

### Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting on Monday, January 9, 2012.

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held its initial meeting at the Residence Inn, Tallahassee from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM EST.

#### Task Force Member Present:

- Governor Rick Scott
- Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Carroll
- MGen. Joseph Taluto, USA (ret.)
- MGen. Emmett Titshaw, USAF
- Barbara Stewart, Highlands County Commissioner
- Dr. David Goetsch, Okaloosa Economic Development Council
- Patt Maney, Okaloosa County Judge
- J.R. McDonald, Lockheed Martin
- Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance
- Ritch Workman, State Representative
- Matt Gaetz, State Representative
- BGen. Chip Diehl, USAF (ret.)
- Dr. Ed Naggiar, USN (ret.)

#### Task Force Member Absent:

- RAdm. Kevin Delaney, USN (ret.)

#### Speakers Present:

- John Konkus, Chief of Staff to the Lieutenant Governor
- Mary Thomas, Assistant General Counsel, Executive Office of the Governor
- Anthony Principi, Chairman 2005 BRAC Commission
- Charles Battaglia, Principi and Associates
- Pat Gleason, Assistant Attorney General, Florida Attorney General's Office
- Dr. Rod Lewis, University West of Florida's, HAAS Center
- Diana Gonzales, The Beacon Council
- Debbie Keller, The Nature Conservancy
- Joe Marino, Florida League of Defense Contractors
- Jim Faylor, Concurrent Technologies

#### Staff Present:

- Griff Salmon, Chief Operating Officer, Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- Al Latimer, Senior Vice President, Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- Rocky McPherson, Director, Military and Defense Programs, Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- Heather Cave, Program Manager, Military and Defense, Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- Donna Cucinella, Administrative Assistant, Enterprise Florida, Inc.

**This meeting was open to the public.**

**Agenda: See attachment**

A quorum being present, **Governor Rick Scott**, FDSTF Chairman, began the meeting at 9:00 AM EST.

I. **Agenda Item I: Welcome and Introductions**

Dr. David Goetsch welcomed members and attendees to the initial meeting of the Florida Defense Support Task Force. Then he led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Goetsch introduced Governor Rick Scott, the Chairman of the Task Force.

**Governor Rick Scott** thanked members for their participation on the Task Force. Both he and the Lieutenant Governor are Navy veterans and have a deep appreciation for men and women servicing in the military. Governor Scott proclaimed Florida to be the most military friendly state in the nation, and he understands the economic impact of the industry on our State. Florida has begun to see and will continue to be affected by federal defense budget cuts. Through the previous five BRAC rounds, we have learned that a state coordinated response is essential. This is part of the reason Florida had a positive experience from BRAC 2005. This Task Force will be facing two important emerging challenges, the immediate budget cuts and an impending BRAC. He thanked the Florida Legislature for their foresight in creating and funding the Task Force. He appreciates the energy and passion that is essential to the state's efforts to protect and enhance the military bases and defense industry in Florida.

II. **Agenda Item II: Military Basing and Force Structure, BRAC history and future**

**Secretary Anthony Principi**, Chairman, 2005 BRAC Commission gave remarks about changes in defense policy and the budget in Washington, as well as the prospect for another BRAC round. The President has proposed \$489 billion in defense cuts over 10 years. He and Secretary Panetta unveiled a new strategic guidance that will include a reduction in the Army and Marine Corps. Another \$500 billion in across the board sequestration cuts will go into effect in 2013 unless Congress repeals them. This would drastically reduce all branches of the military, negatively impact major acquisition programs, and research and development. Mr. Principi believes Secretary Panetta will have no choice but to call for another BRAC, likely after the November elections. The Air Force has stated that they still possess 20% excess infrastructure. The services have been conducting ongoing realignment by instituting infrastructure efficiencies.

The BRAC 2005 process began with the Secretary of Defense requesting Congressional approval to undertake a BRAC, and then the services issuing a call for data from installations. The Secretary of Defense submits to the BRAC Commission his recommendations for installations or other DoD entities to be closed or realigned, as well as the amount of savings that will accrue as a result of those recommendations. The Commission must deliberate on each recommendation and is not bound by the list presented by the Secretary. The President and Congress must approve all or none of the Commission's recommendations. These recommendations are made in the open, with a variety of input, and without regard to politics.

In 2005, Florida gained about 3,800 military personnel and lost about 1,000 civilian jobs. Eglin AFB gained the 7<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group and the F-35 joint strike fighter training. In a future BRAC, labs, Florida's numerous air bases, and defense programs could be negatively impacted.

Moving forward, Florida should re-assess its installations to determine their "military value." The creation of the Task Force is very timely, as well as efforts to ensure that Florida is the most "military friendly" state in the nation. Losses can come in many forms, so it is critical that

Florida continues its proactive approach to protecting its military installations, military service members, and their families.

**III. Agenda Item III: Transfer of Chairmanship**

**Governor Rick Scott** departed after chairing the first hour of the meeting. He designated **Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Carroll** as a voting Task Force member in his absence. As outlined in statute, the Governor's departure meant the chairmanship was passed to Senate President's appointee, **Dr. David Goetsch**, current Chairman of the Board, Okaloosa Economic Development Council.

**IV. Agenda Item IV: Remarks**

**Lieutenant Jennifer Carroll** spoke about the key issues facing this Task Force. She emphasized the importance of developing relationships at the local, state and federal levels so that Florida can be proactive instead of reactive. Working with Base Commanders is critical, as they bring forth concerns regarding encroachment and growth management issues.

**Senator Don Gaetz** addressed the meeting, as he was the author of the legislation that created the Task Force. He stressed that he did not want reports and studies, he wants to see results. The job of the Task Force is advocacy to preserve, protect air bases and to expand military missions.

**V. Agenda Item V: Florida Sunshine Law Overview**

**Ms. Pat Gleason**, from the State Attorney General's Office, informed members what is entailed in operating within Florida Open Government Laws. This law provides a right of access to governmental proceedings at both the state and local levels. The three basic requirements are: meetings of public boards or commissions must be open to the public; reasonable notice of such meetings must be given; and minutes of the meetings must be taken, promptly recorded and open to public inspection. This applies to any gathering of two or more members of the same board to discuss any matter which will foreseeably come before that board for action. Gleason went on to explain that the term "public records" means all records "regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission," made or received in connection with the transaction of official business by any agency, including advisory boards.

**Presentation attached.**

**VI. Agenda Item VI: Military in Florida Overview**

**Mr. Rocky McPherson** from Enterprise Florida reviewed the military in Florida. There are 20 major military installations and 3 unified commands. Military and defense is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest industry and has a \$60+ billion economic impact. This amounts to 8-10% of the gross state product, and over 686,000 direct and indirect jobs. He outlined the various Navy, Air Force, Army, Marine, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserve presence in Florida. The Joint Gulf Range Complex is crucial to Florida's military presence as the preponderance of military in Florida is Air Force and Navy. He also noted that the Florida National Guard and the Coast Guard will also be affected by federal budget reductions.

**Presentation attached.**

**VII. Agenda Item VII: Economic Impact of Military and Defense in Florida**

**Dr. Rod Lewis** from the University of West Florida's HAAS Center spoke about the impact of the military and defense industry on the Florida economy. This included an overview of defense spending in Florida, statewide and regional economic impacts, and procurement

spending in Florida versus the US. He went on to talk about direct procurement jobs in Florida, and national and state downward trends of procurement spending.

**Presentation attached.**

**VIII. Agenda Item VII: Governors' Base Commanders Meeting Summary**

**MGen. Emmett Titshaw** reviewed the history of the Governor's Base Commanders Meetings and Governor Scott's commitment to meeting every quarter. These gatherings enhance communication and promote cooperation. The Governor has set the precedent that the meetings are results oriented. Agencies report the progress of past issues, base commanders give updates, and then new or ongoing issues are discussed. The three main issues discussed include quality of life, transportation/infrastructure, and encroachment/compatible land use. The next Florida Base Commanders meeting will be held after session at Hurlburt Field on April 11, 2012.

**IX. Agenda Item IX: Florida Council on Military Base and Mission Support**

**Mr. Tom Neubauer**, Chairman of the 9 member Council explained its mission to support and enhance the missions of Florida's military installations and their economic impact of the defense economy in Florida. The Council took into account lessons learned from previous BRACs and thought of ways to leverage Florida's competitive strengths moving forward. One key asset is the strong network of defense support partners in the state. The Council has the following recommendations for the Task Force to consider: review BRAC scoring of Florida installations; core mission assessment; encroachment identification and mitigation; national defense program monitoring; communication/coordination with congressional delegation; and leverage and coordinate volunteer support.

**Break for lunch**

**X. Agenda Item X: FDSTF Planning Discussion**

**Chairman David Goetsch** began the afternoon session by asking that members discuss their goals for the Task Force, and the short and long term issues which will impact the military and defense industry in Florida.

**Representative Ritch Workman** had excused himself to attend a Florida House committee meeting on redistricting. He was concerned about the future of Patrick AFB.

**Representative Matt Gaetz** recognized the military and defense in Northwest Florida as critical to the local economy. He is concerned about the need to base an aircraft carrier at Mayport. The mission is a fundamental economic driver in Jacksonville. He differs to Mr. J.R. McDonald to speak about issues at Eglin AFB.

**Mr. J.R. McDonald**, Lockheed Martin, expressed concerns about the ongoing Air Force Material Command realignment affecting Eglin AFB. This issue requires immediate attention because implementation action is occurring as early as May 1. He also talked about the need to keep the integrated training center for the F-35 at Eglin AFB.

**MGen. Joseph Taluto** reported that there was nothing of immediate concern in South Florida, though there are some ongoing related concerns related to land use and encroachment around Homestead ARB.

**Dr. Ed Naggiar** explained the need for combat-realistic training areas. He felt that there was potential for growth in unmanned aerial systems. In his experience, procurement sometimes takes priority over training, encroachment and access issues.

**BGen. Chip Diehl** suggested creating definition of “defense” so the Task Force knows the scope of what they are working to protect. The notion of “Red Teaming” was brought up and gained concurrence. He also suggested developing an “elevator speech” regarding the role of the Task Force so that members may use a consistent message. Task Force members agreed. Chip Diehl went to encourage members to be proactive and suggested lobbying in Washington DC for additional missions for Florida installations. He announced the formation of the Tampa Bay Defense Alliance to represent the area military needs.

**Mr. Tom Neubauer** described the Air Force Lab realignment at Tyndall AFB and the communities lobbying efforts to fill that void. He stressed the importance of the Gulf Test Range to mission sustainment and installation retention. He also questioned the future funding of the research, development, and test evaluation units (RD&TE).

**Chairman David Goetsch** recommended working closely with local community defense support groups.

**Judge Patt Maney** spoke about assisting the military in adopting their required renewable energy standards. He advocated working closely with the US Department of Veterans Affairs to support former service men and women, and in support of Veterans Courts.

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** noted the importance of the bombing ranges in Florida and encouraged better military and community relationships to combat encroachment. She explained that working together during the land use planning phase could keep encroachment issues from every becoming a detriment to the installation.

**MGen. Emmett Titshaw** described the 2011 HB 7207 and the ongoing issues regarding encroachment and land compatibility. These issues are impacting Camp Blanding’s effectiveness and threaten force structure. He went on to speak about the future of the Florida National Guard’s 125<sup>th</sup> fighter wing

**Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Carroll** understood member’s focus on local issues, but also encouraged them to take a statewide perspective while on the Task Force. She stressed the issues of encroachment and partnering to optimize effectiveness. She noted that Representative Ritch Workman will be addressing the issue of Base Commanders input into land use decisions in a Glitch Bill during the ongoing legislation session.

**XI. Agenda Item XI: FDSTF Action Items**

**Chairman David Goetsch** reported that the Task Force will be seeking a Sunshine law exemption that will be limited in time and scope. It is necessary because they do not want discussions of base weaknesses or competitiveness issues to be public record. He also recommended a Task Force base visitation program so that members could learn the missions and capabilities of each installation to more effectively work on their behalf.

**Chairman David Goetsch** clarified that the Task Force is required to submit a report to the Legislature, but the due day will have to be extended because of the delay in Task Force appointment and the first meeting date. **Chairman David Goetsch** explained that Enterprise Florida would be the contracting authority, and provide administrative and logistical support to

the Task Force. With concurrence from members, **Chairman David Goetsch** planned to hold Task Force meetings monthly as Task Force planning and direction evolves.

**Chairman David Goetsch** asked the Task Force to discuss what crucial issues exist that will impact Florida in the immediate future.

**Mr. J.R. McDonald** reiterated the pressing issue the Air Force's decision to reorganize the Air Force Material Command which will impact Eglin AFB. He suggested an immediate lobbying effort in D.C. to reverse this decision.

**Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Carroll** noted the Governor's office presence in Washington D.C. which can be used by the Task Force to benefit the military in Florida. This lobbying team allows her and the Task Force direct access to Florida's Congressional delegation, military leaders, and the federal executive branch.

**Representative Matt Gaetz** expressed concerns that this was not enough to influence the decision related to Eglin AFB. He made a motion to spend \$20,000 to retain an influential retired USAF four star general with access to Secretary of the Air Force. **Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Carroll** countered that this was not necessary because her office in D.C. could obtain whatever information was needed relating to the AFMC. The motion was defeated.

**Mr. Tom Neubauer** stated it may be necessary to hire a consultant to determine AFMC long term intent. **Dr. Ed Naggiar** commented that since it takes 2 weeks to create a sole source contract, the TF could move forward with both actions.

**Mr. Tom Neubauer** moved to authorize Enterprise Florida to plan for contracting professional services to better understand the AFMC reorganization issue, or any other issues the Task Force sees necessary. This will happen in parallel with the Lieutenant Governor's DC office gathering information from the Air Force regarding the AFMC issue. If the Washington DC office is able to gather sufficient information within the allotted time, then the Task Force will not move forward with a contract consultant to obtain additional information on the AMFC reorganization issue. The motion passes.

After further discussion **Representative Matt Gaetz** moved to meet in 2 weeks to review the findings of the Lieutenant Governor. If the Task Force receives sufficient information to understand the AFMC issue, then the Task Force will evaluate the need to employ an outside consultant to work on its behalf in Washington D.C. The motion passed. The Task Force will meet again in Tallahassee on Monday, January 23, 2012.

## XII. Agenda Item XII: Public Comments

**Ms. Diana Gonzales** promoted the Association of Defense Communities (ADC) Winter Conference that will be held in Miami February 27-29, 2012. ADC has founded a Congressional Defense Communities Caucus in D.C. which will work on behalf of cities and counties that have military installations within their community.

**Ms. Debbie Keller** informed the Task Force of successful partnerships between Florida military installations and The Nature Conservancy. Their goal is to protect land which will be mutually beneficial in addressing military encroachment issues and land and wildlife conservation efforts.

**Mr. James Fanto** represented Eglin AFB and recommended amending the Growth Management Glitch Bill's language regarding a base commanders' input in land use decisions.

**Mr. Joe Marino** spoke about the Florida League of Defense Contractors whose mission is to represent defense companies at the state level. He spoke about their legislative priorities for the 2012 session and their support of the Task Force and its mission. Additional information can be found at [www.fl-dc.org](http://www.fl-dc.org).

**Dr. Rod Lewis** with the UWF HAAS Center is conducting workforce and procurement studies and wants to work with Task Force and local members. They will also be researching a supply chain analysis that could be valuable to Florida by identifying companies which could benefit from locating in Florida.

**Mr. Jim Failor** representing Concurrent Technologies Corporation in Tampa uses applied research to assist developing companies. He wants to work with the Task Force to protect Florida military installations by identifying base strength and weaknesses, and creating a prioritized list.

Chairman Goetsch adjourned the meeting.

*The meeting was adjourned at 1600 EST.*



### Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting on Monday, January 23, 2012.

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publically noticed meeting at the Governor's Large Conference Room in the Capitol from 9:00 AM –11:00 AM EST. Call in ability at 877-402-9753, access code 9152633.

#### Task Force Member Present:

- Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Carroll
- MGen. Emmett Titshaw, USAF
- Barbara Stewart, Highlands County Commissioner
- Dr. David Goetsch, Okaloosa Economic Development Council
- Patt Maney, Okaloosa County Judge
- J.R. McDonald, Lockheed Martin
- Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance
- Matt Gaetz, State Representative

#### Task Force Member Present via phone:

- MGen. Joseph Taluto, USA (ret.)
- Dr. Ed Naggiar, USN (ret.)
- RAdm. Kevin Delaney, USN (ret.)
- BGen. Chip Diehl, USAF (ret.)

#### Task Force Member Absent:

- Ritch Workman, State Representative

#### Other Attendees Present:

- Don Gaetz, State Senator
- LtGen. Gordon Fornell, USAF (ret.)
- Jim Breitenfeld, Okaloosa Defense Support Initiative
- Thad Altman, State Senator
- John Konkus, Chief of Staff to the Lieutenant Governor
- Mary Thomas, Assistant General Counsel, Executive Office of the Governor

#### Present via Phone:

- Gilbert Nelson, Congressman Jeff Miller's Office
- Brian McManus, Governor's Office in Washington DC
- Bob Black, Congressman Jeff Miller's Office

#### Staff Present:

- Al Latimer, Senior Vice President, Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- Rocky McPherson, Director, Military and Defense Programs, Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- Bruce Grant, Executive Director, Florida Defense Support Task Force
- Heather Cave, Program Manager, Military and Defense, Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- Sharon Spratt, Manager of Government Relations and Communications, Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- Donna Cucinella, Administrative Assistant, Enterprise Florida, Inc.

**This meeting was open to the public.**



**Agenda: See attachment**

*A quorum being present, Chairman David Goetsch FDSTF Chairman, began the meeting at 9:00 AM EST.*

I. **Agenda Item I: Welcome and Introductions**

**Chairman David Goetsch** welcomed members and attendees to the second meeting of the Florida Defense Support Task Force. Then he led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. **Agenda Item II: Report on State and Congressional Activity re: Air Force Material Command realignment/ Q&A**

**Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Carroll** reviewed her letter to the Task Force that outlined information received from the USAF concerning the AFMC restructuring. This decision by the Air Force is in the process of being implemented. During this restructuring, Florida gained a net of 493 civilian positions, including 64 at Eglin.

Congressman Jeff Miller has assumed the lead on this issue and has communicated that he does not need consultant support. Carroll urged that the Task Force needs to move forward with caution as the Air Force will be making larger reductions in the future.

**See attached letter.**

**RAdm. Kevin Delaney** urged Task Force members to pick their battles carefully with the Air Force because of upcoming, larger cuts.

**Mr. Gilbert Nelson** from Representative Jeff Miller's office spoke about the AFMC situation and a path forward. He assured the Task Force that Representative Miller is continuing to closely monitor and work on this issue. He agreed that additional advocacy is not needed at this time.

**Senator Don Gaetz** emphasized the need for immediate advocacy in Washington DC because the effects of this restructuring could have lasting negative impacts that could leave Eglin AFB vulnerable. If no immediate action is taken by the Task Force, Gaetz will support it being defunded.

