



# Florida Defense Support Task Force

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## **Executive Summary**

Created in 2011 under Florida Statute 288.987, the Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) held its first meetings in January 2011. Legislation allows the Task Force 13 members – four members appointed by the Governor (in addition to 1 personal representative), four members appointed by the Senate, and four members appointed by the House of Representatives. In July of 2015, the 4-year terms of the original Task Force appointees terminated. Some members were reappointed and were joined by new members. The non-legislative members' terms will run from July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2019. Legislative Task Force members will serve until the end of their elected terms. One of the Governor's appointments, Major General Joseph Taluto, USA (retired) resigned his seat on the Task Force in August, 2016 and his position has not yet been replaced. Three of the Governor's appointments remain on the task force: Major General Michael Calhoun, USA, the Adjutant General, Commissioner Barbara Stewart, and Admiral Mark Fitzgerald, USN (retired) in addition to Senator Dana Young (former Representative Young was elected to the Senate in November 2016) who is his designated personal representative and the 13<sup>th</sup> member on the Task Force. Senator Garrett Richter termed out on November 8, 2016 and his seat is currently vacant. Three of the Senate President's appointments are still serving the Task force: Mr. Tom Neubauer, Mr. J.R. McDonald and former Senator Mike Bennett. The House Speaker also retained three members: Representative Clay Ingram, Brigadier General Chip Diehl, USAF (retired), CW5 Derrick Fritts, US Army National Guard. Representative Ritch Workman's term ended on November 8, 2016 and his seat remained vacant through the end of the year. Senator Garrett Richter served as the Chair from July 2015 through June 2016 and Representative Clay Ingram assumed the Chairmanship in July 2016. Mr. Tom Neubauer was selected to remain as the Vice Chair.

The FDSTF mission is to make recommendations to preserve and protect military installations, to support the state's position in research and development related to or arising out of military missions and contracting, and to improve the state's military-friendly environment for service members, military dependents, military retirees, and businesses that bring military and base-related jobs to the state.

The FDSTF replaced the Florida Council on Military Bases and Mission Support which was created under Florida Statute 288.984. The Council has been deleted from Florida Statute. The FDSTF received a FY 2011-2012 appropriation of \$5 million, a FY 2012 –13 appropriation of \$2 million, a FY 2013-2014 appropriation of \$4 million, a FY 2014-2015 appropriation of \$3.5 million, a FY 2015-2016 appropriation of \$2 million, and a FY 2016-2017 appropriation of \$2 million to protect, preserve, promote and grow Florida military installations and missions. The Task Force held a total of six in person meetings and four conference call meetings throughout calendar year 2016.

The Task Force provides weekly email updates for its members. The Task Force developed an initial strategic plan to guide its actions in protecting Florida's military installations dated April

23, 2012. This plan is updated regularly, most recently in March 2016. The Task Force plans to update this strategic plan again in 2017. The most recent version of the strategic plan is posted on the Task Force web site and at Tab C.

Florida Defense Support Task Force web site has been operational since August 2012. It has been helpful in publicizing meeting times and locations. Additionally, this site displays the award of funding grants along with copies of agenda and minutes from Task Force meetings, budget information and weekly Task Force updates. The address for the web site is:  
[www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf](http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf)

The Task Force published the 2015 Florida Defense Factbook in September 2015 based on the Economic Impact Analysis Study conducted by CareerSource Florida under the leadership of Dr. Rod Lewis. The factbook can be downloaded from the Task Force web site at:  
<http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/Florida-Defense-Factbook.pdf>. A copy is enclosed at Tab J.

The Task Force published the 2016 Florida Military Friendly Guide in July 2016 with additions from the 2016 state legislative session. This guide contains a summary of the Florida laws that benefit active duty, National Guard and Reserve service members and their families. It has been distributed throughout the state and to the Florida Congressional delegation. The guide can be downloaded from the Task Force web site at: <http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/Florida-Military-Friendly-Guide.pdf>. A copy is enclosed at Tab K.

# FDSTF 2016 Annual Report

## **Governing Florida Statutes**

The Florida Defense Support Task Force was established under Florida Statute 288.987 and operates under a Sunshine exemption in F.S. 288.985. See Tab A.

## **Appointments**

In July of 2015, the 4-year terms of the original Task Force appointees terminated. Some members were reappointed and were joined by new members. The non-legislative members' terms will run from July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2019. Legislative Task Force members will serve until the end of their elected terms. Statute allows the Task Force to maintain up to 13 members. One of the Governor's appointments, Major General Joseph Taluto, USA (retired) resigned his seat on the Task Force in August, 2016 and his position has not been replaced. Three of the Governor's appointments remain on the task force: Major General Michael Calhoun, USA, the Adjutant General, Commissioner Barbara Stewart, and Admiral Mark Fitzgerald, USN (retired) in addition to Senator Dana Young (former Representative Young was elected to the Senate in November 2016) who is his designated personal representative and the 13<sup>th</sup> member on the Task Force. Senator Garrett Richter term ended on 8 November 2016 and his seat is currently vacant. Three of the Senate President's appointments are still serving the Task force: Mr. Tom Neubauer, Mr. J.R. McDonald and former Senator Mike Bennett. The House Speaker also retained three members: Representative Clay Ingram, Brigadier General Chip Diehl, USAF (retired), CW5 Derrick Fritts, U.S. Army National Guard. Representative Ritch Workman's term ended on November 8, 2016 and his seat remained vacant through the end of the year. Senator Garrett Richter served as the Chair from July 2015 through June 2016 and Representative Clay Ingram assumed Chairmanship in July 2016. Mr. Tom Neubauer was selected to remain as the Vice Chair. See Tab B.

## **Funding**

The FDSTF received an FY 2016-2017 appropriation of \$2 million to protect, preserve, promote and grow Florida military installations and missions. The Task Force may annually utilize up to \$250,000 of funds appropriated for Task Force staffing and administrative expenses. Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI) has the role of administrative and logistical support. The Task Force approved the annual budget for FY 16-17. This approved budget and a complete Task Force budget summary including contract obligations are included at the end of this report. See Tabs H and I.

## **Task Force Reports**

The Task Force is required to submit an annual report and work plan to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

## **Task Force Strategic Plan**

The Task Force actions are guided by its Strategic Plan. This plan is a living document and evolves in response to unfolding events. This plan was updated regularly, most recently in March 2016. The most recent version of the strategic plan is posted on the Task Force website. The current version adjusts the Task Force goals to reflect the changing national defense budgets and its impact on Florida's military missions and installations. The Task Force plans to update this plan again in 2017. See Tab C.

## **Task Force Meetings**

### **January 21, 2016 – Tallahassee**

Mr. Neubauer, Vice Chair, welcomed attendees and guests as Chairman, Senator Garrett Richter was not able to attend. Staff provided an update on the Task Force grants noting all grants for FY 2012-2013 have been closed. Staff reminded the Task Force the draft application for the FY 2016-2017 grants cycle will be presented in February. Staff also provided a summary of the grants application and awards process. Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state. Secretary Anthony Principi and MG Mike Jones of The Principi Group briefed the Task Force on current military and defense issues in Washington and their impact on Florida. Gary Clark, Deputy Secretary, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), discussed the three buffering projects DEP is currently working; Naval Support Activity Panama City, Naval Station Mayport, and MacDill AFB. Deb Keller, The Nature Conservancy, and Lt Col Kevin Beeker, Avon Park Air Force Range (APAFR), briefed the Task Force on the grant application request submitted for a Sentinel Landscapes project application for APAFR. Eric Sherman, DoD State Liaison Office, briefed the Task Force on the key issues impacting service members and their families for 2016. He discussed nine issues in the Southeast Region impacting military families the office is currently working. Staff presented the draft annual report for Task Force approval that was passed unanimously. Staff presented the proposed meeting schedule for 2016. Public Comment: Deb Keller, The Nature Conservancy, discussed the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Challenge at Tyndall AFB with the support of Eglin AFB has been approved for stage 2 of the REPI Challenge. The Task Force conducted an afternoon closed session meeting to discuss advocacy strategy involving base strengths and weaknesses connected to protecting, preserving and enhancing Florida's military installations.

### **February 18, 2016 – Conference Call**

Chairman, Senator Garrett Richter welcomed attendees and guests. He turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman Tom Neubauer to chair the meeting. Staff provided an update on the Task Force grants. Staff presented the updated draft grant application for Task Force approval noting changes from last year's application. Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state. Staff presented legislative issues impacting military, defense, and Veterans. The Task Force conducted an afternoon closed session meeting to discuss advocacy strategy involving base strengths and weaknesses connected to protecting, preserving and enhancing Florida's military installations.

### **March 17, 2016 – Melbourne/Space Coast**

Chairman, Senator Garrett Richter, began the meeting and welcomed attendees and guests. Trudy McCarthy, Senior Director of Operations, Space Coast Economic Development Council (Space Coast EDC) welcomed the Task Force to Brevard County and the Space Coast. She discussed the relationship the command has with its over 700 contractors and the mission of the EDC and their support of the military community on the Space Coast. Capt. John Sager, USN, Commanding Officer of the Naval Ordnance Test Unit (NOTU), provided an overview of the mission of the NOTU including Lockheed Martin who recently announced moving 20 new high-paying jobs to NOTU. Staff provided an update on the Task Force grants and remaining Task Force budget. Staff also discussed the inactivity on the DTF 15-13, Space Florida, grant, and recommended the grant be cancelled and the \$38,500 be reverted back to the Task Force. Staff noted Jim Kuzma of

Space Florida was present to answer any questions they may have. Mr. Kuzma noted Space Florida's concurrence with the cancellation of the grant. A motion was made and passed unanimously to cancel the DTF 15-13, Space Florida, grant for \$38,500. Staff briefed the Task Force on a request from the State of Arkansas for The Principi Group to conduct a SWOT analysis. TPG contacted staff who conducted a review of the request to identify any potential conflicts of interest, and notified Chairman Richter. Chairman Richter approved TPG's request to move forward with the SWOT analysis for Arkansas as no conflicts of interest were identified. Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state. Secretary Anthony Principi and MG Mike Jones of the Principi Group briefed the Task Force on current military and defense issues in Washington and their impact on Florida. David Clark, Director of State Lands, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), provided a Non-Conservation Lands Update. Donna Valin briefed the TF on the status of the pro bono legal service initiative previously briefed to the Task Force by Eric Sherman with the DoD. Marcus Lingenfelter briefed the Task Force on the history of the National Math Science Initiative since its inception. Staff presented the updated strategic plan to the Task Force with corrections and input. Staff noted that in addition to Task Force members input, the plan was vetted by TPG. The Task Force agreed to vote on the plan at the April meeting. Staff presented legislative initiatives impacting military, defense, and veterans. The Task Force conducted an afternoon closed session meeting to discuss advocacy strategy involving base strengths and weaknesses connected to protecting, preserving and enhancing Florida's military installations.

#### **April 21, 2016 – Conference Call**

Chairman, Senator Garrett Richter welcomed attendees and guests. Staff provided an update on the quarterly reports for 15 open Task Force grants. Staff noted the grant applications request window had closed. Staff provided an update on the annual Defense Reinvestment Grants (DRG) and Defense Infrastructure Grants (DIG). The grants were funded at \$2.6 million for FY 2016-2017. Staff is working with DEO to get their grant applications out as soon as possible. Staff provided an update on the current budget status based on this year's appropriation and the remaining funding available for the grants program for FY 2015-2016, including the proposed FY 2016-2017 budget. Staff noted there is approximately \$2 million in FY 2015-2016 funding available to award grants in addition to the FY 2016-2017 funding. Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state. Secretary Anthony Principi and MG Mike Jones of the Principi Group briefed the Task Force on current military and defense issues in Washington and their impact on Florida. Staff briefed the Task Force on the status of the 2016 Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) challenge proposal submitted by The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in partnership with Tyndall AFB, the Florida Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the area of Lake Wimico in Southern Gulf County, Florida. Staff presented the last update on the military and veterans legislation which the Governor has signed into law. Staff also noted these will be included in the next Military-Friendly Guide and the draft will be presented to the Task Force at the July meeting.

