

Final Minutes of the Closed Session of the Florida Defense Support Task Force

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #31 on Thursday, January 15, 2015

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a closed session to address strategic planning at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Tallahassee, Florida 12:55 PM CST – 1:55 PM EST.

Task Force Members Present:

MajGen Emmett Titshaw, USAF, The Adjutant General of Florida
Judge Patt Maney, Okaloosa County Judge & BG, USA (Ret)
BrigGen Chip Diehl, USAF (ret.)
Barbara Stewart, Highlands County
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Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman
James Montgomerie, Vertol Systems

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Representative Dana Young
RADM Kevin Delaney, USN (Ret)

Task Force Members Absent:

Dr. Ed Naggiar, CDR USN (Ret)
J.R. McDonald, Lockheed Martin
Representative Clay Ingram

Speakers Present:

MG Mike Jones, USA (Ret) The Principi Group LLC (TPG)

Others Present:

Jim Breitenfeld, TPG

Staff Present:

Rocky McPherson, Vice President Enterprise Florida, Inc., Military and Defense
Bruce Grant, Executive Director, Florida Defense Support Task Force
Heather Cave, Manager Military and Defense Programs
Camila Hornung, Grants Coordinator, Florida Defense Support Task Force
Marcy Muldrow Sanders, Administrative Assistant, Military and Defense

Tom Neubauer, Vice Chairman began the meeting at 12:55 PM EST.

1. **MGen Mike Jones** provided an update on the Florida Congressional delegation, specifically Senator Nelson's new subcommittee position and how it may impact Florida's military. He also updated the TF on the Department of Defense's (DoD) plan to reduce the number of combatant commands and the effort to retain SOUTHCOM in Florida. The Air Force has begun a range study for the next generation of aircraft, which aligns itself well with the South Florida range complex discussions that are ongoing with the Air Force. He also discussed the Navy's look at restructuring force distribution to a 60/40 west coast/east coast split vice the current 50/50 split.

MG Jones discussed the Linkages Study and the Best Practices Study. Staff recommends the document be made public and posted on the website. There was a discussion of publishing a redacted version of the study. The consensus was to publish the Linkages Study without recommendations and to reword some linkages in the study.

MG Jones provided an annual report to the TF on TPG's work for the TF in 2014 and recommended a way ahead for TPG advocacy in 2015. Staff will provide an updated plan for 2015 at the next meeting and provide printed copies of the Best Practices Study to the TF members.

There was a discussion of the upcoming Florida legislative session and how the TF may more effectively engage in the legislative process.

The session adjourned at 1:55 PM CST

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John Patrick Walsh, State of Florida Washington DC Office
Charles Battaglia, The Principi Group LLC (TPG)
MG Mike Jones, USA (Ret) TPG
David Clark, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Bobby Carbonell, Florida Is For Veteran's, Inc.
Lt Col. Kevin Beeker, Avon Park AFR

Others Present:

Bill Johnson, Incoming CEO & President, Enterprise Florida, Inc.
BG Mike Calhoun, Incoming Adjutant General of the State of Florida
Col. Derek Oaks, Commander, 23rd Air Force Fighter Wing
Brian Mimbs, Senator Rubio's Office
Bryan Mielke, Representative Pigman's Office
Jim Breitenfeld, TPG
Kyle McIntyre, Representative Gwen Graham's Office
Elizabeth Ryon, The Florida Senate
Margaret Sanders, The Florida Senate
Valerie K. Hugel, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Deborah Keller, The Nature Conservancy
Buck McLaughlin, Avon Park AFR

Ana Richmond, Department of Economic Opportunity
Jessica Kraynak, Florida Department of Veteran's Affairs
Kara Collins-Gomez, Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA)
Larry Novey, OPPAGA
Richard Woerner, OPPAGA
Rae Cook, OPPAGA
Chelsi Henry, Department of Financial Services

Staff Present:

Al Latimer, Senior Vice President, Enterprise Florida, Inc.,
Rocky McPherson, Vice President, Military and Defense
Mike Preston, Vice President, Government Relations
Jenna Simonetti, Director, Government Relations
Bruce Grant, Executive Director, Florida Defense Support Task Force
Camila Hornung, Grants Coordinator, Florida Defense Support Task Force
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 - Discussion of strategy, review of strategic plan and way forward Chairman **(A)**

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Reminders:

Meeting Dates:

March 19, 2015	Tallahassee
April 16, 2015	Tallahassee
May 21, 2015	Tallahassee
June 18, 2015	Ft. Walton

Chairman, Representative Ritch Workman, began the meeting at 09:00 AM EST.

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome & Introductions

II. Chairman Workman welcomed attendees and guests. He led the Pledge of Allegiance. He reminded the Task Force (TF) the meeting is governed by the Sunshine Law.

III. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of the Minutes

A quorum being present, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the January 15, 2015 TF meeting and closed session minutes.

FY 2013, 2014, and 2015 Budget/Contract Update:

Staff provided an update of the TF grants for FY 2012-2013 and FY 2013-2014, and noted staff is working on closing out grants for the Tampa Bay Defense Alliance, the National Center for Simulation, City of Niceville, and Florida's Great Northwest. Underutilization notices have been sent out to grantees who have not expended their grant awards to encourage them to move forward with their projects. Grantees receiving notices were the Economic Development Alliance of Bay County and the National Center for Simulation.

Staff reported on this fiscal year's budget and remaining available funding. Staff also reported on the status of FY 2014 – 2015 grant contract execution. Staff noted any delays in contract execution are due to local contract execution process which grantees have to comply with once the contract is received. All grantees are in receipt of the FY 2014 – 2015 grant award contracts.

IV. Agenda Item III: New Business

Task Force Member Reports

BrigGen Diehl reported Corona, the Air Force leadership retreat, was hosted at MacDill AFB for all of the Four-Star Generals in the Air Force. He also reported Tinker Elementary school on MacDill is growing from a kindergarten to 5th grade to 8th grade in September.

Representative Clay Ingram reported on a legislative funding request for Whiting Field for a joint use Civilian Park. He also reported the Department of Agriculture recently approved an Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) park, providing additional buffer protection and recreational use area for Whiting Field.

Mr. Tom Neubauer reported the Northwest Florida Defense Coalition will make its annual visit to Washington, DC April 13 – 15, 2015. Approximately 50 members representing five counties are expected to be in attendance.

MajGen Titshaw reported the Florida National Guard will be deploying 185 soldiers in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM from the 1st of the 265th Air Defense Artillery from Flagler County. Twelve F-15's and 300 Airmen will be deploying in March in support of the European Reassurance Initiative from the 125th Fighter Wing, followed by 200 additional Airmen from around the State of Florida in support of the Initiative. 600 troops from the 2nd of the 124th Infantry will deploy in July in support of Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa (JTF-HOA) for nine months. Special Forces 3rd of the 20th will deploy 21 soldiers in July. The Joint Air Defense Operations Center, tasked with Command and Control for the Integrated Air Defense System in the National Capital Region, will deploy 36 soldiers in November. A total of 1,400 Soldiers and Airmen will be deploying from the FNG this year which is approximately 13% of the FNG force. The Flagler County has received Military Construction (MILCON) approval of \$18 million to construct an Armory. The FNG is working with the State Legislature on the State match funding of \$3 million for the MILCON project. The 125th Fire Station MILCON budget was approved for fiscal year 2017 funding of \$7 million. BG Calhoun will be promoted on March 6, 2015 by the Governor to Major General. The Change of Command will be

March 29th at Camp Blanding. The Task Force is invited to attend. March 10th is FNG Day at the Florida Capitol. The FNG will be presenting Florida State University President, John Thrasher with the Patrick Henry Award, which is the second highest award of the National Guard Association of the United States, awarded to civic leaders who have made a lasting impact on the National Guard.

Judge Patt Maney noted he spoke to one of the Senate Committees on the Veteran's Treatment Court bill, and yesterday spoke to a House Committee about the bill in support of changes to the legislation to allow for changes in eligibility and the transfer of cases between counties. Judge Maney thanked the TF for their support of the Veteran's Treatment Court legislation. He added, OPPAGA issued a very favorable report on how the courts are working in January 2015.

J.R. McDonald reported a representative of the Air Force's Office of Installations hosted a meeting on February 11, 2015 on the Air Force's community partnerships (P4) at Eglin AFB. Attendees represented Eglin AFB, Hurlbert Field, and the Economic Development Council (EDC) of Okaloosa County. He discussed the TF's funding of EDC of Okaloosa County's grant in support of P4 initiatives, and a Charter in support of this mission was signed at the meeting. The Air Forces' representative called the Eglin/Hurlbert program a model program. There are 47 other communities are involved with the P4 initiative nationwide. He discussed the environmental impact study which allows for 59 F-35's at Eglin and recommended the TF discuss strategies to take advantage of infrastructure spending at Eglin to support this platform.

Washington DC Update

John Patrick Walsh, State of Florida Washington D.C. Office, discussed working with the Northwest Florida Defense Coalition to ensure they have a successful Fly-in during April. He also discussed the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Fly-in and the support the DC office is providing. He also provided an update on the President's and Congress' budgets. The mood appears to be headed in the direction of not cutting Defense spending, but there isn't a clear way forward on how to maintain the Defense budget. He also discussed Congress' passing of the Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention Act.

Comments: Judge Maney noted the Army is looking at moving one of two General Officer Florida based Commands, the 350th Civil Affairs Command, from Pensacola to Atlanta. The rationale for the move is to save money on travel by moving the Command to an aviation hub city.

Update from the Principi Group

Charles Battaglia, TPG, discussed the proposed MILCON budget increase for Florida to \$247 million. He also discussed the impacts of sequestration. He discussed the current Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) climate in DC. Other issues impacting the military will be discussed in the closed session.

MG Mike Jones, TPG, discussed the President's and the Congress' budget proposals. He also discussed the precursor requirements for a BRAC in FY 2016 – 2017 or later years. He discussed the military space launch effort in Florida and approved funding for the XY Building. He encouraged the TF to stay engaged with the space launch project to encourage the Air Force to move funding for the equipment for the building more rapidly. Space X and the Air Force reached an agreement to launch from Cape Canaveral. The Vice Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Howard, recently visited Key West, helping to increase the visibility of the capabilities among the Navy's senior leadership. The Army is working out who will be on the Commission on the Structure of the Army. He also discussed the ongoing concerns regarding the reduction of geographic commands from six to four, and noted in TPG's assessment SOUTHCOM remains at risk if this reduction were to occur. The Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (PEO STRI) and Team Orlando has been designated as the lead on a newly launched Army initiative called Human Dimension; which is a new area of simulation.

Avon Park Air Force Range

Lt. Col. Kevin Beeker, Commanding Officer Avon Park Air Force Range, provided a comprehensive overview of the mission and capabilities of the Range. He also reported on the linkages of the Range, and discussed future plans for the installation.

Comments: MajGen Titshaw commented that at a senior military leadership conference recently we discussed how to address funding cutbacks. We identified as our highest goal to utilize Avon Park. It would give us the most efficiency to utilize the capabilities of the Range. He also discussed the electronic capabilities discussed in the presentation, and the need to invest in the upgrading of electronic capabilities at Avon Park. He recommended the TF support in helping to advocate for increased electronic capabilities at the Range.

Question: J.R. McDonald commented, at the recent Corona there was a discussion of the need to conduct realistic training and the use of Live Virtual Constructive (LVC) training, and asked what can we do to help Avon Park be a LVC node and tie the Range into Florida becoming a Fifth Generation Training Center of Excellence (to include Eglin, Tyndall, & Avon Park).

Answer: Lt Col Beeker discussed the advantages in Avon Park becoming a LVC training site, especially in training for platforms such as the AWAX, and other platforms were actual interactive missions may not be taking place to offer a realistic training environment. He discussed engaging with Team Orlando to have them assist Avon Park in the LVC training environment. The investment in fiber optics and other infrastructure upgrades at the Range have set Avon Park up to take advantage of upgraded training platforms such as LVC.

BrigGen Diehl discussed the new 350 room hotel opening at MacDill at the end of the year, providing for additional lodging to support training missions at Avon Park. He asked what we can do as a TF to support Avon Park.

Answer: Chairman Workman noted Avon park mission support will be discussed in closed session.

Florida Is For Veteran's, Inc.

Bobby Carbonell reported on the status of the organization and the vision for accomplishing the mission of Florida Is For Veteran's, Inc. Funding from the legislature will be utilized in the fiscal next year. The organization will be able to pay up to \$8,000 per employee for Veterans training. The organization will market Florida in other states, which was also funded by the legislature. Joe Marino recently joined the organization.

DEP Update on Non-Conservation Lands Buffering Acquisition

David Clark, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Deputy Director, Division of State Lands, provided an update on the current land acquisitions of three parcels, Naval Station Mayport, Naval Support Activity Panama City, and MacDill AFB, the old Florida Rock property. He reported a purchase price has been reached on the Naval Support Activity Panama City parcel and DEP is currently working on the contract details. DEP is also working with the Navy on the requirements of the land donation acceptance process to affect a smooth transfer of the land. The easement language for the Naval Station Mayport land acquisition is complete and DEP has moved forward with appraisals based on that language.

Florida Rock was not interested in the full fee offer from DEP. The agency is now moving toward a restrictive covenant on this parcel to restrict residential development. DEP has worked out the easement language for this parcel and has ordered appraisals based on that language.

Questions: J.R. McDonald asked if there was an update on the Key West land swap.

Answer: David Clark answered, no progress has been made on that land transfer, but DEP continues to work out the details.

2016 FDSTF Grant Application Process

Staff discussed the updated language requested by the TF. Changes to the language include: Grants must directly support preserving, protecting, or enhancing Florida's Military Installations; a 50% expenditure of the previous grant year requirement clause, and; that contracts will start at the beginning of the State's fiscal year. Staff discussed the inability for some projects to be completed in one year as required in the current language, and requested the TF permission to amend that language.

Comments: Commissioner Stewart spoke to the one year completion provision to include language that "the TF recognizes it is not possible for some types of projects to be completed within one year." She added, "That if you anticipate your projected taking longer, state the projected length, explain the justification, and estimate dates of completion for major components." She noted, the language needs to be more specific in what the TF is asking grant applicants to do in terms of requesting grant awards in excess of one year.

Answer: Staff commented they will work on the language with Comm. Stewart.

J.R. McDonald asked if the appropriations from the legislature for the grant program expire after a certain time.

Answer: Staff answered, funding does not expire.

Chairman Workman asked if it would be beneficial to have a time certain issued by the grant applicant when they expect to have the project completed.

Answer: Comm. Stewart noted that many of the projects are dependent on other steps occurring which are not predictable.

Chairman Workman commented that there should be a date certain requirement and if an extension is required it come under a more formal process contract review process.

Comm. Stewart discussed the purpose noting the application states, "The FDSTF will not fund projects that can be funded by other governmental agencies." Looking back over the projects we have funded, they all could have been funded by another source. She recommended the following language instead, "The FDSTF will not support projects that can be funded and are likely to be funded if grant applications or budget request are made."

Chairman Workman asked staff why we have that sentence.

Answer: Staff answered, the intent was to ensure we deconflict another state grant programs for Defense Infrastructure Grants (DIG) and Defense Reinvestment Grants (DRG), and make sure we are not getting duplicate applications for the same project. We can work to clarify.

Chairman Workman recommended the sentence be deleted and staff should work to ensure the TF is not funding duplicate applications. He also recommended a question be added to the grant application to ask have you applied for funding for this projected elsewhere. Noting language be added that if you are awarded funding outside of this process you are not eligible for the TF grant.

Staff noted that on page 3, the language to exclude DIG and DRG grantees from receiving TF grants is already on the application.

BrigGen Diehl asked about timing issues with the DIG and DRG grants cycle.

Answer: The Chairman noted staff could field these issues and by noting the grantee is not eligible to receive funds from other sources and TF grants it puts the onus back on the grantee to choose which grant award to apply for.

Staff noted the grant application is set to be released around March 20, 2015, with recommended changes. This preserves the integrity of having grant applications for the TF to review at the May TF meeting.

Recommendations from the Best Practices Study

Staff briefed the TF on the recommendations from the Florida Defense Alliance. Staff noted the Veteran's specific issues have been forwarded to the Florida Department of Veteran's Affairs for their review and action.

Chairman Workman discussed a bill he introduced to replace the "V" on the Florida driver's license to the word "Veteran." He also discussed a meeting with Commissioner Putnam, Florida Department of Agriculture, looking into issuing a State of Florida Veteran's identification card for those Veterans that do not that have a Department of Defense issued ID card. Commissioner Putnam expressed great interest in the project, and it would make Florida the first state to issue a Veterans ID card.

Legislative Update

Staff briefed TF on current bills in the Florida legislature.

Comments: MajGen Titshaw discussed SB 0674/HB 0185, providing Special Forces a public records exemption. He noted in the era of ISIS the need to extend the exemption beyond members of the Special Forces.

BrigGen Diehl said he would be able to discuss further in closed session.

Chairman Workman discussed HB 0361 and noted some local tax collectors are attempting to collect ad valorem taxes from military bases, and asked for TF support on the bill to eliminate this process.