**Mr. Bob Black** said the Task Force needs to focus on the integrated weapons center. Rigor was not used to make this restructuring decision. The Air Force wants to keep the focus of leadership at Wright-Patterson AFB. This is a symptom of a larger issue.

**Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Carroll** affirmed the Governor's support of the Task Force. **Senator Don Gaetz** disagreed and recommends reading the Governor's proposed budget and departed.

**Mr. J.R. McDonald** stated that the Air Force's decision was not made on a business case analysis. He pointed out inaccuracies in the matrix that was used by the Air Force. He believes that a strong approach from a united delegation could affect change. They should argue that the BRAC 2005 recommendations are law.

**Mr. Gilbert Nelson** agrees, there is language in law that directs the Secretary of Defense to complete BRAC recommendations. The Air Force has not fully implemented the integrated weapons center at Eglin AFB.

**Mr. Tom Neubauer** said Florida should insist that the Air Force follow the Strategic Basing Study Plan.

**Judge Patt Maney** asked about the origin of the informational matrix. **Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Carroll** explained that it came from Air Force sources in Washington. **Mr. Gilbert Nelson** urged focus on the AF trying to un-do BRAC recommendations. We have a better chance taking this argument to the Department of Defense.

**BGen. Chip Diehl** pointed out the implications of losing the command of a two-star to a one-star general at Eglin AFB.

**III. Agenda Item V: Report on AFMC History, Current Situation, and Recommended State Actions/ Q&A**

**LtGen. Gordon Fornell, USAF (ret.)** gave a review and his recommendations for the AFMC issue. He spoke about the significance of Eglin's research, development, test, and evaluation unit. He noted the significance of degrading the rank of its commander. He explained that this restructuring was not made in public, and that the number of net jobs to Florida was not accurate. Eglin's mission capabilities and efficiency would be impaired. It would be a major shift if a wing commander is running and supporting Eglin.

**LtGen. Gordon Fornell** gave recommendations that would prevent this restructuring. The Task Force and the community organizations need to brief the Florida delegation on this issue and its importance. Florida should reach out to other state delegations who were negatively impacted by this restructuring to urge the Air Force to stick to the BRAC recommendations. Industry groups and contracting partners should work in concert with the state. Members of the Florida delegation should be assigned specific jobs in an effort to halt and/or stall the process. Representative Bill Young should write a letter to the Secretary of the Air Force urging him to follow BRAC decisions. Florida should take steps to show that the Air Force is not complying with the law. Florida Congressmen should delay the confirmation of the new logistics commander of Wright-Patterson AFB. Eglin should work to show its growth potential and be proactive. He encouraged the State to be appreciative of the Air Force decisions that had a positive impact on Florida. He finished by urging the Task Force to work with the community and to keep all parties informed.

**Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Carroll** agreed with his views and analysis. **Mr. Gilbert Nelson** suggested writing a letter showing that the Air Force is going against BRAC law. **MGen. Emmett Titshaw** announced that the services did not have to exactly comply with BRAC. **Mr. Gilbert Nelson** said that while that might be true, it is not the view of the House Armed Services Committee.

**LtGen. Gordon Fornell** affirmed that the matrix the Air Force used to make its decision is inaccurate, including information on square footage, airports, level of security, and educational facilities. He believes attention should be paid to the legal issue.

**Mr. Tom Neubauer** mentioned going on the offense to find other missions Eglin AFB could gain.

**Mr. Jim Breintefeld** appreciates state support and said it was essential to work with the local organizations, as they are the experts on their specific issues.

**Representative Matt Gaetz** agreed that we need to work in concert with our local partners. He asked Mr. Gilbert Nelson, besides the letter, what other action is taking place. There is a difference in approach when seeking to reverse a decision, versus trying to advocate a pending issue. **Mr. Gilbert Nelson** explained that they are engaging with the Armed Services Committees to show that the Air Force is not BRAC compliant, as well as working to influence the defense budget.

**Representative Matt Gaetz** asked for advice from Rocky McPherson regarding Fornell's recommendations. **Mr. Rocky McPherson** advised the Task Force to develop a strategic plan to address both immediate ongoing issues, and the possibility of future BRAC rounds.

**Representative Matt Gaetz** asked what US Representative Jeff Miller's office is doing to the reverse the Air Force decision. **Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Carroll** asked what measures can be taken to affect this decision. **Mr. Gilbert Nelson** said that the Air Force is not going to change their mind. The Arms Services Committee staff is conducting a study and subsequent report. That may not stop this action.

**Mr. Bob Black** explained that strategies and tactics are already being carried out and are likely not going to be changed.

#### IV. **Agenda Item VI: Task Force Discussions/Actions**

**Chairman David Goetsch** led a discussion of possible Task Force actions. This can include strategic planning and advocacy. **Mr. Tom Neubauer** asked the Okaloosa Defense Support Initiative what they need to be successful. **Mr. Jim Breitenfeld** answered that the defense grants have decreased in funding. Those programs are essential in supporting community efforts. He recommended having a mechanism in place to respond to quickly developing issues that will affect Florida bases.

**Chairman David Goetsch** does not want the local, state, and federal representatives to be moving in different directions. The Task Force should develop a formal relationship with local partners. **Mr. J.R. McDonald** supported forming a plan as a group and beginning to move forward. **Chairman David Goetsch** suggested developing a strategic plan at the next Task Force meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

**LtGen. Gordon Fornell** asked when the first Congressional hearings would be. **Gilbert Nelson** responded that the issue would be heard before Congress in February or March.

**Mr. Rocky McPherson** asked what the Task Force can do to assist Representative Jeff Miller's efforts. **Mr. Gilbert Nelson** explained that they have a solid plan in place. They are focused on a lack of BRAC compliance being a primary grievance. **Mr. Bob Black** encouraged all parties to coordinate and stay engaged. They would be happy to work with the local organization, once provided with a primary point of contact.

**Judge Patt Maney** agrees that the Task Force should ensure they are working with the local organizations to gather the correct facts.

**Mr. Gilbert Nelson** spoke about joining forces with other states. It could affect change if we team up with other states, though Florida would have to proceed cautiously. **Mr. Bob Black** explained that we are not competing with other states on this specific topic.

**BGen. Chip Diehl** agreed that a strategic plan for the Task Force is necessary. He wants to be careful how they move forward to avoid ruining relationships in the Pentagon. We need to come in strong and professional.

**Representative Matt Gaetz** suggested having Mr. Jim Breitenfeld author a list of pertinent questions to Congress via Representative Jeff Miller's office, regarding immediate actions affecting AFMC restructuring at Eglin AFB. **Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Carroll** moved that the Okaloosa Defense Support Initiative develop questions for the Task Force who will submit them to Representative Jeff Miller for federal consideration. This will include questions regarding inaccuracies in the provided matrix. The motion passed unanimously. **Mr. J.R. McDonald** suggested amending the motion to obligate the Task Force to take a supporting role to the Congressional delegation. The amendment passed unanimously.

**Chairman David Goetsch** stated that the next meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup> will be a strategic planning session. **Mr. Rocky McPherson** suggested that they engage professional facilitation to assist the Task Force. **RAdm Kevin Delaney** concurred. Members discussed possible cost of hiring a facilitator.

**Chairman David Goetsch** moved to engage a consultant to help develop a strategic plan, with a maximum authorized expenditure of up to \$25,000. Motion passes

**BGen. Chip Diehl** asked the Lieutenant Governor to keep the Task Force updated on the proposed budget regarding the Task Force. **Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Carroll** explained that the Governor's proposed FY 12/13 budget includes \$500,000 for staff and expenses. Last year's \$5,000,000 appropriation has not yet been obligated and will carry forward.

Chairman Goetsch adjourned the meeting.

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- MGen. Joseph Taluto, USA (ret.)
- Ritch Workman, State Representative
- BGen. Chip Diehl, USAF (ret.)
- Dr. Ed Naggiar, USN (ret.)

### Task Force Member Absent:

- Matt Gaetz, State Representative

### Speakers Present:

- Pat Sciarappa, Florida Sterling Council, Inc.
- Jim Breitenfeld, Okaloosa Defense Support Initiative
- John Walsh, Executive Office of the Governor, Florida Washington, D.C. Office
- Debbie Keller, The Nature Conservancy
- Ted Spangenberg, Gulf Power and Bay Defense Alliance

### Other Attendees Present:

- Thad Altman, State Senator
- John Konkus, Chief of Staff to the Lieutenant Governor
- Mary Thomas, Assistant General Counsel, Executive Office of the Governor
- Charles Battaglia, The Principi Group, LLC
- Tom McLaughlin, Northwest Florida Daily News

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**II. Old Business. Approval of January 9 and January 23 Meeting Minutes**

**Mr. Tom Neubauer** made a motion to approve the January 9 amended minutes and **Commissioner Barbara Stewart** seconded the motion. The **Task Force** voted unanimously to accept the amended minutes. **Dr. Ed Naggiar** made a motion to approve the January 23 amended minutes and **BGen. Chip Diehl** seconded the motion. The **Task Force** voted unanimously to accept both sets of amended minutes.

*See attached meeting minutes.*

**Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll** clarified the information she presented at the last meeting regarding Air Force Material Command.

**Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll** presented a letter to the Chairman from Congressman Jeff Miller, inviting the Task Force to send representatives to Washington, D.C.

**III. New Business. Strategic Planning**

**Ms. Pat Sciarappa** presented a Draft Strategic Plan. Each Task Force member made comments and suggestions, with **Chairman David Goetsch** facilitating.

**Chairman David Goetsch** introduced **Mr. John Patrick Walsh**, Deputy Director, Federal Programs Coordinator, Florida Washington, D.C. Office. **Mr. Walsh** explained the four-member staff functions to address regulatory policy between Florida's state departments and agencies, and the federal Executive Branch departments and agencies. He further explained the office functions as state advocates for Florida issues in Washington, D.C., and acts as a clearinghouse of state related information on the national level. He encouraged the Task Force to use the office as a resource.

**Chairman David Goetsch** invited questions:

- **Q. Mr. J.R. McDonald:** Two of you specialize in the Executive Branch, working with the Pentagon. Are the other two registered lobbyists? Are all four of you registered lobbyists?
- **A. Mr. John Walsh:** We are not registered lobbyists. I believe that Brian, our Director, previously was a registered lobbyist. As state employees who are advocates, lobbying is part of our job. We are there to help, teach, inform and bring up certain issues.

**MGen. Joseph Taluto** asked Mr. Walsh to give his business cards to the Task Force members.

**BGen. Chip Diehl** asked Mr. Walsh to provide the Task Force with contact information for his office in Washington, D.C.

- Q. **RAdm. Kevin Delaney:** How do you want us to contact you? I don't believe you want 12 people calling you.
- A. **Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll:** The communication should be as a Task Force, through the Task Force Chairman, Dr. David Goetsch and the Director, Mr. Rocky McPherson. If the Task Force wants me to do something specific, it must go through the Chair.

**Mr. John Walsh** closed by saying the only thing that stands between us and effective advocacy is simply direction. Governor Carroll has sent us a list of specific goals and tasks she wants us to accomplish. It was sent on Wednesday, and by Friday, we had a meeting scheduled, and we had been briefed. It is simply the coordination. We want to be as effective as possible.

- Q. **Mr. Tom Neubauer:** Just yesterday, one of Senator Nelson's staff members mentioned that the transportation bill had authorization for two oil wells east of the mission line. Have you heard anything about that?
- A. **Lt. Governor Carroll:** This just came in. **Mr. John Walsh:** Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen's office said that in the transportation bill that is scheduled to come up next week, which is Chairman Mica's bill, there is oil drilling to be approved in the Eastern Gulf, nine miles from the Panhandle, and also 25 miles from the Keys.

**Mr. John Walsh** commented one of the things we mentioned is coordinating efforts with the delegation. Without direction, we will have our northern representatives fighting against our southern representatives. A house divided cannot stand. With 20 installations in Florida, no member of our delegation can stand to sit out. It has been extremely helpful for us to go to the Hill and say, "Here is the economic impact for your district." It doesn't mean there has to be an installation in the district.

**Chairman David Goetsch** thanked Mr. Walsh for all he is doing.

**Chairman David Goetsch** introduced **Mr. Jim Breitenfeld**, with the Defense Support Initiative (DSI) in Okaloosa County. **Mr. Breitenfeld** thanked the Task Force and the Lieutenant Governor for addressing the Eglin issue. He described the communication efforts of various defense support initiative groups. This includes regular communication with the office of Congressman Jeff Miller, other congressional offices, high level federal military and other government officials, and other installation communities. He encouraged all involved in the effort to speak the same speak from the same page. He invited the Lt. Governor to attend the annual NW Florida Washington, D.C. fly-in March 27-28, with approximately 50 people attending from five counties.

#### **Break for Lunch**

#### **IV. Requests for Proposals/General Business.**

**Chairman David Goetsch** asked the **Task Force** members to review the draft RFP, and provide feedback. The **Task Force** members asked questions and made comments.

- C. **Tom Neubauer:** A lot of what we talked about in the Strategic Plan will flow into this – not just military installations, but ranges, airspace - to capture everything we have before us.
  - C. **Mr. J.R. McDonald:** It looks like in the deliverable piece, all the way through the requirements, we talk about military conditions for installations, but there is no



mention of the defense industry piece until the last page - recognizing that we will be hiring these people to do the things in our three mission statements.

- Q. **Mr. J.R. McDonald:** This list of potential candidates is not the only list we will select from, is it?
- A. **Mr. Rocky McPherson:** No, it is not. Those are companies that have already made an inquiry. When the RFP is finally published, we will contact anyone who has contacted us. We will also let the Task Force know where they can tell anyone to go to view the RFP on our website.
- C. **Mr. J.R. McDonald:** There is also something here about whoever we contract with to have a disclosure statement to make sure they are not also working for Virginia, Texas and California at the same time, as well as a confidentiality agreement.
- A. **Mr. Rocky McPherson:** One of the things that is added to any contract effort is an entire set of 25 state requirements that are in any state contract. They will all be added in.
- C. **Mr. J.R. McDonald:** The Statement of Work says the successful candidate will work in coordination with EFI's Director of Military and Defense Program and the Florida Defense Support Task Force. I suggest we add John Walsh's office, so he can coordinate with the Federal Programs Coordinator from the Governor's office.
- A. **Mr. Rocky McPherson:** We want to keep it at the highest level possible. The terms we used in the other one were the Executive and Legislative branches. We will work something along that concept.
- C. **Mr. J.R. McDonald:** The intent is to work with the office we already have in place, and make sure we are not working at odds with that office.
- C. **MGen. Joseph Taluto:** The level of where the reporting is to go is the issue I was thinking about.
- Q. **BGen. Chip Diehl:** Is the intent of this BRAC?
- A. **Mr. Rocky McPherson:** The Lt. Governor asked about using the term BRAC. We will have to use it when we are talking about what is going on in Congress. We will also make changes here. When it is not relative to some kind of use in D.C., we will use the approaches we discussed earlier, like Florida seeking opportunities for defense and partners to promote and grow in a strong, positive manner, instead of protecting what we have.
- C. **BGen. Chip Diehl:** It almost looks as if we might have two contracts – one with the strategic plan. I want to make sure we're getting what we ideally want to get, as far as analysis, capability, potential and past performance. When we say "advocate," does this mean lobbying. Is lobbying ability, or license, something we should ask for?
- A. **Mr. Rocky McPherson:** That can be a requirement, if we want to ask for it. We will need a legal opinion on it.
- Q. **BGen. Chip Diehl:** I see the term "Washington decision makers." Sometimes I like to use the term "influencers." We want to be able to get to them. We talk about "federal entities." Is there something (and maybe J.R. could tell us) we should include, regarding industry? I also want our people to get to the defense industry.
- C. **Mr. J.R. McDonald:** Industry organizations.
- C. **BGen. Chip Diehl:** The first deliverable I like and we might want to say "perform assessment analysis of the current military value" – to do a current assessment of all our bases, of where we stand, to tell us where the vulnerabilities are.

- A. **Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll:** I plan to ask the Base Commanders just that at the next Base Commanders meeting. We will have the Task Force, and possibly the consultant, look at that as a benchmark.
- C. **BGen. Chip Diehl:** Suggested the contractor track the Congressional services international environment. What do we see ahead of us? It may not be a BRAC. This group needs to have their finger on the pulse and help us be ready for what is ahead.
- C: **Mr. Tom Neubauer:** Made the following suggestions.  
Contractor start with the template process, to ask the communities the following questions/Have the contractor find the holes in the template and fill them in.
  1. What are your top three concerns on mission?
  2. How did you score in BRAC 2005?
  3. Who were you competing with for missions?

Have someone involved in the legislative process, for improvement of the BRAC process. Perhaps the commander would have a process of briefing the data call results to a community.

Have someone coordinate marketing pieces for legislators and military leadership, for R&D, T&E missions, training missions, ranges – the core assets that we have – to market the whole defense complex in the state.

- C. **Dr. Ed. Naggiar:** Suggested that a survey be done to assess the quality of life for the troops on the ground. What do they want?
- C. **RAdm. Kevin Delaney:** The concern is the military value of the installation.
- A. **Mr. Charles Battaglia:** Mr. Battaglia put himself in the position of having been on the Commission. The Commissioners are looking at the law, which says nothing about quality of life. The first four criteria they are looking at will drive everything you do.
  1. What is the capacity of the base?
  2. What is the airspace?
  3. How will expansion be handled?
  4. Does it have the capability for additional missions?

The last thing - Save the environment and economic impact.

**Chairman David Goetsch** asked for five Task Force Members to represent the Task Force to evaluate the RFPs, after the staff does the initial screening. **Chairman David Goetsch, Commissioner Barbara Stewart, RAdm. Kevin Delaney, Mr. Tom Neubauer and Mr. J.R. McDonald** agreed to comprise the RFP evaluation committee.

**Mr. Rocky McPherson** outlined the next steps in the RFP process. One consideration will be whether to develop two RFPs as several Task Force members recommended – One for advocacy and one for analytical services. He requested Task Force member comments be directed to him, and not to each other, due to Sunshine Law requirements.

**Chairman David Goetsch** stated the Task Force has been invited to Washington, D.C. by Congressman Jeff Miller, to meet with defense department officials there. He asked if any of the members were interested in going. **Mr. Rocky McPherson** commented that a date has not been set, and the invitation is general to the Governor and the Task Force.

**Chairman David Goetsch** commented that a coalition of five NW Florida counties is planning a trip to Washington, D.C. March 27 and 28, and can represent the Task Force at any planned DOD meetings.

**Mr. Rocky McPherson** commented that the Sunshine Law applies out of state. **Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll** and other **Task Force** members made suggestions in this regard, and regarding who should attend.

**Mr. Rocky McPherson** reported on the progress of two bills that include language on exemption from the Sunshine Law for the Task Force. One of the bills is moving in the Florida House of Representatives and one in the Florida Senate.

