders **(I)**
 - Personnel Update Bruce Grant **(I)**
 - 2016 Florida Military Friendly Guide Bruce Grant **(I)**
- 0935 – 1100 New Business.....Chairman **(I)**
- TF Member Reports John Patrick Walsh **(I)**
 - Florida Washington Office Update Secretary Tony Principi **(I)**
 - Update from The Principi Group Amy Phillips **(I)**
 - DEP Non Conservation Lands Update (By phone) Kelli Jo Kilberg **(I)**
 - Florida Defense Alliance Update Debi Graham **(I) (A)**
 - Greater Pensacola Chamber Grant Request Joe Marino **(I)**
 - Veterans Florida Update Bruce Grant **(I) (A)**
 - Options for Timing on Future Task Force Grants Bruce Grant **(I)**
 - Possible Legislative Initiatives
- 1100 – 1115 Public Comment.....Chairman
- 1115 – 1215 CLOSED SESSION.....Chairman
- 1215 - 1530 Task Force Members Travel/Visit NS Mayport.....Matt Schellhorn
- Reminder -- Meeting Dates: August NO MEETING September 15, 2016 Pensacola
 October 20, 2016 Conf Call/Webex November 17, 2016 Tampa
 December NO MEETING

Chairman, Senator Garrett Richter, began the meeting at 09:00 AM EST.

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome & Introductions

Senator Richter welcomed attendees and guests. He asked guests in the audience to introduce themselves. He asked the TF and audience to join him in the pledge of allegiance. He reminded the Task Force the meeting is governed by Sunshine Law. This meeting was broadcast via the Florida Channel.

Aaron Bowman, Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce welcomed the Florida Defense Support Task Force (TF) to Jacksonville. He noted the significance of the military in Jacksonville. He discussed the lack of employment opportunities for senior enlisted and officers transitioning from the military to civilian employment. He also discussed Congressman Crenshaw's departure from the House of Representatives and its potential impact on basing issues in Jacksonville. He pointed out several events hosted in the city for military and their families.

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of the Minutes

A quorum being present, a motion was made by Sen. Mike Bennett seconded by Mr. Tom Neubauer, and passed unanimously to approve the May 19, 2016 meeting and closed session minutes.

Budget/Contract Update

Staff reported grant DTF 14-05 (the Lambda Rail project) has been extended to June 30, 2017. Grant DTF 15-04 (the National Center for Simulation) was extended to December 15, 2015. Staff also reported on the closing date of the land acquisition for grant 15-01 (Clay County Development Authority) was scheduled for July 27, 2016. Grant 15-02 (Tampa Bay Defense Alliance) was completed. Grant 15-10 (Bay County) was completed. Grant 16-03 (Santa Rosa County) may need an extension.

Staff also reported the seven grants awarded at the May 2016 meeting were executed on June 30, 2016.

Personnel Update

Staff reported on the restructuring of EFI, and Military Defense will be hiring soon for the vacant positions.

Question: Senator Bennett asked if there any news as to whether funding for the TF would be impacted by the recent funding changes at EFI.

Answer: Staff reported the funding for the TF remains in tact.

Military-Friendly Guide

Staff reported on the distribution of the new Military-Friendly Guide to all of the installations in Florida. Staff also noted with printing and shipping the cost of the guide exceeded the budgeted line item.

Non-Conservation Land Letters

Staff reported DEO has sent the letters to the Base Commanders requesting a list of their base buffering land acquisition needs. The list will be compiled and presented to the TF for approval prior to presenting to the Governor and/or the Legislature for possible action/funding.

III. Agenda Item III: New Business

Task Force Member Reports

BrigGen Chip Diehl reported there is a new Wing Commander at MacDill, Col. April Vogel, and two Support Group Commanders will change command before the end of summer. He thanked DEO and DEP for their support on the Florida Rock property.

ADM Mark Fitzgerald reported on the Triton basing competition. He noted it may be beneficial to have Governor Scott weigh in his support for basing in Florida since the Governors in the other states in contention for Triton basing have already done so. He discussed the successful deployment of NAS Jacksonville to Cecil Field during the one year closure for runway improvements. He noted the continued civilian access issues to NAS Pensacola National Naval Aviation Museum and the cemetery due to gate changes and the 9 to 10 mile detour. There has been some noted drop-off of museum visitation since the change.

Mr. Tom Neubauer reported there were four changes of command going on at Tyndall Air Force Base and Naval Support Activity (NSA) Panama City. There is a new Commander of 1st Air Force; 325th Fighter Wing; 44th Fighter Group, which is the Guard and Reserve overlay for the 325th; and the Medical Group at Tyndall. There is a new Commander of the Naval Dive and Salvage Training Center at NSA Panama City. He also reported the Air Combat Command (ACC) Commander has a group called the Commander's Group and the role of its members is to talk about the things going on in Air Combat Command and how they impact their various communities. From 15 – 17 June the ACC Commander held a meeting at Creech AFB, which enabled us to see an important growing part of the AF, which is the remotely piloted aircraft (RPA) program. This is a very important part of combat air power where the AF anticipates exponential growth in the coming years. The AF plans to stand-up two RPA bases in the next two years and 14 bases are in the running for those two installations. The two which appear to have the greatest likelihood of basing the two RPA wings are Hickam and Elmendorf. He also noted in the coming years as other bases stand-up there could potentially be some Florida bases which could be competitive. ACC is also adding to F-16 flying units. The AF is currently facing pilot manpower shortfall of 620 pilots and by year's end it could reach 700 pilots. The reason for the shortage is the retention bonus is \$25,000 which is about \$20,000 short of what airlines are offering for signing. The ACC Commander is scheduled to retire March 7, 2017. He discussed other high level Air Force personnel changes. He reported on the AF's F-35 buy rate impacting the number of squadrons planned and actual squadrons.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart reported Avon Park Air Force Range has received the Sentinel Landscape designation was officially announced July 12, 2016. MajGen Thomas Deale, Direct of Operations of ACC, recently approved the Ranges request to delegate authority to conduct uncontrolled airfield operations at the Range to the 23rd Wing Commander. She thanked TPG for their role in assisting the Range obtain this authority. This approval is what the Range has been seeking for a number of years and will facilitate the deployment of fighter units to Avon Park. LtCol Dan Edgar has been selected to replace LtCol Beeker, who recently transferred, as Range Commander. He should arrive mid-August. He is currently the Chief of Safety at Moody AFB. Training activity at the Range has continued to be high. A few of the current and upcoming operations are: F-16's from Homestead ARB are conducting predeployment training; Moody's J-TAC's are working with the 47th Fighter Squadron from Davis-Monthan; The 301st Rescue Squadron from Patrick AFB; The Coast Guard's Helicopter Interdiction Squadron from Jacksonville; and, Special Operation Squadron from Hurlburt. She also noted the more diverse training activities occurring at the Range since the inception of the TF.

MG Mike Calhoun, reported in the past year the Guard has increased its focus in the counter drug program with emphasis on narcotics. The Florida National Guard (FNG) has been working internally in the State of Florida and externally with their partners to improve the capability of our partner Nations. Internally in the state the FNG has assisted in retrieving or seizing \$195 million in property, drugs, and other contraband, and has arrested 1,350 persons. The FNG was recognized by State Attorney General Pam Bondi for their work assisting Florida partners with these programs. Externally with our partners at SOUTHCOM he visited partners in Guatemala and Honduras in May. Soldiers from the 53rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team in the region conducted a Blind Force Mission to improve and enhance their capabilities to counter trans-national organized crime. One-hundred fifty soldiers deployed for the exercise, and they trained in the past four months with 1,035 regional partners. The FNG was very well

received in Guatemala and Honduras and the region has seen improvements. The Regional Security System, which is a state partnership program, had five countries come to Camp Blanding to see the counter drug program at the Multi-jurisdictional Counter Drug Task Force Training Center. Working with SOUTHCOM and Army South, the FNG brought Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador to the training center focusing on the Subject Matter Expert Exchange of the regional Security System. The Deputy Commander of Army South and Deputy Assistant Adjutant General of Arkansas participated in the training. Arkansas will pick up the training mission on next rotation. He visited SOUTHCOM to continue partnership building between SOUTHCOM and the FNG to ensure the FNG remains the command's premier partner in the region.

He provided the TF with a handout of information on the F-35 basing issue as requested at the last meeting.

We currently have 1,200 soldiers and airman deployed. Recently the 1st of the 111th deployed to Kuwait with 300 personnel the 3rd of the 265th Air Defense Artillery with 209 personnel deployed for the National Command Region (NCR) mission.

He reported TF Vice Chair Tom Neubauer was recognized by General Etter for his great support in the Tyndall area with the 1st AF AVNORTH. The mission is supported by over 70 FNG troops who have also commented on the personal support they have received from Mr. Neubauer. For the General to recognize Mr. Neubauer at dinner is a testament to his support of the mission and as a TF member.

Comment: Sen. Bennett commented on the crime prevention mission of the FNG and noted it is mostly under the radar. He also noted it would be beneficial to have more press on the crime prevention mission of the FNG.

Representative Clay Ingram discussed the NAS Pensacola base access issue and noted Debi Graham was in attendance to present the grant application to address the issue.

Mr. J.R. McDonald reported on the change of command at Air Force Special Operations (AFSOC) Command at Hurlburt Field. LtGen Brad Webb assumed command of the AFSOC. LtGen Brad Heithold will be the commander of the Office of the Secretary of Defense Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation (OSDCAPE). In LtGen Heithold's new position he will continue to have a great impact on the State of Florida. The 96th and 33rd Fighter Wings at Eglin hosted Senator Marco Rubio yesterday. This visit gave the Wings an opportunity to showcase the ability for Eglin to support additional F-35's.