Question: BG Calhoun asked about the Veteran's designation on the driver's license and whether it would provide on-base privileges as well.

Answer: Chairman Workman replied no.

Chairman Workman presented a Certificate of Appreciation to MajGen Titshaw for his service on the Florida Defense Support Task Force.

MajGen Titshaw commended the members of the TF, and thanked the TF for the recognition.

J.R. McDonald commented that at the Air Force Association Convention a week ago in Orlando, General Welsh, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, stopped in the middle of his keynote address to recognize General Titshaw. He went on to talk about how invaluable he has been to the National Guard, the Air Force, and personally to General Welsh.

V. Public Comment.

There was no public comment offered at this meeting.

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Questions: Judge Maney asked which Okaloosa County grant was extended.

Answer: Staff responded the 14-10 grant was extended to May 30, 2015.

Staff reported on this fiscal year's budget and remaining available funding. Staff reported there is approximately \$1.5 million in available funds including administrative expenses.

IV. Agenda Item III: New Business

Task Force Member Reports

Mr. Tom Neubauer reported there are currently 14 public-public and public-private (P4) initiatives underway in Bay County. The P4 initiative funded by the Task Force shows great promise in allowing the Air Force to share spousal employment data providing the ability to translate military job codes to equivalent civilian job codes. The Bay County community provided a brief to Congresswoman Graham on the military community and the TF. April 11 -12, 2015 Tyndall will host the annual air show, and the Air Force Thunderbirds will perform.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart reported the runway repaving project at Avon Park is expected to be completed by April 15th. She also reported the range has had some unique training exercises including, the 93rd Fighter Squadron's Operational Readiness Inspection, the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) and the Tampa Police Department's SWAT Team conducted a joint tactical training exercise supported by a United State Coast Guard Helicopter Squadron on the North Range Urban Terrain Village, The Marine Special Operation Command J-TACs are conducting operations on the North Tactical Range working with the AC-130 gunships from Hurlburt Field and the A-10's from Moody AFB, and in April will be the Jaded Thunder Exercise. The Central Regional Planning Council has received another Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) grant for additional implementation of the JLUS which will concentrate on the noise study and will incorporate a notification process similar to Polk County.

Judge Patt Maney discussed the helicopter crash and some of the changes in Okaloosa County to reflect the diversity of aviation platforms in the area especially those represented at Eglin AFB.

BrigGen Diehl reported on the "My MacDill" challenge to celebrate 75 years of operations at MacDill AFB on April 16, 2015; people will be telling their stories about MacDill from April 16 through the 18th (the Air Force's

birthday). It will highlight the base and get the word out about Florida's bases. He noted the Wing Commander at MacDill is watching the ad valorem tax issue and how it may impact MacDill.

Comments: Staff noted the 3rd Federal Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the developer and against the Monroe County Tax Assessor on the ad valorem taxation issue. The ruling is subject to appeal and the current legislative action continues to be warranted in case there is further litigation.

Representative Dana Young reported on a house bill to allow active duty military under the age of 25 to check into hotels in Florida which is not allowed under current Florida law for non-military citizens. She noted she would provide a report of on-going legislation impacting the military at a later date.

Representative Ritch Workman reported the Melbourne Air Show will be this weekend and the Blue Angels will be performing.

Update from the Principi Group

Secretary Anthony Principi, TPG, reported House Budget Committee Chair Tom Price (GA) presented a defense base budget for 2016 at the lower level under the mandated Budget Control Act of 2011 at \$499 billion which is approximately \$36 billion less than the President requested. The proposed budget does continue Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) funds at an increase from \$58 billion to \$94 billion as a stop gap measure. Approximately half, \$26 billion, of the increase is being put into a reserve account and cannot be used unless corresponding savings have been identified. At present count about 69 Republican members of the House have indicated they may vote against the House Budget Committees proposed budget. The Republican majority would not pass the budget if more than 28 members vote against the budget as it is anticipated the Democrats will vote in a block against any proposed Republican budget. The Department of Defense (DoD), the Chief of Naval Operations, the Secretary of the Army, Secretary of the Air Force, and the Air Force Chief of Staff have all delivered testimony to the impacts on readiness to the services; and have noted the current missions cannot continue to be carried out with this reduced level of funding under sequestration. Congressman Crenshaw and Congressman Dias-Balart from Florida intend to draft a 2016 budget to conform to sequestration. He also discussed further impacts of sequestration, and that a budget that does not address sequestration does not appear to be able to pass the House. He reported on a potential rejection of the Navy's Littoral Combat Ship funding, and the funding profile for the replacement of the Ohio submarine class.

DEP Update on Non-Conservation Lands Buffering Acquisition

David Clark, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Deputy Director, Division of State Lands, provided an update on the Naval Support Activity (NSA) Panama City parcel. The County accepted the offer. The contract for the offer expired but DEP continues to work with the county, and DEP will be sending the county a revised contract soon. DEP intends to put the purchase of the NSA Panama City acquisition to on the agenda of an upcoming cabinet meeting, possibly in May. DEP is waiting on an appraisal for the Jaxport lands affecting Naval Station Mayport; the appraisal could be received as early as April. The MacDill AFB, the old Florida Rock property, appraisal is due the end of this week, and the department will commence negotiations when the appraisal is received. He also reported on the cost of acquisitions and how much of the original appropriations should be allocated for Tier 1 properties (not including due diligence cost) is expected to be not more than \$5 million; for Tier 2 properties DEP is still gathering the data. He noted the difficulty in determining the budget allocation for Tier 2 properties without appraisals, especially the Enchanted Island and Homestead properties; DEP will continue to narrow down an estimated budget to acquire these properties which the TF previously requested. Additionally, he reported on Fort Zachary Taylor. The city and the Division of Recreation and Parks have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and the department expects to have 90% design plans by the end of this month, and construction to begin by the end of 2016.

Comment: Staff commented the reason staff asked for the amount of the appropriation to be budgeted for Tier 1 and Tier 2 properties was to see what the delta was for the \$7.9 million appropriation and land acquisition cost. Staff will continue to work with DEP to determine if unused monies can be certified forward for future use, or if they could be used for another purpose.

Question: BrigGen Diehl asked is the MacDill property for an acquisition or easement.

Answer: David Clarke answered it is for the easement at less than fee development rights.

Question: Representative Young asked if the DEP had looked into getting the MacDill property by eminent domain, condemnation, or is that off the table.

Answer: David Clarke answered this is a willing seller program and DEP typically does not go into eminent domain, but they would be willing to look into it.

Comment: Representative Young commented that it may be outside of the DEP program, but if DEP would look into what would need to be done to help MacDill AFB acquire the property it would be helpful.

Department of Economic Opportunity Update

Ana Richmond, Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), discussed the status of the acquisition of properties for base buffering and non-conservation easements. This year DEO received 49 sites from bases requesting non-conservation easements totaling over 1,000 acres. She emphasized the Tier 2 properties, and various challenges with two residential properties, and who would be willing to manage the properties if acquired. She noted the best solutions locally could be the rezoning of properties for more compatible uses. She also discussed the acquisition of an easement for the Homestead property. She discussed acquiring the development rights for Enchanted Island. The property is currently valued at \$5 million, making land purchase prohibitive. Ms. Richmond also discussed the general willingness of the installations to manage the land acquisitions. Homestead and Key West expressed willingness to accept management of the properties.

Comments: Judge Maney stated that he would be willing to facilitate discussion on the residential properties with Escambia County or the City. He further stated that he felt confident the county or the city would be willing to take those properties over.

Staff noted the best solution to the issues with these properties would be a local solution.

Question: Commissioner Stewart asked if the local governments would be compensated for the non-conservation easement.

Answer: Ms. Richmond answered the best solution would be rezoning which would involve no taxpayer money.

Discussion: There was a discussion of the Enchanted Island property being in the accident zone for air operations at NAS Key West, and the ability for aircraft to simulate landing on aircraft carriers. If it was required to change the landing pattern it would detract from the training value of the location. There was also a discussion on whether an easement would be sufficient to stop development and allow the mission at NAS Key West to continue unfettered. The general consensus was an easement would be sufficient.

BrigGen Diehl discussed the funding issues and to have our legislative representation on the TF engage to help with rollover and future funding.

Staff discussed the Tier 2 list and noted the most vulnerable properties that the TF could intercede would be the Homestead ARB and NAS Key West properties, as the Eglin AFB and NAS Pensacola properties may have local solutions. DEO staff and TF staff agree that engaging with DEP to use the unused appropriation to acquire these properties could be a viable course of action.

Question: Representative Young asked who has ownership of the properties once acquired. Follow-on question: Would a state park be compatible with the land use in Key West?

Answer: David Clarke, DEP answered if the state acquires the properties then the state will hold title to them. However, in the case of the Panama City property, the state will acquire the land and deed it over to the Navy. He also noted that it is possible to pick which rights are restricted in the easement acquisition, but the more rights acquired the more expensive the purchase. Additionally, there will be issues with who manages the land/easement. On the Key West park issue David Clarke noted he would look into it.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously recommended that DEP pursue the Homestead and Key West Tier 2 acquisition, including potentially converting the Key West property to a state park.

2016 FDSTF Grant Application Process

Staff discussed the final version of the grant application and the publication of the application on March 20, 2015.

Comments: Commissioner Stewart offered a change under the estimated length of project to include "if the project will take longer than one year please justify."

Legislative Update

Staff briefed TF on current bills in the Florida legislature. The update is separated by Military and Defense related bills and, Veteran's related bills.

Discussion: Representative Workman discussed the bill to replace the Veteran's "V" identification on the driver's license to be identified as "Veteran" spelled out going forward. He also discussed the Department of Agriculture will begin issuing a Veteran's ID card for those military members who did not retire from the military. Adam Putnam has agreed to issue the card from the department's existing budget and charge \$15 to Veterans' who would be issued the card. Florida will become the second state to issue a Veterans ID card.

Representative Young discussed the bill that would allow Veteran's to get into any recreational park free-of-charge in the state.

Question: Judge Maney asked how the military privacy exemption bill was going.

Answer: Representative Workman noted the bill is currently stalled, due to fiscal and logistical constraints concerning the scope and scale of its application.

Defense Economic Impact Study

Staff discussed the need to update the Defense Economic Impact Study and the Florida Defense Factbook, staff also noted the potential to partner with CareerSource Florida which could result in a cost savings of 50%.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to authorize staff to compete a new Defense Economic Impact Study and publish a new Florida Defense Factbook at a cost of up to \$150,000.

V. Public Comment.

Deborah Keller, the Nature Conservancy, discussed the REPI program and the REPI challenge, a one year program at \$5 million. This year the call for proposals is for \$8 million. She reported Eglin AFB received a portion of the REPI Challenge dollars last year and was able to put approximately 20,000 acres under a conservation easement, underneath the flyway at Eglin AFB. She also reported on another new funding opportunity, Sentinel Landscapes. Avon Park has been identified to be Sentinel Landscape because of the opportunity to protect a lot of land around the base. TNC will

be planting 28,000 long leaf pines on Tyndall AFB, to help maintain habitat and help Tyndall's mission. TNC closed on 544 acres buffering Avon Park two weeks ago to enhance base buffering.

Staff Discussed the Governor's Base Commander's Conference and gave the TF a copy of the slides provided at the conference. The Base Commanders were very vocal in their appreciation to the TF for their work and grants in support of their bases.

There was some discussion about the Jaxport land issue at the Base Commander's Conference and the Governor is engaged.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM EST

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #34 on Thursday, April 16, 2015

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Tallahassee, Florida 09:00 AM EST – 10:40 AM EST. For Agenda: See Page 2

Task Force Members Present:

Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman
Representative Clay Ingram
MG Mike Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General of Florida
Judge Patt Maney, Okaloosa, County Judge & BG, USA (Ret)
BrigGen Chip Diehl, USAF (ret.)
Barbara Stewart, Highlands County

Task Force Members Present by Telephone:

MG Joseph Taluto, USA (Ret)
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Task Force Members Absent:

Representative Ritch Workman, Chairman
Representative Dana Young
James Montgomerie, Vertol Systems
Dr. Ed Naggiar, CDR USN (Ret)

Speakers Present:

Secretary Anthony Principi, The Principi Group (TPG)
MG Mike Jones, USA (Ret) TPG
Chris Hartline, Director State of Florida Washington DC Office
Sal Nodjomian, Consultant, Economic Development Council Okaloosa County
Kelley Borre, Director State of Lands, Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP)

Others Present:

Mary Louise Hester, Senator Nelson's Office
Jim Breitenfeld, TPG
Kyle McIntyre, Congresswoman Gwen Graham's Office
Ana Richmond, Department of Economic Opportunity
Deborah Keller, The Nature Conservancy
Jessica Kraynak, Florida Department of Veteran's Affairs Staff (FDVA)
David Clarke, Deputy Director State of Lands, DEP
Colleen Kreptekies, FDVA
Larry Novey, OPPAGA
Richard Woerner, OPPAGA
Rose Cook, OPPAGA
Chelsey Henry, CFO Jeff Atwater's Office

Staff Present:

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

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Bruce Grant, Executive Director, Florida Defense Support Task Force

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 Moment of Remembrance for RADM Kevin Delaney, US Navy (ret)

0915 – 0925 Old Business.....Chairman **(A)/(I)**
 • Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
 • TF Grants and Contracts Status Camila Hornung **(I)**
 • FY 2014 Budget Update Bruce Grant **(I) (D)**

0925 – 1130 New Business.....Chairman **(I)**
 • Update from The Principi Group Secretary Anthony Principi
 • TF Members Reports TF Members
 • Washington DC Office Update Chris Hartline
 • DEP Update on Non Conservation Lands Kelley Boree/David Clark
 • Update on Public Private Partnerships COL (ret) Sal Nodjomian
 • Legislative Update Bruce Grant

1130 – 1145 Public Comment.....Chairman

1145 – 1230 Lunch

1230 - 1400 CLOSED SESSION

Discussion of strategy, review of strategic plan and way forward Chairman **(A)**

1400 Adjourn

Reminders:

Meeting Dates:	May 21, 2015	Tallahassee
	June 18, 2015	Ft. Walton
	July 16, 2015	Tampa
	Sept. 17, 2015	St. Augustine

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

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome & Introductions

II. Mr. Neubauer welcomed attendees and guests. He asked the Task Force and the audience to take a moment of silence in recognition of the passing of RADM Kevin Delaney and his service to the Task Force (TF) and the State of Florida. He led the Pledge of Allegiance. He reminded the Task Force (TF) the meeting is governed by the Sunshine Law.

III. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of the Minutes

A quorum being present, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the March 19, 2015 TF meeting and closed session minutes with noted corrections.

FY 2013, 2014, and 2015 Budget/Contract Update:

Staff provided an update of the TF grants for FY 2012-2013 and FY 2013-2014. Notices have been sent out to the grantees that have spent under 50% of their grants to prompt them to move forward with their projects. Staff spoke with the City of Jacksonville yesterday and they have submitted an invoice for \$100,000 and are proceeding to close out the grant. Economic Development Council of Bay County has not expended any of their grants funding, but they have applied for matching funds to complete the project; anticipated completion is July 31, 2015. A conference call is scheduled with the National Center for Simulation which also has not expended any of its grant funds; staff will have an update on this grant at the next TF meeting. Final payments have been sent to the City of Niceville and Florida's Great Northwest for the fiscal year 2013-2014. The 2014-2015 fiscal year contracts have all been executed with exception of Polk County, they are expected to sign the contract on April 21, 2015; and Space Florida's paperwork has been received and staff will move forward with the execution of that contract.

Staff reported on this fiscal year's budget and remaining available funds. Staff reported there is approximately \$1.5 million with approximately \$1.4 million in program funds available. There is \$2 million in both the House and Senate versions of the budget for the TF in FY 2015-2016 budget.

III. Agenda Item III: New Business

Update from the Principi Group

Secretary Anthony Principi, TPG, reported Congress returned to work this week with a schedule for the President's budget mark-ups. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee marked-up the Iran Bill, with a historic 19 – 0 vote. The vote paves the way for the Iran bill to go forward in both houses. The House Veteran's Affairs Committee, Chaired by Florida Congressman Jeff Miller, continues to look at past issues of the VA. Both House and Senate staffs worked through the Easter recession to bring back revised budget's that were very similar. The House's proposed military spending budget is \$617 billion, with \$94 billion planned for Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) funding, and the Senate's proposed military spending budget is \$619, with \$96 billion for OCO funding. The last point of contention in the Senate is to get 60 votes to sustain a budget point of order, which could be problematic with the higher proposed OCO. Senators McCain and Thornberry have said they will draft proposals for OCO to be used for base budget operating support. The Service Chief's submitted list of unfunded priorities that were not included in the President's budget for 2016 to the House and Senate Armed Service Committee's (HASC and SASC) at their request. Subcommittee mark-ups are expected to be completed by the 23rd and full committee mark-up by the HASC to be completed by the 29th. No schedule has been released yet, but it appears Senator McCain would like to be complete by May 23rd with the Senate's mark-up. Military construction (MILCON) projects for Florida budgeted for \$239 million, appear to have survived the mark-up process. The Navy's Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) funding appears to be on track. The LCSs are proposed to be based at Mayport. He discussed other proposed Senate bills that will impact Commander's ability to exercise control over spending. He also

discussed the current climate for Base Realignment and Closure for 2017.