**Chairman David Goetsch** introduced a rough draft of a spreadsheet prepared by staff, listing community partnership leaders for each of Florida's military installations. He requested edits, corrections and recommended changes. **Task Force** Members asked questions and provided input on the information contained on the spreadsheet. **Mr. Rocky McPherson** stated he cannot include personal contact data for military commanders. He committed to reworking the information and sending it back out to the Task Force.

**RAdm. Kevin Delaney** asked the Task Force to consider the economic impact of bases in other states in close proximity to Florida. **Chairman David Goetsch** commented on previous discussion of putting into the plan joining with other states as appropriate.

**Mr. J.R. McDonald** mentioned a letter he believed all the Task Force members received from Senator Gaetz regarding the budget lines. He stated he wanted to ensure all the members understand the budget ramifications and the resources we have as we move forward.

**Mr. Rocky McPherson** stated the initial appropriation for the Task Force is \$5M; two hundred thousand dollars annually is for staff and administration. It is current year and it is appropriated. Next year's budget is being considered by the Legislature now. The Governor's budget recommendation to the Legislature was \$500,000 for staffing and administration, due to increased activity and travel. The Governor's budget was not recommending a cut of 90%; it was recommending an increase of staff and administrative expenses, and reliance on the existing remaining \$4.8M. There was no request from the Governor for any follow onto the \$5M, because we have not obligated the initial appropriation. **MGen. Joseph Taluto** made a comment to clarify the information **Mr. McPherson** provided. **Mr. J.R. McDonald** asked if there is a time limit attached to the money. **Lt. Governor Carroll** responded unless there is a proviso, there is no time limit. As there is no proviso, the \$4.8M is available until used.

**Mr. Rocky McPherson** commented the House has passed a budget; he does not have a number yet. **Mr. J.R. McDonald** asked how we can make the Legislature aware of what the Task Force is doing, so they can justify the funds. How do we report back to them? **Lt. Governor Carroll** responded every member of the Legislature has a vote on the budget. She reviewed the legislative budgeting process. **Mr. J.R. McDonald** said it would be nice to have a coherent plan of what we are doing. **Mr. Rocky McPherson** responded that is a part of why the strategic plan will be a valuable asset. **Lt. Governor Carroll** commented on the work staff will be doing, and the upcoming RFP efforts, which will show what is being done with the appropriated dollars.

**V. Public Comments.**

**Ms. Deborah Keller** with The Nature Conservancy addressed the Task Force. She informed the Task Force that the Legislature has not put any funding for Florida Forever into their budget on either the House or Senate side. Over the last two decades, this funding has provided over \$300M per year for base buffering and conservation initiatives. The conservation initiatives reduce the bases from threatening endangered wildlife. Base commanders believe that base buffering is the top issue for sustainability of the ranges, and prevention of base encroachment. **Ms. Keller** described other programs that can assist with encroachment problems and asked the Task Force to take getting funding seriously – to write letters, make phone calls and work with constituencies. **BGen. Chip Diehl** suggested bringing these issues to the Commanders' Meeting. **Ms. Keller** asked the Task Force members to contact their state legislators regarding Florida Forever.

**Lt. Governor Carroll** made a motion for a letter from the Task Force on behalf of The Nature Conservancy, supporting the Governor's \$15M recommendation for Florida Forever funding this year. **Mr. Rocky McPherson** recommended the letter be sent to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House. **Lt. Governor Carroll** recommended the letter be copied to all the members of the Legislature, and then grassroots efforts begin via telephone calls to follow up on the letter. The Task Force unanimously voted to pass the motion. **Judge Patt Maney** requested the meeting minutes note **Representative Gaetz** and **Representative Workman** were absent, and did not vote on the motion.

**Mr. Ted Spangenberg** with Gulf Power and the Bay Defense Alliance thanked the Task Force for their work. He stated the military is Gulf Power's biggest customer. He encouraged the Task Force to look at their definition of advocacy as coordination with local efforts. He recommended the Task Force be bold in stating measures of success. He commented the Task Force is doing a good job of being ready for BRAC, rather than being afraid of BRAC. **BGen. Chip Diehl** mentioned the decision regarding the initial basing of the Air Force KC-46 refueling tanker is approaching. He requested that **Mr. John Walsh** from the Governor's D.C. office keep the Task Force updated on the Air Force KC-46 basing progress.

**Ms. Pat Sciarappa** requested a few minutes to discuss the communication process. **Chairman David Goetsch** opted to postpone the discussion to a later date.

**Lt. Governor Carroll** made positive comments on the clear direction in which the Task Force is moving. She asked the Task Force members to coordinate visits to Washington, D.C. with **Mr. John Walsh's** office, regardless of the issues. This will enable the Washington office to do follow-up, to ensure we have a strong and consistent voice. She asked that **Mr. John Walsh** and the other Washington office staff members join the groups in the meetings, if possible.

**Chairman David Goetsch** adjourned the meeting.

*The meeting was adjourned at 1500 EST.*

## Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting on Wednesday, April 18, 2012.

The Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) held a publicly noticed meeting at the Residence Inn Tallahassee Universities at the Capitol from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM EDT.

### Task Force Members Present:

- Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Carroll
- Barbara Stewart, Highlands County Commissioner
- Dr. David Goetsch, Okaloosa Economic Development Council
- Patt Maney, Okaloosa County Judge & Brigadier General AUS (ret.)
- J.R. McDonald, Lockheed Martin
- Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance
- RAdm. Kevin Delaney, USN (ret.)
- MGen. Joseph Taluto, USA (ret.)
- BGen. Chip Diehl, USAF (ret.)
- Dr. Ed Naggiar, USN (ret.)
- Matt Gaetz, State Representative

### Task Force Members Absent:

- MGen. Emmett Titshaw, USAF
- Ritch Workman, State Representative

### Other Attendees Present:

- John Konkus, Chief of Staff to the Lieutenant Governor
- Beatriz Ramos, Special Assistant to the Lieutenant Governor
- Jim Brietenfeld, Okaloosa Defense Support Initiative
- Lt. Colonel Glenn Sutphin, USA (ret.), Department of Military Affairs
- Captain Butler Strain, Department of Military Affairs
- Ted Spangenberg, Gulf Power and Bay Defense Alliance

### Staff Present:

- Rocky McPherson, Director, Military and Defense Programs, Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- Bruce Grant, Executive Director, Florida Defense Support Task Force
- Heather Cave, Program Manager, Military and Defense, Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- Donna Cucinella, Administrative Assistant, Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- Michele Miller, Vice President, Administration, Enterprise Florida, Inc.

**This meeting was open to the public.**

### Agenda: See attachment

*A quorum being present, **Chairman David Goetsch**, FDSTF Chairman, began the meeting at 9:00 AM EST.*

#### I. **Welcome and Introductions**

**Chairman David Goetsch** led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked **Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll** on behalf of the Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County and three of their Chambers for the work she has been doing in their area during the last month. Staff introduced Michele Miller, Vice President of Administration and Corporate Compliance Officer with Enterprise Florida, Inc.

**II. Old Business. Approval of February 10 Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the February 10 minutes, and the motion was seconded. The **Task Force** voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

*See attached meeting minutes.*

**Strategic Plan**

Staff commented there is to be an additional section to the Strategic Plan on what happens after the goals. The short- and long-term goals will be developed into definitive action steps at the next meeting of the Task Force. **Dr. David Goetsch** commented the strategic plan can be changed any time the Task Force meets, and input can be provided to staff between meetings. **BGen. Chip Diehl** asked for an expanded definition of “defense” and staff assured him the definition will be added. **Mr. J.R. McDonald** asked that ranges and range complexes be included, along with military installations. **Commissioner Barbara Stewart** suggested the use of “installations” as all-encompassing. **Dr. David Goetsch** suggested using “installations” throughout the document, and giving a definition of “installations” to include installations, ranges and restricted air space. **Judge Patt Maney** added the private training areas that are being leased to the government need to be included.

A motion was made to approve the document as amended, and the motion was seconded. The **Task Force** voted unanimously to accept the draft of the Strategic Plan as amended.

**Installation Visitation**

**Chairman David Goetsch** and staff met several weeks ago to discuss installation visitation by the Task Force. **Chairman David Goetsch** commented the Base Commanders would like to increase the utility of installation visits, and limit their number. Staff discussed hiring an analytical firm to look at and study the risks and the SWOT analysis for each installation. The visits would include the Task Force member(s) from that area, any other Task Force members who want to attend, local defense representation, and possibly leaders of local government. **Chairman David Goetsch** reiterated the need to minimize the intrusiveness and maximize the effectiveness of the installation visits.

**Mr. Tom Neubauer** asked if the visits will be subject to the Sunshine exemption. Staff responded risk analysis at installations is included in the Sunshine exemption. **General Joseph Taluto** confirmed the installation visits will be coordinated out of the staff offices. **Representative Matt Gaetz** suggested the local communities be made aware of the installation visits. Staff confirmed noticed public meetings will be held in conjunction with installation visits, and commented distinctly different purposes will be defined for each visit. The installation leadership will be invited to attend the public meetings.

**III. New Business. Base Commander’s Meeting Report**

Staff explained the meeting was held at Hurlburt Field on April 11. Two slides were presented to update the Base Commanders on the activities of the Task Force.

*See attached slides.*

**Mr. J.R. McDonald** asked if it would be appropriate for Task Force to members to attend Base Commander’s meetings as observers. **Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll** responded the legal ruling is members can attend, but not participate. Staff added the meetings are not



public and are closed to the press – Sunshine does not apply. The next Base Commander's Meeting will be on August 2 at Patrick Air Force Base.

Staff provided information on several subjects regarding the rest of today's meeting, as our Task Force counsel will be delayed in arriving.

1. There are no legal issues regarding the Lt. Governor or the Adjutant General voting on any issues that are brought before them. They are held to the same standards of ethics as any public official. The state law on ethics applies to Task Force business and to all members of the Task Force.
2. Members of the Legislature cannot vote on any substantive matter, including the selection of consultants to be hired by the Task Force. They are prohibited from participating in any part of the selection process.
3. The exemption for the Sunshine Law applies to only very specific cases regarding sensitive information or risk assessment information. The restrictions on Task Force members dealing with each other still apply. We are required to record and retain closed sessions minutes.

### **Communications Plan & Elevator Speech Draft**

Staff explained this draft plan is for both internal and external communications. Internal: In the future, software will be available to enable opting out of receiving e-mails. A FDSTF microsite will be embedded in the Enterprise Florida, Inc. website. External: For advocacy, the plan contains a suggested list of groups members may want to address, and a list of possible initiatives. The draft elevator speech is at the end. **Chairman David Goetsch** reinforced the importance of keeping the local communities connected with the Task Force.

Staff explained the elevator speech will be put together with a Powerpoint presentation and a leave behind handout for use by all Task Force members. He asked for feedback on the plan.

**Mr. J.R. McDonald** commented on the importance of being consistent with statistics that are released. Staff responded our normal source of reference is the HAAS study, based on 2008 data. There are also projections in the study. The study needs to be updated. **Mr. J.R. McDonald** suggested a list of RTQs – responses to (expected media) questions. Staff presented a draft of a "Florida's Military Installations" graphic map, created by Enterprise Florida, Inc. **Mr. J.R. McDonald** suggested the importance of highlighting the test ranges. **RAdm. Kevin Delaney** asked for clarification of "Defense and Homeland Security Establishments." Staff responded they represent clusters of businesses around the installations, and the legend will be updated. **Representative Matt Gaetz** suggested adding the benefits received by military families and veterans that are unique to Florida and make the case for enhanced missions.

**BGen. Chip Diehl** asked if there is an avenue for Commanders to send information to our team on the positive things happening at their installations. Staff responded we will work with the leadership to see if this can be included. To date, input from the Commanders has been to the Governor and Lt. Governor about issues the state can address.

**Chairman David Goetsch** asked **Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll** to brief the Task Force on her recent activities regarding military issues. **Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll** explained new legislation passed this session; the Base Commanders now have parity with other state agencies to have their information weighted equally with other input for comprehensive planning for growth management. She also discussed positive changes in professional



licensing for veterans and military spouses. She commented on recent meetings with high-ranking military officials in Washington, D.C. They recognize the work of the FDSTF, and the Florida Legislatures' support of the military. They stated Florida is the benchmark for the rest of the nation for supporting our military. She stressed the importance of Base Commanders looking at how they can modernize their installations to prepare to capture new missions. **Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll** also met with members of our Congressional delegation. We allocated additional money for REPI for Florida Forever. The military services have a significant focus on energy; in addition to mandatory cuts, we can do new and innovative things with energy to protect our bases. **Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll** also reported on progress in securing federal funding for improvements to MacDill, Tyndall, Eglin, Camp Blanding, Hurlburt and Homestead.

Staff explained the progress to date for the two Invitations to Negotiate - one for Advocacy and one for Research & Analysis for Florida's Military Missions and Installations. He provided guidance to the Task Force for evaluating the upcoming oral proposal presentations.

*The meeting was closed to the public at 10:00 AM EDT.*

## Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Conference Call on Monday, April 30, 2012.

The Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) held a publicly noticed conference call from 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM EDT.

### Task Force Members Present:

- Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Carroll
- Dr. David Goetsch, Okaloosa Economic Development Council
- Patt Maney, Okaloosa County Judge & Brigadier General AUS (ret.)
- J.R. McDonald, Lockheed Martin
- Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance
- RAdm. Kevin Delaney, USN (ret.)
- MGen. Joseph Taluto, USA (ret.)
- BGen. Chip Diehl, USAF (ret.)
- MGen. Emmett Titshaw, USAF

### Task Force Members Absent:

- Ritch Workman, State Representative
- Barbara Stewart, Highlands County Commissioner
- Dr. Ed Naggiar, USN (ret.)
- Matt Gaetz, State Representative

### Staff Present:

- Rocky McPherson, Director, Military and Defense Programs, Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- Bruce Grant, Executive Director, Florida Defense Support Task Force
- Michele Miller, Vice President, Administration, Enterprise Florida, Inc.

**This conference call was open to the public.**

**Conference Call Notice: See attachment**

*A quorum being present, Mr. Bruce Grant, FDSTF Director, began the conference call at 3:00 PM EDT.*

**Mr. Bruce Grant** commented all the Task Force members received an e-mail that morning, including a short executive summary on the modifications to the contracts. The second e-mail included the entire contract, for use as a reference. Mr. Rocky McPherson, Michelle Miller and others from Enterprise Florida, Inc. worked to ensure the contracts are what the Task Force needs to accomplish its mission. The Task Force, as the deciding authority, will vote on the contracts.

**Chairman David Goetsch** thanked the Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll and the Task Force Members for their time today, and the staff for outstanding staff work.

**Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll** made a motion to accept the contracts between the Florida Defense Task Force and Enterprise Florida, Inc. with The Principi Group and The Spectrum Group. **Judge Patt Maney** seconded the motion. **Chairman David Goetsch** opened the call for questions.

<b>RAdm. Kevin Delaney:</b>	No questions
<b>Judge Patt Maney:</b>	No questions
<b>Mr. J.R. McDonald:</b>	No questions
<b>MGen. Joseph Taluto:</b>	No questions
<b>MGen. Emmett Titshaw:</b>	No questions

**BGen. Chip Diehl** No questions

**Mr. Tom Neubauer:** Suggested in the citations, all reference to BRAC be removed, and refer to it as an era of defense downsizing. In the fourth "whereas" paragraph, the revised language would read "Whereas the Task Force has determined that in order to effectively address military mission retention and growth in an era of defense downsizing, information about Department of Defense strategies and any potential impact on Florida are critical for strategy and development." **Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll** modified her motion to include the modified language. **Judge Patt Maney** seconded the motion as modified. The Task Force voted unanimously to accept the motion as modified.

**Mr. Rocky McPherson** stated we have a vote of 9-0 as amended, moved by **Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll**, seconded by **Judge Patt Maney**, as amended by **Mr. Tom Neubauer's** recommendation in the fourth "whereas" paragraph. Both contracts were voted on together, and the paragraphs are the same in both contracts.

**Chairman David Goetsch** adjourned the conference call.

*The conference call was adjourned at 3:10 PM EDT.*

## Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting on Wednesday, May 16, 2012.

The Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) held a publicly noticed meeting at the Governor's Large Conference Room in the Capitol from 9:00 AM – noon EDT.

### Task Force Members Present:

Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Carroll  
Dr. David Goetsch, Chairman  
RAdm. Kevin Delaney, USN (ret.)  
BGen. Chip Diehl, USAF (ret.)  
Patt Maney, Okaloosa County Judge & Brigadier General AUS (ret.)  
J.R. McDonald, Lockheed Martin  
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance  
Barbara Stewart, Highlands County Commissioner  
MGen. Joseph Taluto, USA (ret.)

### Task Force Members Absent:

Matt Gaetz, State Representative  
Dr. Ed Naggiar, USN (ret.)  
MGen. Emmett Titshaw, USAF  
Ritch Workman, State Representative

### Other Attendees Present:

Elizabeth Fleming, Florida Senate Committee on Military Affairs, Space and Domestic Security  
The Florida Channel  
Sgt. Jackson Hanley, Department of Military Affairs  
Cheryl Kelvin, Florida Public Counsel Association  
John Konkus, Chief of Staff to the Lieutenant Governor  
Lt. Colonel Steve Murray, USAF (ret.), Department of Veterans Affairs  
Colonel Mike Prendergast, USA (ret.), Executive Director, Department of Veterans Affairs  
Beatriz Ramos, Special Assistant to the Lieutenant Governor  
Chief Bob Sanoti, Stoa Architects  
Chris Snow, Legislative Affairs, Space Florida  
Ted Spangenberg, Gulf Power  
Lt. Colonel Glenn Sutphin, USA (ret.) Department of Military Affairs  
Mary Thomas, Assistant General Counsel, Executive Office of the Governor

### Staff Present:

Rocky McPherson, Director, Military and Defense Programs, Enterprise Florida, Inc.  
Bruce Grant, Executive Director, Florida Defense Support Task Force  
Heather Cave, Program Manager, Military and Defense, Enterprise Florida, Inc.  
Donna Cucinella, Administrative Assistant, Enterprise Florida, Inc.  
Sharon Spratt, Legislative Affairs, Enterprise Florida, Inc.

**This meeting was open to the public.**

**Agenda: See attachment**

*A quorum being present, **Chairman David Goetsch**, FDSTF Chairman, began the meeting at 9:00 AM EDT.*

#### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

**Chairman David Goetsch** welcomed members and attendees to the fifth meeting of the

FDSTF. He led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Chairman Goetsch** reminded the TF members, under Sunshine Law, they are prohibited from discussing Task Force business outside the meeting. **Staff** gave details on completing Expense Reimbursement Forms. Task Force members and meeting attendees introduced themselves. He then reminded the Task Force of its mission as established by the Florida Legislature and guidance from the Governor and Lieutenant Governor to make Florida the most military friendly state in the United States.