#### **May 19, 2016 – Tallahassee**

Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer, began the meeting and welcomed attendees and guests. Staff provided an update on the Task Force grants and remaining Task Force budget. Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around

the state. Secretary Anthony Principi and MG Mike Jones of the Principi Group briefed the Task Force on current military and defense issues in Washington and their impact on Florida. David Clark, Deputy Director of State Lands from the Department of Environmental Protection gave an update on the acquisition of non-conservation buffering lands. Mr. Dave Dahl briefed the Task Force on the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) meeting held the day prior and provided background about how the FDA mission sustainment process works throughout the country. Dr. Bruce Grant briefed the Task Force on the FDA's Family Support Working Group. Mr. Tom Neubauer offered a citation in recognition of Rocky McPherson's service to the Task Force. MG Mike Jones presented a proposal to fulfill a Task Force request to support a Stakeholders' Conference concerning Florida's gulf ranges. Florida has some of the greatest military ranges in the nation; however, as technology changes we're starting to come up against the capability boundaries. There were eight grant applications with presenters who were provide 15 minutes each to present their grant applications to the Task Force followed by a question and answer period for presenters. The maximum amount to be awarded was \$1.8 million. The grant presenters were as follows:

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

The Task Force voted to award the following seven grant requests:

- Highlands County for \$500,000.
- Clay County for \$400,000.
- Okaloosa EDC for \$250,000.
- National Math and Science Initiative for \$175,000.
- Military Child Education Coalition for \$225,000.
- Doolittle Institute for \$100,000.
- City of Key West for \$150,000.

The TF voted to not award the following grant request:

- Greater Pensacola Chamber (GPC) for \$500,000 – The Task Force directed the GPC to coordinate with Florida Department of Transportation and further refine their grant request. The Task Force requested GPC return in July to present a modified request for consideration.



### **July 21, 2016 – Jacksonville**

Chairman, Senator Garrett Richter, began the meeting and welcomed attendees and guests. Aaron Bowman, Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, welcomed the Task Force to Jacksonville by noting the significance of the military in Jacksonville. Staff reported the seven grants awarded at the May 2016 meeting were executed on June 30, 2016. Staff also reported on the status of the budget. Staff reported on the distribution of the new Military-Friendly Guide to all of the installations in Florida. Staff also noted with printing and shipping the cost of the guide exceeded the budgeted line item. Staff reported the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) has sent letters to Base Commanders across Florida requesting a list of their base buffering land acquisition needs. The list will be compiled and presented to the Task Force for approval prior to presenting to the Governor and/or the Legislature for possible action/funding. Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state. Secretary Anthony Principi and MG Mike Jones of the Principi Group briefed the Task Force on current military and defense issues in Washington and their impact on Florida. Ms. Amy Phillips, Senior Acquisition Agent Real Estate Services Division of State Lands, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), reported that DEP is working on three specific statutorily required projects. Ms. Kellie Jo Kilberg, Chair of the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA), briefed the Task Force on the current efforts to grow the organization to adequately address local basing issues through the efforts of their two working groups, Mission Sustainment and Family Support. Debi Graham, Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce, presented a request for \$250,000 to provide signage to direct visitors to the correct point of entry to NAS Pensacola to visit the National Naval Aviation Museum and the Cemetery. The intent of this grant is to assist in improving force protection issues for NAS Pensacola. The Task Force agreed to award a grant to fund the proposal. Joe Marino, Veterans Florida, Inc., provided an overview of the mission of Veterans Florida. He noted the organization has reached a goal of a million visits to its website through its marketing campaign earlier this year. The Task Force conducted an afternoon closed session meeting to discuss advocacy strategy involving base strengths and weaknesses connected to protecting, preserving and enhancing Florida's military installations.

### **September 15, 2016 – Pensacola**

The meeting was chaired by the new Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram. Representative Ingram welcomed attendees and guests. RADM Don Quinn, USN (Ret.), consultant to the Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce's Armed Services Department, welcomed the Task Force to Pensacola. Staff reported Bay County has requested an extension of the feasibility study, which should be completed by December 31st. Staff reported that year-end close is complete for FY 2015-2016. The unencumbered balance on the budget from last year was \$117,361, which will remain with the state. Staff reported at the last Task Force meeting they were directed to take another look at the grants application cycle change proposal and come back with a revised proposal. Staff proposed the Task Force allow them to put out an application for grants in October and collect grant applications prior to November. These grants would begin on July 1, 2017 and run through the next fiscal year. Staff noted this gives the Task Force time to vet thoroughly the applications. The Task Force would convene again at a regular meeting and consider grant applications for the next fiscal year (FY17/18), during the May timeframe. The Task Force voted to accept the proposal to allow staff to accept grant applications in October to align with the legislative budget cycle. Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state. Secretary Anthony Principi and MG Mike Jones

of the Principi Group briefed the Task Force on current military and defense issues in Washington and their impact on Florida. Ms. Kellie Jo Kilberg, Chair of the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA), gave an update of FDA activities since the last meeting. Mr. David Clark, Director of State Lands, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), reported that they've been actively engaged with the DEO on the Tier 1 properties for the non-conservation based buffering initiative.

### **October 20, 2016 – Conference Call**

The Task Force convened a public conference call led by the Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram. Staff reported that all quarterly reports processed for the first quarter have been completed. Staff also reported that the City of Key West has asked for an extension on Grant 16-11, as they are having issues regarding approvals to complete the project and have written a letter requesting an extension until March 15, 2018 on their 2-year grant. Staff recommended the Task Force's approval on the City of Key West's request for grant extension for 1 year, and with no discussion or objections from the Task Force, staff will move forward and authorize the City of Key West's 1-year grant extension. On the topic of GI-Bill II considerations, staff reported items suggested by many sources are being considered. Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state. Secretary Anthony Principi and MG Mike Jones of the Principi Group briefed the Task Force on current military and defense issues in Washington and their impact on Florida. Bruce Grant, Vice President for Military and Defense at Enterprise Florida Inc., provided an update on the Florida Defense Alliance and their upcoming meeting scheduled for November 15, 2016 in Tampa Florida. Terry McCaffrey, Deputy Executive Director, reviewed the proposed 2017 Task Force meeting calendar that sets dates and locations for next year. Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram asked for discussion on the proposed 2017 Calendar, with none noted, the calendar was adopted. Under public comment, David Clark, Director of State Lands, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), reported some good news on the Base Buffering Program at MacDill Air Force Base regarding the Florida Rock Acquisition. The Board of Trustees approved the acquisition of a restrictive easement and closed on September 29, 2016. One slight caveat is that they were only able to acquire part of what is necessary to protect the installation. Florida Rock is now beginning phase 2 of this program to procure hotel/motel rights. Additionally, Jonathan Borgert, South Dade Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee, stated that Homestead Air Reserve Base is in the running to receive the F-35 and asked the Task Force if there is anything they can do legislatively or otherwise to advocate on their behalf, would be greatly appreciated. MG Mike Jones pointed out that the Florida National Guard, in response to Hurricane Matthew, did an outstanding job and their preparation and training drew very high praise, despite the fact that there's not been a hurricane in the last decade. Finally, Col (Ret) Allison Reinwald, Florida National Guard, for MG Mike Calhoun, USA, The Adjutant General of Florida, reported that in anticipation of Hurricane Matthew, on October 4th the Florida National Guard activated 3,500 Guardsmen for such missions as reconnaissance, search and rescue, security and for the first time placed Guardsmen in shelters to assist the Red Cross with security. Overall they performed 60 missions in nine (9) counties. She also reported on the groundbreaking of the new \$22 million Flagler Palm Coast Readiness Center, the \$29 million Miramar Readiness Center dedicated to MG (Ret) Ron Harrison, and that the Florida National Guard currently has over 1,500 soldiers and airmen deployed. The Task Force conducted an afternoon closed session meeting to discuss advocacy strategy involving base strengths and weaknesses connected to protecting, preserving and enhancing Florida's military installations.

## **November 17, 2016 – Tampa**

Chairman, Representative Clay Ingram, began the meeting and welcomed attendees and guests. The Task Force began the meeting by presenting Certificates of Appreciation to Senator Richter and Representative Workman for their time served and dedication to the Task Force. Mr. Jim Sampey, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance & Veteran's Florida, welcomed the Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) to Tampa. He noted that the Tampa Bay Defense Alliance represents 8 counties and serves over 400,000 service members and veterans. Staff reported that Defense Task Force (DTF) Grant 15-01, Clay County Development Authority has been closed and \$5,274.25 was unused and reverted back to the Task Force. DTF Grant 15-07, Santa Rosa County has been closed with \$0.25 being reverted back to the Task Force. The grant for the Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce that was approved in August is still with contracting with hopes to have it back to Pensacola prior to Thanksgiving. Staff reported that there have been no changes to the current encumbrances and that \$573,566.00 remains left to encumber prior to June 30, 2017. Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state. Mr. John Patrick Walsh from the Florida –Washington Office reported that Washington is still dealing with surprise results from the Presidential election. He noted that the challenge facing Washington and the Task Force right now is the loss of Armed Services Committee members stating that Florida, for the first time in a number of years, does not currently have a member on this committee. MG Mike Jones of the Principi Group briefed the Task Force on current military and defense issues in Washington and their impact on Florida. Mr. James Stansbury, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), made a presentation of the Departments recommendation of military base protection and non-conservation encroachment buffers for military installations. DEO received proposals from bases around Florida for non-conservation lands that they would like purchased or the development rights purchased to be compatible with the base mission. The Task Force requested that the incomplete projects from the previous cycle be added to the Tier 1 list as well as delay voting on the proposal until additional analysis is complete. The Task Force plans to vote on the proposal in January 2017. Ms. Kellie Jo Kilberg, Chair of the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA), relayed important outcomes from the semi-annual FDA meeting which was held the day prior. The Task Force conducted an afternoon closed session meeting to discuss advocacy strategy involving base strengths and weaknesses connected to protecting, preserving and enhancing Florida's military installations.

## **Activities/Achievements**

Task Force's activities and achievements for 2016 include:

1. New Task Force members and reappointed members assuming duties in July 2016. New Task Force Chair, Representative Clay Ingram, assumed duties in July 2016. Three vacancies remain on the Task Force at year's end, one each from the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.
2. The Task Force conducted 9 meetings and visited military bases around the state during 2016. The Task Force conducted the November 2016 meeting in coordination with the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) to ensure the voice of local defense communities are considered and included in Task Force decisions. Additionally, it has continued implementation of its long range strategic plan for actions to protect, preserve and enhance

Florida's military installations. This plan was updated in March 2016. The current Strategic Plan is available at Tab C.

3. The Task Force approved the budget for FY 2016-2017. During calendar year 2016 the Task Force awarded seven grants using FY 2016 funds totaling \$1,800,000.00 and 1 grant using FY 2017 funds for \$250,000.00.
4. **Installation Encroachment Prevention:** The Task Force worked with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to acquire three "Tier 1" non- conservation buffering lands adjacent to military installations including the purchase of a restrictive easement at the Mayport Village property, securing an easement on the southern portion of the Florida Rock property that will ensure MacDill AFB operations are not adversely impacted by development, and reaching agreement to purchase the Barefoot Palms property near Naval Support Activity Panama City (pending Cabinet approval). In addition, the Task Force partnered with DEP to support the State's acquisition of a partnership building including more than 83,000 square feet of office space to reduce the cost of leased office space for the National Center for Simulation team at Naval Support Activity Orlando. This partnership with University of Central Florida, DoD and the Orlando-based defense industry was instrumental in keeping the Army's Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (PEO-STRI) in Orlando and officially designating the Orlando campus as the Navy Center of Excellence for Simulation. Additionally, the Task Force supported the application and successful federal designation of Avon Park Air Force Range as a "Sentinel Landscape" partner this year. Finally, the Task Force approved three Grants in 2016 that specifically prevent encroachment (See Tab I):
  - a. Santa Rosa County - \$41,310.00 to update a 2003 Land Acquisition Study and complete phased plan to limit encroachment at NSA Whiting Field
  - b. Clay County - \$400,000.00 to acquire 630 acres adjacent to Camp Blanding
  - c. Highlands County - \$500,000.00 to acquire conservation easements to prevent encroachment to Avon Park AF Range
5. **New DoD Force Structure in Florida:** Although Congress has not authorized a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission since 2005, the services have continued to relocate assets and missions "under the radar". The Task Force has been instrumental in supporting DoD assignment of a Littoral Combat Ship squadron to Naval Station (NS) Mayport, a 3-ship Amphibious Ready Group to NS Mayport and an additional eight KC-135 refueling aircraft to MacDill Air Force Base this year. These changes increase the economic impact of the base to the local area and the importance of the facility in Florida, reducing the risk of future closure.
6. **Military and Defense Advocacy** – The Task Force has supported actions that will lead to increasing military capability in Florida. The Task Force encouraged the Governor to write a letter of support for the Navy's Triton Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) to be stationed in Florida. In addition, the Task Force has encouraged USAF officials to select Jacksonville for basing Air National Guard F-35s, Homestead Air Reserve Base for future reserve component F-35 basing, and Tyndall AFB for a future MQ-9 Reaper training squadron.

The Task Force has produced and supplied Military and Defense informational publication, letters and briefs to new Congressional Delegation members on Florida defense issues relevant in Washington DC as well as to new chairs and members of the Florida Legislature committees that deal with military and veterans' affairs. Through our continued relationship with The Principi Group (TPG), the Task Force maintained their advocacy efforts on behalf of Florida's military installations in Washington D.C. throughout 2016.