Questions: Mr. Neubauer asked if the acquisition plan for the LCS continues, even though they are completing the upgrades to the weapon systems to the Frigate class.

Answer: Secretary Principi answered ADM Antonio has said yes, the plan continues.

Task Force Member Reports

BrigGen Diehl reported on the “My MacDill” challenge to celebrate 75 years of operations at MacDill AFB started today for five months until the Air Force’s birthday on September 18th. People will be telling their stories about MacDill from April 16 through the September 18th. Lakeland will host Sun and Fun next week. Next Wednesday will be a heritage fly-by led by a B-25, the plane Jimmy Doolittle’s flew, as their salute to “My MacDill.”

Commissioner Barbara Stewart reported the runway repaving project at Avon Park is completed. She also reported that SOCOM’s Jaded Thunder Exercise wrapped up this week, which received some great publicity. There were over 800 participants in the exercise, and 37 aircraft that provided close air support for the exercise. The Florida National Guard 316th Field Artillery Unit will have over 300 personnel and 900 vehicles at the range. The Avon Park Correctional Institute (APCI) will host the K-9 Regional Competition this weekend. The range has 14 endangered and threatened species. Recently a Grasshopper Sparrow was found, netted, and banded; it is the only one to be found this year. This species demonstrates the stress on some of the endangered species at the range. 297 of the sparrows were found on the range in 1997, 144 in 2002, and less than ten since 2010.

Representative Clay Ingram reported on the recently announced partnership between Gulf Power and Eglin Air Force Base (AFB) and Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola to produce solar farms in the panhandle. Eglin AFB will host a 30MW farm, Holley Field at 40MW farm, Saufley Field a 50MW farm to meet the Department of Defense requirements for 25% renewable energy goal by 2025, and the Air Force’s goal of 1GW of renewable energy by 2016. The proposal goes before the Public Service Commission today.

MG Mike Calhoun, reported on his Change of Command hosted by Governor Scott and thanked the TF for their attendance. He also noted the event marked the retirement of MajGen Titshaw at the culmination of 30 years of service to the State of Florida. He also reported 400 troops have deployed since the Change of Command to Afghanistan to protect some of the forward bases. The 125th Fighter Wing deployed to a theater security package in Europe for three months. Upcoming deployments include 1,300 Army and 200 Air National Guard troops. He discussed meetings with Senator’s Nelson’s staff as well as upcoming meetings with Senator Rubio’s and Senator Nelson’s staffers; a meeting at Camp Blanding with Congressman Yoho; and later with Congressman DeSantis to show them the capabilities and the value of the installation to the State of Florida. The next Base Commander’s Meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2015 at NAS Jacksonville.

Judge Patt Maney reported on the Tier 2 properties Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) discussed at last month’s meeting to buffer NAS Pensacola and Eglin AFB. He set up a meeting with a Valparaiso City Commissioner and an Okaloosa County Commissioner to discuss the acquisition of property near Eglin. However, the Eglin property is no longer on the market, but Valparaiso is now interested in a more coherent plan to try to help Eglin acquire property that is in the buffer zone. He reported he has a meeting scheduled in Escambia County with the City Council, the County Commission, and the Chamber of Commerce lined up to meet with Judge Maney and Ana Richmond (DEO) to discuss the property adjacent to NAS Pensacola. He also noted, the Army Reserve Unit appears to be moving out of Florida. He indicated he will continue to monitor those developments to see if there is anything the TF can do to prevent the movement of that Command.

Comments: Ana Richmond noted she followed up with Eglin yesterday and they are committed to working with the City of Valparaiso to work on any land use incompatibilities. Judge Maney asked for copies of the correspondence with Joe Morgan.

J.R. McDonald reported on the Northwest Florida's DC Fly-in and the discussion regarding the ranges and off-shore drilling. There have been several air-to-ground test exercises over the past few months that highlight the importance of the ranges in the Gulf of Mexico.

Mr. Tom Neubauer reported on Northwest Florida's DC Fly-in, and thanked Representative Ingram as Chair of the Chamber of Commerce for his support in putting the very successful event together. He thanked EFI staff and TPG for their participation in the event as well. He reported there was a very comprehensive agenda and a lot of focus on the ranges in the Gulf of Mexico, and indicated that he anticipated there will probably be a lot of discussion about the ranges in the coming months.

Washington DC Update

Chris Hartline reported on current climate in Washington regarding the President's budget, OCO classifications of funding, and HASC and SASC mark-ups.

DEP Update on Non-Conservation Lands Buffering Acquisition

Kelley Borre, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Director, Division of State Lands, provided an update on the Naval Support Activity (NSA) Panama City parcel. The County accepted the offer and is proceeding through the approval process. DEP is working on the appraisal for the Jaxport land affecting Naval Station Mayport, there were a few problems found in the review with the appraisal. The Florida Rock property appraisal has been received and they are working on a negotiation strategy. DEP expects to be in negotiations tomorrow. The appropriations that are designated for the acquisition of this property will not revert back until December as opposed to July 1 as previously reported. She reported Monroe County is interested in Enchanted Island coming under the military buffering act and visited with DEP and EFI Military and Defense when they made their last visit to Tallahassee. The Enchanted Island land was under contract for approximately \$4.9 million, but appears that contract has since been terminated. The Homestead property recently sold for \$10 million. Key West entry designs should be coming out in May, it should be completed and ready for bid in October.

Question: Mr. Neubauer asked if the 18 month period to complete acquisition can be extended.

Answer: Ms. Borre commented it is her understanding that as long as progress is being made, it can be.

Question: Commissioner Stewart asked about the change in progress to acquire Tier 1 properties.

Answer: Ms. Borre commented that she is very optimistic, but it does depend on the expectations of the seller. She also noted there is some movement in the legislature to craft legislation to assist with the acquisition process.

Comments: Commissioner Stewart commented on the need for the TF to work with local communities to understand the base buffering needs and for DEO to assist in land use and zoning education with the communities to change some of the restrictive requirements.

Ms. Borre commented many of the local communities are very supportive of the process. She cited the community around NAS Jacksonville as an example, but noted that some of the private businesses and owners may impede the process as in the case of the Jaxport property.

Gen. Diehl also commented on the need to educate the local community. He also asked on behalf of Representative Young for Ms. Borre to follow-up on the eminent domain question. General Diehl also asked if monies not expended on Tier 1 properties can be used for lower Tier properties, and asked about appropriations for the upcoming fiscal year.

Ms. Borre commented the current process under Florida Statute 253 does not speak to eminent domain as an option. She noted that each individual property would have to be taken to the Board of Trustees to get approval for eminent domain. Also, the potential exists that a property acquired under eminent domain will cost more since the court sets the eminent domain property value. The process is very time consuming.

Ms. Borre said she would look into the use of residual Tier 1 property funds.

Ana Richmond noted that the acquisition of the existing list of properties, specifically Enchanted Island is the current priority, and the development rights for Homestead. Staff also noted that Representative Young is aware of the need for the legislature to intervene to execute the acquisition requirements, and she is working on the requirements.

Tri-County Community Partnership Initiative Update

Sal Nodjomian, PE, Consultant, provided an update on the status of Tri-County Community Partnership Initiative. He provided a brochure with some of the partnerships that are working in Okaloosa County.

Comments: Mr. Neubauer noted that Okaloosa County is the bright and shining star in the State of Florida for leading the way in Public-Public, Public Private Partnerships (P4), Bay County as well as others are grateful for you leading the way on this Air Force initiative.

Question: Judge Maney asked for COL Nodjomian to expand on item seven the medical partnership, which is of great interest to him.

COL Nodjomian responded there are two medical partnerships, items six and seven. Item six is an effort to get training for health care professionals at a reduced cost; focusing on delivering training to the medical professionals. Currently the Wing Commander has \$200,000 for training from a budget that was once funded at \$2 million. Item seven focuses on expanding the underutilized medical facilities and personnel at Eglin AFB to include the Veteran population. This partnership emphasizes medical care for non-retired Veterans.

Question: Commissioner Stewart asked for more detail on lessons learned that can be applied to any installation in Florida, and if Tri-County Community Partnership Initiative is working with other installations on P4.

COL Nodjomian responded that all of the current initiatives that he briefed today are applicable to other installations. He noted that this brief serves as an outreach to other military communities and he is hopeful that the TF will help get the word out about the website and P4's Okaloosa County currently has in place.

Staff noted that when this project was funded, part of the funding was to market the initiatives. The marketing is now ready for rollout and with the TAG's concurrence; this presentation can be made part of the next Base Commander's Meeting.

MG Calhoun agreed to add the presentation to the July Base Commander's Meeting.

Question: Commissioner Stewart asked where are you in completing your grant.

COL Nodjomian responded the first year is complete and they working on second years grant award, with an anticipated completion date of December 2015.

Legislative Update

Staff briefed the TF on current bills in the Florida legislature. The update is separated by Military and Defense related bills, and Veteran's related bills. HB35 and SB7028 which were not included in the handout, waiver of out-of-state tuition for military members using the GI Bill for tuition payments were also mentioned.

Colleen Kreptekies, FDVA, provided an update of the legislation affecting Veterans. She noted the new benefits guide will be updated soon with this sessions changes.

V. Public Comment.

Deborah Keller, the Nature Conservancy, discussed the Northwest Florida DC Fly-in, and the Department of Defense Sentinel Landscapes Award. She noted Avon Park is on the short list for the award and she will working with them toward competing for this award. She also, noted the bases that have won the Sentinel Landscapes Award have been winners of the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Challenge, and she is asking for support to enter installations in the REPI Challenge. She also spoke to programs to protect endangered species, such as the Grasshopper Sparrow mentioned earlier by Commissioner Stewart at Avon Park.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM EST

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #35 on Thursday, May 21, 2015

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

Task Force Members Present:

Representative Ritch Workman, Chairman
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman
MG Mike Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General of Florida
Judge Patt Maney, Okaloosa, County Judge & BG, USA, Ret.
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Speakers Present:

MG Mike Jones, USA, Ret., The Principi Group (TPG)
John Patrick Walsh, Director State of Florida Washington DC Office
LTG Tom Baptiste, USA, Ret., National Center for Simulation
Kelley Borre, Director of State Lands, Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP)
Michelle Dahanke, Deputy Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the State of Florida
Chelsey Henry, CFO Jeff Atwater's Office

Others Present:

Brian Mimbs, Senator Marco Rubio's Office
Emily Clark, Senator Marco Rubio's Office
MAJ Adam Bailey, USA, Department of Military Affairs
CAPT Ryan Hagemeyer, USA, FNG
Elizabeth Ryon, The Florida Senate
Margaret Sanders, The Florida Senate
George Cheros, National Center for Simulation
Pete Gandy, Santa Rosa County Military Affairs Community
Craig Dalton, The Pensacola Chamber
John Schueler, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance
Jim Breitenfeld, The Principi Group (TPG)
Kyle McIntyre, Congresswoman Gwen Graham's Office
Avery Smith, Congresswoman Gwen Graham's Office

Ana Richmond, Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)
Beth Walker, DEO
Bob Brooke, Bay Defense Alliance
Marion Cook, Tyndall Air Force Base
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 - TF Member Reports John Walsh
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 - Update from The Principi Group Kelley Boree
 - DEP Update LTG (ret) Tom Baptiste
 - Team Orlando Update Deputy CFO, Michelle
 - Firefighter Program
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- 1000 – 1015 Public Comment.....Chairman
- 1015 – 1200 FY 2015 Grant Application Presentations.....Chairman **(I) (D)**
- 1200 – 1230 Lunch
- 1230 – 1430 FY 2015 Grant Application Presentations.....Chairman **(I) (D)**
- 1430 – 1530 CLOSED SESSION.....Chairman
- 1530 - 1630 OPEN SESSION – Voting on grant proposals.....Chairman **(A)**
- 1630 Adjourn

Reminders:

Meeting Dates:	June 18, 2015	TBD	Sept. 17, 2015	St. Augustine
	July 16, 2015	Tampa	Oct. 15, 2015	Miami
	August 20, 2015	TBD		

Chairman, Representative Ritch Workman, began the meeting at 09:00 AM EST.

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome & Introductions

II. Rep. Workman welcomed attendees and guests. He asked guest to stand and introduce themselves. He led the Pledge of Allegiance. He reminded the Task Force (TF) the meeting is governed by the Sunshine Law.

III. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of the Minutes

A quorum being present, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the April 16, 2015 TF meeting and closed session minutes.

FY 2013, 2014, and 2015 Budget/Contract Update:

Staff provided an update of the TF grants for FY 2012-2013 and FY 2013-2014. Staff reported they expected to close the remaining FY 2012-2013 grants within the month. All FY 2014-2015 grants have been executed. Staff also discussed request for proposal process for the economic impact study. Staff received four proposals from Workforce/CareerSource Florida; Chmura Economics; RKG Associates, and The Haas Center. Evaluations of the proposals were conducted in accordance with the published criteria and CareerSource Florida is being awarded the contract at a bid price of \$81,000 which represents half of the cost of the 2013 economic impact study cost. EFI will be completing the contracting process with CareerSource Florida.

Staff reported on this fiscal year's budget and remaining available funds. Staff reported there is approximately \$1.5 million with approximately \$1.4 million in program funds available. There is \$2 million in both the House and Senate versions of the budget for the TF in FY 2015-2016 budget.

Staff discussed the updated meeting schedule. The June meeting is postponed until August in Fort Walton Beach.

The TF asked the staff to put together a strawman in the event a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) enacted by Congress. Staff has completed that request and it is now with the Principi Group for review, and will be presented at the July meeting.

Question: Judge Maney asked about when the TF Members terms end.

Answer: Chairman Workman responded the terms end June 30, 2015 and he has been in contact with the legislature and the Governor's office working on appointments and reappointments.

Question: Mr. McDonald asked if the BRAC strawman will have associated cost assigned to each action in an effort to compare the recommended actions to the TF budget.

Answer: Staff noted monetary values have not been applied to any recommendations. The current version addresses the recommended actions of the TF, Staff, and notification of the Governor, will be the state lead in a BRAC. Staff will add estimated cost to recommendations in the next draft.

III. Agenda Item III: New Business

Update from the Principi Group

Secretary Anthony Principi, TPG, reported Congress returned to work this week with a schedule for the President's budget mark-ups. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee marked-up the Iran Bill, with a historic 19 – 0 vote. The vote paves the way for the Iran bill to go forward in both houses. The House Veteran's Affairs Committee, Chaired by Florida Congressman Jeff Miller, continues to look as past issues of the VA. Both House and Senate staffs worked through the Easter recession to bring back revised budget's that are very similar. The House's proposed military spending budget is \$617 billion, with \$94 billion planned

for Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) funding, and the Senate's proposed military spending budget is \$619, with \$96 billion for OCO funding. The last point of contention in the Senate is to get 60 votes to sustain a budget point of order, which could be problematic with the higher proposed OCO. Senator McCain and Representative Thornberry have said they will draft proposals for OCO to be used for base budget operating support. The Service Chief's submitted list of unfunded priorities that were not included in the President's budget for 2016 to the House and Senate Armed Service Committee's (HASC and SASC) at their request. Subcommittee mark-ups are expected to be completed by the 23rd and full committee mark-up by the HASC to be completed by the 29th. No schedule has been released yet, but it appears Senator McCain would like to be complete with the Senate's mark-up by May 23rd. Military construction (MILCON) projects for Florida budgeted for \$239 million, appear to have survived the mark-up process. The Navy's Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) funding appears to be on track. The LCSs are proposed to be based at Mayport. He discussed other proposed Senate bills that will impact Commander's ability to exercise control over spending. He also discussed the current climate for Base Realignment and Closure for 2017.

Questions: Mr. Neubauer asked if the acquisition plan for the LCS continues, even though they are completing the upgrades to the weapon systems to the Frigate class.

Answer: Secretary Principi answered ADM Antonio has said yes, the plan continues.

Task Force Member Reports

J.R. McDonald reported the Association of Defense Communities (ADC) announced today that Eglin Air Force Base (AFB) is the winner of the Installation Excellence Award. Eglin was chosen because it personifies the community partnerships that are so important to keeping the base viable. He noted the TF has given the county a significant amount of money to support the public-public, public-private (P4) partnerships for Eglin, and this is recognition of the success of this grant funding. He also reported on the economic impact study of the number of F-35's that could be based at Eglin. Due to a runway being closed, the runway the F-35's will use is one that has caused some noise concerns, for approximately 40 days until repairs to the primary F-35 runway are complete. The other modification is based on the Navy's request for more aircraft to be based at Eglin as back-up aircraft inventory (BAI) of 18 aircraft for 15 primary assigned aircraft. By making the request in this manner the Navy has mitigated the need for a new environmental impact study to assign an additional F-35 squadron to Eglin. The Marine Corps had an inventory of 20 aircraft at Eglin, which means the total number of aircraft at Eglin is unchanged.