**II. Old Business. Approval of April 18 Meeting Minutes and April 30 Conference Call Minutes**

*A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the April 18 open meeting minutes. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the April 18 closed meeting minutes. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the April 30 conference call meeting minutes.*

**Chairman Goetsch** called the Task Force's attention to Tabs 3 and 4 of the meeting packet, containing the advocacy contract and the research and analysis contract. Both consultant work plans were included. He asked the Task Force to review the materials for information. **Staff** mentioned they have been in weekly contact with both The Principi Group (TPG) and The Spectrum Group (TSG), and talk with them on a regular basis.

**Chairman Goetsch** asked the Task Force to look at Tab 5, which contains TSG's bi-weekly update. The statewide conference call for the local representatives coordinating visits for base assessments will take place on May 24, 2012. All Task Force members are invited to participate. **Lt. Governor Carroll** commented on a conversation she had with a representative of one of the local bases. The representative mentioned the base is doing a data call. Q: Is this from our request or from the service's request? A: **Staff**: I am not sure what they mean by a data call. The Army has a data call for some of their bases. We have not seen one for the Navy or Air Force, but we expect it will come. For our own base assessments, we will be asking for data involving all aspects of each facility. Q: **Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll**: I want to ensure the data they are collecting is what TPG will be able to capture. It is very important we get the data before the services get it, to ensure they have the correct numbers. Are we asking for the data, or are they doing this on their own? Where is the driver coming from? A: **Staff**: The driver right now for most bases is coming from our base assessments in Florida. Q: **MGen. Taluto**: What is the time of the May 24 conference call? A: **Staff**: 1400 EST. The intent of the call is to ensure all points of contact included in the packets are on board and know what to expect. They will have heard from TSG, and can ask questions.

Q: **BGen. Chip Diehl**: Will there be a Sunshine situation if three or four of us are on that call? A: **Mary Thomas**: Not as long as you don't give any responses, and just listen.

C: **Jim Breitenfeld**: In terms of the data calls, I believe we have been in touch with all the installations by now, for the purpose of scheduling the visits. Those will take place roughly between May 29 and June 20. As soon as the dates are set, we will get the information to the Task Force. A: **Staff**: General Diehl, in response to your request, the purpose of this meeting is not to discuss the issues; this is a coordination call for all the people doing liaison and setting up with the bases. We will not go into any of the content that will be covered at the base visit meetings. If the Task Force members are not talking to each other about problems, it will not be an issue. Q: **RAdm. Delaney**: It is in the Sunshine anyway, isn't it?

Anyone can call in. A: **Staff:** Yes. It is not a Task Force meeting; it is a TSG meeting, to organize their assessment effort.

**Chairman Goetsch** asked Staff to update the Task Force on the elevator speech/talking points. A PowerPoint presentation draft has been put together, and Staff is working with Enterprise Florida's marketing personnel to develop several options.

- III. New Business. Chairman Goetsch** asked **Lt. Governor Carroll** to make a few comments and an introduction. **Lt. Governor Carroll** explained she is the Chair of Space Florida. It is an independent special district that includes creative finance for space and aerospace industry companies coming into and expanding in Florida. It provides a connection between NASA, DOD and space-related activities in the state. Over the past 17 months, Space Florida has created high tech jobs throughout the state. NASA is going to commercialization. The launch complexes at Cape Canaveral are being modernized for commercial applications. Companies are hiring new university graduates and disabled veterans and spouses. A nonprofit entity, CASIS (Center for Advancement of Science in Space) has been developed. NASA has contracted with CASIS to manage the United States owned portion of the international space station for the next ten years. Florida's space contractor companies are able to capitalize on some of these activities. Jim Kuzma, a retired Navy Captain and formerly commander of NOTU (Naval Ordnance Testing Unit), has joined Space Florida as one of the top Space advisors. He will speak to us today about unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and systems (UAS). The FAA wants six test sites for the UAVs; Florida will be applying to be one of those sites. One advantage is that we have restricted air space. We are looking at partnering with another state and we are looking at the entire state as a test bed. Jim has been talking with all the players to see how we can capture the next wave of commercial application in the Space and Aerospace industries. There are many synergies between Space Florida and our military, but also a threat from the federal government with regard to the budget. Many of you have heard the term sequestration. In 1989, the Florida Air National Guard 114<sup>th</sup> Range Operation Squadron was developed to provide communication support to the 45<sup>th</sup> Space Wing at Patrick AFB for launches from the Cape. In the early nineties, they transitioned from range support to launch operations. This is unique to our country and to our state. We will not stop our launching at the Cape - we have DOD, NASA and commercial launches. We need our 114<sup>th</sup> Range Operation Squadron to continue. However, if the 114<sup>th</sup> goes away through sequestration and its effect, we will lose jobs and lose capabilities for not only our state, but for our nation. I would like to ask the Task Force to take this on board as an issue. The loss of this squadron and the mission would negatively impact the mission of Patrick AFB and the Cape Canaveral AFS, and eliminate vital expertise and equipment from our state's military capabilities. This is just one example of the current state of our federal budget as it relates to defense and negative impact with defense cuts and the impasse Congress will have. The Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization Act recently passed by the House Armed Services Committee vote of 56-5. Thank goodness for the work of Congressman Bill Young and the Florida Congressional delegation. This legislation provides some positives for Florida. However, we know we need the other arm – the Senate. While the U.S. House of Representatives is doing their work, the likelihood of a budget being passed this year is slim, considering the House and the Congress have not passed a budget in the last three years. This may lead to sequestration. This would put \$525 billion of the DOD budget in jeopardy, and would cost Florida millions of dollars and thousands of jobs. Sequestration is an unacceptable outcome for Florida and for America. According to the Center of Regional Analysis, Florida could lose \$2.3 billion in earnings, have a \$3.35 billion decrease in our gross state product, and lose over 14,000 military and civilian

jobs. . Our state will be taking a hard line, and will let our Congressional delegation know that sequestration is not an option for our state and our country. U.S. Representative Buck McKeon, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee and Paul Ryan, Chairman of the House Budget Committee, recently co-wrote, “Military crippling sequester must be stopped.” I propose this Task Force take the same stand, and tell our Congressional delegation and the President of the United States that our state and our nation cannot afford sequestration. They need to act. They need to pass a budget and they need to properly fund our military, our defense contractors, our commercial application and our Space industry as well, for the viability and for safety and security of our nation, as well as making sure that we can continue to have American exceptionalism in this industry, as well as protecting our borders and our country’s defense. At Space Florida, we are looking at new ways of doing business and new applications – particularly with our commercial partners – and how we can expand our launches. We are also looking at positioning ourselves to have more manufacturing capabilities, particularly for satellites. This will increase opportunities to have better technology, better advancements in science and medicine, and improve our overall way of life.

**Chairman Goetsch** thanked **Lt. Governor Carroll** for her report, and for the work that went into preparing it. He explained if a request comes up through one of the Task Force members, the Task Force will take it on as an issue. *He asked Staff to get the needed information on the 114<sup>th</sup> from the Florida National Guard, and to bring the issues of the 114<sup>th</sup> and sequestration before TPG.* Task Force members engaged in general conversation about sequestration.

**Chairman Goetsch** explained the Task Force will begin having two to three minute updates from Task Force members concerning bases in the geographical area(s) they represent.

**Tom Neubauer:** Eight hundred people will be moving to Tyndall AFB as the result of the consolidation of the Fighter Training Unit and an Operational F22 Squadron from Holloman AFB. The Fighter Wing will change from control by the Air Education Command Training Unit to the Air Combat Command in October. The movement of aircraft will begin in the first quarter of 2013 and end in the summer of 2013- with 22 airplanes on the ramp. This will make Tyndall the largest base in terms of the number of F22s in the Air Force. Our Navy base is also doing well, with the littoral combat ship production, and with the mine warfare and expeditionary warfare packages being developed at the NAPC.

**BGen. Chip Diehl:** Since our last meeting, Mike Prendergast, Executive Director, FDVA, visited with us, and we are excited about what he is doing with veterans and retirees. His efforts with veterans show why we are a military friendly state. Jim Kuzma came and shared his perspective on the Space Coast with us. We are constantly trying to interconnect. I would like to ask the Task Force to consider a few things. I propose that the Task Force visit the installation in Orlando. At MacDill, there are many educational initiatives for our military children and their families transitioning to new schools. There have been some positive developments. . See Tab 9 in your books on the Interstate Compact. Lastly, you are hearing about the new tanker, the basing and all the criteria. We have our finger on the pulse and we are engaged at MacDill; the state and the Task Force are engaged. *I would like to discuss with TPG how they can advocate with us to make that process successful for us.*

**Chairman Goetsch** encouraged the Task Force members to be sure to get with Staff on anything they want to get on Principi’s list. **Staff** commented TPG and TSG up both have the



Task Force's strategic plan, which includes the short term goals list. Everything that has been mentioned today is already on that list.

**MGen. Joseph Taluto:** With regards to NAS Key West, I reached out to Doug Bradshaw, and apparently he will not be the POC (point of contact).

**Staff:** There are at least three changes to local POCs. We will put out an update within a day or two.

**MGen. Joseph Taluto:** I have made contact with Captain Pat "Sparky" Lefevre at NAS Key West, and also contacted a friend who will be Chief of Staff at SOUTHCOM, Major General Joe DeCaro. Diana Gonzalez (Beacon Council) is doing terrific work. She mentioned they attended a public-public partnership seminar in California, hosted by the Monterey city manager. They are subsidizing facilities costs on installations by having commercial input there. This is reducing DOD costs on bases. They are inviting him here, and there will be more to follow on that. With regard to the Florida National Guard, is the Civil Support Team in jeopardy?

**Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll:** Yes.

**MGen. Joseph Taluto:** I happen to know New York and Florida both brought them on for homeland security, and now they are both in jeopardy. Lastly, I am involved with a non-profit group, Pathway to Business Success for Veterans. Mike Prendergast, Steve Murray and Heather Cave are helping out. These retired business executives have put up and are raising money for returning Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. It is for those veterans who live in Florida and want to start a business or improve their existing business. Several veterans have submitted applications. We will be giving \$40,000 to a veteran who has an escalator business. I thank everyone for the support we have gotten to publicize this. I will continue to send information on media events as this goes forward.

**J.R. McDonald:** We continue to deliver F-35s to Eglin AFB; we now have twelve, which makes Florida the largest owner of F-35s in the world. We continue flying operations almost daily, and have had zero noise complaints. Also, the Air Force Research Lab at Eglin AFB is beginning to explore public-private partnership opportunities, in a collaborative effort between the Air Force Research Lab, the state university system and Okaloosa County Schools, to advance the STEM program. The Lab is now reaching out to industry. There may be an opportunity for the state to make a small investment to leverage a lot of federal dollars for the effort there. ***I propose the Task Force invite someone from the effort there to the next Task Force meeting to describe what they are doing.*** It follows a very successful model at Wright Patterson in the Dayton-Columbus area.

**Chairman Goetsch:** When we first formed this Task Force, people from the northwestern part of the state with Pensacola, Hurlburt and Eglin were concerned about losing military presence. On a worry scale of one to ten, we were an eleven. We are probably a 9.5 now, because of the outstanding work being done by this Task Force, Jim Breitenfeld and the Defense Support Initiative of Okaloosa County, the Lieutenant Governor and the Congressional delegation. There are positive things being accomplished.

**RAdm. Delaney:** An all-day space forum was hosted at Cecil Field a month ago. Governor Carroll and Jim Kuzma were in attendance. It was an update of the potential of Cecil. The attendance was excellent and the all-day forum was well presented. One of the big issues is the potential of connecting the Space corridor at Cecil Field with the Space Coast, and getting the FAA and the appropriate government agencies to sign off on it. This will do good things for northeast Florida as well as the Space Coast. Secondly, we received the first of the P-8 aircraft at NAS Jacksonville; it is the only place in the world where P-8 training for

aircrews and maintenance can take place. That is a very stable anchor for northeast Florida. Lastly, NAS Jacksonville was awarded for the second consecutive year the Commander in Chief's Installation Excellence Award as the best place in the Navy.

**Chairman Goetsch:** Judge Maney, thank you for your leadership in bringing the bell of the USS Okaloosa back to Okaloosa County, where it belongs. You did an outstanding job.

**Judge Maney:** In the context of making Florida a military friendlier place, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed the Veterans' Treatment Intervention Act. Governor Carroll, thank you and thank the Governor for us. This will help as we deal with men and women who come back from deployments with difficulties handling their experiences.

**Commissioner Stewart:** With regard to the Avon Park Air Force Ranges, we have had some positive things occur recently. The Regional Planning Council just received a grant from the Office of Economic Adjustment for implementation of our Joint Land Use Study. They hired Buck MacLaughlin to head up the implementation process. He was recently the Commander at the Range. They will work with four counties impacted directly by the Range and three municipalities to develop changes to the comprehensive plans, land development, zoning and subdivision regulations, and the building code to obviously prevent encroachment issues. Secondly, they will work with these governmental entities to develop real estate disclosure mechanisms. Next, they will continue working with the Nature Conservancy for acquisition of conservation easements. Lastly, Buck will work on developing, with the Range, a plan to improve communication with the surrounding counties. Our continuing noise study should be completed by the end of this calendar year. Regarding \$2 million in REPI funds received in FY 2010/2011, I hope those conservation easements will be completed by the end of this calendar year. We continue reaching out to the elected officials. Senator Rubio's new District Director for our area will meet with the past and new Commanders, to tour the Range. He will also meet with a private contractor who does a great deal of environmental work. Funding for this area has recently been difficult, and we will brief him on its importance.

**Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll:** I want to give accolades to Debbie Keller. At Avon Park, we had a great opportunity last year to meet with land owners. When the state did not provide the money, Keller creatively informed our Washington folks of monies needed to guard, protect and buffer our ranges and bases.

**Commissioner Stewart:** With that grant, we are talking about between 1,400 and 1,500 acres.

**Tom Neubauer:** To add to my report, as part of the AFMC reorganization, Tyndall's Air Base Technologies Division was scheduled to close in October of this year. Approximately 250 jobs would go away. With the help of a Military Base Protection Grant, we were able to get an authorization passed that moves some of those components to another part of the base, and retain most of those jobs. This was a result of that grant, and the legislation we were able to pass. Also, the mission that is part of the move of jets from Holloman AFB – the 7<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron - has many of those guys deployed to the UAE; moving those families to Florida without the pilots was very tough, so we have been in discussions with Holloman. There seems to be a consensus we can move a delegation from our community to do briefings at Holloman. This adds to the defense friendly posture we have in our state. Also, both of our Senators have agreed to support the naming of a littoral combat ship the USS Panama City, because of the close work the Navy does with littoral combat. Our AF base will participate in a joint land use study, as our Navy base has already done

**Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll:** I wrote a letter in support, as well. Senator Nelson wrote a support letter to the Service, asking for the littoral combat ships to come to our state sooner. We want to move it from 2015 to 2014. *I also wrote a support letter to the Navy, with the same request. This may be something for TPG to champion on our behalf.*

**MGen. Joseph Taluto:** I have a question regarding the POC (points of contact). For the Coast Guard, we have one listing. What about the other Coast Guard stations? I know they are not a DOD entity, but we have items in our strategic plan regarding their issues.

**Staff:** We did not program in an assessment of each Coast Guard facility, but we do have the Coast Guard as an item TPG has on their radar. They are particularly looking at the Homeland Security budget, as that is where they are. The Coast Guard bases are not at risk in a BRAC type of event. ***We will get a Coast Guard point of contact, for anyone who has a Coast Guard facility.***

**J.R. McDonald:** There is also not an Army point of contact, which I found surprising.

**Jim Breitenfeld:** When we reach out to the communities to set up installation visits, we are requesting a list of tenant units to visit with. In the case of Eglin, we will include Navy, EOD, Army Ranger, and Army Special Forces. You will get the entire list of who is being visited. We welcome the opportunity of your saying, "What about . . . ?"

**Chairman Goetsch:** While in Washington, D.C. last week, I met with several local economic development organizations from across the country that see what this Task Force is doing. This Task Force is being viewed as the model – state, local and federal. An Air Force General commented, "I don't see how you get so much going, so fast." I commend all of you for what you are doing.

**Chairman Goetsch** introduced the presenters.

**Patrick Sheehan** with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, Energy Office made an energy presentation to the Task Force.

**Jim Kuzma** with Space Florida made a UAV presentation to the Task Force. He offered to help in any type of business development opportunity in any of the local areas represented by the Task Force members.

***Chairman Goetsch commented the Task Force will provide Mr. Kuzma's presentation to TPG.***

**Jim Kotlyn and Jeff Mason** with Visual Awareness Technologies made a presentation on rural training opportunities to the Task Force.

**Jim Breitenfeld** with the Okaloosa County Defense Support Initiative made a presentation on local funding augmentation. He presented a proposal, requesting a supplemental round of Defense Reinvestment Grants. The grants are a Florida program which funds local organizations that coordinate local support for Florida's military installations. The DOD is constantly evolving, and the impact on the communities is unpredictable. Under force restructuring in the Services, many changes are being made in advance of BRAC. The restructuring is not being done with the greatest transparency with very little notice to the communities, the state and other stakeholders. Within the next couple of weeks, the Okaloosa County Defense Support Initiative will get Defense Grant RFP requests. Notification of the awards will be made in July or August. We will be asked to predict what we see on the horizon for the 2012/2013 fiscal year. That will take us through September 30, 2013. It is impossible to predict the issues that will be on our plate. For example, the issue of the AFMC, which the Lt. Governor helped us with, was on no one's screen back when we looked forward; there were no local resources to address that issue. Opportunities and challenges will continue to bubble up in a way we will have to move quickly and have flexibility for the communities and the state to go forward. The request of the Task Force is to allocate \$1M under a Defense Reinvestment Grant supplemental grant program. There is

precedent for it, leading up to BRAC 2005. EFI and OTTED at the time (Office of Trade, Tourism and Economic Development) were able to cobble together dollars from unused grants and other sources, and put it into a supplemental DRG (Defense Reinvestment Grant) program. The package that was done for that was fairly simple -- it will not require the development of a whole new set of guidelines – we think there is a precedent there. It can be amended much more easily than having a new program authorized. We believe it fits in well with the legislation the Governor signed this year at the Base Commanders Meeting. It cleaned up the grant language and left us with three definable categories. The Okaloosa County Defense Support Initiative asks the Task Force to allocate \$1M for that purpose, and direct staff to put together the program to manage it. I am not speaking for the communities, but believe I have the support of the communities.