On behalf of the Task Force, TPG conducted:

- a. Bi-weekly conference call that included Task Force staff, the state of Florida Washington office, and the Department of Military Affairs as well as monthly reports to the Task Force on their activities on behalf of Florida
  - b. Visits to military installations including NSA Orlando, MacDill AFB, Homestead ARB, Eglin AFB, Patrick AFB, Cape Canaveral AFS, Camp Blanding, Corry Station, NAS Pensacola, NS Mayport, Avon Park Air Force Range, Tyndall AFB and US SOUTHCOM to update the assessment made in 2012 and remain current on issues faced by each installation commander
  - c. The Southeast Range Complex Initiative in Orlando to establish relationships with stakeholders and DoD reps to solidify and update the Southeast Range Complex and Florida's role in military test and training missions.
7. The Florida Defense Support Task Force continues to maintain a web site to disseminate military and defense-related information and continues distribution of weekly updates to keep members current on events and activities impacting Florida's military installations available at [www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf](http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf).
8. The Task Force published and distributed the 2016 Florida Military Friendly Guide summarizing programs and benefits for active duty, National Guard and Reserve service members and families in August. An electronic, searchable version of the guide is available for downloading on the Task Force web site at <http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/Florida-Military-Friendly-Guide.pdf>. See Tab K.

### **State Legislative Issues**

The 2016 Florida legislative session initiated several actions which affected the statutory mission of the Task Force. Below is a listing of budget issues and legislation initiated or supported by the Florida Defense Support Task Force that passed the Florida Legislature and was signed into law by Governor Scott:

**Budget: Approved Florida Defense Support Task Force Budget for FY 2016 - 2017 – \$2,000,000: *(Note: Passed by Legislature and signed by Governor)***

#### **Legislation:**

*Passed by the Legislature and Signed into Law by the Governor:*

**SB 7023 – Relating to Ad Valorem Tax Exemption for Deployed Service Members**

The bill updates the designated operations for which deployed servicemembers may qualify and allows the exemption for deployments in newly named operations beginning with deployments in

calendar year 2014. The bill also provides refund procedures for servicemembers who were on qualifying deployments for more than 365 days during the 2014 and 2015 calendar years. In short, the bill expands military operations that qualify certain servicemembers who receive a homestead exemption & were deployed during previous calendar year to receive additional ad valorem tax exemption on that homestead property; provides procedures for grant of exemption. Effective Date: upon becoming a law.

### **SB 7016 – Relating to Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children**

The bill reenacts provisions of law establishing and implementing the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and provides for future legislative review and repeal of the compact on July 1, 2019. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act, this act shall take effect April 9, 2016, or if this act fails to become law until after that date, it shall take effect upon becoming a law and operate retroactively to April 9, 2016.

### **HB 1361 – Relating to Growth Management**

The bill provides for open exchange of information between local governments and military installations. To facilitate this exchange, a representative of a military installation shall be included as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the local government's land planning or zoning board and is not required to file a statement of financial interest solely due to his/her service on board. In short, the bill exempts Community Planning and Liaison Officers (CPLO's) and such representatives from the requirement to file financial disclosure statements to the Florida Ethics Commission.

### **HB 799 – Relating to Out-of-State Fee Waivers for Active Duty Service Members**

The bill creates an out-of-state fee waiver for an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces residing or stationed outside of the state at the time of enrollment at a state university, Florida College System institution, career center, or charter technical career center. In short, this provision applies. To online and distance education courses. Effective Date: July 1, 2016

### **SB 626 – Consumer Credit**

This bill authorizes the Office of Financial Regulation to deny a license or take disciplinary action against a person who violates the Military Lending Act (MLA). The MLA provided greater consumer protections for service members and their family members in connection with a broad range of consumer credit transactions including consumer finance loans, payday loans, title loans, overdraft lines of credit, smaller dollar loans and credit card accounts. Effective Date: October 3, 2016.

### **SB 1202 – Relating to Discounts on Public Park Entrance Fees and Transportation Fares**

This bill requires counties and municipalities to provide a partial or a full discount on park entrance fees to military members, veterans, and the spouse and parents of certain deceased military members, law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics;

requiring certain regional transportation authorities to provide a partial or a full discount on fares for certain disabled veterans, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2016.

### **HB 941 – Relating to the Department of Health**

The bill provides alternative eligibility criteria for military members, and their spouses, seeking licensure as a health care practitioner in this state. The bill allows military health care practitioners who are practicing under a military platform, which is a training agreement with a nonmilitary health care provider, to be issued a temporary certificate to practice in this state. Effective Date: July 1, 2016.

### **HB 7029 – Education**

Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, a parent whose child is not subject to a current expulsion or suspension order may seek enrollment in and transport his or her child to any public school in the state, including a charter school, which has not reached capacity. The school district or charter school shall accept and report the student for purposes of funding through the FEFP. The school district or charter school may provide student transportation at their discretion. The bill requires the capacity determinations of each school district and charter school to be current and identified on their respective school website. In determining capacity, a district school board must incorporate specifications, plans, elements, and commitments contained in the district's educational facilities plan and required long-term work programs. Each charter school governing board must determine capacity based upon its charter contract. Each school must provide preferential treatment in its controlled open enrollment process to dependent children of active duty military personnel who moved as a result of military orders. Effective Date: July 1, 2016

### **SB 184 – Relating to Military and Veterans Affairs**

The bill establishes a voluntary check-off on driver license and identification card applications to allow a veteran to request written or electronic information on federal, state, and local veterans' benefits and services. The bill also creates the Military and Overseas Voting Assistance Task Force within the Department of State to the possible development and implementation of an online voting system that allows overseas military voters to return completed absentee ballots. The bill requires the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) to extend credit to honorably discharged veterans for relevant military training and education towards the requirements for construction and electrical contracting licensure and certification; for construction contracting licenses, the bill allows up to 3 years of relevant active duty service to meet the four year experience requirement for licensure. For electrical or alarm system contracting licenses, the bill allows 4 years of experience as a supervisor in electrical or alarm system work with the military to meet the 4 year experience requirement for licensure. The bill also requires the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) to extend credit for relevant military training and education towards the requirement for private security, private investigative, and recovery services licensure. The DACS must provide by October 1, 2017 and each year thereafter a report to the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives on the methods used to license honorably discharged military veterans in the aforementioned professions. The bill directs the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) and the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) to conduct a commercial driver license testing pilot program for members

of the Florida National Guard. Additionally, the bill provides that a landlord is required to process a rental application from a military servicemember within seven days of submission, and the landlord must provide to the servicemember a response in writing of the approval or denial of their application and, if denied, the reason for denial. Should the landlord not provide a timely denial of the rental application, the landlord must lease the rental unit to the servicemember if all other terms of the application and lease are met. These provisions also apply when servicemembers seek to rent a unit or parcel within the control of a condominium association, cooperative association, or homeowners' association. Effective Date: October 1, 2016.

### **FDSTF Grants – Funding Application Process**

The Task Force decided that within budget constraints, they may fund local initiatives that can be leveraged to promote, preserve, or enhance military missions and installations in Florida. The funding process will be a simplified one based on two criteria: The mission of the FDSTF as described in F.S. 288.987, and the FDSTF goals as stated in the FDSTF Strategic Plan.

In order to be eligible to receive funding, applicants for FDSTF project consideration must first obtain the support of a Task Force member as a project sponsor. The applicant must submit a FDSTF Project Application along with a budget and plan of action. When scheduled, the applicant will present the project proposal to the full Task Force for review and consideration. Approval requires a majority vote of eligible FDSTF members. State legislators are not eligible to vote on such matters. This entire process is posted on the Task Force web site.

In September and October, the Task Force approved a change for future Grant Cycle processing. The new process consisted of a transition year (FY17-18) and new grant application flow for 2019 and beyond. The procedure attempts to set up checkpoints to ensure the process stays on track. Since the FDSTF Grant Program began in 2012 (FY13) the Task Force has awarded \$10.1M in grants to support its mission of protecting and preserving military missions and installations. From FY13-16 the process utilized carryover funds from previous budget years. As of FY15-16, the Task Force is no longer carrying over unused funds and will align the timing of the grant program to the Florida Legislative budget cycle. For FY16-17, the Task Force has already provided 1 Grant for \$250,000.00 to the Pensacola Chamber of Commerce for signage to direct traffic to the new entrance gate for NAS Pensacola. After operating costs and advocacy contracts, there is approximately \$570,000.00 remaining that could be awarded and encumbered before June 30, 2017 or it will revert back to the State. The Task Force received nine applications for FY2018 funding worth \$2,858,537.31. Task Force will consider two applications for possible funding this FY and has determined the remaining seven applications have merit for potential FY2018 funding.



# **FDSTF 2017 Work Plan**

Florida Statute 288.987 requires the Task Force to submit a work plan (along with the annual progress report) to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives each February 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Work Plan for 2017**

During 2017, the Task Force will work with The Principi Group, the Florida Congressional delegation, state government and local defense communities to aggressively advocate promoting and growing Florida's military installations based on the Task Force Strategic Plan. This plan was developed based on the results and recommendations from the comprehensive analysis and risk assessment conducted by The Spectrum Group of every military installation in Florida. Additionally, the Task Force will consider another round of funding initiatives that assist in supporting and protecting military installations.

The Task Force will meet in person on the third Thursday of every other month throughout 2017. The Task Force will meet via conference call and webinar during the off months. When possible, meetings will be held in various locations around the state and may include base visitations.

## **First Quarter**

January – March 2017

- The Task Force will review and approve the Annual Report for submission to the Governor and Legislature.
- Task Force will monitor progress on legislative initiatives that support the Task Force mission. Legislative regular session runs from 7 March – 5 May 2017.
- The Task Force will evaluate grant applications and determine if an additional grant application window is desired.
- Task Force will monitor state agency activities to prevent installation encroachment, improve transportation access, and enhance energy efficiency on military installations to meet DOD energy efficiency requirements.

## **Second Quarter**

April – June 2017

- The Task Force will review and consider annual grant requests for financial resource support to enhance local efforts to protect military installations.
- The Task Force will announce annual grant awards.
- Task Force will review and monitor progress on federal, state and local military and defense issues, and make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature.
- The Task Force will update the Florida Military Friendly Guide to include successful military-related legislation passed during the 2017 session.
- Review / update the Task Force Strategic Plan as required.
- Development of Task Force budget for Third Quarter (New FY) implementation.

### **Third Quarter**

July – September 2017

- The Task Force will prepare a budget and legislative slate for 2018 Session. They will identify the fiscal resources needed to support and implement FDSTF recommendations to further prepare for any future realignment or closures, or budget initiatives.
- The Task Force will publish a new version of the Florida Military-Friendly Guide and distribute it statewide.
- The Task Force will open the FY2019 Grant Application window to determine needs from the defense community.

### **Fourth Quarter**

October – December 2017

- The Task Force will refine evolving budget and legislative issues.
- The Task Force will evaluate the impacts of the 2017 federal and state elections regarding Florida's military installations and missions.

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## **TAB A Florida Statute 288.987 & 288.985**

### **288.987 Florida Defense Support Task Force.—**

- (1) The Florida Defense Support Task Force is created.
- (2) The mission of the task force is to make recommendations to preserve and protect military installations to support the state's position in research and development related to or arising out of military missions and contracting, and to improve the state's military-friendly environment for service members, military dependents, military retirees, and businesses that bring military and base-related jobs to the state.
- (3) The task force shall be comprised of the Governor or his or her designee, and 12 members appointed as follows:
  - (a) Four members appointed by the Governor.
  - (b) Four members appointed by the President of the Senate.
  - (c) Four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
  - (d) Appointed members must represent defense-related industries or communities that host military bases and installations. All appointments must be made by August 1, 2011. Members shall serve for a term of 4 years, with the first term ending July 1, 2015. However, if members of the Legislature are appointed to the task force, those members shall serve until the expiration of their legislative term and may be reappointed once. A vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the initial appointment. All members of the council are eligible for reappointment. A member who serves in the Legislature may participate in all task force activities but may only vote on matters that are advisory.
- (4) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each designate one of their appointees to serve as chair of the task force. The chair shall rotate each July 1. The appointee designated by the President of the Senate shall serve as initial chair. If the Governor, instead of his or her designee, participates in the activities of the task force, then the Governor shall serve as chair.
- (5) The executive director of the Department of Economic Opportunity, or his or her designee, shall serve as the ex officio, nonvoting executive director of the task force.
- (6) The task force shall submit an annual progress report and work plan to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives each February 1.
- (7) The department shall contract with the task force for expenditure of appropriated funds, which may be used by the task force for economic and product research and development, joint planning with host communities to accommodate military missions and prevent base encroachment, advocacy on the state's behalf with federal civilian and military officials, assistance to school districts in providing a smooth transition for large numbers of additional military-related students, job training and placement for military spouses in communities with high proportions of active duty military personnel, and promotion of the state to military and related contractors and employers. The task force may annually spend up to \$200,000 of funds appropriated to the department for the task force for staffing and administrative expenses of the task force, including travel and per diem costs incurred by task force members who are not otherwise eligible for state reimbursement.