Update from the Principi Group

Secretary Anthony Principi reported the Congress adjourned on July 15, 2016 and will not return until September 6th through the 30th and they will adjourn for the elections returning November 14th. The primary order of business when Congress returns is the continuing resolution (CR) which will probably run through November. Whether Congress will pass the 2017 omnibus appropriations bill will be determined by the elections. It is anticipated the military construction (MilCon) appropriations bill will not be presented in September to allow for time to assemble an omnibus appropriations bill. The MilCon projects for Florida are supported in the MilCon conference report. The two Florida projects: a Barracks at Pensacola and a Wastewater Treatment Plant at Mayport that were supported by the Florida Congressional delegation, and were top Chief of Naval Operation projects that did not make it into 2017 bill. These projects will likely be included in the FY 2018 budget. National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for 2017 has been passed by the House despite the veto threat from the President over \$18 billion intended for overseas contingency operations (OCO) funds, to spend on unfunded readiness requirements. The Senate is meeting to resolve the differences between the House and Senate versions of the NDAA. Florida is represented by Senators Nelson and Miller in these discussions.

He discussed Secretary of Defense's letter to the Congress expressing three broad areas of concern with the legislation for the Department of Defense (DoD). The most important issue in his letter was the House bills funding approach which redirects \$18 billion to OCO funding from the fight against ISIS and other operations

toward manpower and equipment the Department has not requested. The bill does not provide the money to sustain purchases of these items. The House's funding approach threatens to unravel the stability provided by the bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, and risk jeopardizing the conditions needed to reverse over \$100 million in sequestration cuts which could impact the Department for years to come. Secretary Carter is also concerned about a series of provisions in both bills that amount to excessive micromanagement of the DoD. Additionally, there are provisions that appear to ignore the currently constrained resources environment including no provision for a Base Realignment and Closure round (BRAC). He noted in his letter that if either version is presented to the President he would recommend veto.

The issues regarding restrictions on drilling for oil off Florida's coast impacting the Ranges is being addressed by a proposed amendment to HR 55-38, The Department of the Interior Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2017, introduced by Representatives Gray and Jolly and co-sponsored by Representative Clawson, to ensure that none of the funds made available by the act may be used to research, investigate, or study offshore drilling in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico planning area. The amendment did not pass.

He also discussed Senator Nelson's successful effort to get an amendment into the NDAA to set an end date of December 31, 2022 for United Launches Alliance use of Russian made RD-180 rocket engines until a Vulcan launch is ready with US made engines. This will allow Lockheed Martin/Boeing joint venture to continue without restriction until then. Senator McCain is opposed to the amendment.

The Navy provided to Congress last week its 30 year plan for ship building to support the current goal of 308 ships. The Navy will be releasing in the next two months an updated force structure assessment for the total number of ships needed to meet the current threat. This may directly impact basing in Florida. The ship building plan acknowledges a \$2 billion annual shortfall. This could result in the building of smaller classes of ships.

Expansion of the Air Force in Florida has garnered near complete support from the Florida delegation in two letters to the Air Force advocating for Jacksonville and Homestead to house the F-35 airplanes. Congresswoman Graham cited in a press release regarding military in Florida that state is home to over 750,000 jobs and contributes \$73 billion to the economy, representing more than 9% of the states economic footprint.

HR 55-40 The Military Infrastructure Consolidation Efficiency Act of 2016 is a stand alone bill, which is BRAC legislation which will allow the DoD to make targeted reduction in excess infrastructure capacity in 2019. It contains numerous reforms which address complaints regarding previous BRAC's by providing increased Congressional oversight with emphasis on recommendations that generate savings, with not as much transformation as in the 2005 BRAC round. It also includes provision for controls on cost growth post BRAC, a stronger Commission, and a expedited completion of recommendations. The bill has been referred to the House Armed Services Committee (HASC) for consideration.

Senator Corker has submitted an amendment to the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) rescinding the prohibition in the Senate NDAA to allow for the authorization of a BRAC round in 2019. This amendment closely tracks with the administration's request for a BRAC round in 2019. The bill failed with the passage of the NDAA. However, it signals growing support for a BRAC round. This is the first time since the Administration started requesting a BRAC round the Senate has seen an amendment to the NDAA supporting the same.

DEP Non-Conservation Lands Update

Ms. Amy Phillips, Senior Acquisition Agent Real Estate Services Division of State Lands DEP, reported that DEP is working on three specific statutorily required projects. The first being Naval Station Mayport in Jacksonville, closed February 2016; Naval Support Activity Panama City; and MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa. The Naval Station Mayport easement acquisition was approved by the Board of Trustees in October, and we did close in February of this year. The next one is Naval Support Activity

Panama City. The County has verbally accepted our offer and we're waiting on the County Commission to work through the details to go ahead and accept that offer and approve it. The recent update is based on the age of the appraisals and changes in the local market. DEP had the appraisals updated, and we made another offer on April 21, 2016, which was valid through May 31, 2016. However, Bay County has recently requested an extension of that offer until September 30, 2016. Bay County is waiting to see if the Navy will donate a piece of beachfront property. The process could take 8-12 months. The last one is the MacDill Air Force Base property. DEP has signed a restrictive easement the Department anticipates will go to the Florida Board of Trustees on August 2, 2016. To date it has not been placed on the Cabinet's agenda.

Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Meeting Report

Ms. Kellie Jo Kilberg, Chair of the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA), briefed the TF on the current efforts of the FDA to grow the organization to adequately address local basing issues through their efforts and the two working groups, Mission Sustainment and Family Support. She discussed the Base of the Future handout and noted how Florida can be the Base of the Future as opposed to individual bases. She discussed strengthening partnerships, and what needs to be done for Florida's military families. One issue FDA will be taking the lead on is the compact which left out reservists. She also discussed the need to increase membership among younger generations in the FDA.

Greater Pensacola Chamber Grant Request

Debi Graham, Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce, presented a request for \$250,000 to provide signage to direct visitors to the correct point of entry to NAS Pensacola to visit the National Naval Aviation Museum and the Cemetery. The intent of this grant is to assist in improving force protection issues for NAS Pensacola.

There was a robust question and answer period regarding the merits of this grant including the Florida Department of Transportation's role and financial commitment to this project.

Secretary Principi cited a recent Rand study of military installations public-public partnerships and the value added to military installations in a variety of ways, which directly supports the impact of the grant as proposed.

A quorum being present, a motion was made by Comm. Barbara Stewart seconded by Mr. Tom Neubauer, and passed unanimously to award a grant in the amount of \$250,000 to the Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce for the Naval Air Station Pensacola Directional Signage.

Veterans Florida Update

Joe Marino, Veterans Florida, Inc., provided an overview of the mission of Veterans Florida. He noted the organization has reached a goal of a million visits to its website through its marketing campaign earlier this year. He also discussed a collaboration between Veterans Florida, Monster.com, and Military.com to post jobs for Veterans in the State of Florida. Through the Military.com transition site Veterans Florida will be able to target military members looking to remain in Florida or relocate to Florida two years out. They will use Military.com's skills translator on their site, which will launch in two years. He also briefed the TF on the Entrepreneurship Program at one of the five participating universities. 400 Veterans were accepted in the program and 162 Veterans completed the program. The Business Training Grant program was renewed for fiscal year 2016 – 2017 to encourage businesses to hire and train Veterans. He also discussed the organization's long-term goals.

Comments: BrigGen Diehl commented that he attended the Entrepreneurship Program and noted he was very impressed with the program and the number of spouses that participated in the program. He also told the TF that Chase Bank has signed on to provide pro bono legal review of the Veterans business documents.

Mr. Marino noted the organization will be seeking corporate sponsors to support the programs in addition to legislative funding going forward.

Options for Timing on Future Task Force Grants

Staff provided the TF with a paper to support the change of the TF grants cycle to synchronize with the legislative budget cycle.

There was a robust discussion on the merits of changing the grants cycle to coincide with the legislative budget cycle. The consensus was for staff to develop a plan to present at the September meeting for the TF to consider.

Possible Legislative Initiatives

Staff noted that the FDA distribution list will be added to the TF weekly updates.

IV. Agenda Item IV: Public Comment

Jacquelyn Smith, Congressman Ander Crenshaw's Office, requested the TF discuss with the Navy the potential to use monies for MilCon projects to the two unfunded Florida projects.

Steve Kaufman, Political Candidate, thanked the TF and the Florida Defense Alliance for the work they do on behalf of military in Florida.

Deb Keller, the Nature Conservancy, (phone) thanked the TF, FDA, and other agencies that helped Avon Park AFR in achieving the Sentinel Landscapes designation.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM EDT

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #47 on Thursday, September 15, 2016

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting at The Hilton Garden Inn, Pensacola, Florida 09:00 AM EDT – 11:15 PM CST. For Agenda: See Page 2

Task Force Members Present:

Representative Clay Ingram, Chairman
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman
Senator Mike Bennett, Manatee County Supervisor of Elections
MG Mike Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida
BrigGen Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret.)
Mr. J.R. McDonald, Lockheed Martin
Representative Ritch Workman

Task Force Members on the Phone:

Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Highlands County
ADM Mark Fitzgerald, USN, (Ret.)