**Staff** reported on the Defense Grant Program – including Defense Reinvestment Grants (DRG) and Defense Infrastructure Grants (DIG) --for the current year. This year, the Legislature appropriated the same amount they have for this program for the last two years - \$850,000. That is normally allocated through a process where EFI asks the communities to give us their programs for community support at each major facility. We have a group of retired folks at FSU who rack prioritize those applications to allocate the funds appropriated for communities for community support each year. The amount is set – the appropriation is there. We completed the RFP process yesterday, and hope to release it this afternoon for this year's program – so there will be a program in place this year to do it. As things pop up, there may be a requirement for new resources. The Task Force has an allocation of funds that can be used for this type of need. The use for support of local communities is actually in Florida Statutes. The real issue is need and timing. ***I suggest the Task Force take the request aboard, but delay action until the EFI sees where we end up at the current grant cycle that will be released today.*** Because the Legislature met early this year, awards will be earlier than normal. By July at the latest, we will know what each community has been allocated. Then, as things happen we can identify supplemental requirements. We do not want to duplicate things the communities already have in their programs. If there are added things communities need funding for, the use of the existing DRG program is a good mechanism to do it. It will be administratively very easy to do.

**J.R. McDonald:** The Task Force would have some say in the release of those funds, then. We will not just one time agree to set this money aside, and then DRG will allocate it as required. We will have an opportunity to hear the requests, and vote on each individual pop up request. Is that correct?

**Staff:** That has not been established, but that kind of process can be put into place. The staff can develop that kind of process for you.

**J.R. McDonald:** If it is Task Force money that is being set aside, then I think the Task Force should have a vote every time it is being used somewhere.

**Chairman Goetsch:** Do you have sufficient information to prepare something that will come before this group in August?

**Staff:** Yes, sir.

**Chairman Goetsch:** The Governor made an excellent suggestion. It might be helpful for you to cite some examples of how the money you are about to release has been used by different communities, so people will understand what we are talking about. Can you do that?

**Jim Breitenfeld:** Yes, we have the records going back five years.

**Staff:** ***As part of the presentation in August, we can bring you a history of both grant programs, DRG and DIG.***

**Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll:** Right now, we are having a televised conversation on using the taxpayers' monies on projects that support our bases and installations. It is healthy to inform them on what, in the past, these dollars in the communities have gone to.

**Staff:** The DRG general allocation range for a community with a major military facility in their area is between \$75,000 and \$125,000. Those funds are used by the local communities to develop community programs that support those installations. They can also be used to do local studies on the impact of growth, and to support local efforts during visits to the Congressional delegation in Washington, D.C. There are also other types of uses. The DRG has proven to be a very credible program that has helped Jacksonville, Tyndall and Eglin, to name a few, with successes within the last year or two.

**Tom Neubauer:** I wonder if, for tactical reasons, the MBP (Military Base Protection Grant) would be the funnel for these kinds of funds. We have used the MBP for highly leveraged funds for direct jobs. It seems the one-time process, and doing supplementals with DRG funds, might be very difficult.

**Staff:** The key issue involved is the MBP appropriation. About four to five years ago, when state budgets were in relatively good shape, the MBP got an appropriation of approximately \$4million per year. The current appropriation is \$150,000, so the funds are not there. It is possible to moving money through the JLBC (Joint Legislative Budget Commission), if needed. We can have you bring your recommendations of pros and cons for either the DRG program or the MBP program.

**Tom Neubauer:** With pop-ups, I think the MBP process may be faster than the DRG process.

**Commissioner Stewart:** What about the DIG (Defense Infrastructure Grant)?

**Staff:** The DIG, a separate program, was not included in this proposal. It can be looked at, as well. The appropriation this year is \$1.5M, with a \$200,000 per project restriction. The FDA generally gives nine of those grants to various communities, for structural projects that help support a base. For example, we have helped with the water system that feeds into MacDill. We have also done some encroachment and roadway projects.

**Commissioner Stewart:** I believe different types of grants might be appropriate for different installations.

**Chairman Goetsch:** *We will have staff develop this (DRG, DIG, and MBP) and bring it before the Task Force.*

**Jim Breitenfeld:** I remind you, The Spectrum-Principi report is due in August. It will contain community and base strengths and vulnerabilities. None of us in the communities will have budgeted for the vulnerabilities the Task Force will see at that point. That is when you may see communities coming back and saying they did not know, and will have to wait until next May to support those issues. I appreciate the willingness of the Task Force to consider it.

**Chairman Goetsch:** *The Task Force asks the staff to look at this for maximum flexibility and quick response on whatever those issues may be.*

**MGen. Joseph Taluto:** What is the basic difference between the MBP (Military Base Protection Grant) and the DRG (Defense Reinvestment Grant)?

**Staff:** The DRG (Defense Reinvestment Grant) is for use by local communities in supporting their efforts to support the base. The MBP (Military Base Protection Grant) is a very general and flexible program. For example, Okaloosa County has a request to do work on their



incubator facility. They do business incubation, and need to make some improvements. They need a small amount of money to bring it up to standard, to bring in other businesses. The MBP program is designed to give flexibility for emerging issues.

**Chairman Goetsch:** So, we will have a proposal before the Task Force in August.

**BGen. Chip Diehl:** What the Task Force is doing here shows our proactive nature. We are leaning way far ahead, except as was brought up in the Governor's initial presentation, regarding the threats we don't know. I am looking at two of them in this Strategic Basing -- The Tactical Air Control Parting Candidate Base Briefing, talking about Hurlburt may be going to Keesler or Lackland. Can we ask the staff to flesh out the process, and give an update in June to see how it is going? Are we getting there, or are we not? According to this briefing, their decisions are being made this summer. The new tanker decision is happening this summer. Some of the threats may be popping up faster than we expect, so the great opportunity we're talking about may happen sooner . . . the timing may be faster than we think. For the new tanker, what they are asking for in their criteria is different from what we were talking about with Principi in BRAC. Do we want to ask Principi to take these criteria and analyze MacDill? It may take some additional resources. We have to get ahead of it, and talk to our delegation and our Governor. Can we just get updates along the way, so we can say we will enact this as soon as we possibly can, and how we will do it?

**Staff:** *Staff will be getting updates from TSG every two weeks, as the base assessments go forward, and will transmit them to the Task Force.* Staff talks with TSG and TPG weekly. The Task Force can have TPG present their advocacy efforts in person at any of the Task Force meetings, or we can ask for interim reports as we go.

**BGen. Chip Diehl:** The point I am making is regarding getting the supplemental monies. I would like to be able to do it, with the support of the Task Force, sooner rather than later.

**Staff:** We do not need additional dollars to ask TPG to take that task, as it is already in our strategic plan. Also, the existing grants from the Defense Grants Program are in place from last year; many of those communities still have dollars they can use. There is a new grant cycle starting, so it will be back to back. If we hear of a need for additional resources, the MBP program has the ability to do that now.

**Chairman Goetsch** explained the Task Force is required in Florida statute to submit an annual report. The law creating the Task Force was passed July 1, 2011, but the Task Force did not effectively start until January 2012. From this point forward, staff will submit a full year annual report every February 1. He asked the Task Force members to review the report.

**Staff** explained the report includes a work plan, required by statute; the report gives a composite look at everything that has happened in the first four months of the Task Force.

**Lt. Governor Carroll** recommended the report contain a forwarding letter, explaining the report is not for a full year since the Task Force did not get started until January. This will ensure any future review of the report will be fully transparent. **BGen. Chip Diehl** suggested the document include a report of financial expenditures. **Staff** responded the contracts for advocacy and research and analysis were signed on May 1, within the reporting period, and can be added in. In the future, a standardized financial report for all the funds will be presented at every Task Force meeting. *A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the annual report.*

#### IV. Public Comment

**Ms. Deborah Keller** with The Nature Conservancy described the mission, history and work of the organization. She explained the organization's relationship with the military. The Governor's Base Commanders Meeting has proven encroachment is one of the most egregious concerns. The Nature Conservancy is trying to avoid areas of conflict with local residents, and to maintain compatibility with military operations. The military needs corridors

of protected areas to maintain their operations. The Conservancy works to protect conservation areas and buffers surrounding the bases. There are currently opportunities within the Federal government pertaining to sustaining the military missions in Florida. The REPI program (Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative), started in 2005, was designed to partner with conservation opportunities to buffer military bases. Since then, REPI has expended \$12,051,000 in the state of Florida. The Navy and Army have contributed \$5.5M to various projects. That money has been matched with approximately \$70M by the state of Florida. These are expended funds. Currently, there is \$25M of obligated funds. Decisions are currently being made that could bring billions of dollars to the state of Florida to protect bases and military missions, and everything that revolves around why Florida is a great place. Sign-on letters are attached to the handout of legislation currently before Congress. Corporate money from BP will be coming to the state to protect the Gulf of Mexico. Ms. Keller asked the Task Force to consider writing letters to the Florida delegation, supporting these pieces of legislation. Congressman Southerland is on the committee looking at the House and Senate versions of the bills. The Gulf Regional Airspace Initiative has been looking at the airspace above Eglin AFB. They are looking at possible solutions to the problems. The Nature Conservancy is working with the Initiative on solutions. What is needed is support from the communities and from the state to bring the dollars to Florida. Also, a new interim work plan has been developed for the Florida Forever program. Many of the projects buffer military bases, and the program needs the support of the Task Force. Ms. Keller requested the information on the federal legislation be given to TPG. She offered a briefing from The Nature Conservancy on the federal program. The early money that came from BP (NRDA – Natural Resources Defense Act) has a process to nominate areas to be protected. One of the areas nominated by The Nature Conservancy is located on Eglin AFB proper, and another is under Tyndall's military operating area. The Nature Conservancy is working in cooperation with the military at every level possible. We urge this Task Force to consider these options put before you.

**Chairman Goetsch:** We will take your request under advisement as a Task Force.

**Mr. Joe Marino** with the Florida League of Defense Contractors (FLDC)

**Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll** commended Mr. Marino for his work in getting a mapping of all the defense contractors in the state. Last year, the Lt. Governor met with defense contractors to explore ways to acquire more contracts. The information provided by Mr. Marino has expanded and grown the contractors across the state.

**Mr. Marino** explained defense contractors are becoming increasingly involved with the state of Florida. Three members of the FLDC board of directors, along with several member companies, are present in today's Task Force meeting. Until recently, most of defense contractor business has been focused on the federal government. Currently, total defense economic impact in the state rivals tourism and agriculture. FLDC advocates for defense businesses at the state level, and educates the public on the importance of defense to the state. FLDC's e-mail list numbers 500, with only 20% of them FLDC members or staff. The other 80% are public officials or members of the public, hungry to know about Florida's defense economy. In addition, FLDC has 500 followers on Facebook, most of whom are the general public. Florida has an opportunity to showcase itself as a defense friendly state to defense employees nationwide and skilled workers in other states. FLDC is currently working with partner associations to develop ideas to present to the Task Force in the near future. The association's website is fl-dc.org.

**Chairman Goetsch:** The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for June 27\* In Tallahassee. The Lt. Governor will be out of the country, and has graciously suggested the Task Force proceed with the meeting. There will be no meeting in July, and the Task Force will meet again on August 22\*. **Chairman Goetsch** and **Staff** have been discussing the idea of having some meetings in Orlando. ***Lt. Governor Carroll commented the August meeting would be an opportunity to visit Modeling and Simulation in Orlando.*** The Task Force agreed



on the value of meeting in Orlando more than once during the year. **Lt. Governor Carroll** commented we have 20 military installations in the state, and it would be healthy for the Task Force members to visit installations to see the great things they are doing for our economy, our national security and missions. She suggested all options be open for where the members feel they need to go. As more threats are reported back by TSG, members may want to see those sites firsthand, to determine the mission of the Task Force moving forward to support those bases. **Chairman Goetsch:** Please begin thinking about this suggestion. **Lt. Governor Carroll:** *Perhaps the Task Force can visit the Cape in August, to look at the modernization and commercial space vehicle work. Chairman Goetsch: Staff will begin work on this.*

\*Dates changed after this meeting.

**Chairman Goetsch:** The way the Task Force was established in law, the Senate and House alternate on who will be the Chair. The next Chair, effective July 1, will be Representative Ritch Workman. Something we could do as a Task Force, that is not in the law, is to have a TF Vice Chair. There will be times Representative Workman will be unable to attend meetings. I am asking the Task Force members to consider this; I would like to have a motion in June that we have a Vice Chair. I recommend the designated Chair have some input on who the Vice Chair will be. **Lt. Governor Carroll:** *Can we get a legal opinion on how we can go forward with that process? Since the legislation did not address a Vice Chair, do we need to get something written from the Legislature on how to proceed? Chairman Goetsch: Mary Thomas will take care of that.*

**Judge Patt Maney:** Where are we with the strategic basing that Chip (BGen. Chip Diehl) brought up? **Staff:** The Air Force released the information on strategic basing publicly on Monday; TPG had it in Washington the same time staff got it. General Diehl has it electronically, and it is on the list of short term action items. **Judge Patt Maney:** What about the tanker and the Hurlburt issue? **Staff:** The Hurlburt issue is a little different, and staff will give it to TPG to look at, and see where the Task Force wants to go with it. The Tampa Defense Alliance has a visit planned to Washington on June 6, where TPG will be linked with them, to ensure there is a support option available. **Chairman Goetsch:** Jim (Breitenfeld), is our DSI (Defense Support Initiative) doing anything with the Hurlburt issue? **Mr. Jim Breitenfeld:** The DSI will be meeting with Hurlburt leadership on Friday. **BGen. Chip Diehl:** Things are beginning to come together, there is support from the Task Force, and Congresswoman Castor has a conference call this afternoon, to continue the momentum in Tampa. The Tampa Defense Alliance will continue to work with staff to ensure the Governor and the Task Force are kept informed. We will work with Jim (Breitenfeld) and TPG to ensure they have these criteria. This way, when they do an analysis of MacDill, it will be apples to apples.

*The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 EDT.*

## Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting on Wednesday, June 27, 2012

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting in Morris Hall, House Office Building, Tallahassee from 9:00 AM – Noon EST.

### Task Force Members Present:

Dr. David Goetsch, Chairman  
BGen. Chip Diehl, USAF (ret.)  
Matt Gaetz, State Representative  
Patt Maney, Okaloosa County Judge & Brigadier General, AUS (ret.)  
J.R. McDonald, Lockheed Martin  
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance  
Ritch Workman, State Representative

### Task Force Members Present via Phone:

RAdm. Kevin Delaney, USN (ret.)  
Dr. Ed Naggiar, USN (ret.)  
Barbara Stewart, Highlands County Commissioner  
MGen. Joseph Taluto, USA (ret.)

### Other Present via Phone:

Susan Grandon, Preservation Law Group

### Task Force Member Absent:

Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll

### Speakers Present:

Charles Battaglia, The Principi Group, LLC  
Tom Byron, Department of Transportation  
MGen. Mike Jones, USA (ret.), The Spectrum Group, LLC  
Dr. Rod Lewis, UWF  
Mollie Palmer, Department of Environmental Protection  
Col. Mark Simpson, USAF (ret.), the Doolittle Institute

### Staff Present:

Rocky McPherson, Director, Military and Defense Programs, Enterprise Florida, Inc.  
Bruce Grant, Staff Director, Florida Defense Support Task Force, Enterprise Florida, Inc.  
Heather Cave, Program Manager, Military and Defense, Enterprise Florida, Inc.  
Donna Cucinella, Administrative Assistant, Florida Defense Support Task Force, Enterprise Florida, Inc.

The meeting was open to the public.

Agenda:

**Florida Defense Support Task Force  
Morris Hall, Basement of the House Office Building  
The Capitol, Tallahassee, FL 32399**

**Agenda -- Meeting #6**

**Wednesday - June 27, 2012**

**0900 - 1400**

0900 – 0905	Welcome/Introductions Pledge of Allegiance	Chairman Goetsch
0905 - 0930	Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Approval of May 16 meeting minutes</li><li>- Talking points/marketing materials update</li><li>- Budget update</li><li>- Local funding augmentation</li></ul>	Bruce Grant Bruce Grant Heather Cave
0930 – 1130	New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- TF member reports</li><li>- Spectrum &amp; Principi Group updates</li><li>- Dept. of Environmental Protection: Encroachment</li><li>- Dept. of Transportation</li><li>- Haas Study authorization</li><li>- The Doolittle Institute</li></ul>	TF Members MGen. Mike Jones, USA (ret.) Charles Battaglia Mollie Palmer  Tom Byron Dr. Rod Lewis, UWF Col. Mark Simpson, USAF(ret.)
1130 -- 1200	Public Comment	Chairman Goetsch
1200 – 1245	Lunch at the Capitol Cafeteria (Individually)	
1245 – 1400	CLOSED SESSION: Discussion of installation assessments -- Exempt from Sunshine Law per F.S. 288.985	
1400	Next Meetings: Wednesday, August 22, 2012, -- Tallahassee Wednesday, September 19, 2012 --- TBD Changing of the Chair/ Adjourn	

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A quorum being present, **Dr. David Goetsch**, FDSTF Chairman, began the meeting at 9:00 AM EST.

**I. Agenda Item I: Welcome & Introductions**

**Chairman David Goetsch** welcomed members and attendees to the sixth meeting of the FDSTF. He led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. Staff commented there are guests from The Spectrum Group (TSG), The Principi Group (TPG) and several state agencies, who will be introduced as the meeting progresses.

**II. Agenda Item II: Old Business**

**Chairman David Goetsch** reminded the TF members, under Sunshine Law, they are prohibited from discussing Task Force business outside the meeting. **Staff** described updates to the "Florida's Military Profile" marketing piece, and requested comments, edits and suggestions from the Task Force members. **Staff** thanked the Enterprise Florida, Inc. marketing personnel for their work on the piece. **Staff** then provided a budget update and review. **Staff** presented information on the Defense Grants Program, including examples of the use of grants, an overview of the funding levels and recommendations for supplementation. **Representative Matt Gaetz** recommended the Task Force develop a legislative agenda prior to November. **Representative Ritch Workman** recommended the Task Force show the results of receiving last year's money, and clearly define and justify the budget requests for the upcoming year. **Chairman David Goetsch** recognized the four Task Force members present via phone.

**BGen. Chip Diehl** commented on the importance of the Task Force supporting the legislative process regarding increasing grant dollars.

**III. Agenda Item III: New Business**

**Task Force Member Reports**

**Chairman David Goetsch** asked Task Force members to give reports on their local communities.

**BGen. Chip Diehl** applauded the work of the Task Force, TPG and TSG. TSG's visits to MacDill AFB have been uplifting and educational, and he looks forward to their recommendations.

**Mr. J.R. McDonald** was happy to host TPG and TSG at Eglin AFB and Hurlburt Field. In Okaloosa County, the disestablishment of the Air Armament Command (AAC) is being closely watched.

**Mr. Tom Neubauer:** The movement of the F-22 Fighter Squadron from Holloman AFB in New Mexico is on schedule. The key factor for Tyndall AFB is the availability of MILCON funds for key projects, a low observable facility for the F-22 decoding, and expansion of a deployment center. Both projects are on track. TSG visited NSA Panama City and Tyndall AFB. The value of the defense organizations and economic development groups in the community were highlighted. This has been very uplifting to the community. The littoral combat ships that are under construction have a connection to NSA Panama City with mine and littoral warfare. The Congressional delegation has been asked to recommend to the Secretary of the Navy that one of the ships be named "USS Panama City."