History.—s. 38, ch. 2011-76; s. 47, ch. 2012-96; s. 7, ch. 2012-98; s. 11, ch. 2012-159.

<sup>1</sup>Note.—

A. Section 35, ch. 2011-76, provides that: “(1) The executive director of the Department of Revenue is authorized, and all conditions are deemed met, to adopt emergency rules under ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, for the purpose of implementing this act.

288.985 **Exemptions from public records and public meetings requirements.—**

(1) The following records held by the Florida Defense Support Task Force are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution:

(a) That portion of a record which relates to strengths and weaknesses of military installations or military missions in this state relative to the selection criteria for the realignment and closure of military bases and missions under any United States Department of Defense base realignment and closure process.

(b) That portion of a record which relates to strengths and weaknesses of military installations or military missions in other states or territories and the vulnerability of such installations or missions to base realignment or closure under the United States Department of Defense base realignment and closure process, and any agreements or proposals to relocate or realign military units and missions from other states or territories.

(c) That portion of a record which relates to the state's strategy to retain its military bases during any United States Department of Defense base realignment and closure process and any agreements or proposals to relocate or realign military units and missions.

(2) Meetings or portions of meetings of the Florida Defense Support Task Force, or a workgroup of the task force, at which records are presented or discussed which are exempt under subsection (1) are exempt from s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution.

(3) Any records generated during those portions of meetings which are closed to the public under subsection (2), including, but not limited to, minutes, tape recordings, videotapes, digital recordings, transcriptions, or notes, are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

(4) Any person who willfully and knowingly violates this section commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

(5) This section is subject to the Open Government Sunset Review Act in accordance with s. 119.15 and shall stand repealed on October 2, 2014, unless reviewed and saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

History.—s. 1, ch. 2009-156; s. 6, ch. 2012-98; s. 10, ch. 2012-159.

## **TAB B Membership of the Task Force and Support Staff (January – June 2016)**

### *Governor Appointees*

- Admiral Mark Fitzgerald, U.S. Navy, Retired
- Major General Michael A. Calhoun, U.S. Army, the Adjutant General of Florida
- Major General Joseph Taluto, U.S. Army, Retired
- Commissioner Barbara Stewart

### *Senate President Appointees*

- Senator Garrett Richter, Chairman July 2015 – July 2016
- Former Senator Mike Bennett
- Mr. J.R. McDonald
- Mr. Tom Neubauer

### *House Speaker Appointees*

- Representative Ritch Workman
- Representative Clay Ingram
- Brigadier General Arthur F. Diehl, III, U.S Air Force, Retired
- CW4 Derrick Fritts

Governor Scott appointed Representative Dana Young as his personal designated representative. The total number of appointees for the Task Force is 13.

The support staff for the Florida Defense Support Task Force:

- Rocky McPherson, Vice President, Military and Defense Programs, Enterprise Florida (through June 2016)
- Bruce Grant, Task Force Executive Director, Enterprise Florida
- Camila Hornung, Grants Coordinator, Enterprise Florida (through June 2016)
- Marcy Sanders, Administrative Assistant (through February 2016), then Grants Manager, Enterprise Florida

## **Membership of the Task Force and Support Staff (July – December 2016)**

(Note: Task Force member terms of non-legislative members run from July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2019 except as noted. Legislative Task Force members will serve until the end of their elected terms and may be reappointed once.)

### *Governor Appointees*

- Admiral Mark Fitzgerald, U.S. Navy, Retired
- Major General Michael A. Calhoun, U.S. Army, Adjutant General of Florida
- Commissioner Barbara Stewart
- Major General Joseph Taluto, U.S. Army, Retired (resigned August 2016 – position vacant Aug 2016 - 31 Dec 2016)

### *Senate President Appointees*

- Former Senator Mike Bennett
- Mr. J.R. McDonald
- Mr. Tom Neubauer
- Senator Garrett Richter (term ended 8 November 2016 – position vacant 8 Nov 2016 - 31 Dec 2016)

### *House Speaker Appointees*

- Representative Clay Ingram – Chairman: July 2016 – July 2017
- Brigadier General Arthur F. Diehl, III, U.S Air Force, Retired
- CW5 Derrick Fritts
- Representative Ritch Workman (term ended 8 November 2016 – position vacant 8 Nov 2016 - 31 Dec 2016)

Governor Scott retained Senator Dana Young (former Representative Young was elected to Florida Senate in November 2016) as his personal designated representative. The total number of current appointees for the Task Force on 31 December 2016 was 10.

The support staff for the Florida Defense Support Task Force:

- Bruce Grant, Task Force Executive Director and Vice President, Military and Defense Programs, Enterprise Florida (as of August 2016)
- Terrance McCaffrey, Task Force Deputy Executive Director, Enterprise Florida (as of September 2016)
- Marcy Sanders, Grants Manager, Enterprise Florida
- Michelle Griggs, Administrative Assistant, Enterprise Florida (as of September 2016)



**Florida**

**Defense Support Task Force**

**Strategic Plan**

**2012 – 2019**

**Updated as of: March 17, 2016**

# Florida Defense Support Task Force

## Strategic Plan 2012-2019

March 17, 2016

**The Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) was created in 2011 by Florida Statute 288.987 with a defined mission:**

- To make recommendations to preserve and protect military installations.
- To support the state's position in research and development related to or arising out of military missions and contracting.
- To improve the state's military friendly environment for service members, military dependents, military retirees and businesses that bring military and base-related jobs to the state.

### **Vision**

The Florida Defense Support Task Force will be an aggressive and effective advocate to promote, preserve, protect and expand military missions and installations across the state of Florida.

### **Guiding Principles**

- Champion Florida as the "Most Military-Friendly State" in the nation.
- Advocate for favorable resolution of military and defense issues from a statewide perspective and unify Florida's defense communities with one voice. Provide a plan for active and effective advocacy for military and homeland defense missions and facilities located in Florida including the United States Coast Guard.
- Promote Florida's military friendly atmosphere and optimum training environment and locations as the best and most cost-effective alternative for the Department of Defense.
- Coordinate a unified consistent message of Task Force members, executive and legislative branches of Florida government, congressional members and defense communities.
- Maintain a proactive posture, assisting the Department of Defense in its effort to find efficiencies and develop synergies in the face of necessary military mission consolidations or realignment actions.
- Help Florida communities become better prepared to present the Department of Defense with viable options and opportunities where realignment or consolidation actions are being considered.
- Identify, prioritize and address all current or potential base and range encroachment issues including, but not limited to airspace, environmental, energy, frequency spectrum and land use compatibility.
- Foster mutually beneficial communication and strengthen relationships between the state of Florida, installation leadership and community leaders.
- Enhance the Florida Congressional Delegation efforts in working defense and security issues at the federal level.



- Focus on advocacy efforts to obtain results which are mutually beneficial to Florida and the defense community.
- Identify the military value of Florida installations using core Department of Defense criteria and the results of previous data calls.
- Assist the Governor's office and state agencies in addressing and supporting the needs of Florida's installations identified as the result of base commander's meetings.
- Champion and continue legacy of Florida's warmth, embrace and respect for military family quality of life.

### **General Definitions**

Defense is a multi-dimensional environment defined broadly to include the active service members, National Guard and Reserve forces, military dependents, military retirees and military-related businesses in the state of Florida.

Military installations include all bases, ranges and airspace within Florida and in waters adjacent to Florida.

### **Time Frame Definitions**

Short term – The period in which the military services budget-driven realignments occur outside of a formal Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process.

Long term – The period in which the state is responding to a congressionally created formal BRAC process and beyond.

### **Task Force Members**

Senator Garrett Richter – Chairman

Tom Neubauer – Vice Chairman

Representative Dana Young

Representative Ritch Workman

Representative Clay Ingram

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Commissioner Barbara Stewart

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## **Enterprise Florida Defense Support Task Force Staff**

Colonel Rocky McPherson, U.S. Marine Corps, Retired

Colonel Bruce Grant, U.S. Army, Retired

Commander Marcy Sanders, U.S. Navy, Retired

Camila Hornung

## **Short-Term Strategic Goals**

Implement an aggressive advocacy and action plan based on the recommendations in the 2012 Spectrum Group analysis and updates based on recent installation visits. Plan will pursue installation specific strategic goals at national and state levels as shown below.

### **National Level -- (Alphabetical Order by Installation):**

- **Avon Park Range –**
  - Champion certification of the main runway.
  - Pursue increased missions.
  - Expand use to additional range customers.
  - Delegate authority to operate the range’s uncontrolled airfield to lower level – ideally to Wing Commander level.
  - Advocate for smart range infrastructure investment including adding electronic warfare training capability, increasing ability to support 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> generation aircraft training, and enhancing ability to host deployed units with shower facilities and munitions storage.
  - Encourage establishing a liaison with the US Navy to facilitate increased use.
  - Encourage the Air Force to include Avon Park Range in the “Southeast Range” concept.
  
- **Florida National Guard–**
  - Support preserving force structure in the entire Florida National Guard.
  - Support efforts to obtain a south Florida training area.
  
- **Camp Blanding Joint Training Center –**
  - Support an interagency training establishment as a center of gravity for disaster response.
  - Promote the value of the Joint Training Center to national level entities (NGB, DOD, DHS NORTHCOM, SOUTHCOM, SOCOM, and CENTCOM).
  
- **Corry Station –**
  - Advocate bringing additional mission/workload to the Center for Information Dominance.

- Raise awareness of Corry Station’s infrastructure issues to Navy leadership to assist the commander in solving them.
- **Eglin Air Force Base –**
  - Maintain Air Force Weapon Research, Acquisition, Development, Test and Evaluation functions, synergies and capabilities.
  - Support federal legislation to manage/control structures being built in the coastal waters to protect the Gulf Range Complex.
  - Encourage DOD to achieve 59 F-35 aircraft at Eglin.
  - Encourage the Air Force to include Eglin AFB range space in the “Southeast Range” concept.
  - Strengthen support for DOD and USAF Community Partnership Programs and provide communities adequate support and funding to fully support partnerships.
  - Support elements of the January 2014 USAF Report to Congressional Committees, 2025 Air Test and Training Range Enhancement Plan that support regional and state installations and test ranges.
  - Advocate for dedicated test F-35's for 96th TW at Eglin AFB.
  - Advocate for transformation of the Eglin Test & Training Complex (ETTC) into a 5<sup>th</sup> Generation Range that provides operationally realistic environments for full scale test and training for 5<sup>th</sup> Generation Aircraft and Air Armament to include Integrated Air Defense Systems (IADS) capabilities.
  - Enable expanded utilization of the Eastern Gulf of Mexico (NW Florida down to Keys) test and training mission profiles.
  - Advocate for the establishment of a hypersonic weapons corridor.
  - Advocate for federal implementation of the Gulf Regional Airspace Strategic Initiative (GRASI) Landscape Initiative.
  - Support the current Military Mission Line.
  - Advocate for eventual assignment of an operational F-35 unit to take advantage of F-35 facilities at Eglin.
  - Support the growth of the Florida Air National Guard (FLANG) F-35 operations at Eglin AFB.
- **Homestead Air Reserve Base –**
  - Advocate to restore the hydrant system from the tank farm to the ramp; make the system useful and develop a means to keep the base “warm” for contingency operations.
  - Support inclusion of Homestead ARB into DOD/SOUTHCOM, NORTHCOM and TRANSCOM contingency planning and advocate for Homestead to be included among NORTHCOM and USTRANSCOM key contingency bases reports.
- **Hurlburt Field –**
  - Resolve pavement condition issues, especially the asphalt portion of Taxiway G and a portion of the C-130 transport aircraft apron.