Task Force Members Absent:

Senator Garrett Richter
CW5 Derrick Fritts, USA
Representative Dana Young

Speakers Present:

Secretary Anthony Principi, The Principi Group (TPG)
MG Mike Jones, USA, Ret., TPG
David Clark, Director of State Lands, Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) (Phone)
Debi Graham, Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce
Colonel Bob Black, Congressman Jeff Miller's Office

Others Present:

ADM Don Quinn, Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce
Jeff Reimer, InDyne
Representative Doug Broxson
Kellie Jo Kilberg, Florida Defense Alliance
LTCOL Tad Warfel, Department of Military Affairs
CPT Ryan Hagemeyer, USA, Florida National Guard
Jim Breitenfeld, TPG
ADM Jim Hinkle, TPG
Pete Gandy, Defense Support Initiatives

Staff Present:

Mike Grissom, Enterprise Florida, Inc., (EFI) Senior Vice President, External Affairs
Bruce Grant, Vice President, Military & Defense, EFI
Terry McCaffrey, Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF)
Marcy Muldrow Sanders, Grants Manager, FDSTF
Michelle Griggs, Administrative Assistant, EFI



Florida Defense Support Task Force -- Meeting #47
Hilton Garden Inn, 1144 Airport Blvd., Pensacola, FL 32504
AGENDA for September 15, 2016 (As of: September 12, 2016)

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- 0900 - 0910 Welcome, Guest Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance.....Chairman **(I)**
 0910 - 0925 Welcome from Local Defense Community.....Admiral Quinn **(I)**
- 0925 – 0935 Old Business.....Chairman **(A)/ (I)**
- Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
 - TF Grants and Contracts Status Marcy Sanders **(I)**
 - Budget update Marcy Sanders **(I)**
 - Personnel Update Bruce Grant **(I)**
 - Options for Timing on Future Task Force Grants Bruce Grant **(I) (A)**
- 0935 – 1100 New Business.....Chairman **(I)**
- TF Member Reports Secretary Tony Principi **(I)**
 - Update from The Principi Group Kellie Jo Kilberg **(I)**
 - Florida Defense Alliance Update David Clark **(I)**
 - DEP Non Conservation Lands Update (By phone) Bruce Grant **(I)**
 - Possible Legislative Initiatives
- 1100 – 1115 Public Comment.....Chairman
- 1115 – 1145 Travel To NAS Pensacola.....Chairman
- 1215 - 1530 Lunch /TF Members Travel/Visit NAS Pensacola/Museum.....Debi Graham
- Reminder -- Meeting Dates: October 20, 2016 Conf Call/Webex November 17, 2016 Tampa
 December NO MEETING January 19, 2016 TBD
 February 16, 2016 Conf Call/Webex March 16, 2016 TBD

Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram, began the meeting at 09:00 AM EST.

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome & Introductions

Representative Ingram welcomed attendees and guests. He asked guests in the audience to introduce themselves. He asked the TF and audience to join him in the pledge of allegiance. He reminded the Task Force the meeting is governed by Sunshine Law. This meeting was broadcast via the Florida Channel.

ADM Don Quinn, USN (Ret.), consultant to the Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce's Armed Services Department, welcomed the Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) to Pensacola. He discussed the economic impact the military has in the Pensacola area and noted the various military personnel trained in Pensacola. He explained the importance of the National Naval Aviation Museum and the economic impact of the approximately 1 million visitors per year. He also noted three new 210-foot Coast Guard Cutters expected starting summer 2017. He discussed Homeland Security's presence which will double over the next year in the area.

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of the Minutes

A quorum being present, a motion was made by Rep. Ritch Workman, seconded by Mr. Tom Neubauer, and passed unanimously to approve the July 21, 2016 meeting and closed session minutes.

Task Force Grants & Contracts Status

Staff reported Bay County has requested an extension of the feasibility study, which should be completed by December 31st. Also, the Tampa Defense Grant, 15-02 has been closed. Three grants were completed this past month: 15-01, Clay County Development Authority completed their land acquisition; University of West Florida completed their project the final report is in progress. The Bay County Intelligence Transportation System was also completed.

Budget/Contract Update

Staff reported that year-end close is complete for FY 2015-2016. The unencumbered balance on the budget from last year was \$117,361, which will remain with the state. It was not drawn down.

Staff also noted that for FY 2016-2017, there's a delta between what was budgeted and the actual encumbrance for the Principi contract which is Amendment #5 approved for the stakeholder conference. The unencumbered balance currently for the remainder of this year is \$573,570.

Question: Commissioner Barbara Stewart asked for a status update for the seven new grants.

Answer: Staff noted those contracts were executed as of June 30, 2016, before the end of the last fiscal year. The Military Child Education Coalition requested the 25% advance to start their project in the state, which was paid in September. There are no additional updates on those grants. Staff also noted that payments made in September will be in the October report.

Staff discussed the Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce contract which is with EFI for approval. We expect to get that out this week.

Personnel Update

New EFI staff introductions were made. Terry McCaffrey and Michelle Griggs joined the team in the past two weeks. Marcy Sanders was recognized for her hard work over the past several months.

Options for Timing on Future Task Force Grants

Staff reported at the last TF meeting, they were directed to take another look at the grants application cycle change proposal and come back with a revised proposal.

Staff proposed the TF allow them to put out an application for grants in the next month, to collect grant applications prior to November. These grants would begin on July 1, 2017 and run through the next fiscal year.

Staff noted this gives the TF time to vet thoroughly the applications. The TF would convene again at a regular meeting and consider grant applications for the next year, 2017-18, during the May timeframe.

Questions: Commissioner Barbara Stewart asked if the TF will have an opportunity to look at applications, and in November, will the applicants be there to do a presentation? She also asked if the TF will be able to go into executive session like we have in the past to discuss things on these grants in November? Additionally, she wanted to know if the TF will allow additional entities to apply?

Answers: Staff responded the TF will review applications at the November meeting. Representative Clay Ingram responded the applications will be discussed in closed session. Staff noted additional applications could be accepted at a later time.

A quorum being present, a motion was made by Commissioner Barbara Stewart, seconded by Mr. Tom Neubauer, to accept this proposal to allow staff to accept grant applications in October to align with the legislative budget cycle.

Question: BrigGen Chip Diehl asked if this cycle was aligned with the normal legislative session?

Answer: Representative Clay Ingram answered, yes, but it's subject to change with legislative action.

Question: BrigGen Chip Diehl asked what will the application process entail in November?

Answer: Staff responded the application process will be the same as it has been in the past and the TF will review applications in closed session.

Chairman Clay Ingram asked if there were objections to the motion. Noting none, the motion was adopted.

III. Agenda Item III: New Business

Task Force Member Reports

BrigGen Chip Diehl reported on September 11th, the 927th Refueling Wing had a change in command. Col Frank Amodeo took over for Col. Bright. Also the 6th Air Mobility Wing, the medical group, the maintenance group and the support group have all completed their transitions.

Mr. J.R. McDonald reported Eglin and Tyndall AFB's are finalists for basing the new MQ-9 Reaper Drone Squadron. He noted the final decision will be based on state of the Ranges. He recognized the Principi Group's advocacy with the Southeastern Range Initiative and asked if the TF could focus on short-term tactical enhancements to the Range in FY 2017, and if not, in FY 2018.

MG Mike Calhoun reported the Florida National Guard has been assisting with Hurricane Hermine Response. They responded with approximately 200 Guardsmen in response to Hurricane Hermine from August 30th to September 4th. They provided response missions including reconnaissance, search and rescue and damage

assessment to the impacted counties. FLNG Soldiers and Airmen also supported the State Operations Center and the State Logistical Response Center in Orlando.

He reported on August 22nd and 24th the FLNG hosted several current and former elected officials as they toured the 125th Fighter Wing (FW) to learn about their mission. While there, they also received information on the opportunities the F-35 would bring to Northeast Florida if the Flight Wing is selected for bed-down in Jacksonville.

He also reported the Director of the Air National Guard announced that their 101st Air and Space Operations Group, 114th Space Control Squadron and 159th Weather Flight received the 2015 Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. This award is given to units of the U.S. Air Force by the Secretary of the Air Force for continued exceptional performance and for accomplishing specific acts of outstanding achievement that clearly sets the unit apart from similar units. This is the second year in a row that the 101st Air and Space Operations Group has received this award.

He noted that currently the FLNG has 1409 Guardsmen deployed and no further units deployed or redeploy since the last TF meeting. He added that a number of Soldiers from the 3rd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group will deploy on Monday September 19th.

Mr. Tom Neubauer reported on the Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) program and the importance of looking at next generation weapons systems. He stated that it is growing very quickly, but there is a lack of qualified pilots. He noted the second tier is the best tier to be in during the selection process. Quality of life for aircrews, operators and pilots is the focus for recruiting and retention. The Ranges are also important. Bases in Florida meet much of the criteria and we should pursue this very hard. He attended The National Conference of State Legislators in Chicago and participated in a panel on base protection in the event of a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Round. He distributed 150 Military Friendly Guides at the conference. The guide is one of the reasons Florida was invited to be on that panel, and is the envy of many attendees.

Representative Clay Ingram thanked the TF for their support in helping Pensacola reformulate and retool local installations.

Representative Doug Broxson thanked the TF for everything they do to protect Florida's bases and economy. He also noted that he looks forward to working with the TF in the coming years to protect the state's economy, and in particular, the economy of Northwest Florida.

Representative Ritch Workman reported he is pleased to have space flight back in the Space Coast, in regards to the launches via SpaceX, and it's a testament to the State government working with private companies and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to make it happen. He added that he believes Florida has done a magnificent job in the transference from government-sponsored space flight to commercial-sponsored space flight.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart (*phone*), reported on August 19, Lieutenant Colonel Edgar assumed the command at Avon Park, he was previously was at Moody Air Force Base. Also, progress is continuing on the Sentinel Landscapes project. A presentation was recently given to the Florida Cattlemen's Association, and the full Cattlemen's Association Board elected to endorse the Avon Park Sentinel Landscapes program. They will be sending a letter to all the involved parties documenting that decision.

Admiral Mark Fitzgerald (*phone*), reported the Jacksonville City Council issued a resolution favoring bringing the Triton to Mayport. He also reported that Wallops Island is having some significant issues with their county commissioners and the small aviation community trying to get the expansion of their airspace. He also reported the Littoral Combat Ships' (LCS) deployment scheme has been changed. A memo was sent out stating all 12 of the Freedom-class LCSs will be based in Mayport. The 12 Independence-class will go to San Diego. Two of those 12 ships will be permanently located in Mayport. The other ten will deploy and the deployment scheme is still unknown.

He noted the live virtual simulation Navy Center for Excellence will be in Orlando which will be good for the Air Warfare Center to BRAC-proof that base.

Also, he reported about Southeast Range Initiative, and is very pleased with the work The Principi Group is doing. He's had good feedback while out on the west coast.