Judge Patt Maney reported he spoke at Eglin AFB at an in-service legal training program. He provided copies of the legislative tracker provided to the TF by staff, the Military-Friendly Guide, and the FDVA Brochure which were all very well received. He noted many of the people in the training were unaware of the benefits offered to veterans by the State of Florida. He coordinated the meeting with Ana Richmond (DEO) and some Escambia County officials regarding the nine (9) parcels of land NAS Pensacola would like for DEO to acquire for base buffering. Representatives from the city and county were present, as well as the Chamber of Commerce, and the local Military Affairs Committee (MAC). A point person was assigned to the project. He also noted the expansion of the Veteran's Treatments Courts bills were authorized by the legislature and are awaiting for the Governor's signature.

MG Mike Calhoun, reported on the FNG hosted Congressional delegations from Senator's Nelson and Rubio's offices. He also met with Congresswoman Graham and gave a tour of Camp Blanding to Congressman Yoho. He reported on the Raven's Challenge at Camp Blanding, which is an explosives ordinance disposal competition. There are currently 1,000 explosives and disposal personnel at Camp Blanding, from six countries sharing best learned practices. Personnel have blown up several items to determine what was used in the explosive devices. Camp Blanding will also host the Regional Training Event (RTE) pilot program to teach installations how to prevent a Fort Hood incident, in addition training will be conducted on disaster preparedness and recovery. He noted they expect to push the program out Army wide. He also discussed National Guard funding under the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The Secretary General of NATO is coming to visit the 125th Fighter wing on the 28th of this month on the heels of their successful involvement in Operation RESOLVE. He also reported he attended the Hurricane Conference last week in Orlando. He will attend the ribbon cutting for the new Emergency Operations Center in Hialeah.

Mr. Tom Neubauer reported Naval Support Activity (NSA) Panama City has a couple of tenant commands that are the center of excellence for Navy diving; Navy Diving Salvage Training Center trains about 1,200 divers from all branches including special forces, and The Navy Experimental Dive Unit is located there. They commands recently held the “Year of the Diver” Program there were approximately 3,000 civilians were able to get on the base and look at diving. Several events were celebrated that day in the Naval dive community. Our Congressional delegation attended the event as well as others from Washington, D.C. The event raised the profile of diving in the State of Florida and how important it is with center being at NSA Panama City.

Rep. Ritch Workman reported on the launch of a rocket from the space coast yesterday. The rocket carried the Air Force’s top secret space plane, and Bill Nye’s the Science Guy’s Space Sail Ship.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart reported Avon Park Air Force range recently hosted Spartan Warrior Battlefield Airman training event. The exercise involved approximately 150 troops that regularly deploy for ground operations in specialties such as security forces, combat communications, combat weather, Joint Terminal Attack Controllers, and Pararescue. Competition team events included land navigation, timed marches, and target shooting. She also reported Range will host the 4th Special Operation Squadron AC-130 gunships from Hurlburt Field this week.

BrigGen Diehl reported on the “My MacDill” challenge to celebrate 75 years of operations at MacDill AFB started today for five months until the Air Force’s birthday on September 18th. He reported the Congressional delegation and Congressman Jolly continues to work on behalf of MacDill. They secured \$94 million for the base, \$55 million of which is to move the helicopters to MacDill for the military construction (MILCON) cost for the move. The \$55 million is in the House Appropriation Bill. The Operation Readiness Inspection for the base will be over by our next meeting. It appears both Tanker wings are faring well in the inspection. The Special Operations Industry Conference (SOFIC) is being held at MacDill.

MG Joseph Taluto reported on his meeting with the Homestead Military Affairs Community (MAC) with MG Jones and discussed scheduling a follow-up visit with the Miami MAC to work on coordinating the MACs efforts.

Representative Clay Ingram reported on the Public Service Commission approved the partnership between Gulf Power and Eglin Air Force Base (AFB) and Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola to produce solar farms in the panhandle. Eglin AFB will host a 30MW farm, Holley Field at 40MW farm, Saufley Field a 50MW farm to meet the Department of Defense requirements for 25% renewable energy goal by 2025, and the Air Force’s goal of 1GW of renewable energy by 2016. The initiative will produce enough energy for 18,000 homes.

Washington DC Update

John Patrick Walsh reported the House of Representatives passed their version of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA); the Senate version passed the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) as well last week and appears to be a bridge between the House and the President’s budgets. He also reported on bills that impact Florida including the Space bill and the Coast Guard bill.

Update from the Principi Group

MG Mike Jones reported for the first time since 2009 Congress passed a joint budget resolution. The overseas contingency operations (OCO) work around is being threatened by the administration. He noted this appears to be a set-up for a budget showdown. He also discussed the impact of sequestration on military operations and any increases in the budget will be mitigated by sequestration. The impact on Florida’s budget reduction over recent years is not expected to be overcome in the current budget environment. The Army is expected to announce brigade reductions in the fall. He doesn’t expect the Air Force and the Navy to make a similar announcement. There is a requirement for the Department of Defense (DoD) to do a study of the excess capacity and force structure over the next 20 years. He noted these are the first two steps after a BRAC is authorized, which is an indication that the study may be used to authorize a BRAC. The proposed military construction (MILCON) projects have passed the House and are headed to the Senate. All if the

Florida MILCON projects remain in the House's version. He also reported on TPG visits to some Florida installations and thanked the communities in helping identify issues in their communities.

DEP Update on Non-Conservation Lands Buffering Acquisition

Kelley Boree, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Director, Division of State Lands, provided an update on the Naval Support Activity (NSA) Panama City parcel, DEP is currently waiting on the approval of the Board of County Commissioners to move forward. The appraisals for the Jaxport land affecting Naval Station Mayport are due today. She also reported DEP has an agreement with MacDill, and is working on the option agreement. Key West entry design is a 30% design and DEP is working with the Navy on this development.

Question: General Diehl also asked for follow-up on if monies not expended on Tier 1 properties can be used for lower Tier properties.

Answer: Ms. Boree responded there had been discussion on the Enchanted Island property which was sold is closed, and Homestead property which is much higher than the budget DEP has at this time.

Team Orlando Update

LTG Tom Baptiste, President/CEO, National Center for Simulation (NCS), provided the TF with an update on the 40 acre Orlando complex and the three partnership buildings on the complex. He reported that 50% of the space in the building is occupied by DoD personnel which is short of the total required to house DoD personnel. An additional 200,000 to 300,000 square feet of office space is required to address the BRAC vulnerability identified by TPG. Team Orlando is currently working on acquiring additional properties to meet the needs of the complex to house DoD personnel which requires the installation to increase their footprint. The increased footprint will require additional force protection measures to secure the acquired property. If the acquisition of the property moves quickly, NCS may need to come back to the TF to request funding out of cycle to continue the acquisition process.

Questions: Mr. Neubauer asked if one of the buildings was occupied by the Air Force. Additionally, he asked if there were discussion to relocate.

Answer: LTG Baptiste responded yes and the unit is self-contained. Gen. Baptiste that he is unaware of any of the services are entertaining moving.

Question: Commissioner Stewart asked if NCS acquired the two vacant building if the center would still need the additional buildings.

Answer: Gen. Baptiste answered yes, but the owner is insisting the current bid in \$2 million short of what they want for the property.

Question: Rep. Workman asked about buildings that are currently force protected that will be available for commercial use, and whether the building will be carved out of the current force protection footprint.

Answer. Gen. Baptiste answered no. The building will remain in the force protection footprint. The buildings are only closed when heightened force protection measures are indicated.

Firefighter Program

Michelle Dahnke, Deputy CFO, and **Chelsi Henry**, DFS Legislative Affairs Office, reported on the Operation Dispatch created by the Chief Financial Officer and State Fire Marshal Jeff Atwater which streamlines the process for military trained firefighters to become Florida certified firefighters in a dual process by giving firefighters credit for service training and through the creation of a 40 hour bridge class to cover Florida specific training. The program allows the service member to take the Florida firefighter certification exam immediately upon successful completion of the course. Additionally, through a partnership with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs (FDVA) allows service

members and Veterans' to use their educational dollars for duty (EDD) and GI bill to pay for training. Some fees have been waived to complete the training.

Comment: MG Taluto commented on the program and other areas of training in careers which are redundant, such as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), and applauds the efforts of the CFO to improve credentialing of military professionals.

MG Calhoun also applauded the program and the elimination reducing the redundancies in training qualified military personnel in filling these critical positions in Florida and continuing to make Florida the most military and Veteran friendly state.

BG Diehl discussed the Troops to Truckers program nationwide. He suggested the TF work with Florida is For Veteran's, Inc. review these programs and come up with a comprehensive list of programs.

Legislative Update

Staff briefed the TF the legislation that was passed during the last session and is tracking which ones are signed by the Governor. Staff will continue to update the TF when the Governor signs the legislation.

Jessica Kraynak, Legislative Analysis, FDVA, provided an update of the legislation affecting Veterans. She discussed specifically SB 132 which allows Veteran's to provide alternative documentation for renewal or replacement of disabled parking permits, and; SB 728 which allows spouses and children to receive out-of-state tuition waivers using the sponsors GI Bill benefits. Both bills have been signed by the Governor.

V. Public Comment.

No public comment.

VI. FY 2015 Grant Application Presentations

There were seven grant applications with presenters who were provide 15 minutes each to present their grant applications to the TF followed by a question and answer period for presenter. Chairman Workman noted the City of Jacksonville pulled their grant application. The grant presenters were as follows:

- Clay County Development Authority, **Josh Cockrell**, requested \$400,000 to purchase 420 acres adjacent to Camp Blanding to prevent encroachment. Matching funds from the St. Johns County Water Management District.
- Santa Rosa County, **Pete Gandy**, Santa Rosa County MAC, requested \$41,310 to update the 2003 Land Acquisition Study and complete a phased plan to limit encroachment at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whiting Field. Matching funds from the county will be used to fund the study as well as cover any additional cost incurred to complete the study.
- Bay County, Naval Support Activity (NSA) Panama City, **Bob Brooke**, Bay Defense Alliance, requested \$120,000 to conduct a feasibility study for dredging at NSA Panama City to facilitate berthing of Littoral Combat Ships (LCS). The project will improve military and training value of the base by allowing berthing of the LCS ships at NSA Panama City, reducing the need for tug services out of NAS Pensacola which are provided by providers in Alabama.
- Bay County, Tyndall Air Force Base (AFB), **Marion Cook**, Tyndall AFB, requesting \$400,000 to install fiber optic cable to improved traffic flow on Tyndall Parkway to include traffic lights into the intelligent transportation system to manage traffic to and from Tyndall AFB.

- Greater Pensacola Chamber, **Craig Dalton**, Greater Pensacola Chamber and **Dr. Sharon Heise**, requested \$350,000, to increase collaboration on cyber activities between Corry Station and the community.
- Institute for Human and Machine Cognition (IHMC), **Dr. Pam Dana & Peter Neuhaus**, IHMC, requested \$500,000 to develop a rehabilitation exoskeleton device for wounded special operations personnel.
- Tampa Bay Defense Alliance, **John Schueler**, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance, requested \$275,000, to allow execution of MacDill 2025 plan, including strengthening perceptions and engaging community partners to champion MacDill AFB.

The meeting recessed at 1:15pm.

The meeting reconvened at 2:15pm.

The TF awarded the following grant request:

- Bay County NSA Panama City for \$120,000.
- Santa Rosa County for \$41, 310.
- Clay County Development Authority for \$400,000.
- Tampa Bay Defense Alliance for \$175,000.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM EST

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #36 on Thursday, July 16, 2015

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting at Westin Tampa Harbour Island, Tampa, Florida 09:00 AM EST – 11:17 AM EST. For Agenda: See Page 2

Task Force Members Present:

Senator Garrett Richter, Chairman
Senator Mike Bennett, Manatee County Supervisor of Elections
Representative Ritch Workman
Representative Dana Young
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman
BrigGen Chip Diehl, USAF, Ret.
Barbara Stewart, Highlands County
MG Joseph Taluto, USA, Ret.
J.R. McDonald, Lockheed Martin
CW4 Derrick Fritts

Task Force Members Absent:

MG Mike Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General of Florida
Representative Clay Ingram
ADM Mark Fitzgerald

Speakers Present:

Secretary Anthony Principi, The Principi Group (TPG)
MG Mike Jones, USA, Ret., TPG
John Patrick Walsh, Deputy Director State of Florida Washington DC Office
Jan Resch, USF Cyber Center
Jim Sampey, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance/Veterans Florida
Jim Kuzma, Space Florida
Kelley Borre, Director of State Lands, Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) (Phone)

Others Present:

COL Mike Prendergast, USA, Ret., Florida Department of Veteran's Affairs (FDVA)
Lee Ann Sferrazza-Rios FDVA
Buck MacLaughlin, Avon Park Air Force Range
MG Keye Sabol, TPG
Jim Breitenfeld, TPG
Tim Jones, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance
MAJ Adam Bailey, USA, Department of Military Affairs (Phone)
Steve Rarus, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance
Sean Coniglio, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance

Staff Present:

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

Mike Grissom, Senior Vice President, External Affairs

Rocky McPherson, Vice President, Military and Defense

Bruce Grant, Executive Director, Florida Defense Support Task Force

Camila Hornung, Grants Coordinator, Florida Defense Support Task Force

Marcy Muldrow Sanders, Administrative Assistant, Military and Defense



Florida Defense Support Task Force – Meeting #36
Westin Tampa Harbour Island
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AGENDA for July 16, 2015 (As of: July 8, 2015)

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- 0900 - 0910 Welcome, Introductions of New Members, Guest Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance.....Chairman **(I)**
- 0910 – 0925 Welcome from Tampa Bay Defense Alliance
- 0925 – 0935 Old Business.....Chairman **(A)/ (I)**
- Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
 - Florida Cyber Security Efforts Jan Resch, USF Cyber Center **(I)**
 - TF Grants and Contracts Status Camila Hornung **(I)**
 - FY 2014 Budget Update Bruce Grant **(I) (D)**
 - Review of 2015 Meeting Schedule/ Task Force Accomplishment Bruce Grant **(I)**
- 0935 – 1130 New Business.....Chairman **(I)**
- TF Member Reports John Patrick Walsh
 - Washington DC Office Update MG Mike Jones, Ret.
 - Update from The Principi Group Kelley Boree
 - DEP Non Conservation Lands Update (By phone) Jim Sampey
 - Veterans Florida Update Jim Kuzma
 - Space Florida Update
- 1130 – 1145 Public Comment.....Chairman
- 1145 – 1230 Lunch/CLOSED SESSION
- Discussion of strategy, review of strategic plan and way forward Chairman **(I)**
- BRAC Planning Bruce Grant
- 1230 - 1500 Visit MacDill AFBJohn Schueler

Reminder – Meeting Dates:

July 16, 2015	Tampa	October 15, 2015	Miami/SOUTHCOM
August 20, 2015	Ft. Walton	November 19, 2015	Melbourne *
September 17, 2015	St. Augustine *	December 10, 2015	TBD

* Conflict with legislative committee weeks

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

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome & Introductions

II. Senator Richter welcomed attendees and guests. He welcomed the new members to the Task Force (TF), and thanked the recently retired members, Dr. Ed Naggiar, Judge Patt Maney, and Mr. James Montgomerie for their service to the TF. He asked the new members to introduce themselves.

CW4 Derrick Fritts introduced himself to the TF. He is a member of the Florida National Guard on a full-time mission gearing up to deploy soon. When he is not active in the FNG he works for the central district of the Department of Environmental Protection in Orlando.

Senator Mike Bennett introduced himself to the TF. He is a former Florida State Senator and a Navy Veteran.

Senator Garrett Richter introduced himself to the TF. He is an Army and Air Force Veteran, a banker, and a sitting Senator.

Senator Richter presented Representative Workman a certificate of appreciation for his service as Chair of the TF. Representative Workman noted how honored he has been to serve on the TF, and to serve as Chair.

He asked guest to stand and introduce themselves. He led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chairman also noted this TF meeting is being televised live on the Florida Channel. He reminded the Task Force the meeting is governed by Sunshine Law.

BrigGen Diehl welcomed the TF to Tampa on behalf of Mayor Buckhorn and Representative Young.

Jim Samey, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance (TBDA), welcomed the TF to Tampa and briefed the TF on the mission of the TBDA. He discussed MacDill Air Force Base (AFB) and military community quality of life issues, as well as the retention of military retirees in the Tampa Bay area.

Task Force members and staff introduced themselves to the new members.

III. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of the Minutes

A quorum being present, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the May 21, 2015 TF meeting and closed session minutes.