- Encourage a strategy to insure the SOW has ample access to Range Facilities.
  - Advocate for upgrades and recapitalization of aircraft at Hurlburt Field.
  - Champion a strategy of utilizing the Florida Air National Guard to supplement and grow the CV-22 mission.
- **125<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing at Jacksonville International Airport –**
    - Strive for the establishment of an “Active-Associate”, leveraging the total force to strengthen the air superiority mission set.
    - Support the construction of a base fire station to ensure 125<sup>th</sup> FW compliance to Air Force standards.
    - Support the option of basing of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, thus leveraging years of fighter experience by the maintainers and pilots of the 125<sup>th</sup> FW.
    - Advocate for increasing the force levels of the Florida Air National Guard.
    - Establish an “Active-Associate” unit at the Jacksonville Air National Guard Base.
- **MacDill Air Force Base –**
    - Champion readiness, capacity, capability of MacDill AFB to increase Air Refueling Mission force structure to include beddown of new KC-46 tanker
    - Advocate for infrastructure improvements in support of the Air Refueling Wings.
    - Monitor construction of facilities for beddown of helicopters from US Army Reserve 159<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment.
    - Identify and promote potential for MacDill to absorb new missions and activities.
    - Advocate for earlier delivery of displaced KC-135R's.
- **Naval Air Station Jacksonville –**
    - Increase awareness by Naval Aviation leadership of the importance and efficiencies of the Fleet Readiness Center, Jacksonville.
    - Advocate for sustained workload for the Fleet Readiness Center Southeast.
    - Monitor the P-8A Poseidon aircraft squadrons and the Triton UAS and encourage the Navy to stay the course in both programs.
- **Naval Air Station Key West –**
    - Improve the outreach effort regarding Naval Air Station Key West's important security role and unique capabilities.
    - Support transfer of Truman Annex land parcel to NAS Key West to improve base access and security.
    - Raise visibility and encourage a solution to the enlisted housing problem.
- **Naval Station Mayport –**

- Continue to advocate for nuclear aircraft carrier homeport.
  - Advocate for a 2<sup>nd</sup> ARG (3 ships) to be stationed at NS Mayport.
  - Seek US Coast Guard ship basing.
  - Increase the perception of strategic value of NS Mayport; monitor the number of ships homeported at Mayport and to ensure future stationing plans stay on track.
- **Naval Support Activity Panama City –**
    - Assist NSA Panama City in seeking renewable energy project to reduce energy costs.
    - Advocate for expanded berthing capability at NSA-PC suitable for Littoral Combat Ships (LCS).
    - Support federal legislation to prevent potential encroachment in the Gulf Range.
    - Advocate for continued Navy emphasis on mine and littoral warfare, and Littoral Combat Ship development.
- **Patrick Air Force Base –**
    - Pursue programs to develop sites suitable for mission expansion.
    - Advocate for increased commercial space launch efforts.
      - Advocate for accelerated funding of the equipment portion of the XY building.
      - Advocate for aircraft recapitalization for CSAR unit based at Patrick AFB.
- **Saufley Field –** Advocate to implement Enhanced Use Lease (EUL) or other agreement where the community can use portions of Saufley Field for commercial activities.
- **U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) –** Advocate retaining SOUTHCOM Headquarters in Miami, and should there be a NORTHCOM/SOUTHCOM consolidation, advocate having the HQs located in South Florida.
- **Space Florida –** Assist Space Florida in identifying DoD transition mechanisms that might be useful to NASA.
- **Team Orlando –**
    - Retain Team Orlando.
    - Assist Metro Orlando Defense Task Force (MODTF) in further development and execution of the strategic plan and communications plan to retain Team Orlando.
    - Advocate to inform senior Service and Joint leadership on Team Orlando’s capabilities and solidify support for modeling and simulation synergy.
    - Continue to publicize the Florida efforts to secure the expansion and reduce the lease costs to Team Orlando and the Research Park with DoD, principally Army, leaders.
    - Advocate for inclusion of Team Orlando as an official DOD-sponsored University Affiliated Research Center (UARC) with the University of Central Florida.

- **Tyndall Air Force Base –**

- Advocate for Tyndall’s tenant commands including the Air and Space Operations Center.
- Advocate for increased missions/aircraft.
- Leverage Tyndall’s 5<sup>th</sup> generation facilities, culture and airspace to efficiently bed down additional operational F-22 aircraft.
- Raise awareness of the multi-faceted role of 1<sup>st</sup> Air Force & the 601<sup>st</sup> Air and Space Operations Center in US National Security and Civil Authorities missions.
- Advocate for growth in the core missions of AFCEC TAFB as AFIMSC evolves in 2015.
- Support federal legislation to prevent potential encroachment in the Gulf Range.
- Ensure successful completion of AF property disposition and support application of the funds for base buffering initiatives.
- Support the growth of Florida Air National Guard F-22 operations at Tyndall AFB.

**State Level -- (Alphabetical Order by Installation):**

- **FL National Guard/Camp Blanding Joint Training Center –**

- Prioritize construction of additional training unit facilities.
- Develop separate marketing/information campaigns to:
  - Encourage transfer or standup of remotely piloted vehicle training
  - Encourage transfer or standup of emergency operations center training
  - Encourage transfer or standup of all-service combat skills weather training
  - Encourage transfer or standup of all-service water survival training
  - Encourage transfer or standup of military vehicle overhaul or recapitalization.

- **125<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing at Jacksonville International Airport –** Support facility improvements and taxiway upgrades

- **Eglin Air Force Base –**

- Support road improvements to facilitate ingress/egress.
- Prevent encroachment that could impact the Gulf Range Complex east of the Military Mission Line.

- **Hurlburt Field --** Support proposed “West Gate” construction and off base auxiliary roads.

- **MacDill Air Force Base –**

- Support the purchase of a parcel of land immediately adjacent to MacDill Air Force Base to prevent future encroachment issues.
- Promote and support engagement campaign to raise senior DOD, Service and Joint leadership of MacDill’s operational readiness and capacity in support of national security interests.

- **Naval Air Station Pensacola –**
  - Establish a system to enhance air space management in Northwest Florida with guidance aimed at future growth in flight activity.
  - Consider development of a more structured and robust cooperative mechanism involving the hospital, the Veterans Administration facility, and the three local hospitals, with a focus on disaster response.
  - Seek new initiatives for shared functions (commercial, medical, recreation, etc.) with the communities and State through mechanisms such as enhanced-use leasing.
  
- **Naval Air Station Whiting Field –** Continue efforts to buffer training airfields from encroachment, especially at the outlying fields.
  
- **Naval Station Mayport –**
  - Support acquisition of land or development rights adjacent to NS Mayport to prevent encroachment.
  - Support stationing of Littoral Combat Ships (LCS) at NS Mayport.
  
- **Naval Support Activity Panama City –**
  - Protect Navy ranges used for Research, Development, Test, Evaluation and training in Florida’s littoral waters.
  - Advocate for continued Navy emphasis on mine and littoral warfare and Littoral Combat Ship development.
  - Complete implementation of the Joint Land Use Study and adjacent land acquisition project to ensure merging commercial and military activities can each meet their objectives.
  - Support local activities to enable berthing capability of Littoral Combat Ships (LCS) at NSA Panama City.

**Overall Long-Term Strategic Goals for All Military Installations**

1. Promote Florida as a trusted, defense-friendly partner, advocating solutions of mutual benefit to the Department of Defense and Florida communities.
  
2. Promote and grow Florida military missions and installations. . Monitor actions and potential actions within the DOD and in Congress that could affect Florida’s military presence, and adapt the strategic plan to take appropriate action to encourage maintenance and growth of the military presence in Florida.
  
3. Continue to identify areas where the state’s presence and actions have sustainable impacts on Florida’s military installations and missions including, but not limited to:

- Protect all Florida ranges.
  - Providing support for acquisition of land or development rights to prevent encroachment.
  - Providing support and incentives for defense missions to remain or relocate to Florida.
  - Increase existing missions and add compatible missions that fit with the capacity and infrastructure of the installation.
  - Prevent exploration, drilling and other activities that could limit military use of the Gulf of Mexico Range Complex.
  - Lowering installations' costs of doing business through public-private partnerships.
  - Expand ranges and bases in Florida in cooperation with Space Florida for Department of Defense Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) testing and training.
  - Preventing and mitigating encroachment affecting installations, ranges and flight corridors.
  - Transportation access.
  - Department of Defense renewable energy goals.
  - Environmental issues.
  - Improvement of education programs in public schools.
  - Complete implementation of the Joint Land Use Studies at all Florida military installations that have conducted them.
  - Strengthen and enhance quality of life of our military families/retirees statewide and within local communities.
  - Continue to champion Florida's support to our wounded and veterans.
- Continue to strengthen state support for military families and veterans with a focus on education, health care, employment and family programs. Coordinate with and support Florida Is For Veterans, Inc. to help Florida veterans decide to settle in Florida.
  - Continue to strengthen defense-related working relationships with the following state agencies:
    - The Department of Veterans Affairs
    - The Department of Economic Opportunity
    - The Department of Environmental Protection
    - The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Energy Office
    - The Department of Military Affairs
    - The Department of Business and Professional Regulation
    - The Department of Education
    - CareerSource Florida



### **What Does Success Look Like?**

- Florida is fully prepared to assist the Department of Defense to maximize efficiencies in an era of defense downsizing.
- Florida increases or maintains same relative position in defense spending.
- Task Force is the state focal point with support mechanisms, processes, data, and resources to effectively conduct military advocacy actions with the Florida Congressional Delegation and is an integral part of success.
- Florida successfully procures emerging missions to offset jobs lost by realignments or consolidations.
- Florida will continue to earn its reputation as the nation's top-ranked military-friendly state. Raise the bar within Department of Defense family support areas rated green.
- Florida will be the leader in veterans' employment opportunities.
- Florida creates, coordinates, and maintains an effective installation encroachment prevention program.
- Develop a communications plan and an FDSTF web site to promote the military value of Florida installations. Ensure this plan is linked to all local Florida defense support organizations to allow insight to and inclusion of regional and community partnerships.
- Florida has strengthened, mutually beneficial community relationships with installation leadership, the Florida Defense Alliance, community leaders along with, city and county officials to capitalize on local resources; efforts are integrated with at all levels.
- Florida has increased defense business relocation through tax and other state incentives
- Create greater public awareness of Florida's military-friendly environment including support for veterans, retirees and military dependents.
- Expand Florida's role in space launches and mission support, and expanded military space opportunities.
- Conduct effective national-level advocacy plan for military and homeland defense missions and facilities located in Florida including the United States Coast Guard; support the Florida Congressional Delegation in plan implementation.
- Continue to improve working relationships with defense planners, defense contractors and leadership to better anticipate changing needs and proposed actions to assist in developing solutions and strategies of mutual benefit to the Department of Defense and the state.
- The citizen-to-soldier/airman ratio for the Florida National Guard is sized correctly to support possible Florida Department of Emergency Management needs.

## TAB D FY 2017 Funding Application Process



# Florida Defense Support Task Force

## FY 2016- 2017 Grant Funding Application

### March 18, 2016

### Background

The Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) was established in 2011 under Florida Statute 288.987 with the mission to make recommendations to preserve, protect and enhance Florida's military installations, support the state's position in research and development related to or arising out of military missions and contracting, and to improve the state's military friendly environment for service members, military dependents, military retirees, and business that bring military and base-related jobs to the state.

### Purpose

Within budget constraints, the FDSTF may fund projects that can be leveraged to promote, preserve, or enhance military missions and installations in Florida.

### Criteria

- A. **The FDSTF will consider providing resources only for initiatives which directly support preserving, protecting and enhancing Florida's military installations. Projects must directly improve the military value of the installation.**
- B. Projects must have a clearly defined, measurable outcome in support of the Task Force mission of protecting military installations in Florida.
- C. Projects should be able to be accomplished within one year of contracting. If the project is expected to take longer than one year to complete, then the applicant must justify the longer time period.

### Process

- A. Applicants for FDSTF project consideration must:
  - 1. Obtain support of a FDSTF member as a project sponsor.
  - 2. Submit a FDSTF Project Application (Attachment A), a Budget and Financial Report Form (Attachment B) and a Plan of Action Form (Attachment C) to the Task Force Executive Director with CC to Marcy Muldrow Sanders, Grants Manager, electronically no later than 4:00 PM EDT on April 21, 2016.
- B. When scheduled, the applicant must present the project proposal to the full FDSTF.
- C. Approval requires a majority vote of eligible FDSTF members.

### Previous Grant Recipients

- A. Previous grant recipients are eligible to apply for FY 2016-2017 grants.

- B. FY 2014-2015 Task Force grant recipients are not eligible to apply for FY 2016-2017 grants unless they have expended at least 50% of their funds from any previous fiscal year's grant award without providing justification for spending delays.

### **Ineligible use of funds**

All expenditures must be in accordance with the State of Florida requirements, rules and regulations. If travel expenses are an authorized activity in the Budget (Attachment B) and Plan of Action (Attachment C) then Grantee shall submit bills for such travel expenses and shall be reimbursed only in accordance with section 112.061, F.S.

- A. Staff salaries.
- B. Purchase of food, alcohol, equipment, furniture, or fixtures.
- C. Receptions, gifts, and membership dues.
- D. Lobbying any branch of state government.
- E. Administration of the project in excess of 10% of the award.
- F. Project operating costs incurred before the applicant and Enterprise Florida, Inc. execute the grant agreement.
- G. Business entertainment expenses, including meals or activity fees.