**Representative Matt Gaetz:** General Merchant at Eglin AFB was encouraged by the quality of the individuals who have been retained for data review and advocacy.

**RAdm. Kevin Delaney:** The P-8 progress continues. The second plane is due shortly, and the Navy will do all the training in Jacksonville. Major runway repair will take place next year. The Mayport 2012 base loading includes 16 ships. Last month, the Secretary of the Navy announced he will accelerate the movement of the Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) to NS Mayport next year. That will bring over 5,200 jobs. The projection for 2020 is a total of 20

ships at NS Mayport. There are buffering opportunities at Mayport Village. Pinecastle Range is southwest of Jacksonville, and work is being done with Putnam County on their comprehensive plan. The submarine base at Kings Bay has a large economic impact on Jacksonville; work is being done to resolve encroachment issues on prohibited air space there. The Commander at NSA Orlando is working on a space deficit situation at the training/simulation facility. NAS Key West comprehensive plan compliance is an issue; aircraft noise is the chief concern. There is a draft Environmental Impact Study (EIS) out with four alternatives. In Panama City, there is some Barefoot Palms property available - a search is underway for a land buffering partner. In Pensacola, the county and staff attorney are putting together a six month moratorium to hold off rezoning requests. Lastly, NAS Whiting had ongoing real estate actions at Barin and Silverhill outlying fields. They are transitioning to the new T-6 trainer, which requires runway extensions. Whiting Field is recognized as the national model for community outreach, cooperation and encroachment prevention.

**Dr. Ed Naggiar:** Although I have been out of the state, I went to the Navy base last week; a Marine Corps ground vehicle simulation is taking place on the base.

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart:** The Avon Park Range is completing a Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative (REPI) application package for FY 2013. Polk County and Highlands County are submitting Defense Infrastructure Grants (DIG) applications for encroachment grants. Polk County has prepared amendments to its comprehensive plan regarding military compatibility. Okochobee County and Osceola County remain. Another issue is certification of the runway at the Range. The Avon Park Air Force Range airfield runway is long and wide enough to accommodate fighter aircraft. In 2007, it was closed due to outdated infrastructure, the majority of which has been brought up to standard. Waivers have been submitted to Headquarters, Air Combat Command (ACC), for the items not yet repaired. Colonel Billy Thompson, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Wing Commander, recently signed an operations plan supporting full activation of the runway. The waivers need to be signed by ACC, and a safety inspection needs to be conducted. Over the last few years, there has been significant resistance by ACC; they appear to be reluctant to make a long term financial commitment to support another runway. Finances are needed to continue operation and maintenance (O&M) into the future. This may be an issue for the Task Force to consider supporting. A certified runway would enhance the range's value to the other military missions in Florida, as well as units across the country. I request staff look into this further, to see what the Task Force can do to support the certification.

**Chairman David Goetsch:** Does anyone on the Task Force see a reason not to look into this?

**BGen. Chip Diehl:** I see value, as Avon Park is crucial for the long-term future. Can we show our support before the TPG and TSG reports are due in August?

**Chairman David Goetsch:** Can the Commander be invited to speak at our next Task Force meeting, to explain how we can help?

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart:** I am concerned, because we are not meeting in July. Staff could contact Colonel Neidhart at the base.

**Chairman David Goetsch:** The Task Force will turn this over to staff. They will be in touch with you on this.

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart:** Perhaps TSG and TPG can identify the decision makers, and who might have an entree to these decision makers.

**MGen. Joseph Taluto:** I will be meeting with some of the community leaders in south Florida, and have been talking with Diana Gonzalez. I will be meeting with defense

contractors in Key West later in the summer. Will the elevator speech and Power Point presentation be ready later this week?

**Staff:** The presentation with the map and talking points is immediately available. Staff can get you a Power Point presentation that will mirror it.

#### **The Spectrum Group (TSG) Update**

**MGen. Mike Jones** presented an update on the status of the research and analysis project. *Presentation attached.*

#### **The Principi Group (TPG) Update**

**Mr. Charles Battaglia** reported on meetings between TPG and Florida Congressional delegation members, Congressional staff members and members of the Department of Defense (DOD). The purpose is to let them know who TPG is and why they are there. Mr. Principi is well known, as the former Secretary of Veterans Affairs and 2005 BRAC Commission Chairman. TPG will also be working with the Congress. The Congress sets the installation closure criteria, and TPG wants to have an influence there. As a member of the BRAC commission, I had concerns about the DOD providing data to support a closure. In many cases, there were no cost savings whatsoever. Secretary Rumsfeld wanted to reorganize the Defense Department. If there is another BRAC, DOD wants to emphasize the cost savings of closing a base. As the TSG team works toward concluding their research and analysis (R&A) report, TPG shifts into high gear to leverage Florida's representatives in Congress, you the Task Force members and the local community to play a role. TPG will ensure it is synchronized. After the Task Force receives the R&A report, TPG will present our engagement plan for advocacy. There will then be 20 months on the TPG contract to move ahead.

#### **Department of Transportation (DOT) Presentation**

**Mr. Tom Byron**, DOT, gave a brief on how military installations fit into the process of the way DOT conducts business.

*Presentation attached.*

**Representative Matt Gaetz:** DOT needs to be closely involved in the SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities & threats) analysis TSG and TPG will do; DOT has indicated they are interested in modifying their work plans. If there are mission oriented infrastructure and transportation assets, they need to be highlighted.

**Mr. J.R. McDonald:** BRAC is not only about losing missions, but about gaining missions. If TPG can identify opportunities of gaining a mission, the Task Force may need DOT's help.

#### **Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Presentation**

**Ms. Molly Palmer**, DEP, gave a presentation on the department's encroachment support of Florida's military installations. Encroachment is the number one concern of installation commanders. To date, DEP has acquired approximately 37,000 acres that conserve natural resources and buffer bases. DEP cannot acquire non-conservation lands under the Florida Forever program. There is no focused program or sufficient funding source to acquire non-conservation buffer lands. Staff has asked TSG to identify non-conservation lands around installations. Priorities will be set, once the encroachment risks are identified. DEP can then work to develop suggestions to address the needs. DEP welcomes recommendations by the Task Force.

**Dr. Rod Lewis** with the University of West Florida HAAS Center proposed an update of the Florida Defense Fact Book and the state and regional analysis. He proposed as an addition, the creation of an interactive website, in response to comments received indicating accessibility to the information does not meet expectations. A written proposal has been submitted to the Task Force staff.



**Staff:** The study and resultant factbook have been updated semiannually in the past, using Military Base Protection (MBP) funds. There is a shortage of those funds. It seems the Task Force resources are the best available option. Staff recommends the Task Force take on the project, with annual updates. This has been discussed with Lt. Governor Carroll, who supports an annual update.

**Judge Patt Maney:** How does this complement or duplicate what for this year the Task Force has asked TPG and TSG to do, and will the delivery date of January 2013 be helpful?

**Staff:** This is an analysis of the economic impact of the military and the defense industry on the state. It is beyond the base assessments TSG is doing. It gives the big picture of the state's entire defense industry. The timing is intentional for use with the Florida Legislature, which meets March to May of 2013. The results can be part of the package for marketing Florida, but are not critical for issues in Washington, D.C.

**BGen. Chip Diehl:** How can the Task Force work with the HAAS Center from a state perspective to coordinate with the local perspective, so there is closer consistency in the modeling? As TSG and TPG came through Tampa, the Wing shared their assessment of the economic impact, and the Tampa Bay Partnership shared their assessment. For example, the base will say \$5 billion, and the Tampa Bay Partnership will say \$15 - \$20 billion. How does the HAAS Center define the scope?

**Dr. Rod Lewis:** I think the key difference between the HAAS Center and the military bases is the HAAS Center adds elements the bases do not take into account - procurement flows and transfer payments to veterans and retirees. Procurement is one of the highest impact flows.

**Staff:** Having one institution doing it, rather than relying on individual cities and counties, provides a common data base and set of values across the entire state.

**BGen. Chip Diehl:** I suggest if HAAS Center personnel are in Tampa, the local community team together with the Center.

***A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the HAAS Center project.***

**Representative Matt Gaetz** and **Representative Ritch Workman** did not vote.

#### **The Doolittle Institute Presentation**

**Col. Mark Simpson** gave a presentation on The Doolittle Institute. Colonel Simpson asked the Task Force for advocacy at the state level for funding. He invited the Task Force to ask questions.

***Presentation attached.***

**Mr. J.R. McDonald:** One of the most difficult decisions for companies in the aerospace industry is where Research & Development (R&D) dollars should go. This is an opportunity to use a small amount of state seed money to leverage federal and industry investment dollars. We in the industry are excited about this.

**Representative Matt Gaetz:** What is the initial downstroke from the state or Task Force to leverage federal dollars? What is the match ratio?

**Colonel Mark Simpson:** There is no set ratio. The state of Ohio put up in increments over two to three years between \$500,000 and \$1 million. The federal government put up \$950,000. In the neighborhood of \$100,000 probably would show the Air Force the state has put their foot forward for support.



**Representative Matt Gaetz:** This is precisely the type of project the Legislature envisioned when they added \$2 million in funding to this Task Force. Is there a time frame where, if dollars are not allocated, the Task Force misses a window? Does the Doolittle Institute need the money before the agreement, or vice versa?

**Colonel Mark Simpson:** The Partnership Intermediary Agreement (PIA) between Doolittle and the Air Force will be for FY 2013. The Institute expects to have a signed agreement by the end of December 2012, so the agreement will be in place for the typical Defense drop of money that takes place in the Spring. The Institute will have an FY 2013 agreement for FY 2013 money. I do not have a definitive answer to say the money must be in FY 2012 as opposed to FY 2013. I need to be able to tell the Air Force there is interest at the state/local level, and there is funding coming.

**Representative Matt Gaetz:** I would defer to the industry and R&D folks on the Task Force. This is something to have staff look into prior to our next few meetings.

**BGen. Chip Diehl:** Can we study this? USF is doing the same thing, and General Baptiste in Orlando is doing the same thing with UCF. I think it is a great program, but I think we need to look at it.

**Chairman David Goetsch:** Colonel Simpson, the way the Task Force works is the staff will work with you to get a definitive proposal. It could be brought before the Task Force at the August meeting.

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

**Mr. Jim Breitenfeld** with the Okaloosa County Defense Support Initiative asked questions regarding the augmentation of grant funds. He asked about the timeline for the implementation of the funds, as local economic development councils are currently working with their counties and cities on their budgets. If the opportunity for those funds is available, where will it fall in the timeline?

**Staff:** First, the TSG report will include an assessment of risk that will be the basis for communities to define whether or not they need additional resources. Secondly, the current year appropriations need to be considered. EFI has applications for the entire \$850,000 in Defense Reinvestment Grant (DRG) dollars that are appropriated for this year. Those applications are with the judges now. Once EFI approves the DRG awards, the communities will know what they will receive through the normal process. Then, added needs can be defined.

**Mr. Jim Breitenfeld:** So, if things fall in sequence, the time frame would be early Fall.

**Staff:** Yes.

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart:** As part of the staff review of the Doolittle presentation, could staff identify other entities that do similar things that might be worthy of funding?

**Chairman David Goetsch:** Yes.

*The meeting adjourned for lunch and reconvened at noon. The balance of the meeting was closed to the public. Meeting minutes for the closed session are in a separate document.*

### Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting on Wednesday, August 22, 2012

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

State Representative Ritch Workman, Chairman  
RAdm. Kevin Delaney, USN (ret.)  
Dr. David Goetsch  
Matt Gaetz, State Representative  
Patt Maney, Okaloosa County Judge & Brigadier General, AUS (ret.)  
Dr. Ed Naggiar, USN (ret.)  
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance  
Barbara Stewart, Highlands County Commissioner  
MGen. Joseph Taluto, USA (ret.)

#### **Task Force Members Present via Phone:**

Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll

#### **Task Force Member Absent:**

BGen. Chip Diehl, USAF (ret.)  
J.R. McDonald, Lockheed Martin  
MGen. Emmett Titshaw, USAF, the Adjutant General of Florida

#### **Speakers Present:**

Colonel Pat Flynn, USA (ret.), Chairman, Florida Defense Alliance  
MGen. Mike Jones, USA (ret.), The Spectrum Group, LLC  
Charles Battaglia, The Principi Group, LLC  
Col. Mark Simpson, USAF (ret.), The Doolittle Institute

#### **Staff Present:**

Al Latimer, SVP, External Affairs and Investor Relations, Enterprise Florida, Inc.  
Rocky McPherson, Director, Military and Defense Programs, Enterprise Florida, Inc.  
Bruce Grant, Staff Director, Florida Defense Support Task Force, Enterprise Florida, Inc.  
Heather Cave, Program Manager, Military and Defense, Enterprise Florida, Inc.  
Donna Cucinella, Administrative Assistant, Florida Defense Support Task Force, Enterprise Florida, Inc.  
Sharon Spratt, Manager, Legislative, Communications & Special Projects, Enterprise Florida, Inc.

The meeting was open to the public.

Agenda:

# Florida Defense Support Task Force

Morris Hall, Basement of the House Office Building  
The Capitol, Tallahassee, FL 32399

## Agenda -- Meeting #7

### Wednesday - August 22, 2012

#### 0900 - 1500

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| 0900 – 0905 | Welcome/Introductions<br>Pledge of Allegiance  | Chairman Workman  |
| 0905 - 0930 | Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Approval of June 27 meeting minutes</li><li>- Vice Chair designation</li><li>- New Military Installation Map &amp; Briefing</li><li>- Web site update / Budget update/Haas contract</li><li>- Doolittle Institute Proposal<br/>USAF (ret)</li></ul> | Bruce Grant<br>Bruce Grant<br>Mark Simpson, COL,                          |
| 0930 – 1030 | New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Lt. Gov. remarks</li><li>- TF member reports</li><li>- Association of Defense Communities Conf. Rpt.</li><li>- The Spectrum Group Update</li><li>- The Principi Group Update</li></ul>  | TF Members<br>Pat Flynn<br>Mike Jones, MG, USA (ret)<br>Charles Battaglia |
| 1030 - 1100 | Public Comment   | Chairman Workman  |
| 1100 - 1200 | Lunch at the Capitol Cafeteria (Individually)  |   |
| 1200 – 1500 | CLOSED SESSION: Discussion of installation assessments:<br>The Spectrum Group draft report -- Exempt from Sunshine Law per F.S.<br>288.985   |   |
| 1500        | Next Meetings:<br>Wednesday, September 19, 2012 – Orlando – Orlando Hyatt Airport<br>Wednesday, October 17, 2012 --- Destin<br>Wednesday, November 14, 2012 – Tallahassee<br>Wednesday, December 12, 2012 -- Tallahassee   |   |
- Adjourn

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A quorum being present, **Representative Ritch Workman**, FDSTF Chairman, began the meeting at 9:00 AM EST.

**I. Agenda Item I: Welcome & Introductions**

**Chairman Workman** welcomed members and attendees to the seventh meeting of the FDSTF. He led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Agenda Item II: Old Business**

**Chairman Workman** reminded the TF members that under the Sunshine Law, they are prohibited from discussing Task Force business outside the meeting.

**A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously by the Task Force to approve the June 27 meeting minutes with corrections.**

**A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously by the Task Force to create a Vice Chairman position.**

**A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously by the Task Force to nominate Dr. David Goetsch as Vice Chairman. Dr. Goetsch accepted the nomination.**

Staff provided an update on the new military installation map and marketing briefing.

Staff provided an update on the new Task Force website. The website address is <http://www.eflorida.com/fdstf/about.html>.

Staff provided an update on the Task Force budget and the contract to update the 2011 HAAS Center 'Florida Defense Industry Economic Impact Analysis', which will include an update of the Florida Defense Factbook.

**Col. Mark Simpson, USAF (ret.)** with the Doolittle Institute provided an update on his June 27 presentation, and on a grant proposal with Enterprise Florida, Inc. Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll recommended development and implementation of a standard open system procedure and application for all allocations of Task Force grant dollars. Staff commented all contracts are approved by the Enterprise Florida, Inc. contract system. Task Force members expressed concern about details of where money would be spent. Staff assured the Task Force Enterprise Florida, Inc. requires documented performance before making payment. Further discussion on the Doolittle Institute proposal will be deferred to future Task Force meetings.

**A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously by the Task Force for Staff to develop an application process for grants that would include requests for proposed accountability matrices for any entity that would seek a grant, a description of the goals and mission of the entity, and a justification of how those goals fit within the mission of the Task Force.**

**III. Agenda Item III: New Business**

**Lt. Governor Remarks**

**Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll** welcomed Representative Workman to the chairmanship of the Task Force. She commented on her recent visit with Air Force Assistant Secretary Yonkers, concerning Eglin AF Base and its contributions to national security. He visited Avon Park, and complimented the state's work. This included bringing partners together on comprehensive plans, base buffering, use of BP-awarded dollars and the Task Force plan of action. Secretary Yonkers is pushing for energy sufficiency on Air Force Bases. He commented Florida is the most aggressive state and is doing all the right things to ensure its positioning to receive missions and equipment. **Lt. Governor Carroll** recounted her discussion with Base Commanders at their recent meeting with the Governor concerning the

use of the term “BRAC” in the Spectrum Group Base Assessment Reports. **Lt. Governor Carroll** commented the term “BRAC” is used in a historical context, which cannot be changed.

#### **Task Force Member Reports**

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** commented on July 13, the USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) announced an additional \$80 million for wetland conservation in the northern Everglades watershed. In 2010 and 2011, USDA had committed \$189 million for purchase of conservation easements (over 50,000 acres of ranch lands in the Central Florida area). The latest \$80 million will allow easement purchases on another 23,000 acres. Several of the ranchers who have applied for the \$80 million are under the MOA (Military Operating Area) of the Avon Park Air Force Range. They are not contiguous to the Range, but are under the MOA. Also, several weeks ago, the Regional Planning Council helped coordinate a Range visit for the new FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) District Secretary. The purpose was to acquaint Secretary Hattaway with this area.

**Judge Patt Maney** commented there have been several incidents in Okaloosa County under the rubric of strengthening state support for military veterans. One of our local veterans committed suicide last month, and we lost an Army warrant officer last week in Afghanistan. He would like to get more information on what we are doing as a state to address the suicide issue among active duty and veteran forces. Also, how are we wrapping our arms around the casualties? In Okaloosa County, we are starting a community based campaign to enroll veterans and get them vested in the VA (Veterans Administration) health system. This deals with both veterans affairs and economic development. Money appropriated by Congress is based on enrollment numbers; a very small percentage of our eligible veterans are enrolled. This is a huge problem. Every 800 veterans enrolled and vested generates approximately \$2 million to the local VA health facility. The Okaloosa campaign is a trial to see if we can get veterans groups to help veterans get enrolled to serve our military population. We do have active duty people in Okaloosa County receiving VA services.