Jan Resch, Florida Center for Cybersecurity at the University of South Florida (USF), briefed the TF on accomplishments in the year they have been in existence, and on the mission of the center. She noted one of the accomplishments was the establishment of a master in cybersecurity degree as well a certificate program. They have exceeded the first year enrollment goal of 120 masters' students enrolling 190 students. Additionally, USF has exceeded the second year enrollment goal of 200 and is currently projected to enroll 300 students. The center created a seed grant program, which is a collaboration of universities in the State University System. She noted the center has touched approximately 10,000 people through their outreach program and invited the TF to attend their annual conference October 13 – 14, 2015 at the Marshall Student Center at USF, held as part National Cybersecurity Week. The one of the keynote speakers will be GEN Keith Alexander. The Center has been working with USF toward being designated as a Center for Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Cybersecurity by the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHS). The guidelines were revised and have become more rigid, USF is one of two institutions to receive the designation under the new guidelines. The Center was recently notified the University of West Florida is interested in receiving this designation and they are currently working with

them to accomplish this goal. The Center has been selected as the US Army Reserve Cyber P3I initiative. The Center is one of eight academic partners nationally to educate reservists who will meet the needs of the Army and the civilian workforce. The Center has been working on their infrastructure to include a national Board of Advisors. ADM Mike McConnell has agreed to serve as chair of the Board of Advisors. She noted the Center will be launching a Veterans cybersecurity certification program with a grant from JP Morgan Chase of \$300,000 with a pilot cohort of twenty Veterans. The Center will focus on incidence response which is a high demand career in cybersecurity. The Center is also building out a digital forensics laboratory.

Discussion: J.R. McDonald noted he applauds the efforts to centralize the training and workforce development efforts and partnerships with industry which will be key to a successful program. Additionally, noting Lockheed Martin runs the National Cyber Range and stated Lockheed Martin is also willing to work with the Center and would like to discuss further.

Answer: Ms. Resch noted the Center has met with Lockheed Martin and would leave her card for Mr. McDonald to follow-up.

Question: Commissioner Stewart asked you are the coordinating group for the state with all of these different entities including over twenty universities? Are you looking at reaching out to the private colleges and universities to help coordinate the cyber effort? She requested TF staff provide Ms. Resch with the list of entities that are currently conducting cyber efforts in the state.

Answer: Ms. Resch noted that they are not excluding any possibilities and if there are opportunities to partner with other entities for the Center to meet the mission they are tasked to fulfill, the Center is open to the possibilities.

FY 2013, 2014, and 2015 Budget/Contract Update:

Staff provided an update of the TF grants for FY 2012-2013, FY 2013-2014, FY 2014-2015, and FY 2015-2016. Staff reported with exception of outstanding paperwork from Jacksonville FY 2012-2013 grants are closed. FY 2013 – 2014 Tampa Bay Defense Alliance, Florida 8 A Alliance, and Okaloosa County have completed their grants and staff is currently awaiting paperwork to close out the grants. All FY 2014-2015 grants have been executed. FY 2015-2016 the contracts have been sent to the grantees and two have been returned to staff for execution.

Staff reported on this fiscal year's budget and remaining available funds including the FY 2015-2016 appropriation of \$2 million. Staff reported there is approximately \$2.6 million in available funds. Staff noted the funds allocated for the Economic Impact Study with CareerSource Florida are under contracts. When the Economic Impact Study is complete CareerSource will complete 2015 Florida Defense FactBook. The new Factbook will be available at the September TF meeting.

Staff discussed the updated meeting schedule. Staff noted TF meeting schedule conflicts with legislative committee weeks in September and November. Chairman Richter said the legislative members of the TF will work with staff to work through the conflicts.

Staff noted Tab 6 of the book is an update of the TF's successes including the most recent round of grants.

IV. Agenda Item III: New Business

Task Force Member Reports

Rep. Ritch Workman reported on the launch of a military satellite rocket from the space coast yesterday.

MG Joseph Taluto reported the Key West Navy Gate project is going well as the design phase is at 90% completion. There is an ongoing issue with the shipping channel. The Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Key West are disputing a utility crossing. The Department of Environmental Protection

(DEP) permitted the utility group to proceed on May 15, 2015. This issue may be discussed at the Base Commanders Conference.

J.R. McDonald reported the Marine Corps VMFA-121 squadron in Yuma, Arizona is undergoing an operational readiness inspection (ORI) of the F-35B. At the completion of the Marine Corps will declare initial operational capability (IOC) of the F-35B. This will be the first time since the inception of the program an F-35B will be operationally ready for combat. All of the pilots in the F-35B program were trained at Eglin AFB. He also noted Northwest Florida is looking forward to hosting the TF next month in Fort Walton Beach and they are working with the military community on the tour, perhaps a tour of the F-35.

BrigGen Diehl reported the Wing passed all of their inspections and thanked the TF for rearranging the meeting schedule to accommodate the Wing.

Representative Dana Young reported the "My MacDill" public awareness campaign continues to celebrate 75 years of operations at MacDill AFB.

Tom Neubauer reported on the Secretary of the Air Force Installations and Environments launched the public-public, public-private partnership program (P4) to help communities and the installations around them to build efficiencies. We took some lessons learned at Eglin AFB, which has done a tremendous job with P4s over the years, and one of the initiatives the TF funded to allow military job codes to interface with the codes for jobs in the civilian sector. This will be a pilot program in Northwest Florida which we are hopeful will become a standard for the country. This program will help members transitioning from the military be matched to civilian jobs and improve their ability to find work. Also, Tyndall AFB has leased some hospital space to ensure medical staff are able to practice off-base without being on medical staff of the hospital.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart reported the 823rd Red Horse Squadron is deploying to Avon Park Air Force Range (APAFR) for six months to complete the widening of one of the taxiways. The runway widening will allow the Range to accommodate wide body heavy aircraft, including the C-17 from Charleston AFB which is designated to train at APAFR.

The 18th Air Support Squadron from Pope Airfield, NC recently concluded their Dragon Strike exercise. The 75th Fighter Squadron from Moody AFB recently deployed A-10s to the Range support UH-60s, and C-130s from Moody, as well F-16s from Homestead, and an Army High Mobility Artillery Rocket System Detachment. The 18th Corp Deputy Commander at Ft. Bragg, a 1-Star General, came to the Range to observe the exercise, and see first-hand the quality of this low-cost, high value training. The exercise was successful and again demonstrated the Ranges efficacy of the airfield for fixed wing deployments and the effectiveness of the Range to support realistic and relevant live fire training.

The II Marine Expeditionary Force recently completed their capstone exercise to certify their Quick Reaction Force at the Range. The exercise was a short notice tasking exercise originating at Camp Lejeune to Avon Park on a KC-130 using and helicopters for rescue missions conducted at the Range.

Col. Derek Oaks, the 23rd Fighter Group Commander is retiring in August. He will be relieved by Col. Tim Sumja from the National Defense University at Ft. McNair in Washington, D.C.

Washington DC Update

John Patrick Walsh reported the Association of Defense Communities (ADC) Conference was held since the last meeting. The Washington DC office will be working to improve Florida's participation in the Defense Communities Caucus. The House version of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) and the Senate version, according to Senator McCain and Chairman Thornberry, are not that far apart and they are hoping to get it done very quickly. Senate bill 1276, the Offshore Energy and Jobs Act of 2015 by Senator Bill Cassidy would decrease the limit of offshore drilling and exploration of oil and natural gas from 125 miles to 50 miles that would put it into conflict with military training Ranges. The Florida delegation has put language in these bills to keep the moratorium in place until 2022.

Update from the Principi Group

Secretary Anthony Principi, TPG, reported all twelve appropriations bills in each chamber are scheduled to be marked-up before August 6, 2015, including possible passage of the NDAA for 2016. The pace of action in Congress is quicker than the past 20 years. With the Congressional budget resolution in place Congress is scheduled to complete all appropriations bills by October 1, 2015. However, no appropriations bills will be considered by the full Senate until the Senate Democrats agree on a deal with the administration to raise domestic spending levels above the Congressional budget resolution. This deal will require legislative relief from the budget control act of 2011. Sec. Principi noted any deal reached with the administration will only increase domestic spending levels and not lower the proposed spending levels of approximately \$612 billion of the DoD and the Department of Energy national security functions. He also suggested that neither side will be motivated to reach a deal before the last month of September as usual. The impasse could possibly continue into the new fiscal year with the Congress being content to operate under a continuing resolution at the higher 2015 budget levels. The question is whether a deal is reached in a lame duck session of Congress or if a continuing resolution will last through the entire 2016 fiscal year; complicated by the fact that we have an election in 2016. While Congressional appropriators would like to see higher spending levels in all discretionary accounts, not just defense, the House and Senate majority leadership are currently constrained by the fiscal hawks in each chamber who reluctantly agreed to increase defense spending by eluding sequestration and the budget control act by increasing Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) funding to \$88 billion. Democrats are concerned that sequestration remains in place for all agencies except DoD which has been eluding the spending caps. It is hard to predict with what is going to happen in Washington. Who would have thought the Republicans would have worked so hard to sidestep the Democrats to deliver the administration one of its most important foreign policy objectives, the Trans-Pacific Partnership. There are a lot of things that could occur between now and September 30th, most notably the nuclear pack with Iran, raising the federal debt limit, continued horse trading with the Administration on certain legislative items, and certainly changing world events that could have a big impact on the defense spending bill. Our team is staying on top of all of the inner discussions going on within DoD and the defense authorizers which is where any legislation for a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round would originate. As it stands right now absent a grand bargain with the Administration over things like sequestration and, A-10s for Davis-Monthan AFB, there is a slim chance a BRAC round could be authorized in 2016. Although the Administration has made it very clear that if a BRAC round is not authorized the Administration is will use its options under 2687 under Title X that gives the President flexibility to close and realign military bases without a BRAC on national security grounds. Whether the President will do that or not, is unknown, but certainly there is language in the budget that they propose for defense in 2016 that the President would consider exercising those options. Sec. Principi noted he believes we will see a real push next year for a BRAC to be authorized and to go into effect in 2019. Many defense communities and a growing number of members of Congress believe a formal BRAC is a better option than death by a 1,000 cuts, BRAC under the radar screen, were the services are consolidating resources without a BRAC. A BRAC give communities an opportunity to testify before the BRAC Commission and make their voices heard. He also noted when he was Chair of the 2005 BRAC Commission, the Commission reversed decisions made by DoD based on the testimony of communities. The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction (MILCON) has requested an extensive assessment on excess facilities from DoD in their committee report. He stated he is not sure how well DoD will be able to respond to this request given the political ramifications. He also highlighted the House Armed Service Committee's (HASC) has bill language sponsored by the Readiness Subcommittee Chair, Rob Whitman (VA), that may have some legs in getting through conference now that the Senate's Armed Service Committee's (SASC) new ranking member Jack Reed, fully supporting BRAC. He and the new ranking member in the House, Adam Smith (WA), is also a very strong supporter of BRAC. Chairman Thornberry has opposed a BRAC and Chairman McCain is somewhat on the fence. The bill basically calls for an excess capacity analysis internal to DoD, and we have heard anecdotally that DoD is already starting to compile that data. Keep in mind the Air Force has already reported they have 30% excess infrastructure today. That means you could close one of every three Air Combat Command Fighter Bases and you would still have some excess capacity. That is level of concern we should all have. We also know the SASC and the HASC are beginning to conference on the 2016 Defense bill. Chairman McCain is very concerned about a veto threat. He spoke with Defense Secretary (SECDEF) Carter recently and Secretary Carter indicated to the Chairman they are inclined to veto the bill, because they eluded statutory caps on spending and because there no BRAC authorized. Also keep in mind in the authorization bill there is a 30% reduction on headquarters staff which would have a big impact on Joint Commands throughout Florida as well as other installations. That would be a \$1.7 billion savings that is being used for other initiatives. It is

unknown whether the President will veto the bill, but at a recent press conference when asked if he would veto the bill he indicated very emphatically that military personnel would be paid. This probably means they would find another way to pay military personnel other than the authorization bill. The President said, "We can ill afford to spend money on things we don't need when we don't have the resources to spend money on what we do need." He highlighted research and development, education, readiness and training. There is language in the House and Senate version of legislation to overhaul the "No Child Left Behind" law. This would require state to track for the first time the academic progress of military children near military bases. There would be a military student identifier for every state to track the progress of these children. Education in and around military bases has become very important, and although it is not strictly a military value criteria for BRAC, it is very important for communities to pay attention because is going to be a factor in the next BRAC round how well children are being educated around bases. The National Military Strategy was released by the outgoing Chairman, General Dempsey, on July 1, 2015, and even though the Chairman is required to issue the National Military Strategy every other year this is the first update since 2011. The response so far is from military experts is the document does not adequately provide a ways and means to plan for the size of forces, specific military capability required to address what General Dempsey stated "today's global security environment is the most unpredictable I have seen in 40 years of service." The short 24 page document provides a strategy for deterrent aggression, disrupting violent extremist organizations, and working with allies all which we have been doing for many years, but with no new update to address emerging threats. There is no description of the resources needed for the strategy, the ways provided in the document are about as basic as you can get. It is difficult to find in this strategy any aspect or emphasis that could be beneficial for the State of Florida. There are changes in the defense hierarchy. Current Marine Corps Commandant Joe Dunford testimony on July 9th as the SASC hearing on his nomination to be Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS) revealed some interesting perspectives that may ultimately hold a key for Florida. He identified Russia's aggressive behavior and its nuclear arsenal as the single greatest security threat faced by the United States. He stated, "if you want to talk about a nation that could pose an existential threat to the United States I would have to point to Russia, and if you look at their behavior it is nothing short of alarming." Based on his testimony and Congressional actions regarding our use of Russian made engines for our launch vehicles I believe we will be relying on Russians much less for partnerships on space launches and resupplies to the space station. There is turnover in most of the JCS with a new Chair, a new Vice Chairman General Paul Selva, USAF; there will be a new Army Chief of Staff; the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) will be retiring next year, as well as the Air Force's Chief of Staff. TPG will track the changes in leadership down the line to ensure each service Department head overseeing programs of interest to Florida are informed of the outstanding support provided by the state, and the critical missions accomplished in the state as well.

Comment: Chairman Richter commented the education initiatives are of great significance. Currently, there is a Military Child Coalition that is sponsoring its 17th annual training seminar in Washington, D.C., July 30 – 31, 2015. The Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter, General Martin Dempsey, and Admiral Harry Harris are slated to speak at the event.

Staff noted they would provide the information to TF members by tomorrow.

Sec. Pincipi commented that SECDEF Carter recently spoke at the Association of Defense Communities Conference and emphasized the importance of military dependent education and he also emphasized the importance of P4s to reduce the cost of operations.

MG Mike Jones reported the House Appropriations Committee-Defense (HAC-D) version adds about \$1.1 billion to the F-35 program to the President's request. On the Senate Appropriations Committee-Defense (SAC-D) version is about \$1.2 billion for the program. A compromise appears to be in the range of \$1 billion for the F-35 program, ship building, the HAC-D added \$635 million and the SAC-D added \$1.8 billion which will be a significant increase for ship building coming out of conference. The HAC-D cut \$75 million from the KC-46 Tankers program on the research and development side. The President's request for funding for the procurement of aircraft was left in place, which the SAC-D supported. The President requested \$10.8 billion for facilities modernization, the HAC-D added \$1.4 billion and the SAC-D supported the President's budget. There should be a plus-up of facilities modernization dollars coming out of conference, which could be a positive for Florida installations. The Senate included in the authorization for the Secretary of the Navy to enter into a land exchange in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties for the relocation of an outlying landing field. The House and

Senate language on the exchange is almost verbatim. The Navy's Engineering Facilities Command Southeast has published their twelve month future workload, which we will provide to you in our report, which highlight a few Florida facilities. The Army has outlined a development plan in the infrastructure of the Army's Underwater Operations School's Facility at NAS Key West. It includes improvements to the diving infrastructure, hyperbaric chamber, free swim, ascent tower, and some other improvements. The plan is currently unfunded, but it does show the value the Army places on the facility. The Army reduction announcement last week includes 40,000 personnel reduction over 30 installations in the United States which range from small cuts to approximately 3,500. Currently doesn't impact Florida, but it has sparked additional BRAC debate.

Comments: MG Taluto commented the Army drawdown will create a hollowing out the force and creating extra infrastructure which can be hard on a community. This type of action is why the Army is pushing for a BRAC to include the communities in the process.

DEP Update on Non-Conservation Lands Buffering Acquisition

Kelley Boree, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Director, Division of State Lands, DEP is currently working with Hillsborough County Zoning Department on the MacDill land acquisition to ensure some of the Florida Rock requests for the easement do not violate the APZ-1 zone. Once the zoning issues are resolved DEP anticipates completing the process and taking it to the Board of Trustees. Jaxport is working with their Board on the offer DEP has submitted to them. The Jaxport Board is requesting an appraisal, which is anticipated to be completed by the beginning of August. The Naval Support Activity (NSA) Panama City parcel, is waiting on the approval of the Board of County Commissioners to move forward, they have not put the issue on the agenda.

Question: The press asked about the hotel on the Florida Rock property.

Answer: Ms. Boree responded DEP is waiting on the zoning for the issue to be addressed.

Veterans Florida Update

Jim Sampy, Veterans Florida, provided an update on the organization. He noted they organization is in the start-up phase of the first year. The mission of the organization is to attract and retain Veterans and their families to the State of Florida. He discussed two studies Veterans Florida recently completed in the business community regarding Veterans, and of Veterans understanding of the resources available to them in Florida. He noted Veterans Florida has some work to do in educating businesses about hiring Veterans. He discussed the organizations grant programs. He also discussed the \$1 million funding the organization received through Visit Florida for Veterans entrepreneur recruitment.

Questions: Comm. Stewart asked how does Veterans Florida plan to distribute the \$1 million. Do you plan to have opportunities available to the Veteran near the university?