### **Contracting**

- A. Enterprise Florida will be the contracting authority in support of the FDSTF.
- B. The contract manager will be Marcy Muldrow Sanders, Grants Manager.
- C. Payments will be made on a reimbursement basis, in accordance with the contracted performance and reporting timeline.
- D. Contracts will commence at the beginning of the state fiscal year – July 1<sup>st</sup> – or as soon thereafter as possible.

### **Reporting Requirements**

- A. Reports will be required quarterly determined by the length of the contract in accordance with the Enterprise Florida reports schedule.
- B. Enterprise Florida will report each project's progress to the FDSTF at least quarterly during the FDSTF meeting.

### **Guidance to Applicants**

- A. Applicants must obtain support of a FDSTF member as a project sponsor. Once support is obtained, the applicant may submit funding application directly to FDSTF Executive Director via email with CC to the Task Force Grants Coordinator.
- B. Applicants must submit a quote to be used in a possible press release announcing the grant award.
- C. No later than May 6, 2016, the Task Force Executive Director will notify the applicant to appear at the May 19, 2016 FDSTF meeting to make an in-person presentation.

- D. Presentations will include the proposal, clear support of the criteria listed above, details of the project, funding requested, expected return on investment and clearly defined, measurable outcomes in support of the Task Force mission.
- E. Presentations are limited to a maximum of 15 minutes.
- F. Upon conclusion of the presentations, the FDSTF members may render decisions concerning approval and grant amount. Approval requires a majority vote of eligible FDSTF members.
- G. Funding for 2017 Task Force grants will be contingent on the state of Florida budget.
- H. If you have applied for an Enterprise Florida Defense Grant, either Defense Infrastructure Grant (DIG) or Defense Reinvestment Grant (DRG), then you must indicate that on your application and clearly differentiate it from the Task Force grant application.

**Florida Defense Support Task Force FY 2016-2017 Grants Timeline**

<b>March 18, 2016</b>	Release of FY 2016-2017 Grant Funding Application.
<b>April 21, 2016</b>	Deadline for Task Force grant application submissions.
<b>April 25-29, 2016</b>	Staff reviews all applications for eligibility.
<b>May 6, 2016</b>	Staff provides TF Members all applications for review
<b>May 9 - 18, 2016</b>	Task Force members review applications.
<b>May 19, 2016</b>	Eligible grant applicant oral presentations in Tallahassee. TF votes to decide final recipients and amounts for FY 2016-2017 grants.
<b>TBD</b>	Task Force FY 2016-2017 grants announced.

**Points of Contact:**

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**Florida Defense Support Task Force Web Site:** <http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf/>

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: FDSTF Project Application
- Attachment B: Budget and Financial Reporting form
- Attachment C: Plan of Action form

**Attachment A: FDSTF Project Application**

All applications must contain the project information in the format below:

**1. Project Title:**

**2. Applicant:**

Organization name:

Name of Primary Contact:

Title:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

Website:

Grant Manager Information (if different from above):

Name of Grant Manger:

Title:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

**3. Task Force Sponsor:**

**4. Enterprise Florida Defense Grant (DIG or DIG) Requested: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_**

If yes, please explain how this grant request differs from DIG/DRG.

**5. Previous Performance:**

Please list previous Florida Defense Support Task Force awards, including amounts and current status of each project.

Contract #	Grantee	Project Title	Amount Requested	Award Amount	Amount Returned	Status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open</li> <li>• Closed</li> <li>• Cancelled</li> </ul>

**6. Project Criteria (check all that apply):**

The mission of the FDSTF as described in F.S. 288.987.

FDSTF goals as stated in the FDSTF Strategic Plan, dated 7/19/13.

\_\_\_Clearly defined, measurable outcome.

**7. Summary of Project:**

Must include the following:

- a. Project description
- b. Objectives
- c. Deliverables
- d. Direct correlation to FDSTF criteria and expected benefit to the state (ROI)
- e. Performance measures
- f. Budget and Financial Reporting form (Attachment B)
- g. Plan of Action form (Attachment C)

**8. Funding requested from the Florida Defense Support Task Force:**

Total request:

**9. Project relation to other local/state/federal budgets:**

Circle one: related / not related      If “related,” explain how

**10. Amounts of other leveraged funding/ contributions:**

Federal \_\_\_\_\_                      State \_\_\_\_\_  
Local \_\_\_\_\_                      Private \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Estimated length of project:**

Start date \_\_\_\_\_                      End date \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: Projects should be able to be accomplished within one year of contracting. If the project is expected to take longer than one year to complete, then the applicant should justify the longer time period.)

**12. Suggested Quote to be Used in Press Release Announcing Grants:**

**Attachment B: Budget and Financial Report Form**

FY 2016 – 2017 Florida Defense Support Task Force Grant Funding

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

<b>Budget Category</b>	<b>Match Program Expenditures</b>			<b>FDSTF Program Expenditures</b>			<b>Total Program Expenditures</b>		
	<b>Application Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>		<b>Application Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>		<b>Application Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	
		<b>Current Quarter</b>	<b>Program to Date</b>		<b>Current Quarter</b>	<b>Program to Date</b>		<b>Current Quarter</b>	<b>Program to Date</b>
<b>Task/Purchase</b>									
Activity 1:									
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<b>Task/Purchase</b>									
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<b>Task/Purchase</b>									
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Activity 6:									
<b>TOTAL ALL CATEGORIES</b>									

**Attachment C: Plan of Action Form**

FY 2016 – 2017 Florida Defense Support Task Force Grant Funding

Date \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Planned Activity</b>	<b>Budget Cost</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>Performance Measures</b>
<b>Task</b>				
Activity 1:				
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**TAB E Announcement of FY 2017 Task Force Grant Awards**



# Florida Defense Support Task Force

May 20, 2016

SUBJECT: Announcement of FY 2016 - 2017 Florida Defense Support Task Force Grant Awards

The Florida Defense Support Task Force met on May 19, 2016 to consider funding applications for projects that would accomplish the mission of the Task Force and support the goals outlined in the Task Force Strategic Plan. After careful review of the applications submitted for funding from the Florida Defense Support Task Force for FY 2016- 2017, the Task Force approves the 7 applicants listed below to receive grant awards.

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Award</b>
Highlands County	Acquire conservation easements to prevent encroachment to Avon Park AF Range	\$500,000
Clay County	Acquire 630 acres adjacent to Camp Blanding to prevent encroachment	\$400,000
Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County	Facilitate the expansion of non-hazardous military training to pre-designated state lands to relieve congestion at Eglin AFB	\$250,000
National Math And Science Initiative	Increase military students test scores in math, science and English: focused on Bay and Clay counties	\$175,000
Military Child Education Coalition	Provide support to military schoolchildren in 12 counties to improve student outcomes	\$225,000

Doolittle Institute	Establish a technology innovation center to support weapons development mission of Eglin AFB	\$100,000
City of Key West	Refurbish Truman Annex seawall	\$150,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,800,000</b>



Senator Garrett Richter

Chairman, Florida Defense Support Task Force



# **Florida Defense Support Task Force**

## **FY 2017 – 2018 Grant Funding Application**

**As of: September 27, 2016**

### **Background**

The Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) was established in 2011 under Florida Statute 288.987 with the mission to make recommendations to preserve, protect and enhance Florida's military installations, support the state's position in research and development related to or arising out of military missions and contracting, and to improve the state's military friendly environment for service members, military dependents, military retirees, and business that bring military and base-related jobs to the state.

### **Purpose**

Within budget constraints, the FDSTF may fund projects that can be leveraged to promote, preserve, or enhance military missions and installations in Florida.

### **Criteria**

- A. **The FDSTF will consider providing resources only for initiatives which directly support preserving, protecting and enhancing Florida's military installations. Projects must directly improve the military value of the installation.**
- B. Projects must have a clearly defined, measurable outcome in support of the Task Force mission of protecting military installations in Florida.
- C. Projects should be able to be accomplished within one year of contracting. If the project is expected to take longer than one year to complete, then the applicant must justify the longer time period.

### **Process**

- A. Applicants for FDSTF project consideration must:
  - 1. Obtain support of a FDSTF member as a project sponsor.
  - 2. Submit a FDSTF Project Application (Attachment A), a Budget and Financial Report Form (Attachment B) and a Plan of Action Form (Attachment C) to Marcy Muldrow Sanders, Grants Manager, and copy (CC) the Task Force Deputy Executive Director, electronically no later than 4:00 PM EDT on October 27, 2016.
- B. When scheduled, the applicant must present the project proposal to the full FDSTF.
- C. Approval requires a majority vote of eligible FDSTF members.

### **Previous Grant Recipients**

- A. Previous grant recipients are eligible to apply for FY 2017 – 2018 grants.

- B. Previous Task Force grant recipients are not eligible to apply for FY 2017 – 2018 grants unless they have expended at least 50% of their funds from any previous fiscal year's grant award.

### **Ineligible use of funds**

All expenditures must be in accordance with the State of Florida requirements, rules and regulations. Travel and other administrative expenses not specifically identified in the Budget (Attachment B) and Plan of Action (Attachment C) will not be authorized for reimbursement. Additionally travel must comply with section 112.061, F.S. to be reimbursed. The following expenses will not be reimbursed:

- A. Staff salaries.
- B. Purchase of food, alcohol, equipment, furniture, or fixtures.
- C. Receptions, gifts, and membership dues.
- D. Lobbying any branch of state government.
- E. Administration of the project in excess of 10% of the award.
- F. Project operating costs incurred before the applicant and Enterprise Florida, Inc. execute the grant agreement.
- G. Business entertainment expenses, including meals or activity fees.

### **Contracting**

- A. Enterprise Florida will be the contracting authority in support of the FDSTF.
- B. The contract manager will be Marcy Muldrow Sanders, Grants Manager.
- C. Payments will be made on a reimbursement basis, in accordance with the contracted performance and reporting timeline.
- D. Contracts will commence at the beginning of the state fiscal year – July 1<sup>st</sup> – or as soon thereafter as possible.

### **Reporting Requirements**

- A. Reports will be required quarterly determined by the length of the contract in accordance with the Enterprise Florida reports schedule.
- B. Enterprise Florida will report each project's progress to the FDSTF at least quarterly during the FDSTF meeting.

### **Guidance to Applicants**

- A. Applicants must obtain support of a FDSTF member as a project sponsor. Once support is obtained, the applicant may submit funding application directly to Task Force Grants Manager via email and copy (CC) the FDSTF Executive Director.
- B. Applicants must submit a quote to be used in a possible press release announcing the grant award.
- D. This is a Request for Proposals (RFP) for FY 2017 – 2018 grants cycle. Applicants will be notified at least two weeks prior to the date they may appear before the FDSTF to make in-person grant application presentations.

- E. Presentations will include the proposal, clear support of the criteria listed above, details of the project, funding requested, expected return on investment and clearly defined, measurable outcomes in support of the Task Force mission.
- F. Presentations are limited to a maximum of 15 minutes.
- G. Upon conclusion of the presentations, the FDSTF members may render decisions concerning approval and grant amount. Approval requires a majority vote of eligible FDSTF members.
- H. Funding for FY 2017 – 2018 Task Force grants will be contingent on the state of Florida budget.
- I. If you have applied for either a Defense Infrastructure Grant (DIG) or Defense Reinvestment Grant (DRG), then you must indicate that on your application and clearly differentiate it from the Task Force grant application.

**Florida Defense Support Task Force FY 2017 – 2018 Request for Proposals Timeline**

<b>September 28, 2016</b>	Release of FY 2017 – 2018 Grant Funding Application.
<b>October 27, 2016</b>	Deadline for Task Force grants application submissions.
<b>October 27 – November 4, 2016</b>	Staff reviews all applications for eligibility.
<b>November 8, 2016</b>	Staff provides TF Members all applications for review
<b>November 8 – 20, 2016</b>	Task Force members review applications.
<b>May 18, 2017 (Tentative)</b>	Oral presentations in Tallahassee. TF votes on final recipients and amounts for FY 2017 – 2018 grants.

Following this RFP cycle, the FDSTF may accept additional applications during February/March of 2017 to account for emerging projects. No final decisions for grant applications funded during FY 17-18 will be made until May 2017; applicants applying this cycle need not reapply.

**Points of Contact:**

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**Attachments:**

Attachment A: FDSTF Project Application  
Attachment B: Budget and Financial Reporting form  
Attachment C: Plan of Action form

# Attachment A: FDSTF Project Application

All applications must contain the project information in the format below:

## 1. Project Title

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## 2. Applicant

<b>Organization Name</b>		
<b>Name of Primary Contact</b>	<b>Title</b>	
<b>Address (City/State/Zip)</b>		
<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Fax</b>	
<b>Email</b>		
<b>Website</b>		

Grant Manager Information (if different from above):

<b>Organization Name</b>		
<b>Name of Primary Contact</b>	<b>Title</b>	
<b>Address (City/State/Zip)</b>		
<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Fax</b>	
<b>Email</b>		
<b>Website</b>		

## 3. Task Force Sponsor

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## 4. Enterprise Florida Defense Grant (DIG or DRG) Requested: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, please explain how this grant request differs from DIG/DRG.