Update from the Principi Group

Secretary Anthony Principi reported that Congress returned to Washington, D.C. on September 6th and was to stay until October 3rd, recess until December 9th, pass a short term CR, but some House Members want a 6 month CR, so it will most likely be a short term.

He stated that the Senate has taken the lead, which has impact on defense spending, and on BRAC. In a Democratic-controlled Senate, Senator Nelson will be Chairman of the Commerce Committee, unless Senator Jack Reed of Rhode Island leaves as Chairman of Armed Services, and Senator Nelson will become Chairman of Armed Services Committee, so one way or the other for Florida. A Democratic-controlled Senate will have one of its delegations on two very powerful committees. One is chairman and one is number two. Control of the House will probably stay under Republican hands.

The VA MilCon bill has been held up; it was tried for a third time; a motion to proceed to debate the VA MilCon budget for 2017. That did not pass on a party-line vote. As of right now, there is no likelihood that the bill will pass until the lame duck session.

With regard to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), Senator McCain, Chairman of the Senate House, Armed Services Committee and the two ranking members, Reed and Smith have been meeting daily to try to work through two issues. One is the \$18 billion that the House transferred from OCO to the base defense budget to fund equipment and personnel that was not requested by DoD. The Senate did not transfer those funds. The House is trying to getting those funds transferred and leaving it up to the new president to backfill OCO in the efforts in Afghanistan. The Senate resisted that.

He discussed the difference in acquisition reform approaches, which is radically different in both the Senate and the House. The Senate NDAA blows up the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics and emphasizes more innovative approaches to technology. Dividing up those responsibilities into various offices within the Pentagon, the House takes a different approach in trying to reform the risk-averse culture in the Pentagon with regard to procurement, and to propose more streamline shorter-term innovative ways to procure new technology. They're working through those two big issues and want to finalize before the end of the month. It seems that it will be wrapped up in the lame duck session.

He reported on an internal DoD strategy memo leaked to the press on September 6th, in which the Pentagon leaders aimed to derail a Republican-led House's defense funding gimmick. The memo called the President's threat to veto the legislation over the treatment of OCO and acquisition reform primary weapons. The memo was prepared for Secretary Ash Carter and Deputy Secretary Bob Work. It provides an unusually clear window into the tactics the Defense Department's top officials are using in a very increasing partisanship feud over the budget. It is such an adversarial memo that it's sure to increase the strained relationships that exist between Defense and Congress. He stated that he's always had a good relationship with leadership of the Armed Services Committee during his tenure in Washington, but not so much today as it's very partisan and filled with controversy. According to him, it doesn't bode well for the relationship or for our national security. He's hopeful that the relationship can be strengthened in the next administration based on whoever wins.

Regarding membership on Armed Services Committee, depending upon what happens in this coming election, Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart will be the only member of the Florida delegation on one of the Defense committees in the House, depending upon all the members, reassignments to Defense appropriations, to Armed Services Committee, only one member will be in the House, as Mr. Crenshaw and Mr. Miller will be stepping down at the end of this Congress. Some work will be needed to educate the delegation members and see who will be on the Armed Services Committee on the House appropriations; Defense sub-committee. Our

message and priorities need to be prepared to present to Senator Nelson, as he assumes a more leadership position in the Senate.

Major General Mike Jones spoke of the Triton stationing environmental assessment and how it favors Wallops Island. It highlights a number of issues for Florida installations but, doesn't do a very good job of emphasizing that all of those issues have mitigation measures that can be easily in place and suggested and encouraged much public comment from Florida communities about that during this comment period. The first issue is that for all that were identified, there are mitigation measures that were in place. The second is that community support is very strong, and the third, is how strong the community support is for the stationing of these platforms at Florida installations. It makes sense for the nation to have that stationing here in Florida.

He reported that the Air Force is making a number of decisions about re-stationing platforms to include re-allocation of some forces. Florida installations include Homestead, Jacksonville Air National Guard Base, Tyndall and Eglin, which are under consideration in the first cut.

Other decisions are ongoing. The team finished up their visit down at Homestead Air Reserve Base for F-35 re-stationing. The Adjutant General talked about the F-35 for the 125th Fighter Wing in Jacksonville. Also, there are now a number of LCSs going to Mayport.

He spoke of the MQ9 Reaper stationing piece, which ties into the work on the Southeast Range, and stated that they are receiving very positive support.

The Fleet Readiness Center (FRC) Southeast has established the first of its depot-level repair capabilities for the PA, a new platform. Repairs will begin on some of the components to that aircraft which reinforces the value that the FRC brings to the nation and is a very important part of the Florida military presence.

Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Meeting Report

Ms. Kellie Jo Kilberg, Chair of the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA), reported that she presented at the Florida Chamber Foundation's Military, Defense and Veterans Opportunity Summit back in August. She learned that they need to do a better job of educating and communicating with the State of Florida about this business industry and what it means to Florida and to the local communities. She's been asked to present at the Florida Chamber's Future of Florida Forum in Orlando later this month where she'll be getting their message out to top business leaders and legislators in the state.

She advised that she attended the Defense Support Initiatives in Fort Walton Beach, as well as a regional meeting in northwest Florida, which represented five counties and included base planners and local defense key contacts. The local meetings are where they hear about what's really going on and what they need from us here in the state and from the Legislature.

She noted that they've been providing letters of support for those big missions that are trying to come here and they've been encouraging their local communities to add their voices of support as well.

The FDA is looking and focusing on some key areas, emphasizing that one of the big areas is the Range buffering and encroachment at all levels, especially encroachment to the water, the shorelines, frequency, air and noise. She stated the importance of the sustainment and protection of the joint gulf Range and that, with this new generation aircraft and ammunitions that are coming on that we are protecting that mission.

The FDA is currently working with the base of the future in the P4 initiative, looking at cost reductions. They are looking at ways to finance the Florida Forever Fund, which is used as leverage for encroachment.

She discussed that the FDA is, most importantly, working with local communities to work on projects that can add military value and cost reductions for the bases. From the standpoint of the local communities, the local bases enjoy when the new base commanders come on. It gives them that opportunity to understand the power behind the state of Florida and what we all offer.

DEP Non-Conservation Lands Update

Mr. David Clark, Director of State Lands, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) (phone), reported that they've been actively engaged with the DEO on the Tier 1 properties for the non-conservation based buffering initiative. The Mayport property was closed on in February. They've also been working on MacDill and the encroachment or Florida Rock Encroachment. He reported they have an acquisition negotiated, which is on the September 20th Cabinet agenda and the Governor and Cabinet will be voting on that next Tuesday. They have a REPI acquisition which will be leveraging Navy dollars and Florida Forever to protect 618 acres just north of Whiting Field. The Governor and Cabinet will vote on that on Tuesday. The last property on the Tier 1 base buffering initiative is the Panama City property, Barefoot Palms; they've extended the offer to the county until January 1st of next year. They're still trying to work through the process they need in order to either accept or deny the offer which has been made and those three properties will actually close out the legislative intent as identified in 2013.

BrigGen Chip Diehl thanked David mentioning that he has worked hard to bring this to the Cabinet, and stated he has concerns regarding encroachment.

Mr. David Clark replied that the local government in 2008 approved a plan allowing for residential development and the easement will restrict that residential development, as the seller has said that if they were allowed to actually receive those residential benefits they would convert the property into approximately 250 residentially units as opposed to the current commercial enterprise. Colonel Crossman said that would be an absolute no go and to get whatever restrictions possible, so a restriction was negotiated on the residential component. In regards to the commercial component, they were able to restrict, from Florida Rock, the ability to have a hotel or motel built on the southern 11 acres. Florida Rock was not willing to sell the northern 14 acre restriction of hotel/motel, meaning they still preserve that right. They will next look to the local government to see if they can do anything. The Cabinet will vote on this and if it is approved, it doesn't mean the end as they'll continue to work with the local government and the stakeholders to ensure that MacDill is protected.

Question: BrigGen Chip Diehl asked that the TF stay on top of this issue.

Answer: Representative Clay Ingram agreed, adding that Representative Dana Young is from that region and will also be helpful in using the influence of the TF.

Possible Legislative Initiatives

Bruce Grant referenced the concept paper provided by General Diehl and stated that staff has been working with facts to see which of the proposals can be put into legislation, one of which is to improve the military child education program. These kinds of programs will assist with the transitioning of the military's children. He requests that we gather ideas and proposals over the next few months then have a conference call/Webex meeting to present them.

Question: Mr. J.R. McDonald asked what can the TF do in the short-term to improve the chances of MQ9, F-16, F-35 efforts as part of the Southeast Range Initiative. What can be done inside the next two legislative cycles and how do we get on the radar with the state legislators to try and make those improvements, while also working with Congressman Miller's office?

Answer: Colonel Bob Black reported that Congressman Miller's Office had been working on some long-term initiatives on the Hill associated with Ranges that affects multiple bases in Florida such as Key West, Avon Park & Homestead. He asked if Congressman Miller's office can work with the TF, have a closed session on these opportunities and how influence and resources might be leveraged for all our better good.

Bruce Grant agreed and offered that staff will consult with Colonel Black and TPG to put something together to be discussed by the TF during closed session at the October meeting.

Question: Representative Clay Ingram asked Colonel Black if he'd mentioned something about pending initiatives to expand the Range or increase instrumentations and funding.

Answer: Colonel Bob Black explained that the Air Force has been working with the Navy and that the Air Force has validated requirements which shows on the map the largest continuous air space Range in the United States. He talked about encroachment and that as F35s get more capability and with growth of special operations forces, there's more and more encroachment on the large Ranges. He spoke of the lack of capacity and explained that two sites down the western coast of Florida need to have the right kind of instrumentation and electronics so that they have tracking lines, just like tracking they need on the test side. He added that the Eastern Gulf Range is where the nation needs to take advantage, and will be beneficial not only national security but our bases.

Question: Mr. Tom Neubauer asked if he sees the states stepping in and doing the studies?