**RAdm. Kevin Delaney** amended Judge Maney's comments to include the FNG (Florida National Guard). He sits on The Wounded Warrior Project Board of Directors, which is studying how the state facilitates services to returning warriors. He will continue informing Judge Maney on results of the study of the FNG and their welcome home procedures.

**Chairman Workman** added the Secretary of the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs will give a narrow-scoped briefing at the next meeting of the Task Force. It will relate to how the VA contributes to making Florida the most military friendly state in the nation.

**Mr. Tom Neubauer** updated the Task Force on a squadron of F-22s moving from Holloman AF Base in New Mexico to Tyndall AF Base. There is a short time between the return of these military members from deployment and their relocation. The local community chose to make presentations to the relocating members on the benefits Florida offers. Meetings have begun with leadership from Tyndall, and there has been communication with leadership from Holloman. This has been very well received. A number of families who have recently moved have given examples of obstacles they have encountered. This includes the school system, medical issues and spousal employment. In Florida's quest to be branded as military-friendly, we will probably establish some very good ideas. The state could build a model that would be usable for any industry moving to the state. Meeting with these families has made it clear communities must be on board. They must work with this Task Force and the Legislature to define and resolve problems at the local level. The community expects to set up a web site in the next few weeks.

#### **Representative Matt Gaetz**

I have spoken with folks at installations in and beyond my district. The response to the reviews that have been done by the TSG (The Spectrum Group) and TPG (The Principi

Group) have been very positive. The morale is up for those who want to see the missions enhanced in Florida. This includes those who are serving now and retired leadership, who are now making contact with folks they know at the Pentagon. There was initial apprehension about retaining an advocate and participating in the data-mining process. The return has been probably the best work our Task Force has done. Those who have and who are currently serving have been very impressed with the work you have done to date.

**MGen. Joseph Taluto:** I have scheduled an office call with Captain Lefere at NAS Key West. What from TSG report can be shared with him?

**Staff:** To date, these reports are drafts. They are not publicly releasable yet, and are exempt from Sunshine Law, according to Florida Statute. They will be held until the Task Force has time to receive and analyze them, and develop a plan moving forward. They will be releasable at some point in the future.

**MGen. Joseph Taluto:** Is there a replacement community contact in Key West? I would like to try to touch base. The Base Commanders meetings is a great vehicle for Florida to support its in-service veterans through legislation. General Titshaw has a handle on the National Guard in-service veterans. Then there are those veterans out of service, whom Florida would like to retain. Making Florida a military friendly state is making it friendly for veterans, as well. There are many supporting non-profit, non-government organizations that can help them. At some point, we may want to see who these organizations are, and what they do.

**RAdm. Kevin Delaney:** We had our second P-8 arrive at NAS Jacksonville. There will be a total of 46 aircraft (747 variant) coming here in the next several years. We have \$150 million plus of programmed money coming to the base for enhancements. NAS Jacksonville is the only Navy base in the world that trains P-8 aviators, air crew and maintainers. Half of them remain there in deployable squadrons. We will grow to five helicopter squadrons. The runway will be shut down for six weeks for a \$46 million project. The Amphibious Ready Group has been announced to move up a year to Mayport. That includes an LPH (Landing Platform Helicopter) plus other amphibious ships, including the US New York (partially built of steel from the World Trade Center). The Navy will assign a UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) squadron to NAS Jacksonville next year, for 200 more jobs. They will control Navy UAVs worldwide. Thanks to Judge Maney's work, we open our first Veterans Court in NE Florida. Judge, you did an excellent job of doing the heavy lifting, because they are popping up all over the state. Thank you, sir.

**Judge Patt Maney:** Thank you, but it was the Legislature and the Governor who did it.

**Dr. David Goetsch:** I was there when the Governor handed Judge Maney the pen. Congratulations, Judge. I received a letter from Fort Walton Machining, an Okaloosa County defense contractor. I request Staff send it out with the minutes. The letter explains how sequestration would affect small businesses in Florida. Our only manufacturing base in Florida is defense related. If sequestration goes into effect, and the military is held harmless regarding personnel cuts, all those cuts will fall basically on our defense contractors. This letter is written on a personal level.

**Dr. Ed Naggiar:** We have been discussing veterans. For the information of the Task Force, I work for a small company in Panama City that helps veterans find their new normal through standup paddle boarding. We also try to employ veterans.

#### **The Association of Defense Communities Conference Report**

**Col. Pat Flynn** with the FDA (Florida Defense Alliance) reported on his attendance at the Annual Convention of the ADC (Association of Defense Communities).

***Presentation attached.***



**Representative Matt Gaetz:** You mentioned the leasing concept other states are using. How does that work?

**Col. Pat Flynn:** As an example, one community leased space on their water tower to a cell phone company. They leased an unused paint shop to an auto repair company, and unused water tanks to a company for oil storage.

**Representative Matt Gaetz:** Is what is being leased the property of a local government entity or of the federal government (installation property)? Would we, the state, lease it and then sublease it for a profit?

**Staff:** Enhanced Use Leases, a federal program, involves leasing of excess property on a federal installation. The return from whoever is leasing the land goes back to the installation for local use. Many Florida installations are looking at those, though not to the extent Colonel Flynn described.

#### **The Spectrum Group (TSG) Update**

**MGen. Mike Jones** introduced General Loyd "Fig" Newton, Air Force team leader, RAdm. Jim Hinkel, Navy team leader, MGen. Doug Burnett and Jim Breitenfeld. **MGen. Mike Jones** provided an update on the status of the R&A (research and analysis) project. Since he last addressed the Task Force, TSG has worked closely with the communities to complete all the site visits. The base reports were drafted, and provided to the community contacts for feedback on the drafts. Considering their feedback, subsequent R&A was done, and the final drafts were completed. A state level analysis was then done using these base level reports. Results were reviewed and discussed with the team leaders and the analysis team, to create the state level draft report. Today, copies of the drafts will be provided to you, the Task Force members, for your comments, so the reports can be revised next week. The deliverable will be the state level report, the base level reports and the analytical matrices used to do the analysis.

**Mr. Tom Neubauer:** The feedback we got from the community and installations was outstanding. Leadership at both bases I was involved with was very impressed with how well it was orchestrated in a very unobtrusive manner

#### **The Principi Group (TPG) Update**

**Mr. Charles Battaglia** provided an update on preparation for the advocacy plan. Since he last addressed the Task Force, groundwork for advocacy has been laid. This has included meetings with the Pentagon, members of Congress, and meetings with the R&A team. Three members of TPG and TSG attended the ADC conference. Weekly phone calls with EFI M&D (Enterprise Florida Military and Defense) staff have taken place. We have provided monthly reports, and attendance at the Task Force meetings. TPG has been working very closely with MGen. Mike Jones. TPG is turning recommendations made by TSG into issues for advocacy. We are still very much in a draft form. There will be a meeting next week with EFI M&D staff, members of the Governor's Washington DC staff, R&A and advocacy team members. The plan is for R&A team members to become part of the advocacy team, to leverage the knowledge and background. A brief of the advocacy plan will be presented at the next Task Force meeting on September 19. There will be 16 months left on our contract. We do not think there will be another BRAC until 2015 or 2017. You are perfectly positioned to influence needed changes now, at both the national and state level.

**Dr. David Goetsch:** Can you give us your input on what you see happening in Washington D.C. with sequestration?

**Mr. Charles Battaglia:** I believe Congress will not enforce sequestration on January 2. The question is how they will arrive at a solution. Hopefully, clear heads will prevail after the election, and sequestration will not happen. Some members of Congress are optimistic, and some are pessimistic about this issue.



**IV. Agenda Item IV: Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

*The meeting adjourned for lunch at 11:00 AM EST and reconvened at 11:45 AM EST. The balance of the meeting was closed to the public. Meeting minutes for the closed session are in a separate document.*

**Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting on Wednesday, September 19, 2012**

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting in Partnership III, Central Florida Research Park, Orlando from 9:00 AM EST – 10:30 AM EST.

**Task Force Members Present:**

State Representative Ritch Workman, Chairman  
BGen. Chip Diehl, USAF (ret.)  
Matt Gaetz, State Representative  
Patt Maney, Okaloosa County Judge & Brigadier General, AUS (ret.)  
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance  
Barbara Stewart, Highlands County Commissioner  
MGen. Joseph Taluto, USA (ret.)

**Task Force Members Present via Phone:**

Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll  
MGen. Emmett Titshaw, USAF, The Adjutant General of Florida

**Task Force Members Absent:**

RAdm. Kevin Delaney, USN (ret.)  
Dr. David Goetsch  
J.R. McDonald, Lockheed Martin  
Dr. Ed Naggiar, USN (ret.)

**Speakers Present:**

Charles Battaglia, The Principi Group, LLC  
Dr. John Hitt, President, UCF  
Dennis Latta, Field Services Director, Florida Department of Veterans Affairs  
Capt. Steve Nakagawa, USN, Team Orlando  
Anthony Principi, The Principi Group, LLC

**Staff Present:**

Al Latimer, SVP, Strategic Partnerships, Enterprise Florida, Inc.  
Rocky McPherson, Director, Military and Defense Programs, Enterprise Florida, Inc.  
Bruce Grant, Staff Director, Florida Defense Support Task Force, Enterprise Florida, Inc.  
Heather Cave, Program Manager, Military and Defense, Enterprise Florida, Inc.  
Donna Cucinella, Administrative Assistant, Florida Defense Support Task Force, Enterprise Florida, Inc.

The meeting was open to the public.

Agenda:

# Florida Defense Support Task Force

Partnership III, 3039 Technology Parkway  
Orlando, FL 32826

## Agenda -- Meeting #8

### Wednesday - September 19, 2012

#### 0900 - 1500

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| 0900 – 0905 | Welcome/Introductions<br>Pledge of Allegiance<br>UCF Welcome  | Chairman Workman<br><br>John Hitt, President, UCF   |
| 0905 - 0915 | Old Business<br>- Budget update<br>- FDVA presentation  | <br><br>Bruce Grant<br>Dennis Latta   |
| 0915 – 1030 | New Business<br>- Lt. Gov. remarks<br>- TF member reports<br>- Update on Spectrum and Principi Group<br>- Team Orlando presentation   | <br><br>TF Members<br>Hon. Tony Principi and<br>Charles Battaglia<br>CAPT Steve Nakagawa, USN |
| 1030 - 1100 | Public Comment  | Chairman Workman  |
| 1130 – 1500 | CLOSED SESSION: Discussion of Statewide Report and Advocacy Plan<br>-- Exempt from Sunshine Law per F.S. 288.985<br>(Note: Task Force will break for lunch during closed session) |   |
| 1500        | Next Meetings:<br><br>Wednesday, October 24, 2012 -- Destin<br>Wednesday, November 14, 2012 – Tallahassee<br>Wednesday, December 12, 2012 -- Tallahassee<br>Adjourn               |   |

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A quorum being present, **Representative Ritch Workman**, FDSTF Chairman, began the meeting at 9:10 AM EST.

**I. Agenda Item I: Welcome & Introductions**

**Chairman Workman** welcomed members and attendees to the eighth meeting of the FDSTF. He introduced Dr. John Hitt, President of UCF.

**Dr. Hitt** welcomed everyone and described the unique partnership coalition of government, the university and private industry at the Central Florida Research Park. The ultimate goal is to provide the best tools and training for our war fighters to secure our national defense.

**Chairman Workman** welcomed Lt. Governor Jennifer Carrol, present by phone, and led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Agenda Item II: Old Business**

**Chairman Workman** reminded the TF members that under the Sunshine Law, they are prohibited from discussing Task Force business outside the meeting. He commented on his morning viewing of the space shuttle Endeavor taking its final flight over the Space Coast.

**Staff** provided an update on the Task Force budget.

**Task Force Budget attached.**

**Mr. Dennis Latta**, Florida Department of Veterans Affairs (FDVA), explained the organization's mission is to assist veterans in obtaining all Veterans Administration (VA) benefits. Open registration is conducted at all events, and on all Florida military installations. Veterans returning from deployment receive health assessments, to identify Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and other health conditions. All returning veterans receive the Veterans Crisis Line phone number. **Mr. Latta** distributed Veterans Crisis Line cards to all in attendance. FDVA is the state of Florida advocate for veterans. The website address is [www.FloridaVets.org](http://www.FloridaVets.org).

**Presentation attached.**

**Judge Patt Maney** suggested the FDVA coordinate with other state agencies to ensure Florida is the most military-friendly state in the nation. He suggested more involvement by state university medical schools to develop effective treatment programs for TBI. He suggested the Legislature expand the charter of the FDVA .

**III. Agenda Item III: New Business**

**Lt. Governor Remarks**

Congressman Bill Young recently held his annual event with defense contractors from the Pinellas County area, along with several international companies seeking Florida business.

**Lt. Governor Carroll** thanked Congressman Young for his leadership in supporting military men and women as Chairman of the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee.

In the last quarterly Base Commanders meeting, an education issue came up regarding military families moving to Florida from other states. Referencing the statutory classroom size amendment, **Lt. Governor Carroll** suggested a waiver be granted children coming into full classrooms mid-year. Florida Department of Education (DOE) has been working closely with Base Commanders as issues have come up.

Sequestration continues to be a huge problem for our state and nation. There are concerns it would impact development of advanced technology for our nation's war fighters.

### **Task Force Member Reports**

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart:** Regarding certification of the Avon Park Air Force Range runway, yesterday range personnel submitted the last item requested by ACC (Air Combat Command). Secondly, a draft copy of the Economic Impact Analysis of the Range is expected by the end of this month. This is being done by the Economic Development Council, with a grant from Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI).

**Judge Patt Maney:** Okaloosa County looks forward to hosting the Task Force at the upcoming meeting on October 24.

**Representative Matt Gaetz:** I have nothing to report.

**MGen. Joseph Taluto:** I have nothing significant to report.

**BGen. Chip Diehl:** There was an announcement yesterday one of the components of USCENTCOM, the Marines (MARCENT), has consolidated from Camp Pendleton to Tampa. The three-star Commander has moved physically to MacDill AF Base. This is positive, as typically things migrate over time to where the Commander locates. Secondly, I give the Governor kudos. From what I have seen on national news, Florida is about the only state giving out specific numbers on the impact of sequestration. I believe other states should follow through.

**Mr. Tom Neubauer:** On October 1, Tyndall AF Base will change its major command from Air Education Training Command to Air Combat Command. It is the preamble to the movement of the F-22 squadron coming from New Mexico. This represents 1,000 jobs and 24 aircraft moving from Holloman AF Base, between April and June. Also, Florida is being considered as one of the proposed action alternatives for the standup of the F-15 Fighter Training Unit. Using a Military Base Protection Grant, the community secured two missions that the AF Civil Engineer Support Agency hoped to retain. The grant enabled the community to design legislation for authorization, which saved jobs.

### **The Spectrum Group (TSG) and The Principi Group (TPG) Update**

**Mr. Anthony Principi:** The Research & Analysis (R&A) study has been completed, and a detailed Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats (SWOT) analysis has been presented to the Task Force and staff. The combined team of TSG and TPG working together came away well informed to address the advocacy issues.

**Mr. Charles Battaglia:** TPG's concentration since the last TF meeting has been the transformation from R&A to advocacy. TPG is using the R&A final report to identify issues. The Task Force may want to change priorities and add issues. This afternoon, TPG will identify who will do the advocating, and the agencies TPG will work with. In the October meeting, TPG will identify issues to start advocacy.

### **Team Orlando Presentation**

**Capt. Steve Nakagawa** stated UCF has become the nation's partnership university. UCF offers degrees in modeling and simulation from the Bachelors to the Ph.D. level. The partnership was created by putting UCF and the military modeling and simulation groups together, and locating them at the Central Florida Research Park. The partners work together to benefit of the warfighter and our nation. Team Orlando's common goal is improving human performance through simulation, for military modeling and many other industries in Florida (including themed entertainment, gaming and the medical industry).

***Presentation attached.***

**IV. Agenda Item IV: Public Comment**

**Deborah Keller** with the Nature Conservancy presented information on an enhanced income tax deduction for moderate-income landowners. Since 2006, the deduction has provided a significant tax benefit for donating a conservation easement on privately-owned land. Ms. Keller encouraged the Task Force to support federal legislation to make the enhanced easement incentive permanent.

*The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM EST and reconvened at 10:45 AM EST. The balance of the meeting was closed to the public. Meeting minutes for the closed session are in a separate document.*



**Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting on Wednesday, October 24, 2012**

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting at Four Points by Sheraton, Destin - Ft. Walton Beach, 9:00 AM CST – 11:15 AM CST.

**Task Force Members Present:**

Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll  
Dr. David Goetsch, Vice Chairman  
RAdm. Kevin Delaney, USN (ret.)  
BGen. Chip Diehl, USAF (ret.)  
Matt Gaetz, State Representative  
Patt Maney, Okaloosa County Judge & Brigadier General, AUS (ret.)  
J.R. McDonald, Lockheed Martin  
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance

**Task Force Members Present via Phone:**

Barbara Stewart, Highlands County Commissioner  
MGen. Joseph Taluto, USA (ret.)

**Task Force Members Absent:**

State Representative Ritch Workman, Chairman  
Dr. Ed Naggiar, USN (ret.)

**Speakers Present:**

Bob Black, Office of US Congressman Jeff Miller  
BGen. Arnold W. Bunch Jr., Commander, Air Force Test Center, Edwards Air Force Base  
Craig Dalton, Northwest Florida Defense Coalition  
MGen. Mike Jones, USA (ret.), The Spectrum Group, LLC  
Honorable Anthony Principi, The Principi Group, LLC  
Eric Sherman, Department of Defense Military Community & Family Policy State Liaison Office  
John Walsh, Executive Office of the Governor, Florida Washington, D.C. Office

**Staff Present:**

Rocky McPherson, VP, Military and Defense Programs, Enterprise Florida, Inc.  
Bruce Grant, Staff Director, Florida Defense Support Task Force, Enterprise Florida, Inc.  
Nancy Heintz, VP, Strategic Alignment & Communications, Enterprise Florida, Inc.  
Donna Cucinella, Administrative Assistant, Florida Defense Support Task Force, Enterprise Florida, Inc.

The meeting was open to the public.