Answer: Mr. Sampy replied it will be distributed to a consortium of universities with a hub university charged with facilitating the overall entrepreneurial program. He also noted there is emphasis on online course development to accommodate the Veteran. There is an effort to develop a market place industry specific plan to encourage Veterans to develop business opportunities in their marketplace.

COL Mike Prendergast, Florida Department of Veteran's Affairs (FDVA), reported on the passage of the comprehensive 2014 Florida GI Bill which included Florida is for Veterans, Inc., now Veterans Florida, to brand Florida to Veterans. In 2015 families and spouses were included in the GI Bill. A WWII and Women's Veteran's, Submariner, and a Combat Veteran license plate were added to help fund the State Nursing Homes. He noted the state nursing homes are at 99% capacity and operate on funding from the sale of license plates and VA per diem for residents, with no additional funding from the Florida. The Governor will host a Veteran's Service Awards Ceremony on the of July 27th in Miami, details are on the FDVA website. On July 28th, the Governor will host the Base Commander's Conference at the Naval Air Station Jacksonville. Florida will host the State Directors of Veterans Affairs Conference on August 30th – September 2nd. He invited the TF to the conference in Orlando. The Florida Veteran Foundation participated in a press conference with Attorney General Pam Bondi

who announced an award of \$1.25 million for the good work they do on behalf of Veterans throughout the State of Florida. Florida Veterans Hall of Fame Council met last week in Tallahassee and the preliminary results were posted last week. Governor Lawton Chiles was the first round choice to be recommended to the Governor and Cabinet for induction to the class of 2015, as well as one over your very own, Col. Rocky McPherson, USMC, Ret.

Jim Kuzma, Space Florida, discussed Space Florida's mission and presented a coin to the TF members. He noted the number of launches at Cape Canaveral has increased. The excess facilities are being utilized by private space companies. He also briefed the TF on the planned shuttle landing facility operations.

V. Public Comment.

No public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 AM EST

Final Minutes of a Closed Session of the Florida Defense Support Task Force of Enterprise Florida

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #36 on Thursday, July 16, 2015

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting at Westin Tampa Harbour Island, Tampa, Florida 11:45 AM EST – 12:15 PM EST. For Agenda: See Page 2

Task Force Members Present:

Senator Garrett Richter, Chairman
Senator Mike Bennett, Manatee County Supervisor of Elections
Representative Ritch Workman
Representative Dana Young
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman
BrigGen Chip Diehl, USAF, Ret.
Barbara Stewart, Highlands County
MG Joseph Taluto, USA, Ret.
J.R. McDonald, Lockheed Martin
CW4 Derrick Fritts

Task Force Members Absent:

MG Mike Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General of Florida
Representative Clay Ingram
ADM Mark Fitzgerald

Speakers Present:

Secretary Anthony Principi, The Principi Group (TPG)
MG Mike Jones, USA, Ret., TPG
John Patrick Walsh, Deputy Director State of Florida Washington DC Office

Others Present:

MG Keye Sabol, The Principi Group (TPG)
Jim Breitenfeld, TPG
MAJ Adam Bailey, USA, Department of Military Affairs (Phone)

Staff Present:

Al Latimer, Senior Vice President, Strategic Partnerships, Enterprise Florida, Inc.
Mike Grissom, Senior Vice President, External Affairs
Rocky McPherson, Vice President, Military and Defense
Bruce Grant, Executive Director, Florida Defense Support Task Force
Camila Hornung, Grants Coordinator, Florida Defense Support Task Force
Marcy Muldrow Sanders, Administrative Assistant, Military and Defense

Chairman Senator Garrett Richter began the meeting at 11:45 PM EST.

I. *Update from The Principi Group (TPG)*

MG Mike Jones, TPG, provided an update on a US Senate amendment adoption which required NorthCom to provide specific strategic updates to the Senate. This amendment may have ramifications for Florida in that there is an opportunity for the state to be included by region regarding capabilities. He also discussed the House Armed Services Appropriations Committee (HASC) and Senate Armed Services Appropriations Committee (SASC) regarding ranges funding and infrastructure. He also provided an update on the Air Force Reserves inclusion in the Cyber mission. Other issues discussed were included in the TPG report to the TF.

There was a discussion of the TPG report.

There was also a discussion regarding the recent funding of the National Center for Simulation Partnership IV Building by the legislature.

II. *BRAC Strawman Discussion*

Staff discussed the state draft BRAC plan for the TF to review and requested feedback.

The session adjourned at 12:15 PM EST

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #37 on Thursday, August 20, 2015

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting at Holiday Inn Resort, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 09:00 AM CST – 10:50 AM CST. For Agenda: See Page 2

Task Force Members Present:

Senator Garrett Richter, Chairman
Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman
Senator Mike Bennett, Manatee County Supervisor of Elections
MG Mike Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General of Florida
ADM Mark Fitzgerald, USN, Ret.
CW5 Derrick Fritts, USA
Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Highlands County

Task Force Members Absent:

BrigGen Chip Diehl, USAF, Ret.
Representative Clay Ingram
J.R. McDonald, Lockheed Martin
MG Joseph Taluto, USA, Ret.
Representative Ritch Workman
Representative Dana Young

Speakers Present:

MG Mike Jones, USA, Ret., The Principi Group (TPG)
John Patrick Walsh, Deputy Director, State of Florida Washington DC Office
Craig Dalton, Chair, Florida Defense Alliance
Kelley Borre, Director of State Lands, Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP)
Dave Robau, Advanced Energy Technology Center
Col. Bob Black, USAF, Ret., Congressman Jeff Miller's Office

Others Present:

MG Keye Sabol, TPG
Jim Breitenfeld, TPG
CPT Ryan H. Hagemeyer, USA, Florida National Guard (FNG)
Rita Smith, CareerSource Okaloosa Walton Counties
Carolyn Ketchel, Okaloosa County Commissioner
Sid Saunders, Pendulum Services
Lynn Dominique, Revive Media
Dr. Guy P. York, Bay Defense Alliance, Bay County
David Jeffcoat, University of Florida
Buck MacLaughlin, Avon Park Air Force Range
John Skaggs, NSA Panama City
Kay Rasmussen, EDC Okaloosa County/Defense Support Initiative
John Calhoun
Lawrence Ventura, Homestead AFRB

Kim M. Winter, Okaloosa DSI
Lee A. McGehee, 96 Test Wing, Eglin AFB
Ron Borchers, CFRPC
Veronica Cross, GCEN
Terry Cowan, CareerSource
K.J. Kilberg, Venture Hire
Matt Schellhorn, US Navy Jacksonville
Dave Dahl, Navy Region Southeast
Nathan Sparks, EDC Okaloosa County
Mike Anderson, Mayor, Fort Walton Beach

Staff Present:

Rocky McPherson, Vice President, Military and Defense
Bruce Grant, Executive Director, Florida Defense Support Task Force
Heather Cave, Manager, Defense Programs
Camila Hornung, Grants Coordinator, Florida Defense Support Task Force
Marcy Muldrow Sanders, Administrative Assistant, Military and Defense



Florida Defense Support Task Force -- Meeting #37
Holiday Inn Resort, Fort Walton Beach
1299 Miracle Strip Parkway SE, Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32548
AGENDA for August 20, 2015 (As of: August 14, 2015)

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0900 - 0910 Welcome, Introduction of Admiral Fitzgerald, Guest Introductions, Pledge of
 Allegiance.....Chairman **(I)**

0910 – 0940 Congressman Jeff Miller Remarks / Base Overview.....Congressman Jeff
 Miller/Staff **(I)**

0940 – 0945 Old Business.....Chairman **(A)/(I)**
 • Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
 • TF Grants and Contracts Status Camila Hornung **(I)**

09455 – 1115 New Business.....Chairman **(I)**
 • TF Member Reports John Walsh **(I)**
 • Washington DC Office Update MG (ret) Mike Jones **(I)**
 • Update from The Principi Group Craig Dalton **(I)**
 • Florida Defense Alliance Update Kelley Boree **(I)**
 • DEP Non Conservation Lands Update (By phone) Dave Robau **(I)**
 • Advanced Energy Technology Center (FDSTF Grant) Rocky McPherson **(I)**
 • Financial Disclosure Exemptions for Base Representatives Bruce Grant **(I)**
 • Military Consumer Protection Guide

1115 – 1130 Public Comment.....Chairman

1130 – 1230 Lunch/CLOSED SESSION
 Discussion of strategy and way forward.....Chairman **(I)**

1230 - 1500 Visit Eglin AFB/F-35Jim Breitenfeld

Reminder -- Meeting Dates: September 17, 2015 St. Augustine October 2015 NO MEETING
 November 19, 2015 TBD * December 10, 2015 TBD

* Conflicts with legislative committee week

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

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome & Introductions

Senator Richter welcomed attendees and guests. He welcomed ADM Fitzgerald to his first Task Force (TF) meeting, and he welcomed Congressman Jeff Miller. Sen. Richter introduced Congressman Miller from the 1st Congressional District and he Chairs the House Veteran's Affairs Committee, and also sits on the House Armed Services Committee. He asked guest in the audience to introduce themselves. He asked TF members and guest at the table to introduce themselves and asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence for those who recently lost their lives in service to their country in the Eglin area which includes seven Marines, four National Guardsmen, two Air Force special operators, and one Army Special Forces soldier. He asked the TF and audience to join him in the pledge of allegiance. He reminded the Task Force the meeting is governed by Sunshine Law.

Congressman Jeff Miller welcomed the TF to Fort Walton Beach. He updated the TF on where the Congress is on the budget, and noted there is no Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round in either the House or the Senate version of the current proposed budgets. He mentioned that Congress is looking for ways to ease the burden of sequestration on the military and thanked the TF for their work on behalf of the military in Florida.

Col. Bob Black, Congressman Miller's Office, provided a brief overview of the USAF military installations in Northwest Florida. He made special note that the Holiday Inn is located on Eglin Air Force Base (AFB) land as a partnership with the hotel and Eglin AFB. He provided an overview of the Air Force and tenant Commands at Eglin AFB which includes Army and Navy Commands.

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of the Minutes

A quorum being present, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the July 16, 2015 TF meeting and closed session minutes.

FY 2013, 2014, and 2015 Budget/Contract Update:

Staff provided an update of the TF grants for FY 2013 – 2014 of changes since the printing of the read ahead book. Clay County completed the Airspace Control system project and staff is waiting on the paperwork to close out the grant. The Economic Development Alliance of Bay County (BayEDA) has requested an extension through June 2016 to provide more time to obtain matching funds. Both Tampa Bay Defense Alliance and Okaloosa County have submitted documentation to close out their grants. All FY 2014-2015 grants have been executed. FY 2015-2016 contracts have been sent to the grantees and three have been returned to staff for execution. Bay County is still reviewing the contract with their attorney.

Sen. Richter notified the TF that due to a change in the Chief Financial Officer position at Enterprise Florida, Inc. there will be no budget report this month. However, there will be a complete budget report at the next TF meeting.

IV. Agenda Item III: New Business

Task Force Member Reports

CW5 Derrick Fritts reported on the first Florida Simulation Summit hosted by the National Center for Simulation, the City of Orlando, and Team Orlando on September 16th at the Orange County Convention Center.

Tom Neubauer reported on the importance of joint land use studies and noted Naval Station Panama City recently completed a study which identified potential encroachment and other issues related to the base. Tyndall has completed the foundation for a good joint land use study. They completed the installation

management encroachment action plan (ICEMAP), and following the INMEAP the Air Installation Compatible Use Zone Study (AICUZ) was updated which provides the data for noise attenuation that would be needed around the base for certain zones. Tyndall AFB is 29,000 acres surrounded mostly by water. After 9/11 the base had to implement a waterway security plan which was recently completed after several public hearings. The plan to implement the 500ft buffer around the installation appears to be compatible. He also reported on the ongoing efforts to obtain the 8.44 acres site adjacent to Naval Support Activity Panama City; the county has offered a one year extension to complete ongoing negotiations.

Sen. Mike Bennett, reported he is working with the Sarasota and Manatee County Chambers of Commerce to take a more active role in the Tampa Bay Defense Alliance.

ADM Mark Fitzgerald reported on working the land use issue with Mayport Village/Jaxport and noted progress is being made. He reported land around Whiting Field was acquired for force protection. There are ongoing land acquisition negotiations for Whitehouse, which is used for training for night carrier landings. He discussed base availability at Pensacola.

MG Mike Calhoun reported on the Executive Order by Governor Scott to protect National Guardsmen in light of the recent shooting at the recruiting office in Chattanooga, TN. One of the initiatives to protect the troops was to move them from the storefronts back to the Armories. Additionally, coordination efforts are in place with local law enforcement to increase surveillance of unprotected facilities, and to adequately arm the guardsmen. On August 10th, the storefronts were reoccupied with a multi-layer security plan to increase and enhance force protection. He also reported on troop deployments to the Horn of Africa. He discussed the Governor's Base Commanders Conference; RADM Jackson identified a concern regarding the sharing of information and preparation throughout hurricane season. The outcome was the Director of Emergency Management, Brian Coons, would include the 20 installations in the Hurricane Planning Training Sessions. The 164th Air Defense Artillery (Avenger) Unit, home to Rep. Workman and Chief Fritts, had a change of command ceremony since the last meeting. The FNG Officer Candidate School (OCS) had its first Air Guardsman graduate from an Army OCS program. The graduate was the Erickson Award winner and class leader. He noted the next TF meeting will be in St. Augustine, and TF members are invited to attend the 450th Muster of the FNG.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart reported the 820th Base Defense Group from Moody recently deployed approximately 350 personnel to the range for a two week Mission Readiness Exercise. The feedback was good and it looks like they will make Avon park one of their regular training destinations. The number of active duty personnel at the range is increasing. A Flight Safety NCO just arrived and a Ground Safety NCO is expected by the end of August. Both safety positions have been vacant for the past year or so, and the range has had to depend on the Fire Department and the Moody Safety Office. This will give Avon Park a total of four active duty personnel. Col. Tim Sumja took over as the 23rd Fighter Group Commander at Moody AFB in Valdosta, GA. on August 4th. Avon Park was recently approved to be redesignated from a detachment to a Squadron. This is considered a step up and is a positive move for the range.

Washington DC Update

John Patrick Walsh reported Congress will be coming back after the Labor Day weekend. The major items on the agenda include the Cyber Security Bill, the Highway Trust Fund needs reauthorization, and the Iran Nuclear deal. This will leave little time for the Congress to address the continuing resolution. The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) Conference report is expected to come out during the 13 days Congress is in session. The Gulf oil drilling legislation passed out of the Senate Committee on a 12 to 10 vote. There is currently no companion bill in the House.

Update from the Principi Group

MG Mike Jones reported on the current status of budget authorizations in Washington D.C. He noted a government shut-down isn't anticipated; a continuing resolution (CR) is expected to be passed. Some of the consequences of not having an appropriation will be no new military construction (MILCON) starts due to spending levels being capped at the current fiscal year's authorization. Department of Defense (DoD)

reprogramming request will have a small but positive impact on Florida due to lower fuel and personnel cost. The Air Force and Navy are the major benefactors of the reprogramming request. DoD is working on the FY 2016-2017 budget, there are shortfalls anticipated with direction to reduce 2017 by 10% over the FY 2015-2016 budget. There is quite a bit of innovation resulting from the budget stress at military installations through public-public/private partnerships (P4) initiatives. The Army's planned reduction of 40,000 personnel over 30 installations is still very sensitive. It is still unclear how the Army's reduction of forces will impact the National Guard. The changes throughout the Army are being done under their current authorization. As the service leaders change there isn't expected to be any major changes in philosophy. The new leadership will continue to focus on the same issues among the services as their predecessors.

Question: ADM Fitzgerald asked for clarification on the offshore drilling bill.

Answer: MG Jones responded that Senator Cassidy's bill proposes drilling east of the military mission line. Currently there is a prohibition until 2022. There is legislation to extend the prohibition out to 2027. Sen. Cassidy's legislation would move the line to 50 miles off the coast for a substantial portion of the Gulf Range Complex.

Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Update

Staff provided an update on the FDA meeting held August 19, 2015. The FDA is a network of the local military community representatives throughout the state located outside of the military installations in Florida. The organization meets and discusses topics of importance to their defense communities, and seeks solutions for these issues via a networking format. There are two working groups: Mission Sustainment, generally attended by the representatives that are very aware of the issues impacting their bases, such as encroachment, and; the Family Support Working Group.

The Mission Sustainment group had a discussion of the ongoing court action regarding Community Planning Liaison Officers (CPLOs) which represent the installations on local planning and zoning boards as Ex-Officio members. A local judge ruled that CPLOs are required to file the State Statement of Financial Disclosure which resulted in a fine for one CPLO of over \$1,500 for failure to file. The State Ethics Commission dismissed the ruling and the requirement for CPLOs to file the Statement of Financial Disclosure for that specific case.

There was also discussion of a land use situation around Homestead AFRB where a development on agricultural lands was started adjacent to a runway clear area, but not in the clear zone, without city or county permitting. There is a state law that provides for an exemption for agricultural lands for development.