Answer: Colonel Bob Black answered no, but budgets need to be worked and FY 2018 is a huge opportunity to do so. They could be done in any number of grant programs including Space Florida. He expected that the TF will see some of these proposals appear in future grant programs.

BrigGen Chip Diehl asked if the Florida GI Bill 2 can be placed up for consideration of the TF and FDA as he feels this bill will continue to keep Florida on the forefront and include state funding inside the gate, National Guard issues, veteran's courts and allowing military spouses become able to practice law in the state of Florida. He believes it will allow Florida to continue momentum as being a military-friendly state.

Mr. Tom Neubauer addressed the inside the gate improvement issues and recognized the National Conference for State Legislators in Chicago, which is attended by 5000 people. Several states talked about initiatives where they have spent huge amounts of money inside the fence. He stated there is a growing momentum in doing those kinds of things and we should talk about them again.

Mr. J.R. McDonald added, mentioning the inside of gate improvement issues, he has seen several national scorecards which rate states on their military friendliness and more and more states are spending inside the gate, which we're not. He suggested we need to look into that further.

Representative Clay Ingram stated that the TF send ideas to Bruce allowing him to talk to the professional legislative staffs and in future meetings report back to the TF, post-election to then start looking at more concrete concepts.

Senator Mike Bennett agreed with General Diehl regarding another Florida GI Bill which should include some money for inside the gate.

Representative Ritch Workman said that this may be his last TF meeting as he lost his senate bid and will be out of the legislature on November 8th. He praised the TF saying that they are doing great things like serving the common good of the military. He concluded by stating that it's been his pleasure to serve.

IV. Agenda Item IV: Public Comment

Debi Graham explained that lunch will be at the NAS Museum at 12 Noon followed by a tour of the museum by historian Hill Goodspeed and a tour of training wing 6 and a chance to fly a training simulator. She also went over how to gain entrance onto the base for those with and without military ID.

Admiral Mark Fitzgerald thanked former Chairman, Senator Garrett Richter, for his leadership and guidance and for all he did in his term as chairman of the T and asked to put that forward as a motion.

A quorum being present, a motion was made by Admiral Mark Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Tom Neubauer,

Senator Mike Bennett stated that Senator Richter will still be on the TF until reappointed and both he and Senator Richter will be at the next meeting.

Chairman Clay Ingram clarified the motion to thank Senator Richter for his service as chair and with no further discussion declared the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM CST

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #48 on Thursday, October 20, 2016

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting via Conference Call/Webex 09:00 AM EST – 9:52 PM EST. For Agenda: See Page 2

Task Force Members Present:

Brig Gen Chip Diehl, USAF, Ret.
CW5 Derrick Fritts, USA
Representative Clay Ingram, Chairman
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman
Senator Garrett Richter, Chairman
Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Highlands County

Task Force Members Absent:

J.R. McDonald, Lockheed Martin
ADM Mark Fitzgerald, USN, Ret
Senator Mike Bennett, Manatee County Supervisor of Elections
Representative Ritch Workman
Representative Dana Young

Speakers Present:

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

Others Present:

COL Allison Reinwald, Florida National Guard, Ret. for MG Mike Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General of Florida
David Clark, Director of State Lands, Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP)
Debi Graham, Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce
Colonel Bob Black, Congressman Jeff Miller's Office
Jim Breitenfeld, TPG
Jim Scholl, City Manager, City of Key West
Paul Hirsch, EDC of Florida's Space Coast and Madison Government Affairs Inc.
Spencer Lonner, EDC of Florida's Space Coast and Madison Government Affairs Inc.
Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Ron Borchers, Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Karl Blischke, DEO
Elizabeth Ryon, The Florida Senate Military Affairs Committee
Margaret Sanders, The Florida Senate Military Affairs Committee
Jessica Kraynak, Florida Department of Veterans Affairs
Debra Keller, Nature Conservancy
Tim Proctor, House Appropriations
Steve Williamson, South Florida
Jonathan Borgert, South Dade Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee
Brooke Trawick-Gilbert, Bay Defense Alliance
Lisa Monnet, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance

Staff Present:

Bruce Grant, Vice President, Military & Defense, EFI

Terry McCaffrey, Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF)

Marcy Muldrow Sanders, Grants Manager, FDSTF

Michelle Griggs, Administrative Assistant, EFI



Florida Defense Support Task Force -- Meeting #48
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- 0900 - 0910 Welcome, Roll Call, Introductions..... Chairman **(I)**
- 0910 – 0920 Old Business..... Chairman **(A)/ (I)**
 - Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
 - TF Grants and Contracts Status Marcy Sanders **(I)**
 - Budget update Marcy Sanders **(I)**
 - Florida GI Bill II Terry McCaffrey **(I/D)**
- 0920 – 1000 New Business..... Chairman **(I)**
 - TF Member Reports Secretary Tony Principi **(I)**
 - Update from The Principi Group John Patrick Walsh **(I)**
 - Washington Office Update Kellie Jo Kilberg **(I)**
 - Florida Defense Alliance Update Terry McCaffrey **(I/A)**
 - 2017 Task Force Planning Calendar
- 1000 – 1015 Public Comment..... Chairman
- 1015 Adjournment..... Chairman **(A)**
- 1030 – 1130 CLOSED SESSION..... Chairman

Reminder -- Meeting Dates:

- November 17, 2016 Tampa
- December 2016 NO MEETING
- 2017 Dates TBD

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

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

Staff welcomed attendees and guests, proceeded with roll call and asked guests to introduce themselves. Staff advised Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram, that a quorum was present with six (6) TF members on the call and turned the meeting over to Chairman Ingram. Chairman Ingram reminded the Task Force the meeting is governed by Sunshine Law.

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Clay Ingram asked for approval of the minutes from the September 15, 2016 meeting,

Commissioner Barbara Stewart made a correction as she noted she was listed as both on the phone and absent. A change will be made to the September 15, 2016 minutes listing Commissioner Stewart as present via phone and take her off of the absent list.

A quorum being present, a motion was made by Commissioner Barbara Stewart to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Tom Neubauer, and passed unanimously to approve the September 15, 2016 meeting, as amended.

Task Force Grants & Contracts Status

Staff reported that all quarterly reports processed for the first quarter have been completed. Grants which have been completed are:

- 15-01, Clay County Development Authority, the final payment has been processed, \$20,000 has been forfeited.
- 15-03, University of West Florida will be complete upon final payment.
- 15-08, Florida 8 (a) Alliance, will be complete pending final payment, \$319.17 has been forfeited.
- 15-10, Bay County – Expand Intelligent Transportation System will be complete upon final payment.
- 16-02, Santa Rosa County Land Acquisition Study was completed as of 8/13/2016, with all funds expended.

Staff also reported that the City of Key West has asked for an extension on Grant 16-11, as they are having issues regarding approvals to complete the project and have written a letter, enclosed in booklets, requesting an extension until March 15, 2018 on their 2-year grant.

Staff reminded the TF that grant applications are due on October 27, 2016.

Staff recommends the TF's approval on the City of Key West's request for grant extension for 1 year, and with no discussion or objections from the TF, staff will move forward and authorize the City of Key West's 1-year grant extension.

Budget Update

Staff reported that there are no new encumbrances. The Pensacola Chamber grant contract is in Orlando to be executed, when finished Pensacola can begin their project. That amount is shown as encumbered in the budget update.

Staff also noted that shown on the far right of the budget sheet is what has been expended to date on administrative expenses and contracts.

Florida GI Bill II

Staff reported that the items in the booklet are in addition to what was suggested by Brig Gen Diehl and emailed out to the TF members a few weeks back. These additional items were suggested by other sources, some mentioned at the Base Commanders Meeting, which staff attended last month.

The first issue comes from Homestead Air Force Base with respect to Air Reserve Technicians not on active duty status who do not receive the same benefits as active duty personnel. The specific items have been dealt with through the Guard office, but focus on the definition of a service member for Florida.

The second issue also comes from the Miami area and focuses mainly on the high cost of living in South Florida which has very few military bases. Lower income military members who work at USSOUTHCOM headquarters in Doral, live far away and pay tolls on their daily commutes. They would like to be relieved from toll fees associated with their assignments to USSOUTHCOM.

The third issue deals with security deposits for apartment rental, also in South Florida. Seeking modification of F.S. 83.683 – Rental Application by a service member to only 2 months' rent instead of the current 3 months' rent.

The fourth issue is to establish a funding source the Florida Educational Dollars for Duty (EDD) Program so that it is an annually funded program and legislators do not have to be asked for funding every year.

The fifth issue is Florida VETS Care Coordination Program, which has been brought up before by Veterans Florida.

Brig Gen Chip Diehl asked if staff could research and expand the second issue. Also he stated that he believed that Sun Pass has waived or reduced rates for security purposes, and if military personnel could be included in the definition of a security purpose, they could also receive waived or exempt toll fees. He would like to see this expanded through the entire State of Florida.

Steve Williamson, calling from USSOUTHCOM in South Florida, stated that they would be willing to partner on this issue and it will be more powerful if presented by a large group.

Staff noted that ideas are still being accumulated from state agencies and elsewhere to present to legislative staffers to draft. Staff will continue to do so over the next month.

III. Agenda Item III: New Business

Task Force Member Reports

Brig Gen Chip Diehl reported that next week he will be attending the Airlift Tanker Association meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. He also reported that on November 10th, the Tampa Bay Defense Alliance will be donating a large check to the middle school on base to provide computers to each student.

Chief Derrick Fritts thanked everyone on the TF for their support while on active duty. He reported that he would be attending Industry Capability Day at the University of Central Florida later that day, sponsored by Team Orlando and the National Center for Simulation. This allows small companies to showcase their technology in regards to defense-related products and services.

Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram reported that starting next summer four (4) US Coast Guard Cutters would be coming to NAS Pensacola; one (1) per fiscal year. He also noted that on November 11th and 12th the Blue Angels will have their homecoming airshow in Pensacola.