Agenda:

# Florida Defense Support Task Force

Four Points by Sheraton, Destin – Ft. Walton Beach  
1325 Miracle Strip Parkway, Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32548

## Agenda -- Meeting #9

### Wednesday - October 24, 2012

#### 0900 - 1500

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| 0900 – 0905 | Welcome/Introductions<br>Pledge of Allegiance<br>Congressional Welcome  | Chairman<br><br>Bob Black  |
| 0905 - 0930 | Old Business<br>- Approval of August 22 and September 19 minutes<br>- Budget update<br>- Preview of Florida Military Benefits Handbook<br>- Task Force funding applications process   | <br><br>Bruce Grant<br>Bruce Grant<br>Bruce Grant  |
| 0930 – 1045 | New Business<br>- Lt. Gov. remarks<br>- TF member reports<br>- Northwest Florida update<br>- Washington, DC update<br>- Update from Principi Group<br>- DOD Family Issues<br>- Local community information currency program | <br><br>TF Members<br>NW FL Defense Coalition<br>John Walsh<br>Hon. Tony Principi<br>Eric Sherman<br>Bruce Grant |
| 1045 - 1115 | Public Comment  | Chairman   |
| 1130 – 1600 | CLOSED SESSION: Discussion of Strategic Plan and Advocacy Plan<br>-- Exempt from Sunshine Law per F.S. 288.985<br>(Note: Task Force will break for lunch during closed session)   |  |
| 1600        | Next Meetings:<br>Wednesday, November 14, 2012 – Tallahassee<br>Wednesday, December 12, 2012 – Tallahassee (T) (If needed)<br>Wednesday, January 16, 2012 – TBD<br>Adjourn  |  |

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A quorum being present, **Dr. David Goetsch**, FDSTF Vice Chairman, began the meeting at 9:10 AM CST.

**I. Agenda Item I: Welcome & Introductions**

**Vice Chairman Goetsch** welcomed members and attendees to the ninth meeting of the FDSTF, and led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

He introduced BGen. Arnold W. Bunch, Jr., Edwards AFB. Having served two assignments at Eglin AFB, General Bunch is now the Air Force Test Center Commander at Edwards AFB. He intends to keep all the missions at Eglin AFB “flyable and viable,” by partnering on the community, state and federal levels. He committed to maintaining awareness of the activities at Eglin and supporting the mission.

**Vice Chairman Goetsch** reminded the Task Force members that under the Sunshine Law, they are prohibited from discussing Task Force business outside the meeting.

**Mr. J.R. McDonald** introduced members of the area Defense Support Initiative (DSI).

**Representative Matt Gaetz** welcomed Task Force members and guests to his district, which is also represented by Senator Don Gaetz and US Congressman Jeff Miller. On behalf of Congressman Jeff Miller, Bob Black, welcomed the group to NW Florida. Congressman Miller is excited about the statewide effort put forth by the Task Force, and looks forward to collaborating with the Task Force to maintain the missions of Florida’s installations. Florida plays a very critical role in our nation’s security needs, and that role will continue to grow.

**II. Agenda Item II: Old Business**

***A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the August 22 meeting minutes.***

***A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the September 19 meeting minutes.***

**Staff** provided an update on the Task Force budget.  
***Task Force Budget attached.***

**Staff** presented a preview of the Florida Military Benefits Handbook. The handbook will provide a summary of benefits for active duty military members and their families, and National Guard and Reserve forces. It will be a resource for new members of these groups locating to Florida. It will complement a similar handbook provided for veterans by the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs. Task Force members were asked for input; state agencies will be asked for additional input, as the handbook continues development.

**Representative Matt Gaetz** commented on the value of the handbook. It will be a great information tool to use throughout the state. For example, military folks may not know they have a special opportunity to get involved with their local school district. It will help enable civilian communities to directly link up with folks at our military installations.

**Staff** presented an overview of the newly developed Task Force funding applications process. The key is the criteria. The project must meet the Task Force mission as defined in statute, and must be aligned with the goals of the strategic plan. The recipient must show performance of deliverables before receiving funding.

**Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll** recommended designating a percentage of the Task Force budget for grants to fund projects.

**Staff** commented applicants will be required to be sponsored by a Task Force member. A precedent in the existing Defense Grant Programs administered by Enterprise Florida, Inc. is ceiling caps.

**Representative Matt Gaetz** asked why the Task Force would limit its authority on the front end. Challenges may arise where the legislature would be unable to constitutionally spend dollars, but the Task Force could. The legislature will begin the appropriations process in December; the Task Force must have a great story to tell on how it has spent the \$5 million plus already allocated. The Task Force has a good story to tell so far. There may be discreet ways to leverage federal and private sector dollars to match the dollars on hand, to tell an even better story.

**Mr. J.R. McDonald** suggested the Task Force set aside enough dollars to operate, and make the balance available.

**BGen. Chip Diehl** expressed concern about the length of time involved in the funding application process.

**Mr. Tom Neubauer** inquired about the anticipated time involved.

**Staff** responded the process would take place over two Task Force meetings – the first to hear the presentation, and the second to vote. It could possibly take three months.

**Representative Matt Gaetz** suggested someone with an acute need could brief each Task Force members in one month, which would speed up the process. A project could be approved at the Task Force meeting in which it is presented

**Staff** commented on a concern expressed by the House Military Affairs Committee staff director that this grant process could compete with the existing military grants process. The concern relates particularly to the Defense Reinvestment Grant (DRG) program, which funds local communities' efforts. This appears to be somewhat duplicative with the efforts of The Principi Group (TPG). Staff has been asked to provide information at the next legislative session to resolve this concern.

**A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously by the Task Force to approve the amended Florida Defense Support Task Force Funding Application Process.**

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

#### **Lt. Governor Remarks**

**Lt. Gov. Jennifer Carroll** commented the Task Force has been exceptionally well-received across the state, and nationally recognized. General Bunch indicated other states would like to duplicate what the Task Force is doing. She thanked the Task Force and staff for their efforts. The Washington, D.C. office has ensured advocacy for Florida's installations is resonating in Washington and that Florida is well-represented there. The Spectrum Report makes it clear Florida's military installations are essential to our national security. Visits by the Spectrum Group were seen positively, for capturing proper information to assist in preventing base closures and maintaining and growing missions.

**Lt. Governor Carroll** visited Eglin AFB yesterday. Florida state government is working very closely with Eglin and its command structure to strengthen and grow Eglin. In a recent meeting, USAF Assistant Secretary Yonkers assured the Lt. Governor that Eglin is the premier installation of the Air Force nationwide. Eglin is poised to capture missions. Other states are asking what Florida is doing with the Gulf Regional Airspace Strategic Initiative (GRASI), so they can do the same. The state is working with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and The Nature Conservancy to prevent encroachment.

As the Task Force undertakes strengthening Florida's missions and installations, it will continue to ensure Florida is the most military-friendly state in the nation. Florida's installations and our national security stand to be negatively affected by sequestration. Over 30,000 jobs could be eliminated in the first year. The Panhandle relies heavily on the military. The Lt. Governor encouraged each Task Force member to let their members of Congress know sequestration is not an option. Congress must pass a responsible defense budget before January 15. Our nation is competing with Russia, China and Iran. We must protect and guard our seas, airspace and borders. The Lt. Governor encouraged the Task Force to be an advocate and voice for our nation.

#### **Task Force Member Reports**

**RAdm. Kevin Delaney, BGen. Chip Diehl, Mr. J.R. McDonald, Mr. Tom Neubauer and Vice Chairman David Goetsch** provided reports on installations in their areas. **Representative Matt Gaetz** and **Judge Patt Maney** did not offer reports.

#### **Northwest Florida Update**

**Mr. Craig Dalton**, representing the Northwest Florida Defense Coalition, provided an update on installations in northwest Florida. The five county coalition is comprised of Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton and Bay Counties. He recognized the many members of the Coalition in the audience. He discussed the economic impact, with 21% of the population in defense related jobs. The Coalition focuses on areas that affect the installations – airspace (GRASI plays a very important role), encroachment (including water), alternative energy, offshore drilling, infrastructure (including information technology) and the Joint Gulf Range Complex. There is a large diversity of missions, in addition to aerospace. Several of these missions replicate emerging, high growth industries in the private sector. Valuable assets in addition to the installations are numerous outlying fields.

***Presentation attached.***

#### **Washington, D.C. Update**

**Mr. John Patrick Walsh** commented he recently spent a day with the 115<sup>th</sup> Range Operation Squadron at Patrick AFB. These folks are frustrated about sequestration. What happens when those jobs and businesses disappear? It was very important to them to speak with staff from the Washington office and share their needs and requests.

His office recently received the 2012 Veterans Benefits Guide from the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Florida Military Installation Guide from Enterprise Florida, Inc. These materials will soon be delivered to Florida's Congressional offices.

The Task Force members may have seen a memo from Representative Norm Dicks, House Appropriations Defense sub-committee. The memo lists some of the programs and projects at risk should sequestration go into effect. The memo indicates federal spending will continue at its current rate. This is not possible. There is discussion of pushing sequestration back another year.

There will be changes in the Congressional delegation; the Task Force must quickly welcome these new members and get them up to speed on the work of the Task Force. One of Florida's biggest advocates in Washington for our military installations is Congressman Bill Young, Chair, Subcommittee on Defense, Committee on Appropriations. This could be his last election. Mr. Walsh suggested developing a Plan B, and gently reminding Florida's representatives in Congress the state could certainly use their help on sequestration.

#### **The Principi Group (TPG) Update**

**MGen. Mike Jones** thanked the Task Force and staff for their great work. TPG has seen the draft strategic plan, which has captured the key issues and helps provide a unified voice. TPG is maintaining communications with the communities, and appreciates continued input from the communities as well as the Task Force. Identifying other issues early will enable TPG to continue being proactive.

It is well known the election, followed by sequestration, is currently the main focus in Washington. TPG continues to monitor the activities of the Department of Defense (DOD). Recognizing things change, TPG sees the strategic plan as a milestone on a journey. The proactive work the Task Force is doing has put Florida way ahead of other states which have a very large military presence.

**Department of Defense Family Issues**

**Mr. Eric Sherman** made a presentation on the key 2012 DOD issues impacting service members and their families. He is the Regional State Liaison for the Southeast, operating under the direction of the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. He serves as a resource for state policymakers. He presented a background on the issues, an update on the progress in addressing the top ten issues, and a discussion on the concerns coming up for the 2013 Legislative Session.

***Presentation attached.***

**A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously by the Task Force to include selected DOD family issues in the Task Force legislative concepts for 2013.**

**Local Community Information Currency Program**

**Staff** presented a one-page update form to enable local defense support organizations to provide monthly updates on issues impacting their local installations. A summary of the major issues will be provided to the Task Force.

**A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously by the Task Force to use the form to receive monthly updates on installations from local defense organizations.**

**IV. Agenda Item IV: Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

*The meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM CST and reconvened at 11:30 AM CST. The balance of the meeting was closed to the public. Meeting minutes for the closed session are in a separate document.*



**Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Conference Call on Wednesday, November 14, 2012**

The Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) held a publicly noticed conference call from 9:00 AM-9:40 AM EST.

**Task Force Members Present:**

Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll  
State Representative Ritch Workman, Chairman  
Dr. David Goetsch, Vice Chairman  
RAdm. Kevin Delaney, USN (ret.)  
BGen. Chip Diehl, USAF (ret.)  
Matt Gaetz, State Representative  
Patt Maney, Okaloosa County Judge & Brigadier General, AUS (ret.)  
J.R. McDonald, Lockheed Martin  
Dr. Ed Naggiar, USN (ret.)  
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance  
Barbara Stewart, Highlands County Commissioner  
MGen. Joseph Taluto, USA (ret.)

**Task Force Members Absent:**

MGen. Emmett Titshaw, USAF, The Adjutant General of Florida

**Others Present:**

Captain Adam Bailey on behalf of MGen. Emmett Titshaw

**Speakers Present:**

Charles Battaglia, The Principi Group, LLC  
John Patrick Walsh, Executive Office of the Governor, Florida Washington, D.C. Office

**Staff Present:**

Rocky McPherson, VP, Military and Defense Programs, Enterprise Florida, Inc.  
Bruce Grant, Staff Director, Florida Defense Support Task Force, Enterprise Florida, Inc.  
Heather Cave, Program Manager, Military and Defense, Enterprise Florida, Inc.  
Donna Cucinella, Administrative Assistant, Florida Defense Support Task Force, Enterprise Florida, Inc.

The conference call was open to the public.

Agenda:

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### Agenda -- Meeting #10

#### Wednesday - November 14, 2012

##### 0900 - 1100

0900 – 0905	Welcome/Introductions	Chairman
0905 - 0915	Old Business	
	- Approval of October 24 minutes	Chairman
	- Budget update	Bruce Grant
0915 – 1030	New Business	
	- Lt. Gov. remarks	
	- TF member reports	TF Members
	- The Principi Group Advocacy Update	Jim Breitenfeld
	- Discussion of letter from Congressman Miller	Chairman
1030 - 1100	Public Comment	Chairman
1100	Next Meetings: Wednesday, January 16, 2013 – Tallahassee February 2013 -- St. Augustine March 2013 -- Tallahassee	
	Adjourn	

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A quorum being present, **Representative Ritch Workman**, FDSTF Chairman, began the conference call at 9:00 AM EST.

**I. Agenda Item I: Welcome & Introductions**

**Chairman Workman** welcomed members and attendees to the conference call.

**Staff** did a roll call of the Task Force members present on the call.

**II. Agenda Item II: Old Business**

**A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the October 24 meeting minutes.**

**Staff** provided an update on the Task Force budget. **Staff** commented because the Task Force does not currently have any initiatives for funding, a budget proposal for FY 2013/2014 has not yet been developed. At least six project initiatives are expected to come before the Task Force in the January Task Force meeting.

**Task Force Budget attached.**

**III. Agenda Item III: New Business**

**Lt. Governor Remarks**

**Lt. Gov. Jennifer Carroll** did not offer a report.

**Task Force Member Reports**

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** reported word on certification of the Avon Park Range runway has still not been received. However, the Range did receive funding for airfield improvements and repairs. Funds were also received to renovate the hanger, and build an area to hold live munitions. The Range has submitted a fiscal year annual REPI proposal, and a REPI challenge pre-proposal.

**BGen. Chip Diehl** commented he is traveling to Jordan on behalf of the USF Modeling and Simulation Center for Healthcare facility, for a major international conference.

**Dr. David Goetsch** commented Eglin AFB recently passed another hurdle in seeking certification as a training base for F-35 pilots.

**Judge Patt Maney** commented USAA (military home, life and auto insurance), together with Military.com, published a list of the nation's ten most military-friendly cities. Surprisingly, not a single Florida city was listed. He suggested staff obtain the criteria from USAA, so the Task Force can address areas that may need improvement. Also, under Florida Statue 97.0555, the Legislature allowed late voter registration for recently separated service members returning to the US after the registration books closed. There were problems in Okaloosa County with several deployed service members who returned to the US after the books closed. They could not register to vote in the presidential election. He requested the staff research the problem, so the Task Force can address it in the legislative proposal.

**J.R. McDonald** stated there are now 22 F-35s at Eglin AFB. Over 500 sorties have been completed. The Operational Unit Evaluation will allow the start of formal training in January 2013. Over 100 maintenance students and several pilots have begun informal training.

**Tom Neubauer** explained work is underway with the Air Force to free up movement of the F-22s from Holloman AFB to Tyndall AFB. Also, there is a change of command taking place at Tyndall AFB. The 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing holds its change of command today. General McMullen will pass command to Colonel Graff.

**MGen. Taluto, Representative Matt Gaetz, RAdm. Kevin Delaney and Dr. Ed Naggair** did not offer reports.

**The Principi Group (TPG) Advocacy Update**

**Mr. Charles Battaglia** confirmed Washington, DC is currently consumed by the issue of sequestration. Resolution will be very difficult to accomplish by the end of December. Discretionary accounts are cut to the bone; the difficult part is getting into the entitlements, such as Social Security and retirement benefits.

TPG is moving ahead with future activity regarding the Budget Control Act and the defense bills. Contacts TPG has made in Washington have focused on the C-23 issue for the National Guard.

The Air Force indicates the C-23 will be replaced with the C-130, but the Guard may need the aircraft before this can take place. Cost is under discussion, with the maintenance cost estimated at \$2M by the Air Force, and \$20M by the Army. TPG is working on acquiring accurate data on the cost.

Over the coming month, TPG will be working on a number of initiatives with Team Orlando. Also, the state point papers have been completed, and the fact sheets are moving toward completion. These will be provided to the Task Force.

**Commissioner Barbara Stewart** discussed several bills related to encroachment that are currently before Congress. This includes the Farm Bill, the Conservation Easement Incentive Act (House) and the Rural Heritage Conservation Extension Act (Senate). Several months ago, the Task Force decided not to take action on these bills. Would it be prudent for the Task Force to write a letter, or TPG to address these bills for advocacy in Washington? Failure to pass these bills could put Florida's conservation easement program for base buffering in a very weak position, as Congress debates tax reform in 2013.

**Staff** commented on awareness of these issues, with concern that state policy decisions regarding federal legislation are normally handled by the Governor's policy office. If the Task Force chooses to send supportive letters, staff can coordinate the effort.

**Commissioner Stewart** suggested TPG incorporate these bills into their advocacy efforts.

**Staff** responded there are other issues in national-level bills that may not be supported by the state. **Staff** can ask TPG to track the bills, but it is unlikely a Task Force letter will be effective.

**Commissioner Stewart** commented the conservation bills are more limited in scope than the Farm Bill. Under these bills, advanced tax benefits are available for persons donating conservation easements.

**Mr. Charles Battaglia** added TPG can track the bills and suggest actions for the Governor's office and the Task Force.

**Representative Matt Gaetz** cautioned against Task Force efforts being inconsistent with work being done by the Governor's office in Washington.

**Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll** encouraged TPG to evaluate and track the bills, and keep the Task Force informed. She stressed coordinating with the Governor's Washington office to ensure there is no supportive position contrary to the position of the Governor's office.

**Mr. John Patrick Walsh** added there are a large number of issues in the Farm Bill, including

the Food Stamp program. Commissioner Adam Putnum, with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, is a great resource. There is a low percentage of chance the bills discussed will pass.

**Staff** will work to ensure the Governor's Washington office and TPG coordinate on this effort.

**Staff** commented that at the last Task Force meeting, state agency activities were developed. A cover letter from the office of Lt. Gov. Carroll, calling for assistance by the state agencies, will be ready next week. Also, a letter from Lt. Gov. Carroll to Chairman Workman, defining and framing legislative concepts, will be prepared in the very near future.

#### **Discussion of Letter from Congressman Miller**

**Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll** read aloud a letter sent from Congressman Jeff Miller to Governor Rick Scott. The letter regards coordination of the Task Force's efforts with legislative efforts at the federal level.

**Lt. Governor Carroll** related proposed elements of the Governor's draft response, stating the Task Force has been collecting information, with the goal of working together with the congressional delegation. Bob Black, one of Congressman Miller's staff members, attended the last Task Force meeting. There is a plan of action to inform members of Congress, including a visit to Washington by Lt. Governor Carroll in December, for information sharing.

**Mr. J.R. McDonald** recommended extension of timely invitations to appropriate members of Congress when meetings are in their districts.

**Staff** will send invitations to every meeting near military installations.

#### **Agenda Item IV: Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **Next Meetings**

Holding Task Force meetings the third Wednesday of each month has posed scheduling conflicts with the Governor's agency head meetings. **Chairman Ritch Workman** recommended, and there was general consensus for, changing Task Force meeting dates to the third Thursday of each month. The next Task Force meeting will take place on Thursday, January 17 in Tallahassee.

*The conference call adjourned at 9:40 AM EST.*