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**5. Previous Performance:**

Please list previous Florida Defense Support Task Force awards, including amounts and current status of each project.

Contract #	Grantee	Project Title	Amount Requested	Award Amount	Amount Returned	Status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open</li> <li>• Closed</li> <li>• Cancelled</li> </ul>

**6. Project Criteria (check all that apply):**

- The mission of the FDSTF as described in F.S. 288.987.
- FDSTF goals as stated in the FDSTF Strategic Plan, dated 05/19/2016.
- Clearly defined, measurable outcome.

**7. Summary of Project:**

Must include the following:

- a. Project description
- b. Objectives
- c. Deliverables
- d. Direct correlation to FDSTF criteria and expected benefit to the state (ROI)
- e. Performance measures
- f. Budget and Financial Reporting form (Attachment B)
- g. Plan of Action form (Attachment C)

**8. Funding requested from the Florida Defense Support Task Force:**

Total request:

**9. Project relation to other local/state/federal budgets:**

Circle one: related / not related      If “related,” explain how

**10. Amounts of other leveraged funding/contributions:**

Federal		State	
Local		Private	
Other			



**11. Estimated length of project:**

**Start Date**  **End Date**

(Note: Projects should be able to be accomplished within one year of contracting. If the project is expected to take longer than one year to complete, then the applicant should justify the longer time period.)

**12. Suggested Quote to be Used in Press Release Announcing Grants:**

**Attachment B: Budget and Financial Report Form**

FY 2017 – 2018 Florida Defense Support Task Force Grant Funding

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Budget Category	Match Program Expenditures			FDSTF Program Expenditures			Total Program Expenditures		
	Application Budget	Actual		Application Budget	Actual		Application Budget	Actual	
		Current Quarter	Program to Date		Current Quarter	Program to Date		Current Quarter	Program to Date
<b>Task/Purchase</b>									
Activity 1:									
Activity 2:									
<b>Task/Purchase</b>									
Activity 3:									
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<b>Task/Purchase</b>									
Activity 5:									
Activity 6:									
<b>TOTAL ALL CATEGORIES</b>									

**Attachment C: Plan of Action Form**

FY 2017 – 2018 Florida Defense Support Task Force Grant Funding

Date \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Planned Activity</b>	<b>Budget Cost</b>	<b>Objective</b>	<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>Performance Measures</b>
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## **Florida Defense Support Task Force: Successes 2012 - 2016**

December 2, 2016

Created under Florida Statute 288.987, the thirteen-member Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) has the mission to make recommendations to preserve and protect military installations, support the state's position in research and development related to or arising out of military missions and contracting, and improve the state's military-friendly environment for service members, military dependents, military retirees, and businesses that bring military and base-related jobs to the state.

Successes 2012 – 2016:

1. Conducted 49 in person or conference call meetings and visited every major defense community around the state.
2. Developed and implemented a long range strategic plan to guide Task Force actions to protect, preserve and enhance Florida's military installations. This plan updated annually.
3. Completed (2012) comprehensive evaluation of the military value of all military installations. The Spectrum Group conducted this assessment and simultaneously conducted risk assessment of all bases in regard to possible realignment or closure.
4. Established a web site to disseminate military and defense-related information and established a system of weekly updates to keep members current on events and activities impacting Florida's military installations.
5. Contracted with The Principi Group to advocate in Washington, DC on behalf of Florida's military installations in conjunction with the Florida Congressional delegation and the Governor's Washington office. The Principi Group has been effective in the Pentagon and on Capitol Hill in gaining visibility on Florida's military and defense issues as well as providing tremendous assistance to Florida's local defense communities during their annual visits to Washington.
6. The Principi Group continues to evaluate and update the 2012 comprehensive Spectrum Group evaluation through a series of follow up visits to Florida's military installations to remain current on issues faced by the installation commanders. Additionally, The Principi Group met with local defense leaders to receive community input on issues impacting the installations.
7. Published 2015 "Florida Defense Industry Economic Impact Analysis" and the resultant 2015 Florida Defense Factbook and other marketing materials to educate and raise awareness of the economic impact of the military and defense industry to Florida's economy.
8. Published the 2016 Florida Military Friendly Guide, a handbook of state programs and laws that benefit military members and their families stationed in Florida.
9. Southeast Range Complex Conference – In accordance with the Task Force directive, The Principi Group conducted a conference on the development of a Southeast Range Complex on 3 November 2016 in Orlando. There were 27+ attendees from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Office of Secretary of Defense and

many other stakeholders in attendance who had several presentations and robust conversations on the issues. This will enhance future cooperation of this critical resource for Florida.

10. Awarded 44 Task Force grants totaling \$10.1 million to local defense communities across the state to enhance the military value of Florida bases.
11. Supported military-friendly state legislation including:
  - Establishing a funded program to acquire non-conservation buffering lands adjacent to military installations.
  - Extending voter registration for deployed military members.
  - Providing continued Florida participation in the Interstate Compact for Military Children.
  - Providing write in absentee ballots for all state and local elections for deployed service members.
  - Allowing military spouses/dependents to keep their state of residence driver licenses while stationed in Florida.
  - Allowing automatic extensions for military spouse/dependent driver licenses while stationed outside of Florida.
  - Providing a waiver of minimum age requirements for service members at hotels.
  - Allowing out-of-state college tuition rates for the spouse and children of service members.
  - Allowing certain persons with disabilities to receive Medicaid home and community-based services if parent or legal guardian is an active duty military service member.
12. The Florida Defense Support Task Force has received tremendous support and significant funding from the Governor and Legislature since its inception in 2011.

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## TAB H Financial Report

### Florida Defense Support Task Force Annual Budget for FY 2016 - 2017 1 July 2016 through 30 June 2017 (as of: December 31, 2016)

	<u>FY 2016/17</u>			
<b>Revenues</b>				
<b>Program Revenues</b>				
Program Appropriation	1,750,000.00			
<b>Total Program Revenues</b>	<b>1,750,000.00</b>			
<b>Administrative Revenues</b>				
Administrative Appropriation	250,000.00			
<b>Total Administrative Revenues</b>	<b>250,000.00</b>			
		Encumbered	Unencumbered	Actual/Expended
<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>Program Expenses</b>				
3Advocacy	895,932.00	923,630.00		475,665.78
Military-Friendly Guide 2017	2,800.00	2,800.00		
Local Grant Program	823,566.00	250,000.00	573,566.00	0.00
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>1,722,298.00</b>	<b>1,176,430.00</b>	<b>573,566.00</b>	<b>475,665.78</b>
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>				
Contract Executive Director	25,442.31	14,000.00	11,442.31	14,000.00
1Staff Salaries & Benefits	190,890.00	93,423.40		93,423.40
2Task Force Meetings	59,110.00	13,439.28		13,439.28
<b>Total Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>250,000.00</b>	<b>120,862.68</b>	<b>129,137.32</b>	<b>120,862.68</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,000,000.00</b>	<b>1,297,292.68</b>	<b>702,703.32</b>	

Footnotes:

- 1 Line for three salaried staff. (Deputy Executive Director, Grants Manager, Administrative Staff)
- 2 Line includes travel, venue expense, A/V contractor, and other meeting cost as required for approximately 8 meetings.
- 3 Includes Amendment #5 for Stakeholder Conference in the amount of \$27,702

**TAB I Summary of Progress of Task Force Grant Award Contracts**

**Florida Defense Support Task Force Grant Program –  
Narrative Report**

Created in 2011 under Florida Statute 288.987, the Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) mission is to make recommendations to preserve and protect military installations, to support the state’s position in research and development related to or arising out of military missions and contracting, and to improve the state’s military-friendly environment for service members, military dependents, military retirees, and businesses that bring military and base-related jobs to the state.

Initiated in 2013, the Florida Defense Support Task Force grant program provides grants to assist accomplishment of the mission of the Task Force. This narrative report provides quarterly updates on all open Task Force grants or contracts awarded in FY 12-13, FY 13-14, FY 14-15, FY 15-16 and FY 16-17.

**Funding Request Summary -- As of: December 31, 2016 for Task Force Grant Activity**

**Grant Closed**

**1. Florida Defense Support Task Force Grants FY 12-13**

<b>Grant # End Date Award Amount</b>	<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Status/Progress</b>
13-02 06/30/15 \$350,000	(FY 12-13) National Center for Simulation (Orlando) – Threat mitigation plan	Project completed as of 06/05/15. \$0.15 reverted back to the Task Force control. <b>Grant closed.</b>
13-03 04/17/14 \$100,000	(FY 12-13) Florida 8 A Alliance – Support veteran and defense small businesses	Project completed as of 04/17/14. \$300.56 reverted back to the Task Force control. <b>Grant closed.</b>
13-05 03/31/15 \$500,000	(FY 12-13) Highlands County – Acquire land or easements to prevent encroachment at Avon Park Range	Project completed as of 04/14/15. All grant funds expended. <b>Grant closed.</b>

13-06 04/30/14 \$160,000	(FY 12-13) Santa Rosa County – Build a fence to separate NAS Whiting Field from the Whiting Aviation Park.	Project completed as of 04/07/14. \$30,600 reverted back to the Task Force control. <b>Grant closed.</b>
13-07 01/31/15 \$130,000	(FY 12-13) Tampa Bay Defense Alliance (TBDA)– Establish cohesive organization	Project completed as of 01/31/15. \$769.37 reverted back to the Task Force control. <b>Grant closed.</b>
13-08 06/23/14 \$225,000	(FY 12-13) The Andrews Institute – Provide treatment for special operations wounded warriors	Completed treatment for 50 wounded warriors for an average of 5 weeks per participant as of 12/31/13. All grant funds expended. <b>Grant closed.</b>
13-10 05/11/15 \$200,000	(FY 12-13) City of Jacksonville Military Affairs, Veterans and Disabled Services Department – Creation of a support maritime research and development capability at NS Mayport	Project completed as of 5/11/15. \$28,474.23 reverted back to the Task Force control. <b>Grant closed.</b>
13-11 12/11/14 \$250,000	(FY 12-13) City of Jacksonville Military Affairs, Veterans and Disabled Services Department – Creation of new explosives disposal proficiency training range bunker on Jacksonville Air Guard Base	Project completed as of 11/07/14. \$318.00 reverted back to the Task Force control. <b>Grant closed.</b>

## 2. Florida Defense Support Task Force Grants FY 13-14

<b>Grant #</b> <b>End Date</b> <b>Award Amount</b>	<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Status/Progress</b>
14-02 7/31/15 \$474,000	(FY 13-14) Clay County Development Authority – Camp Blanding Joint Training Center (CBJTC) – Airspace Control System	Project completed as of 7/31/15. All grant funds expended. <b>Grant closed.</b>



14-03 03/12/15 \$255,000	(FY 13-14) Clay County Development Authority – Camp Blanding Joint Training Center (CBJTC) – Mass Warning and Notification System	The installation of mass notification system was completed on 07/08/14.  All grant funds expended.  <b>Grant closed</b>
14-04 01/23/15 \$25,000	(FY 13-14) City of Niceville – Implementation of 2009 Eglin AFB Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) Recommendations	Project completed as of 03/19/15.  All grant funds expended.  <b>Grant closed.</b>
14-05 06/30/17 \$500,000	(FY 13-14) Economic Development Alliance of Bay County (BayEDA) – LambdaRail Expansion Project	Bay Board of County Commissioners voted to include the Bay Technology Initiative project at \$1.133 million as its top ranked project on October 4, 2016. The next step is to submit the amount to the County’s prioritized projects of RESTORE, Pot 1 funding, which will now go to the application phase to the U.S. Treasury. Bay EDA is working with its contractor to move forward with the next phase funded by the Florida Defense Support Task Force Grant program. Project stakeholders would like to discuss options forward with FDSTF leadership to outline, for Task Force concurrence, of plans forward.  <u>The Economic Development Alliance of Bay County’s request to extend the June 30, 2016 end date of this contract was approved with a new end date of June 30, 2017.</u>
14-06 12/31/15 \$350,000	(FY 13-14) National Center for Simulation – Threat mitigation plan	Project Completed as of 04/01/2016.  All grant funds expended.  <b>Grant Closed</b>
14-08 05/31/15 \$225,000	(FY 13-14) Tampa Bay Defense Alliance – Develop a strategic campaign championing MacDill AFB	Project completed as of 05/31/15.  \$1,357.95 reverted back to the Task Force control.  <b>Grant closed.</b>
14-09 5/31/15 \$150,000	(FY 13-14) Florida 8 A Alliance – Support veteran and defense small businesses	Project Completed as of 03/23/2016.  All grant funds expended.  <b>Grant Closed</b>
14-10 05/30/15 \$195,000	(FY 13-14) Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County – Tri-County Community Partnership Initiative (TCPI)	Project completed as of 05/30/15.  \$22,291.54 reverted back to the Task Force control.  <b>Grant closed.</b>