Update from the Principi Group

Secretary Anthony Principi reported that both the Senate and the House passed a clean Continuing Resolution (CR) on September 29, 2016 providing FY 2017 appropriations for Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies. The CR maintains discretionary funding at a rate of \$1.067 trillion and overseas Contingency Operations funding at a rate of \$74.096 billion. Also included for FY2016 supplemental appropriations of \$1.1 billion to respond to the Zika virus. The CR also contains a full-year Military Construction-Veterans Affairs spending bill, which includes \$74.4 billion in discretionary funding for VA programs and \$7.7 billion for Pentagon MILCON and housing projects.

Regarding the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for FY 2017, House and Senate members worked to reconcile differences between the House and Senate versions. The biggest sticking point is the House bill's use of Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) funding. The gambit spearheaded by House Republicans would leave the operations in Afghanistan unfunded to force the next president to request Congress to pass supplemental defense spending.

A tentative agreement between the committee leadership and the White House has been reached in a compromise to add \$9 billion to the defense topline in FY 2017. This compromise will be added to the final 2017 Defense Appropriations number in December.

In a SASC hearing, Chairman John McCain noted that there is a \$250 billion gap in military budgets over the next five years than the amount it will get unless sequestration is repealed. This means that over the next five years, the U.S. must come up with \$250 billion to pay for the current defense strategy and current programs. The four service chiefs testifying at the hearing agreed that the Budget Control Act of 2011 imposed spending constraints that prevented future readiness and the ability for the military to maintain armed forces' combat capability. They agreed that the U.S. will not be able to respond to future threats and defend the country under sequestration.

TPG is watching statements of the two presidential candidates and their statements on national defense and issues of importance to Florida. Republican Presidential nominee Donald Trump proposed a regular army of around 540,000 which expands the Army from 31 active-duty brigade combat teams to about 40; a Navy of 350 ships, about 40 ships higher than the 310 ships the Navy expects to attain; a Marine Corps of 36 active-duty infantry battalions; an Air Force with at least 1,200 fighter aircraft counting both active and reserve forces.

Democratic Presidential nominee Hillary Clinton, who was a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, has said we need to maintain the best-trained, best-equipped and strongest military in the world. She wants to create a defense budget that reflects good stewardship of taxpayer dollars. She wants to create a high-level Congressional commission to examine military defense spending.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew, the Pentagon issued a call to each service to accumulate surveys and data on the costs for the cleanup to include in a potential request to Congress in February 2017 for additional emergency supplemental appropriations. It will be very important over the next few weeks for Florida installations and the Florida National Guard to capture and document all costs related to Hurricane response and recovery. In the past, base's annual operations and maintenance accounts have taken a hit because installation resource managers do not make the effort to separate all expenses. The Pentagon Comptroller will only be able to reimburse those costs if they are included in the next supplemental.

He reported that TPG has had numerous of-the-record discussions with various Members of the House and Senate Armed Services Committees as well as transition team members of both candidates which indicate a huge increase in the amount of activity in getting a BRAC round authorized. TPG has been privy to discussions to ensure the best interests of Florida are protected.

In September, the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) released a primer on BRAC that is meant by the think tank to serve as an issue paper for an incoming Administration. While the primer contains inaccuracies, it glosses over two important facts; 1) that both the House and the Senate have versions of BRAC legislation publicly available and 2) DoD's March 2016 report was specifically and directly not responsive to the

Congressional directive in the FY16 NDAA that DOD assesses excess capacity against an FY 2012 force structure. This report is important because it potentially represents the view of the incoming Clinton Administration.

In early October, CSIS convened a forum of BRAC experts, led by former Obama Administration officials, with the charter of laying out a path to get a BRAC round authorized in the FY18 NDAA. This forum is intended to inform transition teams of both candidates. Also, the Trump transition team has identified as a specific issue in their Defense team the need to authorize a BRAC in the FY2018 NDAA. TPG has also talked to staff of the committees who believe, assuming current HASC and SASC leadership is maintained, that there is more than a 50/50 chance that a BRAC round will be authorized in the FY2018 NDAA for a round in 2021. If control of the Senate flips to the Democrats, this likelihood is reduced as the incoming ranking Member of the SASC, Sen Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma has historically been strongly opposed to a BRAC round, as opposed to the current SASC Chairman, John McCain of Arizona, who has supported previous BRAC rounds and would take the lead in drafting the legislation for a new round.

He reported that there is much discussion on how to rewrite the BRAC law to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the process. Representatives of Western States are actively engaged in the development of a series of legislative changes that would realign military value criteria and potentially establish a standing BRAC Commission that would act annually on DOD recommendations. The Association of Defense Communities is also in the process of preparing position papers for an incoming Administration.

Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Update

Bruce Grant (for Kellie Jo Kilberg), reminded the TF about the FDA Bi-Annual Meeting coming up next month, November 16th in Tampa, Florida, the day before the November FDSTF Meeting. All FDA membership has been alerted and they are currently sending in registrations. Leadership is growing in FDA with Kellie Jo as Chair and her Executive Board.

He also reported on the FDA Newsletter, which is published twice a month and sent out to FDA Members. It ensures news is shared between different defense communities from around the state. We've had a very good response from those who've received the newsletter. Please contact Michelle Griggs, EFI Staff, for more information.

He discussed the letter that FDA has drafted to congressional delegates discussing the impact the lack of budget has on the military installations in our State.

2017 Task Force Planning Calendar

Terry McCaffrey, discussed proposed 2017 Task Force Meeting Calendar. He stated that the locations were based on areas the TF has not been to before or has not been back to for a long time. Also the locations are geographically distributed and correlated with FDA meetings to minimize travel for all involved. He noted that all meeting dates listed are third Thursdays of the month and stated he'd not received any negative feedback with the timing of the meetings.

Brig Gen Chip Diehl mentioned that he'd like to invite Veteran's Florida to an upcoming Tallahassee meeting and asked Staff to follow up with a formal invitation to them. He also stated we should probably invite them to a meeting at least once a year.

Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram asked for discussion on the proposed 2017 TF Calendar, with none noted that the Calendar be adopted.

IV. Agenda Item IV: Public Comment

David Clark, Director of State Lands, Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP), reported some good news on the Base Buffering Program at MacDill Air Force Base regarding the Florida Rock Acquisition. The Board of Trustees approved the acquisition and closed September 29, 2016, the property has been acquired. One slight caveat is that they were only able to acquire part of what is necessary to protect the installation. Florida Rock is now beginning phase 2 of this program to procure hotel/motel rights.

Jonathan Borgert, South Dade Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee, stated that Homestead Air Reserve Base is in the running to receive the F-35 and asked the TF if there is anything they can do legislatively or otherwise to advocate on their behalf, would be greatly appreciated.

MG Mike Jones pointed out that the Florida National Guard, in response to Hurricane Matthew, did an outstanding job and drew very high praise through preparation and training, despite the fact that there's not been a hurricane in the last decade.

Col Allison Reinwald, Florida National Guard, for MG Mike Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General of Florida, reported that in anticipation of Hurricane Matthew, on October 4th the Florida National Guard activated 3,500 guardsmen for such missions as reconnaissance, search and rescue, security and for the first time placed guardsmen in shelters to assist the Red Cross with security. Overall they performed 60 missions in nine (9) counties.

She also reported on the Flagler Palm Coast Groundbreaking, a \$22 million project for a new Readiness Center in Palm Coast.

Last Saturday the Miramar Readiness Center opened in Miramar, Florida. This center was dedicated to MG (Ret) Ron Harrison. This center is a \$29 million facility and serves as host headquarters for the First Battalion 124 Infantry currently deployed with 700 soldiers to the Horn of Africa.

She reported that the Florida National Guard currently has over 1,500 soldiers and airmen deployed. 42 soldiers will head out next week from the Third of the Twenty Special Forces Group. 90 airmen will be redeploying next week from the 202 Red Horse.

Chairman Clay Ingram reminded the TF that the next meeting will be on November 17, 2016 in Tampa, Florida to review grant proposals and other business.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 AM EST

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #49 on Thursday, November 17, 2016

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting at The Tampa Airport Marriott, Tampa, Florida 09:00 AM EDT – 11:00 AM EDT. For Agenda: See Page 2

Task Force Members Present:

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

Task Force Members on the Phone:

MG Mike Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida
Mr. J.R. McDonald, Lockheed Martin
Representative Ritch Workman

Task Force Members Absent:

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

Speakers Present:

Secretary Anthony Principi, The Principi Group (TPG) (Phone)
MG Mike Jones, USA, Ret., TPG
David Clark, Director of State Lands, Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) (Phone)
Colonel Bob Black, Congressman Jeff Miller's Office (Phone)
John Patrick Walsh, State of Florida Washington Office (Phone)

Others Present:

Jim Sampey, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance/Veteran's Florida
Debi Graham, Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce
Kellie Jo Kilberg, Florida Defense Alliance
James Stansbury, DOE
Jim Breitenfeld, TPG
General Keye Sabol, TPG
LT COL Daniel Edgar, Avon Park Air Force Range
Charles MacLaughlin, Avon Park Air Force Range
George Cheros, National Center for Simulation
Deb Keller, The Nature Conservancy
Eric Sherman, Department of Defense State Liaison Office
Craig Deatherage, Bay Defense Alliance
Edwin Utt, Eglin Air Force Base
Jana Wibberley, Bay Defense Alliance (Phone)
Katie Kelly, Deputy Chief of Staff, DEP (Phone)
Karl Blischke, DEO (Phone)

Staff Present:

Bruce Grant, Vice President, Military & Defense, EFI

Terry McCaffrey, Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF)

Marcy Muldrow Sanders, Grants Manager, FDSTF

Michelle Griggs, Administrative Assistant, EFI



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- 0900 – 0910 Welcome, Guest Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance..... Chairman **(I)**
 - 0910 – 0925 Welcome from Local Defense Community..... Jim Sampey **(I)**
 - 0925 – 0935 Old Business..... Chairman **(A) / (I)**
 - Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
 - TF Grants and Contracts Status Marcy Sanders **(I)**
 - Budget update Marcy Sanders **(I)**
 - 0935 – 1045 New Business..... Chairman **(I)**
 - TF Member Reports
 - Update from The Principi Group (includes SE Range) MG Mike Jones **(I)**
 - Washington Office Update (On Phone) John Patrick Walsh **(I)**
 - DEO update on non-conservation lands Sheri J. Spires **(I / A)**
 - Florida Defense Alliance Meeting Report Kellie Jo Kilberg **(I)**
 - 1045 – 1100 Public Comment..... Chairman
 - 1100 – 1300 Working Lunch / Closed Session..... Chairman
- Reminder – Meeting Dates: December 2016 **NO MEETING** January 19, 2017 Avon Park, FL
February 16, 2017 Conf Call/Webex March 16, 2016 Tallahassee, FL
April 16, 2017 Conf Call/Webex May 18, 2017 Tallahassee, FL
June 15, 2017 Conf Call/Webex July 20, 2017 Key West, FL
August 2017 **NO MEETING** September 21, 2017 Panama City, FL
October 19, 2017 Conf Call/Webex November 16, 2017 Orlando, FL

Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram, began the meeting at 09:03 AM EDT.