There was discussion of non-permanent easements which are being used in North Carolina to protect new military training routes. These are temporary easements which may be for an extended period, possibly 20 years, which allows protection without having to purchase easements.

There was a discussion of the Eglin AFB civilian airport issue, which has since been resolved.

The Family Support Working Group discussed South Florida homeowner's association requirements for military members who are renting or purchasing a home to undergo an extensive background check which was taking longer than the service member had temporary living allowance to cover. The issue is being worked with SOUTHCOM may have a solution on how to navigate the background check issue.

There was discussion of Life Counselors in the schools in Northwest Florida for military children. They are placed in schools where there are military communities. The recommendation was that the group look into how to place Life Counselors for Military Children in schools throughout the state.

Florida is a signatory on the Interstate Compact for Military Children which is up for renewal in 2016. The legislature is on track to renew and fund this initiative.

The group also discussed military spousal employment. The group discussed reaching out to the local Chambers of Commerce and the Economic Development Councils, etc. to ask the local businesses to be more proactive in recruiting and hiring military spouses.

There was a discussion of child development centers capacity and the ability for the local community to absorb the overflow from the installations.

Question: Sen. Bennett asked if the group discussed the issue of health care for veterans, especially the lack of facilities.

Answer: Staff answered the group primarily discussed issues that impacted active military and National Guard members, and there are separate state resources focused on Veteran issues.

DEP Update on Non-Conservation Lands Buffering Acquisition

Kelley Boree, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Director, Division of State Lands, DEP, expects to get on the Port Authority Board's agenda on Monday for the Mayport property, as they continue to work on the restrictive easement language. Naval Support Activity (NSA) Panama City parcel; the Bay County Board of County Commissioners and the developer have extended the reverter language which gives DEP more time to come to a resolution on this parcel. The MacDill property; DEP continues to work on the restrictive easement regarding the potential hotel development request. The Key West land exchange, has been approved to go forward by federal Department of the Interior (DOI).

Gulf Coast Energy Network Update

Dave Robau, Gulf Coast Energy Network, discussed the P4 agreement with Gulf Coast Energy Network (GCEN) with Eglin AFB, and discussed GCENs work with community partners to develop carbon-neutral energy solutions. He noted the DoD is the largest single user of energy, and the Air Force uses more energy than all of the other services combined. Florida is the only the Gulf state that does not have offshore drilling due to the Joint Gulf Range Training Complex and the tourism industry. GCEN thinks this is an opportunity to bring the universities and other stakeholders together to develop renewable energy. He discussed the Advanced Energy Technology Center, the Zero 4 Building, and the innovative energy efficient technologies and P4 opportunities at Eglin AFB.

Questions: Comm. Stewart asked how the organization is funded in addition to the grant funding from the TF. She also asked if they have the funding to build the Advanced Technology Center.

Sen. Bennett asked *do you have a written commitment or can you produce a written commitment for the funding of the building.*

Answer: Mr. Robau answered most of the funding for the staff comes from conferences and workshops put on by GCEN. He also noted he is not paid. Mr. Robau said they are working on additional funding for the building. *He agreed to provide documentation concerning his funding commitment.*

Mr. Robau said there is a commitment for \$20 million dollars, but the funding delta depends on where they site the building.

Staff discussed the new Military Consumer Protection Resource Guide published by the Attorney General of the State of Florida.

V. Public Comment.

Mayor Mike Anderson, Mayor of Fort Walton Beach, gave greetings to the Task Force and talked about the P4 partnerships at Eglin AFB.

Nathan Sparks, Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County, discussed the Okaloosa County Commission recently passed a resolution objecting to the lifting of the moratorium on offshore drilling. He also thanked the TF for the grant funding for the Advanced Energy Technology Center.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM CST

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #38 on Thursday, September 17, 2015

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting at DoubleTree by Hilton, St. Augustine, Florida 09:00 AM EST – 10:40 AM EST. For Agenda: See Page 2

Task Force Members Present:

Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman
MG Mike Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General of Florida
BrigGen Chip Diehl, USAF, Ret.
Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Highlands County
Representative Ritch Workman

Task Force Members On the Phone:

Senator Mike Bennett, Manatee County Supervisor of Elections

Task Force Members Absent:

Senator Garrett Richter, Chairman
ADM Mark Fitzgerald, USN, Ret.
CW5 Derrick Fritts, USA
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Secretary Anthony Principi, The Principi Group (TPG)
MG Mike Jones, USA, Ret., TPG
Kelley Boree, Director of State Lands, Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) – On the Phone
Mr. Bob Buehn, Interstate Compact for Military Children
Dr. Rod Lewis, CareerSource Florida

Others Present:

Adele Griffin, US Senator Marco Rubio's Office
Terri K. Finger, US Senator Marco Rubio's Office
LTG H. Steven Blum, USA, Ret., The Spectrum Group (TSG)
Jim Breitenfeld, TPG
COL Allison Reinwald, USA, FNG
MAJ Adam Bailey, USA, Florida National Guard (FNG)
CPT Ryan H. Hagemeyer, USA, FNG
Eric Sherman, Department of Defense, OSD
Matt Schellhorn, US Navy Jacksonville
Dave Dahl, Navy Region Southeast

Staff Present:

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

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Florida Defense Support Task Force -- Meeting #38
Doubletree by Hilton – St. Augustine Historic District
116 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine, FL 32084
AGENDA for September 17, 2015 (As of: September 9, 2015)

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- 0900 - 0910 Welcome, Guest Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance.....Chairman **(I)**
- 0910 – 0925 Welcome from the Florida National Guard.....MG Michael Calhoun /Staff **(I)**
- 0925 – 0935 Old Business.....Chairman **(A)/ (I)**
 - Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
 - TF Grants and Contracts Status Camila Hornung **(I)**
 - Budget update Bruce Grant **(I)**
- 0935 – 1115 New Business.....Chairman **(I)**
 - TF Member Reports John Walsh **(I)**
 - Washington DC Office Update Secretary Tony Principi **(I)**
 - Update from The Principi Group Kelley Boree **(I)**
 - DEP Non Conservation Lands Update (By phone) Bob Buehn **(I)**
 - Interstate Compact/Ed Opportunities for Military Children Dr. Rod Lewis **(I)**
 - Economic Impact Study/Military Factbook 2015 Bruce Grant **(I)**
 - 2015 Florida Military Friendly Guide
- 1115 – 1130 Public Comment.....Chairman
- 1130 – 1300 Lunch/CLOSED SESSION
- Discussion of strategy and way forward.....Chairman **(I)**
- 1300 Adjournment.....Chairman **(A)**

Reminder -- Meeting Dates: October 2015 NO MEETING
November 19, 2015 Tallahassee
December 10, 2015 TBD

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

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome & Introductions

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

MG Mike Calhoun, The Adjutant General of the State of Florida, welcomed the TF to St. Augustine and thanked those who were able to attend the 450th Muster of the Florida National Guard (FNG). He discussed the 450th Muster of the Florida National Guard yesterday and many of the events in celebration of the founding of St. Augustine which started in July 2015. He also discussed the mission of the FNG and provided an overview of the type and scope of deployments, including hurricanes, overseas operations, fire support, and other areas in support of the citizens of the State of Florida. He reported there are currently 12,000 members of the FNG in 55 communities. Additionally, 500 civilian employees support the FNG.

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of the Minutes

A quorum being present, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the August 20, 2015 TF meeting and closed session minutes.

FY 2013, 2014, and 2015 Budget/Contract Update

Staff provided an update on the TF grants for FY 2013 – 2014 and reported the final paperwork for DTF 14-02 Clay County Air Space Control System project has been received, and it is under review. Staff anticipates the grant will be closed in the next 30 days. The FY 2014-2015 grants are on track and no extensions have been requested to date. The only contract which has not been executed for FY 2015-2016 is Bay County. Bay County has returned the signed contract and is working on submitting the remaining documentation to move forward with the final execution of the contract. Staff anticipates final execution in the next two weeks. There is one out-of-cycle grant request to be heard at the November Task Force (TF) meeting from the Institute for Human & Machine Cognition (IHMC).

Staff provided an update on the TF program and administrative budgets for FY 2015-2016.

IV. Agenda Item III: New Business

Task Force Member Reports

BrigGen Chip Diehl reported on August 25, 2015 the new middle school Tinker school opened. The new school represents an expansion from an elementary school to include middle school. Representative Castor as well as the Hillsborough County Superintendent of Schools, Jeff Eakins attended the opening. The First Lady of Florida, Ann Scott, plans to visit the school soon. The base and the community are currently working with the Federal government to secure funding to build the campus for the new school using Department of Defense (DoD) grant money. He also reported the My MacDill campaign continues to attract interest in MacDill AFB and the tanker program. The Air Mobility Command has an Abilene Trophy given each year for the best community relationship within the Air Mobility Command. This year at the tanker convention they will present the first Tampa Bay Trophy for an individual (civilian) who has dedicated themselves to their community.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart reported next week at an Activation Ceremony, Avon Park's unit, Detachment 1 will become the 598th Range Squadron. The Squadron will host a number of WWII Veterans and their families because the original 598th, Bombardier Squadron, saw action across Europe in D-Day and the Battle of the Bulge. Expansion of the Fire Department is underway. Housing

will be provided for an additional 22 firefighters, bringing the unit up to full strength. Avon Park was the only undermanned fire department in the Air Combat Command (ACC). The Range has remained very busy, which is somewhat unusual for the end of the fiscal year, and user requests are high.

Rep. Ritch Workman reported he was able to attend CW5 Derrick Fritts promotion ceremony. He discussed the significance of his promotion to Chief Warrant Officer 5 for the State of Florida.

Comments: MG Calhoun noted that CW5 Fritts is one of the top CW5's in the Air Defense Artillery. He will be deploying to Washington, DC in support of protection of the air space in November.

Tom Neubauer reported that the F-22's have deployed to Europe. Many deployed from Tyndall AFB of both active and reserve squadrons.

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Questions: Mr. Neubauer asked if Sec. Principi thought the CR would be through the end of the year or longer.

Answer: Sec. Principi said yes, but there could be a CR for an entire year which negatively impacts new DoD spending in FY 2015 – 2016 if there is a CR for a year.

Kelley Boree, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Director, Division of State Lands, DEP, reported DEP received the option back on the MacDill property yesterday. She reported they may have an agreement by the end of October. She reported DEP is continuing to work with the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) on the Bay County properties.

Interstate Compact for Educational Opportunity for Military Children Brief

Capt. Bob Buehn, USN, Commissioner Florida Military Compact Council, Interstate Compact for Educational Opportunity for Military Children, briefed the TF on Florida's participation with the Interstate Compact. He noted that Florida was one of the first eleven inaugural states to adopt the compact in FY 2007-2008. All 50 states and the District of Columbia have adopted the compact; this represents one of only four interstate compacts since World War II that all 50 states have adopted. The interstate compact is an agreement between the states and there is no federal involvement. The compact addresses educational transition issues for military children when their parents relocate. It covers all active duty personnel's children, including active Guard and Reserve, to ensure military children are not at an educational disadvantage for grades K - 12. The compact does not address curriculum issues in the states. An example of the types of issues the compact addresses is the age states have set for a child to begin kindergarten may be lower in a state where a child starts school and the parents transfer to a state with a higher age and the child is unable to complete the kindergarten year. The compact has addressed this issue, such that the child will be able to complete the kindergarten year upon transfer no matter the child's age. Other issues the compact addresses are special needs, high school graduation, records transfer, and standardized testing to name a few. He discussed the various roles of the council and their interaction with school districts and other institutions and agencies that impact educational opportunities.

Question: Mr. Neubauer asked about the marketing effort for this program.

Answer: Capt. Buehn answered the majority of the marketing is to school districts to get the word out to principals through marketing campaign materials and the website. In addition, they do outreach to organizations like the TF.

Capt. Buehn noted that Military Child Education is part of the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission MIC3.

Comment: Staff noted that the Chairman asked for the TF to be briefed on educational issues involving military children. This is one of two briefings the TF will be getting. The second, at the November meeting will be the Military Child Education Coalition which the Florida Legislature supported this year to train school counselors in schools that have large populations of military children.

Sec. Principi noted, of all the non-military BRAC criteria, education for military dependents ranks among the highest and anything Florida can do to enhance some of these programs and community support in education will go a long way to sustain those military bases.

Defense Industry Economic Impact 2015 Study Brief

Dr. Rod Lewis, CareerSource Florida, briefed the TF on the draft Defense Industry Economic Impact Study for 2015. He noted an overall decline in defense spending across the United States. The Navy has been least impacted by defense spending cuts which has had a positive impact on Florida. The study looked at the impacts of the active Military, National Guard, and the Coast Guard in the categories of procurement, personnel, and transfer payments. He also noted that Florida has done well in a declining economy since the 2011 and 2013 studies. He provided economic numbers which are included in the 2015 FactBook which will be available, and distributed, prior to the next meeting.

Question: Please explain the \$43 million in military employment. How can Florida account for such a high percentage of the military manpower budget?

Answer: We call that employment as a category to include base operations and the employment of all of the personnel that support the base. The impact of the personnel distilled out to the economy is more than a one-for-one trade. The number represents more than direct employment payment.

Question: Gen. Diehl asked for more detail under transfers to add retirees, and other impacts that make up this number.

Answer: Dr. Lewis stated that he told staff that CareerSource will provide a presentation guide with talking points for TF and others when talking to Commanders.

Question: Mr. Neubauer asked for an explanation of the approximately \$6.5 billion increase in impacts since the last study.

Answer: Dr. Lewis noted the increases represent more data on the FNG and the Coast Guard, better data, and better computer models. The simply put, the number of personnel stationed in Florida grew between 2011 – 2014, which had significant impact on the increase, in addition to growth in the professional and technical services and multipliers.

MG Jones commented sometimes there are policy factors involved with transfer payments. For example there was the big backlog of VA disability claims, that when cleared may have resulted in the payment of larger claims being paid, as well as retirees relocating to Florida. There are a lot of factors that have go into transfer payments that may be small but when multiplied out amount to significant increases.

Dr. Lewis also noted that as healthcare costs continue to increase outlays at VA facilities will increase to meet the demand.

Comment: Staff commented that this is a summary of this very extensive study. When the study is completed it will be posted to the TF website. Staff asked Dr. Lewis to speak to the partnership between Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI) and CareerSource Florida, Inc.

Dr. Lewis discussed the partnership between EFI and CareerSource to conduct the study and produce the FactBook 2015 at a cost savings of \$81,000 through the partnership and co-branding.

Comment: Staff is working on the press release for the economic impact study with the Governor's Office.

Florida Military-Friendly Guide for 2015

Staff presented the new Military-Friendly Guide. Staff noted there was robust participation by the State Agencies contributing to this year's publication.

Comment/Recommendation: Rep. Workman commented that it would be good for the document to be on a website that is a searchable site/document. Staff took this suggestion for action and it has been completed.

V. Public Comment.

Eric Sherman, Department of Defense, commented on the Military-Friendly Guide that the DoD is looking at ways to incorporate the document into the Military OneSource site. He also, noted the guide is a one of a kind and he receives a lot of comments about the resource from his counterparts throughout the country.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM EST

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #39 on Wednesday, October 14, 2015

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting via Conference Call 11:30 AM EST – 1:30 PM EST.

Task Force Members Present:

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

Task Force Members Absent:

Representative Clay Ingram
J.R. McDonald, Lockheed Martin
Representative Ritch Workman
Representative Dana Young

Others Present:

LTG Tom Baptiste, National Center for Simulation
George E. Cheros, National Center for Simulation
Jim Breitenfeld, TPG
MG Mike Jones, The Principi Group (TPG)
Kara Gomez, OPPAGA
Larry Novey, OPPAGA
Bill Merck, University of Central Florida

Staff Present:

Rocky McPherson, Vice President, Military and Defense
Bruce Grant, Executive Director, Florida Defense Support Task Force
Camila Hornung, Grants Coordinator, Florida Defense Support Task Force
Marcy Muldrow Sanders, Administrative Assistant, Military and Defense

Chairman, Senator Garrett Richter, began the meeting at 11:40 AM EST.

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome & Introductions

Senator Richter welcomed attendees and guests. He told the Task Force (TF) the purpose of the call was to discuss Team Orlando.

Senator Richter, informed the TF the purpose of the call to discuss a request from Team Orlando for support to acquire the additional office building which has been discussed in previous meetings. He noted over the past two years Team Orlando and the National Center for Simulation (NCS) has received state funding totaling \$28 million for the acquisition of an existing office building, Partnership 4 building, which will house federal and UCF employees. The savings to move the employees from leased space to the purchased space is projected to be 80%, effectively mitigating this issue. Team Orlando generates nearly a \$5 billion economic impact in the modeling and simulation industry in Central Florida. This acquisition is slated to be presented to the Governor and the Cabinet on November 10, 2015, which is why this meeting was called.