14-11 04/24/15 \$50,000	(FY 13-14) Florida's Great Northwest – Five County Marketing Diversification Plan	Project completed as of 03/19/15. \$0.04 reverted back to the Task Force control. <b>Grant closed.</b>
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### 3. Florida Defense Support Task Force Grants FY 14-15

<b>Grant # End Date Award Amount</b>	<b>Grantee</b>	<b>Status/Progress</b>
15-01 07/31/2016 \$400,000	(FY 14-15) Clay County Development Authority – Purchase of 159 acres adjacent to Camp Blanding to provide buffer from incompatible land development and encroachment	Project completed as of 07/27/2016 \$5,274.25 was reverted. <b>Grant closed.</b>
15-02 05/31/2016 \$150,000	(FY 14-15) Tampa Bay Defense Alliance (TBDA) – Execute strategic plan (MacDill 2025) to champion MacDill AFB	TBDA held meeting with local stakeholders, and attended the Association of Defense Communities (ADC) Conference, the NDIA SOFIC training, and other events which afforded them an opportunity to showcase MacDill AFB. The organization continues to advocate for MacDill. All grant funds expended. <b>Grant closed.</b>
15-03 08/31/16 \$350,000	(FY 14-15) University of West Florida – Implement program to identify and train military and veterans in information technology and cybersecurity skills	Project completed as of 08/31/2016 All Funds Expended <b>Grant closed.</b>

<p>15-04 06/30/2017 \$240,000</p>	<p>(FY 14-15) National Center for Simulation – Implement strategic plan to retain Team Orlando and address office space shortage</p>	<p>MODTF BRAC mitigation activity continued during the quarter to include meetings with University of Central Florida (UCF), stakeholders, legal counsel, and the Executive Director of the Research Park to map a way forward. Lt Gen Baptiste and George Cheros met with Orlando EDC to discuss creating in informational video. Lt Gen Baptiste was interviewed by the Orlando Sentinel regarding BRAC. Lt Gen Baptiste represented NCS and Military Simulation and Training (MS&amp;T) at an orientation/familiarization for Congressman Diaz-Balart to increase his understanding of the MS&amp;T industry in Florida and its impact on military readiness and National Security.</p> <p><b><u>The National Center for Simulation’s request to extend the January 8, 2015 end date of this contract was approved with a new end date of June 30, 2017. The contract amendment has been sent.</u></b></p>
<p>15-05 01/23/16 \$285,000</p>	<p>(FY 14-15) Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County – Continued development of public-private partnerships to improve the military value of Eglin AFB and Hurlburt Field</p>	<p>Project Completed as of 03/23/2016. All grant funds expended. <b>Grant closed.</b></p>
<p>15-06 02/16/16 \$25,000</p>	<p>(FY 14-15) Florida’s Great Northwest – Implement marketing program to aerospace and defense industries to bring veterans jobs to NW Florida</p>	<p>Project completed as of 11/23/15. All grant funds expended. <b>Grant closed.</b></p>
<p>15-07 02/16/16 \$20,654</p>	<p>(FY 14-15) Santa Rosa County – Site clearing to improve force protection at NAS Whiting Field</p>	<p>Project completed. \$0.25 was reverted. <b>Grant closed.</b></p>
<p>15-08 04/30/2016 \$100,000</p>	<p>(FY 14-15) Florida 8 (a) Alliance – Develop defense industry and veteran owned small business growth and job creation</p>	<p>Project completed as of 04/30/2016 Forfeited \$319.17 <u>Pending final grant payment.</u></p>

<p>15-09 08/24/17 \$150,000</p>	<p>(FY 14-15) Career Source Gulf Coast – Provide meaningful employment and training services to transitioning military members</p>	<p>The military reemployment initiative continues to make steady progress. Grantee continued with the online survey for “Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Workshop at Tyndall and Eglin AFBs. CareerSource Gulf Coast contracted with Advent Services as a data/technical consultant for the project. Officials with the Department of Defense (DoD) have been very supportive of the project. However, they have instructed the grantee to start on a small scale using Air Force data only. An effort is being made to expand to other services given the successful implementation of phase I.</p> <p><b><u>CareerSource Gulf Coast request to extend the August 24, 2016 end date was approved with a new project end date of August 24, 2017.</u></b></p>
<p>15-10 06/30/2016 \$200,000</p>	<p>(FY 14-15) Bay County – Expand Bay County Intelligent Transportation System to synchronize traffic lights on access roads to Tyndall AFB</p>	<p>Project completed as of 06/30/2016</p> <p>All grant funds expended.</p> <p><u>Pending final grant payment.</u></p>
<p>15-11 03/31/2018 \$100,000</p>	<p>(FY 14-15) City of Key West – Road Access via Truman Waterfront Park</p>	<p>The Navy has issued “in-kind” project authorization to construct the Entry Control Point. This work is currently under design. The design will incorporate the FDSTF component of the Entry Control Point which is the roadway north from the Navy fence line to the Truman Waterfront Park spline road traffic circle. NTP 1 (including the Entry Control Point) is scheduled for completion in December 2016, subject to Navy approvals and authorization to proceed.</p> <p><b><u>City of Key West Request to extend the March 16, 2015 end date to March 31, 2018 was approved and the amendment executed.</u></b></p>
<p>15-12 03/15/16 \$135,000</p>	<p>(FY 14-15) Air Force Enlisted Village – Provide assistance in construction of veterans housing in Ft. Walton Beach area</p>	<p>Project completed as of 05/29/15.</p> <p>All grant funds expended.</p> <p><b>Grant closed.</b></p>
<p>15-14 04/20/17 \$500,000</p>	<p>(FY 14-15) Polk County – Protect Avon Park Range from incompatible land use through acquisition of land or specific property rights</p>	<p>Title work and appraisal has been reviewed by the Army Corp of Engineers under a separate Defense Grant anticipated to be used towards this project. An update of the appraisal is required due to the length of the review appraisal. Negotiations on the Deed easement are underway and is being funded by a separate Defense Grant. The major funding of this grant is for the actual easement purchase. Sentinel Landscape Designation awarded to Avon Park Air Force Range. Anticipate closing on the first phase this calendar year.</p>

#### 4. Florida Defense Support Task Force Grants FY 15-16

16-01 08/13/16 \$400,000	(FY 15-16) Clay County Development Authority – Purchase 410 acres adjacent to Camp Blanding to buffer from incompatibility development and encroachment	Project completed as of 11/30/2015.  All grant funds expended.  <b>Grant closed.</b>
16-02 02/28/2017 \$175,000	(FY 15-16) Tampa Bay Defense Alliance – Execute MacDill 2025	TBDA held two Board of Directors meetings; 1 operational meetings, and; TBDA hand delivered letters to General Everhart and McDew at AMC advocating for opportunities for the Air Force at MacDill. Attended the ADC and the AT/A conferences.  <b><u>Request for extension granted new proposed contract end date 02/28/2017. Contract Amendment sent.</u></b>
16-03 08/13/16 \$41,310	(FY 15-16) Santa Rosa County – Update 2003 Land Acquisition Study and complete phased plan to limit encroachment at NSA Whiting Field	Project completed as of 08/13/2016  All grant funds expended.  <b>Grant closed.</b>
16-04 03/31/2017 \$120,000	(FY 15-16) Bay County (NSA PC) – Conduct feasibility study of dredging the turning basin to allow safe transit for larger Navy vessels	Contractor is conducting sediment sampling and has completed bathymetric survey and initial coordination with permitting agencies. The project is on schedule for completion December 31, 2016, and is currently 45% complete.
16-136 06/29/2018 \$500,000	(FY 15-16) Highlands County Board of County Commissioners – Encroachment Prevention and Sustainability of Avon Park Air Force Range in Highlands County	Highlands County convened and facilitated the quarterly Avon Park Acquisition Partners teleconference, and attended the August 23, 2016 Florida Defense Support Task Force teleconference. Coordination and negotiations are scheduled for potential conservation easements.
16-137 06/29/2017 \$150,000	(FY 15-16) City of Key West – Truman Annex Sewall Refurbishment	Project permitting and design-build bid document preparation substantially complete. Solicitation on hold waiting for issuance of Army Corps of Engineers permit to construct.  <b><u>Grantee anticipates project completion may extend to 12/31/2017. Will evaluate for another quarter before requesting an extension.</u></b>

<p>16-138 06/29/2017 \$250,000</p>	<p>(FY 15-16) Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County – Benchmarking for Success: Expanding Florida’s Military Test Range Capacity Through Innovation Land Use Partnerships</p>	<p>Supported the strategic planning process required to establish the methodology associated with vendor engagement, scope of work and final product delivery. The vendor, SimWright, Inc. has been engaged and execution has commenced to provide the technical services needed to collect, produce and deliver the data package to Eglin Air Force Base and the Florida Forest Service.</p>
<p>16-139 06/29/2017 \$175,000</p>	<p>(FY 15-16) National Math and Science Initiative – College Readiness Program for Military Families</p>	<p><u>AP Summer Institute</u>: During the summer of 2016, AP teachers at the program schools attended this four-day training. This teacher training program is led by a national corps of expert AP teachers and will provide in-depth training using AP-aligned materials, the latest classroom technologies, laboratory experiments and online resources. <u>Laying the Foundation Training</u>: During the summer of 2016, pre-AP teachers in the program schools attended this four-day training. <u>College Readiness Program (CRP) for Military Families Kickoff Event</u>: On September 14, 2016, Bay District Schools hosted a kickoff event celebrating the beginning of a new school year and the first year of CRP implementation. <u>School Support</u>: Throughout the summer and in the early part of the school year, NMSI’s Program Manager has worked closely to ensure that school leaders and teachers are equipped to implement the program with fidelity at the school level.</p>
<p>16-140 06/29/2017 \$100,000</p>	<p>(FY 15-16) Doolittle Institute – Technology Transfer Initiative</p>	<p>Facilitated the advancement of the program of work for this first quarter (July thru September) through continuous collaborative partnering efforts. Contractor successfully implemented approximately one-third of the stated goals and deliverables as detailed in the FDSTF grant application, showing results through improved technology transfer initiatives for The Doolittle Institute and the AFRL. Grantee has identified all of the SBIR/STTR awardees between 2012 and 2015 and is working successfully with identified recipients that are crucial to the Air Force Research Lab, the Test Wing and Eglin AFB. Additional funding programs have been identified to help those SBIR/STTR recipients who have been identified as having technologies that are vital to the Air Force and the Warfighter.</p>
<p>16-143 06/29/2017 \$225,000</p>	<p>(FY 15-16) Military Child Education Coalition – Comprehensive Plan to Support Military and Veteran-Connected Children and Families in the State of Florida</p>	<p>The Military Child Education Coalition® (MCEC®) has completed the selection, hiring and training of the two MCEC Parent to Parent™ teams (greater Tampa area and Escambia County). The team supporting Tampa has begun scheduling workshops and has a full calendar for the remainder of 2016. Additionally, they provided a seminar for the U.S. Southern Command, based in Miami, FL, on 20 September 2016. They continue to build out their schedule for 2017. The team supporting Escambia County completed training on 6 October and are in the process of building their calendar for the remainder of 2016. Planning is underway for the K-14 program development in Hillsborough County.</p> <p>2Both MCEC Parent to Parent teams will be presenting family literacy events and workshops during the 2nd quarter of the contract period (OCT-DEC 2016). The MCEC has scheduled Elementary Student 2 Student™ training (5 schools) and Junior Student 2 Student™ training (2 schools) for December 1-2, 2016. Additionally, the MCEC will conduct one Professional Development Institute (Helping Military Children Discover their</p>

		S.P.A.R.C.: Strength, Perseverance, Aspiration, Resilience and Confidence) on October 21, 2016 in Jacksonville, FL (Duval County).  <b><u>25% Advance Payment Request of \$56,250.00 processed 08/31/2016.</u></b>
16-144 06/29/2017 \$400,000	(FY 15-16) Clay County Development Authority – Camp Blanding Joint training Center (CBJTC) – Installation Encroachment Acquisition	The land purchase has been negotiated, due diligence is complete, and an agreement has been reached. The closing date is set for November 1, 2016.

### 5. Florida Defense Support Task Force Grants FY 16-17

16-154 10/3/2017 \$250,000	(FY 16-17) Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce – Naval Air Station Pensacola Directional Signage.	Contract executed 10/7/2016.
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**TAB J 2015 Florida Defense Factbook**



**TAB K 2016 Florida Military Friendly Guide**