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome & Introductions

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

Staff presented Certificates of Appreciation to Senator Richter and Representative Workman for their time served and dedication to the TF.

Jim Sampey, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance & Veteran's Florida, welcomed the Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) to Tampa. He noted that the Tampa Bay Defense Alliance represents 8 counties and serves over 400,000 veterans. He talked about the Tampa Bay Trophy, a lifetime achievement award given to someone in the Airlift Tanker Association (ATA) community. He thanked the TF for the Florida Rock acquisition which they pushed forward and noted that they are currently working on northern part of the property so as not to conflict with easements moving forward. He spoke about Tinker Elementary School which has just added a middle school. TBDA put on a golf tournament which raised \$11,000 for computers for the fourth grade class at the school. MacDill AFB is looking to receive 8 more KC 135s along with 175 families coming to Tampa with the tankers. He discussed working with local and state transportation offices to make MacDill gates as effective as possible.

He spoke about Veterans Florida whose goal is to bring more veterans to Florida and to provide jobs to them. They are currently working on two programs. The first is an entrepreneurial program, both in class and at home which teaches entrepreneurial skills to veterans. \$6 million is provided to the 6 state universities for training and there is no cost to the veteran. The second is a grant program in which \$8,000 is paid to a company who hires a veteran in order to train them. The company must contribute \$4,000 to train and incorporate veterans into the business. \$2 million in grant money is set to provide to these businesses.

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of the Minutes

A quorum being present, a motion was made by ADM Mark Fitzgerald, seconded by Brig Gen Chip Diehl, and passed unanimously to approve the October 20, 2016 meeting and closed session minutes.

Task Force Grants & Contracts Status

Staff reported that DTF Grant 15-01, Clay County Development Authority has been closed and \$5,274.25 was reverted back to the TF. DTF Grant 15-07, Santa Rosa County has been closed with \$0.25 being reverted back to the TF. The grant for the Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce is still with contracting with hopes to have it back to Pensacola prior to Thanksgiving.

Budget/Contract Update

Staff reported that there have been no changes to the current encumbrances and that \$573,566.00 remains left to encumber prior to June 30, 2017. Staff also noted that shown on the budget is the actual cost expended on the TPG contract for this year

III. Agenda Item III: New Business

Task Force Member Reports

Commissioner Barbara Stewart thanked LT COL Daniel Edgar from the Avon Park Air Force Range for attending the TF meeting. She noted that the usage of Range is currently very active. She spoke about the

Gulf Range Enhancement and noted that there will be a scheduled visit to Avon Park by the 96th Test Wing at Eglin Air Force Base at the end of November. She also discussed the Battlefield Airmen Training Consolidation and noted that Patrick AFB is still one of the possible locations and the Avon Park AFR will be the primary supporting range to Patrick AFB. A site visit to Patrick and Avon Park is scheduled for mid-December. She also stated that she's looking forward to hosing the TF meeting in Avon Park in January 2017.

Brig Gen Chip Diehl thanked Lisa Monnet and Jim Sampey from the Tampa Bay Defense Alliance for their efforts in hosting the TF in Tampa. He spoke of the Tampa Bay Trophy and spoke of the ATA, Airlift Tanker Association, which is a national global fraternity for the mobility business. The trophy was presented recently in Nashville and noted that there are only 2 trophies: one presented by Abilene, Texas and the one presented by Tampa Bay. He also spoke briefly of the entrepreneur program and the donation given to the Tinker Elementary and Middle School. He discussed Veterans Florida and talked a bit about the great work they are doing. He noted that should the TF should help out with their initiatives it would be great for the two groups to come together for the good of the veterans.

Mr. Tom Neubauer showed a video previously on CBS News about a bio-fuel currently being produced by Advanced Research Associates in Panama City and is being tested by Navy aircraft. The fuel is made from mustard seed from Ethiopia and common grease taken from kitchens. He spoke about the contract that Eastern Shipbuilding recently won from Department Homeland Security Coast Guard worth \$10.3 billion. Eastern Shipbuilding will build the first 7 ships with an option for 3 more. They are expecting about 50-60 Homeland Security Coast Guard personnel in Panama City to oversee the project. The RPA (Remotely Piloted Aircraft) program is expanding rapidly and is becoming a very important part of air combat. This training for this program is going to be expanding rapidly and Eglin and Tyndall AFB have been selected for possible operational bases. He also reported about the \$500,000 grant Lambda Rail project which was the number one project to move forward by Bay County with the money from BP. He anticipates that it will be approved and Bay County will have a high bandwidth, 10 GB pipe for use by installations and educational institutions. Finally, the Gulf Coast Salute will be on April 22nd and 23rd, 2017 at Tyndall AFB with an open house and performances by the Air Force Thunderbirds.

Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram reported that this past weekend the Blue Angels had their homecoming air show in Pensacola which was attending by 20,000 people and was an exciting community event.

Admiral Mark Fitzgerald reported that Jacksonville also recently had an air show to accompany the Navy vs. Notre Dame football game. It was attended by the Secretary of the Navy, the Vice Chief of the Navy and other high ranking officials. Jacksonville was a gracious host city and now they are looking to get the Army vs. Navy football game to be played there in a few years. He also reported that the Secretary of the Navy talked about expanding Mayport's fleet of ships to 43 ships and shows that the hard work put in at Mayport is being noticed in Washington. He discussed the TRITON project and reported that a decision is moving forward on where it will be based and that Jacksonville will add about 400 jobs if it lands at Mayport. At NAS Jacksonville training on the P8/737 type airframe is complete and they are now starting training on the west coast.

Senator Garrett Richter thanked the TF and staff for all they do and said that he's enjoyed learning about the mission and being a part of the team. He encouraged the TF to stay on mission.

Senator Dana Young welcomed everyone to Tampa and said it was good to be back with the TF. She noted that she's very pleased with progress made with regard to MacDill's item list, specifically noting the progress with Florida Rock. She noted that she's happy to see the school progressing and that the Principi Group is a great guide for MacDill and the TF.

MG Mike Calhoun reported the Florida National Guard continues to assist other states and national organizations with Hurricane Matthew Response. During the general election eleven soldiers from the Cyber Network Defense Team worked with the Florida Department of State and helped to monitor and advise of potential breaches. Recently 90 members of the 202 Red Horse re-deployed from CENTCOM AOR and he reminded us that Red Horse stands for Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operation Repair Squadron Engineers and that some of their missions include air fuel repair, horizontal construction and concrete and asphalt paving. About 80 soldiers from A Company, 3/20th Special Forces will deploy this week. In total the

Florida National Guard has about 1300 soldiers and airmen currently mobilized in support of our country's missions around the world.

Mr. J.R. McDonald also reported on the 96th Test Wing's upcoming scheduled visit to Avon Park AFR and emphasized its importance. He noted that the General Azzano missed the Southeastern Range Conference in early November but he recognizes its importance, and that he is supporter of the range initiative and will be participating as much as possible.

Update from the Washington Office

John Patrick Walsh reported that Washington is still dealing with surprise results from the Presidential election. He noted that the challenge facing Washington and the TF right now is the loss of Armed Services Committee members stating that Florida, for the first time in a number of years, does not currently have a member on this committee. He noted specifically the loss of senior members Crenshaw and Miller stating that their influence will be sorely missed. He hope that Representative-Elect and former Task Force Member Matt Gaetz will join the committee along with one or two other members.

Senator Cassidy from Louisiana is pushing for drilling on gulf coast. The current bill does not include Florida, but Senator Nelson is leading the opposition to the bill as it will only be a matter of time before Florida feels the loss of revenue. He doesn't expect this bill to get a lot of support in this lame duck session, but might get a more favorable administration come January.

The Armed Services Committee expects that the NDAA (National Defense Authorization Act) will be completed and submitted by mid-December and is the only thing expected to be completed during this lame duck session.

Update from the Principi Group

MG Mike Jones reported that both the Senate and the House returned for a lame duck session on November 14th. They will be in session for one week and then return on November 29th with adjournment planned for December 16th. The budget must be discussed in this session.

He stated that due to the results of both the Presidential and Congressional elections, the House conservatives will ask for a short CR to extend Fiscal year 2016 funding from the current date of December 9, 2016 into February 2017 so that congressional Republicans can negotiate a final Fiscal year 2017 Omnibus appropriations package with President-Elect Trump. The only response from House leadership is a commitment to work with the President-Elect on the goals for the lame duck session.