LTG Baptiste, USA, Ret. CEO, National Center for Simulation, discussed the shortfall in office space is 200,000 sq. ft., and the Army, Air Force, and nine other federal agencies that are co-located in Orlando spend nearly \$5.4 million per year in rent, to maintain their presence in Orlando. The base proper, NSA Orlando supplies about 65% of the total office space required for the total federal government's 2,800 personnel. NCS has executed the plan to proceed with the purchase of the building to reduce the shortfall in office space. The final step in the process is to get the Governor and the Cabinet to approve the acquisition. An endorsement from the TF will help Team Orlando and NCS get onto the Cabinet's agenda for a vote. Once the approval is given the expectation is to have the acquisition completed by the end of 2015. He noted he anticipates that as federal employees into the new building, other owners in the complex may want to sell their properties as well.

Comment: ADM Fitzgerald made comments on the Navy's position regarding the Navy Research Laboratory, and the contribution of the Navy Support Activity Orlando. He noted the significant cost reduction in acquiring the Partnership 4 Building. He recommended the TF look at making this facility a joint command vice a Navy command.

A quorum being present, a motion was made by Sen. Bennett to support the acquisition of additional office space. The motion was seconded by MG Taluto, and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:06 PM EST

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #40 on Thursday, November 19, 2015

The Florida Defense Support Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting at DoubleTree by Hilton, St. Augustine, Florida 11:00 AM EST – 12:20 PM EST. For Agenda: See Page 2

Task Force Members Present:

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

Task Force Members on the Phone:

None

Task Force Members Absent:

CW5 Derrick Fritts, USA
Representative Dana Young

Speakers Present:

Chris Hartline, Director, State of Florida Washington DC Office
MG Mike Jones, USA, Ret., The Principi Group
Lucian Niemeyer, The Principi Group (TPG)
Ana Richmond, Department of Economic Opportunity
David Clark, Director of State Lands, Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP)
LTG Tom Baptiste, President, National Center for Simulation
Bill Rabena, Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC)
Ryan Orndorff, Deputy Director, Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program
Bobby Carbonell, Veterans Florida, Inc.

Others Present:

Aaron Taylor, US Senator Marco Rubio's Office
Mary Louise Hester, US Senator Bill Nelson's Office
Bob Black, Congressman Jeff Miller's Office
Margaret Sanders, The Florida Senate
Joe Marino, Veterans Florida, Inc.
Kay Mckinley, MCEC
Mary Keller, MCEC
Bruce Beard, Department of Defense

Jim Breitenfeld, TPG
Tami Fillyaw, Florida Defense Contractors Association
George Cheros, National Center for Simulation
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John Skaggs, Naval Station Panama City
Debi Graham, Pensacola Chamber of Commerce

Staff Present:

Al Latimer, Enterprise Florida, Senior Vice President, Strategic Partnerships
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- 1110 – 1115 Old Business.....Chairman **(A)/(I)**
 - Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
 - TF Grants and Contracts Status Camila Hornung **(I)**
 - Budget update Bruce Grant **(I)**
 - Budget proposals FY 15-16 & 16-17 Bruce Grant **(I)**
- 1115 – 1215 New Business.....Chairman **(I)**
 - TF Member Reports Chris Hartline **(I)**
 - Washington DC Office Update MG (ret) Mike Jones **(I)**
 - Update from The Principi Group Ana Richmond **(I)**
 - DEO Update on Non-Conservation Lands David Clark **(I)**
 - DEP Non Conservation Lands Update LTG Tom Baptiste **(I)**
 - Team Orlando Update
- 1215 – 1300 Break for Lunch
- 1300 – 1400 New Business.....Chairman **(I)**
 - Military Child Education Coalition Bill Rabena **(I)**
 - REPI and Sentinel Landscapes Program Ryan Orndorff **(I)**
 - Veterans Florida Update Bobby Carbonell **(I)**
 - Advocacy Effort Bruce Grant **(I) (A)**
- 1400 – 1430 Public Comment.....Chairman
- 1430 Adjournment.....Chairman **(A)**
- Reminder -- Meeting Dates: December 10, 2015 TBD
- January 21, 2016 Tallahassee
- February 18, 2016 Tallahassee
- March 17, 2016 TBD

Chairman, Senator Garrett Richter, began the meeting at 11:10 AM EST.

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome & Introductions

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II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of the Minutes

A quorum being present, a motion was made by Mr. Tom Neubaumer, seconded by ADM Mark Fitzgerald, and passed unanimously to approve the September 17, 2014 meeting and closed session minutes and the October 14, 2015 TF conference call minutes.

FY 2013, 2014, and 2015 Budget/Contract Update

Staff provided an update on the TF grants for FY 2013 – 2014 and reported they are closing the last 2012-2013 grant to the City of Jacksonville. The Clay County FY 2013-2014 grant is completed and submitted for final payment. Additionally, the final paperwork for the Florida 8a Alliance has been submitted. It is under review and will be submitted for final payment and closed once it has been approved. The FY 2014-2015 staff reviewed current status of grants and sent letters to grantees who have not expended any of their grant funding; as a result extensions for the University of West Florida, Clay County, CareerSource Florida, and the Tampa Bay Defense Alliance were requested and approved. Florida's Great Northwest FY 2014-2015 grant is completed and is closed.

Staff provided an update on the tracking of grant expenditures and requirements for grantees to expend grant funds. If grantees have not expended funds and six month and nine month intervals they are notified they need to expend the funds based on the contract timelines for the grant award.

Comment: Commissioner Stewart pointed out that grant number 16-01 for the acquisition of the land to buffer Camp Blanding was completed and included an additional 1,590 acres.

Staff presented the proposed budget for FY 2015 – 2016 for TF approval.

A quorum being present, a motion was made by Senator Mike Bennett, seconded by ADM Mark Fitzgerald, and passed unanimously to approve the proposed Florida Defense Support Task Force budget for FY 2015-2016.

IV. Agenda Item III: New Business

Task Force Member Reports (13:52)

ADM Mark Fitzgerald reported an agreement has been reached on the use of the land at Mayport Village with the Jacksonville Port Authority (JAXPORT). He discussed potentially needing congressional help with keeping the basins filled at Mayport. The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) contains language for approval to swap the Pensacola land being traded for a parcel north of Whiting Field. Orlando Naval Support Activity continues to support the various tenant commands among the various services without a formal plan to provide support.

Commissioner Barbara Stewart reported the repaving and widening project on Taxiway Alpha has been completed. The new 75 feet width will allow it to accommodate larger aircraft, such as the C-17, which give the Range greater flexibility when hosting training deployments. Range personnel at the Deployed Unit Complex at MacDill AFB coordinated and assisted the deployment of the British and French troops who participated in Exercise GLOBAL EAGLE at the

Range from mid-October through November. The exercise is a multi-national security forces exercise held annually at different locations around the world. This week the Range hosted the Ranger Battalion Multilateral Airborne Training which is an airfield seizure exercise. Avon Park is an ideal location because there are no permanent party units to deconflict with. Other recent activities of note are a KC-135 training deployment from Tinker AFB and a U-28 crew from Hurlburt. Earlier this month, the Range held a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) Advisory Board meeting to discuss ongoing implementation efforts with representatives from the local community. Currently the Range is hosting a Joint USFWS/USAF Sikes Act Coordination Meeting. This meeting provides an opportunity to look back over the last year and identify opportunities for enhancing the Air Force/USFWS natural resource partnership.

MG Mike Calhoun reported that CW5 Fritts was deployed to Washington, D.C. to run the Joint Air Defense Operations Center, with his units deployment Florida now has 1,039 boots on the ground in deployments. The Air Guard recently received a number of awards; 2014 Outstanding Unit Awards to 104th Air and Space Operations Group, 114th Range Operations Squadron, 290th Joint Communications Squadron, and the 125th Fighter Wing. Also the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award that went to the Air Guard Headquarters. Recently, October 15 – 19, 2015, they received a highly effective rating for its Capstone, representing the only Air Force unit in the US to receive this type of award this year. The Florida Air National Guard (FANG) has received a special certification for the CV-22 to work with the Air Force Special Operations Center, which is a gain for the State of Florida. We will have 24 full-time slots for Air National Guard working on an Air Base. Plans are to increase end-strength from 24 to 150 for a full squadron. The Emergency Operations Training Center at Camp Blanding is now training the active component on Emergency Center Operations. The training is to prevent a Fort Hood style shooting incident. The FNG is on the 3rd training course and is online to hold three more trainings. The plan is to teach 10 courses a year. The Counter Drug Transnational Organized Crime, Counter Drug Program, at Camp Blanding authorized under the NDAA 2015, to support local authorities to counter organized crime is being built out. This program is a partnership with St. Petersburg College, which writes the program courses, and is expected to be a Center of Excellence in the future. The FNG working with their Title X partners conducted a table-top exercise lay-down of all the resources in the State of Florida identifying available resources at the 20 installations, including the Army Reserve, in the event of a disaster in the state.

Tom Neubauer reported that Tyndall AFB has completed an They completed the installation management encroachment action plan (ICEMAP), and also completed the Air Installation Compatible Use Zone Study (AICUZ) map was updated which provides the data for noise attenuation that would be needed around the base for certain zones. They also rolled out a new waterway security plan that protects the bases miles and miles of shoreline in the event of a raised threat condition. Approximately 80 acres of land that housed an old fuel depot the Air Force declared excess land in the northern part of Bay County will transfer benefiting Florida State University (FSU) as part of their new branch campus. The land will be open for commercial development as well.

MG Joseph Taluto reported Keye Sabol will be visiting Homestead ARB tomorrow to meet the new Base Commander, Col. David Garfield and new community leader who works with the Beacon Council, Sharon Mason.

Rep. Clay Ingram reported on personnel changes in the Pensacola defense community, the new leader is RADM Don Quinn. He also reported on his distinguished visitor experience on the USS Harry S. Truman and encouraged members of the TF to engage with the Armed Forces on similar missions if they have the opportunity.

BrigGen Chip Diehl reported on the Airlift Tanker Association Conference held in Orlando recently. Approximately 2,000 people were in attendance. The first Tampa Bay Trophy that is given for lifetime civic achievement at a base. This year's winner was from Grand Forks where he'd work in the community for 35 years. The General thanked the TF for their support of the award and its purpose to change perceptions of MacDill AFB.

J. R. McDonald reported the Gulf Coast National Defense Industry Association hosted its 41st Air Armament Symposium. The theme this year was "Focus on Innovation." There were over 760 attendees. Speakers were

from the Air Force, Navy, Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), and Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). There was discussion on the improvement of weapons, but a robust discussion on modernizing the ranges. The current range structure does not support weapons of the future. Florida has great Range capacity, but going forward they will have to be linked to provide the long-range testing capability required for weapons of the future. This means Eglin, Avon Park, and Key West will be link to provide essential testing capability. Readyng the ranges for Live Virtual Constructive Training (LVCT) is a priority. He said the question going forward is how do we keep the Florida Ranges viable to provide training activities. The 33rd Fighter Wing continues to set the standard for F-35 training with 5,000 hours and 3,500 sorties. This included 65 pilots and 650 maintainers, those maintainers come from the US, Italy, Holland, and the UK.

Rep. Ritch Workman reported Northrup Grumman is creating 1,800 new jobs in Melbourne with a long-range bomber contract with the Federal government. He recently attended the ground breaking for the facility with Governor Scott.

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Update from the Principi Group

Secretary Tony Principi reported on the current status of budget authorizations in Washington D.C. during the short 10 day session. He noted there are several issues, including some divisive ones, which have derailed any consensus between the House and the Senate. He also discussed the potential for a continuing resolution (CR) expected to be passed through the end of the year. He noted there is growing support in light of the current political climate for a two year budget appropriation. He discussed a projected 25% cut across the board of the Unified Commands budgets impacting the three commands in Florida in addition to at least two Air Force commands. There are discussions in DC to address sequestration and a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round, including the potential for a BRAC in 2019. The Navy recently ordered the closure of Sugar Grove Station in West Virginia, which was the communities 2nd largest employer, in September 2015. This exemplifies the ability of the Service Chiefs to exercise their powers to reorganize and close bases without a BRAC and without community input. He suggested that military communities across the country should pay close attention to what is happening in Sugar Grove, West Virginia.

Questions: Mr. Neubauer asked if Sec. Principi thought the CR would be through the end of the year or longer.

Answer: Sec. Principi said yes, but there could be a CR for an entire year which negatively impacts new DoD spending in FY 2015 – 2016 if there is a CR for a year.

Kelley Boree, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Director, Division of State Lands, DEP, reported DEP received the option back on the MacDill property yesterday. She reported they may have an agreement by the end of October. She reported DEP is continuing to work with the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) on the Bay County properties.

Interstate Compact for Educational Opportunity for Military Children Brief

Capt. Bob Buehn, USN, Commissioner Florida Military Compact Council, Interstate Compact for Educational Opportunity for Military Children, briefed the TF on Florida's participation with the Interstate Compact. He noted that Florida was one of the first eleven inaugural states to adopt the compact in FY 2007-2008. All 50 states and the District of Columbia have adopted the compact; this represents one of only four interstate compacts since World War II that all 50 states have adopted. The interstate compact is an agreement between the states and there is no federal involvement. The compact addresses educational transition issues for military children when their parents relocate. It covers all active duty personnel's children, including active Guard and Reserve, to ensure military children are not at an educational disadvantage for grades K - 12. The compact does not address curriculum issues in the states. An example of the types of issues the compact addresses is the age states have set for a child to begin kindergarten may be lower in a state where a child starts school and the parents transfer to a state with a higher age and the child is unable to complete the kindergarten year. The compact has addressed this issue, such that the child will be able to complete the kindergarten year upon transfer no matter the child's age. Other issues the compact addresses are special needs, high school graduation, records transfer, and standardized testing to name a few. He discussed the various roles of the council and their interaction with school districts and other institutions and agencies that impact educational opportunities.

Question: Mr. Neubauer asked about the marketing effort for this program.

Answer: Capt. Buehn answered the majority of the marketing is to school districts to get the word out to principals through marketing campaign materials and the website. In addition, they do outreach to organizations like the TF.

Capt. Buehn noted that Military Child Education is part of the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission MIC3.

Comment: Staff noted that the Chairman asked for the TF to be briefed on educational issues involving military children. This is one of two briefings the TF will be getting. The second, at the November meeting will be the Military Child Education Coalition which the Florida Legislature supported this year to train school counselors in schools that have large populations of military children.

Sec. Principi noted, of all the non-military BRAC criteria, education for military dependents ranks among the highest and anything Florida can do to enhance some of these programs and community support in education will go a long way to sustain those military bases.

Defense Industry Economic Impact 2015 Study Brief

Dr. Rod Lewis, CareerSource Florida, briefed the TF on the draft Defense Industry Economic Impact Study for 2015. He noted an overall decline in defense spending across the United States. The Navy has been least impacted by defense spending cuts which has had a positive impact on Florida. The study looked at the impacts of the active Military, National Guard, and the Coast Guard in the categories of procurement, personnel, and transfer payments. He also noted that Florida has done well in a declining economy since the 2011 and 2013 studies. He provided economic numbers which are included in the 2015 FactBook which will be available, and distributed, prior to the next meeting.

Question: Please explain the \$43 million in military employment. How can Florida account for such a high percentage of the military manpower budget?

Answer: We call that employment as a category to include base operations and the employment of all of the personnel that support the base. The impact of the personnel distilled out to the economy is more than a one-for-one trade. The number represents more than direct employment payment.

Question: Gen. Diehl asked for more detail under transfers to add retirees, and other impacts that make up this number.

Answer: Dr. Lewis stated that he told staff that CareerSource will provide a presentation guide with talking points for TF and others when talking to Commanders.

Question: Mr. Neubauer asked for an explanation of the approximately \$6.5 billion increase in impacts since the last study.

Answer: Dr. Lewis noted the increases represent more data on the FNG and the Coast Guard, better data, and better computer models. The simply put, the number of personnel stationed in Florida grew between 2011 – 2014, which had significant impact on the increase, in addition to growth in the professional and technical services and multipliers.

MG Jones commented sometimes there are policy factors involved with transfer payments. For example there was the big backlog of VA disability claims, that when cleared may have resulted in the payment of larger claims being paid, as well as retirees relocating to Florida. There are a lot of factors that have go into transfer payments that may be small but when multiplied out amount to significant increases.

Dr. Lewis also noted that as healthcare costs continue to increase outlays at VA facilities will increase to meet the demand.

Comment: Staff commented that this is a summary of this very extensive study. When the study is completed it will be posted to the TF website. Staff asked Dr. Lewis to speak to the partnership between Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI) and CareerSource Florida, Inc.

Dr. Lewis discussed the partnership between EFI and CareerSource to conduct the study and produce the FactBook 2015 at a cost savings of \$81,000 through the partnership and co-branding.

Comment: Staff is working on the press release for the economic impact study with the Governor's Office.

Florida Military-Friendly Guide for 2015

Staff presented the new Military-Friendly Guide. Staff noted there was robust participation by the State Agencies contributing to this year's publication.

Comment/Recommendation: Rep. Workman commented that it would be good for the document to be on a website that is a searchable site/document. Staff took this suggestion for action and it has been completed.

V. Public Comment.

Eric Sherman, Department of Defense, commented on the Military-Friendly Guide that the DoD is looking at ways to incorporate the document into the Military OneSource site. He also, noted the guide is a one of a kind and he receives a lot of comments about the resource from his counterparts throughout the country.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM EST