An emergency supplemental appropriations Bill for the wars in Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan may be considered in the lame-duck session. The Obama administration sent a supplemental war funding request to Congress on November 10 totaling \$11.6 billion. The addendum to the fiscal 2017 war budget includes \$5.8 billion for the Pentagon, roughly divided between operations in Afghanistan and against the Islamic State, and \$5.8 billion in "non-defense" funding for the State Department and U.S. Agency for International Development to "support implementation of the diplomatic engagement, governance, stabilization and other components of the administration's counter-ISIL and counterterrorism objectives, as well as to provide additional humanitarian assistance for areas liberated from ISIL". This is separate and additional to the President's FY17 OCO request of \$ 58.8 Billion, which Congress proposed to increase by as much as \$18 billion to address funding shortfalls in the base defense budget. Possibly, there will be a deal between the House and Senate for \$9 billion, instead of the \$18 billion.

On the status of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2017, the "Big Four" US House and Senate members (chairmen Senator John McCain (SASC) and Representative Mac Thornberry (HASC), as well as ranking members Senator Jack Reed and Representative Adam Smith) have reconciled most of their issues with the exception of those that have a valid threat of a Presidential veto — which is the House bill over its unorthodox treatment of OCO funds, and the Senate bill over its acquisition reform provisions, limits it would

place on the closure of the Guantanamo military detention facility in Cuba and House Section 1094 to require that religious organizations that are recipients of, or offerors for, a Federal Government contract be provided the protections and exemptions for religious organizations under the Civil Rights Act. This is counter President Obama's Executive Order 13672 Prohibiting Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity by Contractors and Subcontractors.

The Southeast Range Conference was held on behalf of the Florida Defense Support Task Force on November 3rd 2016 in Orlando, Florida. The Southeast Range Conference was a Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF)-sponsored event, in accordance with the element of their charter to assist military bases in Florida to continue to perform their missions. The Principi Group was contracted by the Task Force to coordinate and run the meeting on their behalf. The ranges are constantly being challenged to meet the demands of modern weapon platforms and will continue to face bigger challenges in the future. The goal of the conference was to get representative DoD stakeholders together to discuss this issue, and whether treating the Southeast Ranges, many of which are in Florida, as a range complex was a potential solution. There were 21 stakeholder attendees at the meeting and two others that called in remotely. They included representatives from the Navy, Air Force, and Army, and represented the test and training communities, as well as the National Guard and Space Florida.

This was a great opportunity to have the Range leadership from OSD, Navy, AF, Army, Test, and Training all come together to focus on Ranges and the SE Region and Florida in particular. The crosstalk was very good – and many of the people in the room learned things they were not aware of. Many of the attendees, despite having very common interests, had never met each other. All the stakeholders became even more aware of the capabilities inherent within Florida, and a number discussed better ways to collaborate on this idea and clearly intended to follow up with each other. Many expressed thanks to the FDSTF for the initiative to have this meeting that facilitated increased awareness and collaboration on the issue.

Question: Admiral Mark Fitzgerald asked if any of the NDAA language has direct impact to anything going on in Florida pertaining to the ranges?

Answer: MG Mike Jones replied that there are a fair number of direct impacts on the range side and that language that was in there survived the conference. He's not sure what will come from the conference but does not believe it's a contentious issue.

DEO Non-Conservation Lands Update

Mr. James Stansbury, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), spoke about military base protection and non-conservation encroachment buffers for military installations. The DEO received proposals from bases around Florida for non-conservation lands that they would like purchased or the development rights purchased to be compatible with the base mission. The following properties were identified by Florida's military installations as encroachment threats and DEO's ranking and recommendations of those properties for potential acquisition.

Types of encroachment threats were safety due to sites being within a Clear Zone, Accident Potential Zone or Explosive Safety Quantity Distance Arc, safety due to development impacts, noise complaints due to sites being within a 65 decibel and above noise contour, noise complaints due to proximity to existing and proposed artillery ranges or drop zones and security due to proximity to installation's main access point.

Factors considered are the existing land use, land use restrictions, future land use designation, existing development on site, redevelopment potential, development trends/pressures in the area, encroachment threat identified by the installation and immediacy of the long term/short term threat.

DEO tier rankings are listed as Tier 1 being the highest priority and Tier 3 being the lowest. Tier 1 (immediate) properties include the Pensacola Naval Air Station Cook property and Key West Naval Air Station, Alfred Sears Trust property.

Question: Commissioner Barbara Stewart asked if the Pensacola Naval Air Station Cook property currently vacant? She also asked if land in Key West has already been acquired as it was listed as “acquire additional land use entitlements?”

Answer: Mr. James Stansbury referred the TF to page 23 of his handout for more information and which states that only 1 house is currently on the Cook property land and the remainder is undeveloped. Regarding the Key West land he said that the handout was not worded correctly as no property has been acquired as of yet.

Tier 2 (moderate) properties recommended are Eglin Air Force Base, subdivision lots in Clear Zone in Valparaiso, Homestead Air Reserve Base, Homestead Park of Commerce properties, Tyndall Air Force Base, East Bay Flats property and Seclusion Bay property (across the street from each other).

Tier 3 (low) properties are the Key West Naval Air Station, Enchanted Island and Gulf Seafood property, MacDill Air Force Base, 5.9 acre ZINS property, Blount Island U.S. Marine Corps Support Facility, all three properties, Pensacola Naval Air Station, Scott and Millan properties and Tyndall Air Force Base, Farmdale property.

Questions: Brig Gen Chip Diehl asked if support for Florida Rock be continued on Tier 1? **Chairman Representative Clay Ingram** also asked if the Tier 1 properties from last year can be addressed and status given regarding Florida Rock and Barefoot Palms in Panama City?

Answer: Mr. James Stansbury stated that the rakings for new projects were recommended by the bases and that the TF can add any ongoing programs. He stated that of the three which received funding, he believes two are complete and one is still ongoing.

David Clark, Director of State Lands, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) (Phone) replied that the property at Mayport was placed under a restrictive easement and that has closed and is complete. The acquisition of Florida Rock property is not yet complete and we are continuing to work with them on the remaining rights that they've retained to build a hotel/motel and should remain on Tier1. The property of Barefoot Palms in Panama City has a pending offer, the County Commission has asked that the offer be extended until January 31, 2017 currently waiting for them to accept the offer and should also remain on Tier 1.

He also reported that Section 38 of the bill put in place to acquire those properties specifically listed out the Tier 1 properties of Mayport, MacDill and Panama City, so they are limited to spending those dollars specifically to those on Tier 1. \$7.5 million was appropriated and if they are successful on all three, with exceptions on the remaining restrictions at MacDill, they should have about \$4 to \$4.5 million left to reappropriate, which those dollars can be used so as long as the properties are on Tier 1.

Question: Admiral Mark Fitzgerald asked about the process in which DEO uses and if they work with local city councils before properties are placed on this list? He also stated that he wants to be assured that the TF is not advocating properties which local governments are opposed.

Answer: Mr. James Stansbury replied they discuss proposals with the base representatives and the local governments to get the planning background and land use and see if there are any other considerations they need to think about as part of their analysis. He stated that could not recall any concerns being expressed by the local governments.

Question: Chairman Representative Clay Ingram asked staff if they entertain a motion to adopt the report provided by DEO?

Answer: Bruce Grant replied that a motion should be made as the action after is a letter to the Governor and Legislature stating that the TF approves the recommendations of DEO so that it can move forward.

Chairman Representative Clay Ingram asked for a motion to adopt the DEO report as the TF's recommendation and a letter be drafted to the Governor.

Question: Brig Gen Chip Diehl asked if the TF can discuss the DEO's report in closed session and if the TF can utilize the expertise of TPG regarding BRAC value criteria, and then hone it down to a list of what the TF would really like to focus on?

Chairman Representative Clay Ingram asked staff if a motion or vote can be done during closed session?

Bruce Grant replied that votes are not allowed during closed session meetings, but the TF can take it under advisement and vote at the January after further analysis.

David Clark advised that his team has not reviewed the list for insight on real estate acquisitions and given more time, would like to do so.

Chairman Representative Clay Ingram advised that the TF would converse further during the closed session meeting and voting would be withheld until the meeting in January 2017.

Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Meeting Report

Ms. Kellie Jo Kilberg, Chair of the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA), spoke about the semi-annual FDA meeting which was held the day prior. She reported that great energy has come from that meeting and that it was exciting to see everyone coming together to discuss issues from their respective areas. Presentations were made by OEA, the Air Force Community Partnership, FDOT, and update from Washington, DC and on the Sentinel Lands designation at Avon Park.

Florida has the highest number of new Congressional delegates going to Washington, DC and FDA needs to reach out to these new members to make sure they understand the complexity and importance of the military in Florida. FDA needs to be involved and have them understand that they are not only representing their area, they are representing the entire state and they need to know what's going on around the state when military and defense issues arise.

An important issue is the Florida Range Network and the drilling in the Gulf. The FDA will be updating and enhancing a white paper on that issue to include the entire shoreline of Florida within the Gulf range. We are also working with tourist officials to make sure messaging is consistent.

Best practices were shared via a presentation by the Air Force Community Partnership with insight into the P4 Projects and also looking at the Sentinel designation. Best practices are really not about the service, but show the tools that are out there that communities can use and benefit from to get best value for those dollars and reduce shared costs within the partnerships.

FDOT will be updating the military access study for the Strategic Intermodal System. Consultants have been making site visits to talk to the bases and we have found out that they are not talking to the correct people. It's important that we stay engaged. Currently 9 bases are on the SIS with a 10th being added. We will continue working with them to make sure bases are engaged. They receive more than \$2 billion in funding each year.

She spoke about inside the gate grant infrastructure funding and the FDA will be collecting data from the different bases on strategic projects that may be considered for discussion.

The Military Family Working Group met and talked about the Building Healthy Military Communities pilot project out of OSD. They also talked about child abuse and neglect issues, childcare cost issues, various transit issues from around the state and glitches within academic credit and Purple Heart Tuition Programs.

IV. Agenda Item IV: Public Comment

No attendees wished to make a public comment.

Chairman Representative Clay Ingram clarified the motion to thank Senator Richter for his service as chair and with no further discussion declared the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10.26 AM EDT