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Executive Summary

Created in 2011 under section 288.987, Florida Statutes, the Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) held its first meetings in January 2012. Legislation allows the Task Force 13 members; four members appointed by the Governor (in addition to 1 his designated representative), four members appointed by the President of the Senate, and four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Legislative Task Force members will serve until the end of their elected terms and may be reappointed once, while non-legislative appointments are for four years. Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI) has the role of administrative and logistical support for the Florida Defense Support Task Force.

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 section 288.984, Florida Statutes. The Council has been deleted from Florida Statute. The FDSTF received an FY 2019-2020 appropriation of \$2 million to protect, preserve, promote, and grow Florida military installations and missions. A copy of the annual budget is enclosed at Tab 3.

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 November 2020. The Task Force plans to update this strategic plan again in 2021. The most recent version of the strategic plan is posted on the Task Force website and at Tab 4.

The Florida Defense Support Task Force met 10 times during FY 2019-2020. The Task Force planned to hold six in-person meetings and four conference calls, but events over the course of the year changed this to four in-person meetings, four conference calls and two virtual meetings. The success of the virtual meetings prompted a change for future years as the Task Force will no longer conduct conference calls and in the future will conduct in-person or virtual meetings. Each of the in-person meetings outside of Tallahassee included a tour of a military installation, as follows:

July 2019	Milton, FL – Naval Air Station Whiting Field
September 2019	Orange Park, FL – Camp Blanding Joint Training Center
November 2019	Tampa, FL – MacDill Air Force Base

The Florida Defense Support Task Force website has been operational since August 2012. It has been helpful in publicizing meeting times and locations. Additionally, this site displays the award of 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

The Task Force published the 2020 Florida Defense Factbook in January 2020 based on the Economic Impact Analysis Study conducted by Matrix Inc. The Factbook can be downloaded from the Task Force web site at: <http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/Florida-Defense-Factbook-2020.pdf>. A copy is enclosed at Tab 5.

The Task Force published the 2019 Florida Military Friendly Guide in August 2019 with additions from the 2019 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: <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/Florida-Military-Friendly-Guide.pdf>. A copy is enclosed at Tab 6. A 2021 update is in the final stages of editing and will be published shortly before or after this report is complete.

During FY 2019-2020 the Task Force awarded four communities grants totaling \$725,000.00. The Task Force received Out-of-Cycle grant applications and awarded three Out-of-Cycle grants totaling \$722,400 bringing the grand total of grants awarded by the FDSTF during FY 2019-2020 to \$1,447,400.00

FDSTF FY 2019-2020 Progress Report

Governing Florida Statutes

The Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) was established under section 288.987, Florida Statutes (F.S. 288.987) and operates under a Sunshine exemption in section 288.985, Florida Statutes (F.S. 288.985). See Tab 1.

Membership and Appointments

Membership on the Task Force (TF) is outlined in section 288.987, Florida Statutes. Statute allows the Task Force to maintain up to 13 members. Task Force members who are members of the legislature may serve until the end of their elected terms and non-legislators may serve a four-year term.

According to F.S. 288.987 the chair of the FDSTF rotates between the Senate and the House of Representatives on July 1 each year. Senator Doug Broxson served as the Chairman of the Task Force during FY 2019-2020 and Mr. Tom Neubauer served as the Vice Chair.

At the beginning of the year other Task Force members included Representative Thad Altman, Brig. Gen. Chip Diehl, USAF (retired), Lt. Col. William Dudley, USAF (retired), Maj. Gen. Richard Haddad, USAF (retired), Col. Jim Heald, USAF (retired), Representative Mel Ponder and Commissioner Barbara Stewart. In July 2019 Governor DeSantis appointed RADM Stan Bozin USN (retired) and CAPT Keith Hoskins, USN (retired) as members of the Task Force and Maj. Gen. James Eifert, USAF, Adjutant General of Florida, as his representative.

In FY 2019-2020 Ms. Amy Gowder and Representative Holly Raschein continued to serve on the Task Force while awaiting reappointment or replacement. In May 2020 Ms. Gowder accepted an out-of-state position with a new company and resigned from the FDSTF.

See Tab 2 for details on FDSTF membership and staff.

Funding

The FDSTF received an FY 2019-2020 appropriation of \$2 million to protect, preserve, promote and grow Florida military installations and missions. The Task Force may annually spend 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 2019-2020. See Tab 3.

Task Force Reports

The Task Force is required to 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. This report describes the Task Force's activities in State Fiscal Year 2019-2020 with a work plan that covers Florida State Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Task Force Strategic Plan

The Task Force actions are guided by its five-year Strategic Plan. This plan is a living document and evolves in response to unfolding events. This plan is updated regularly, with the FY 2019-2024 version published in October 2019. The most recent version of the strategic plan (the FY 2020-2025 version) 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 2021. See Tab 4 for the current plan. It is also posted on the Task Force website at <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/FDSTF-Strategic-Plan-2019-2024-1.pdf>.

Task Force Meetings

The Florida Defense Support Task Force met 10 times during FY 2019-2020. The Task Force planned to hold six in-person meetings and four conference calls, but events over the course of the year changed this to four in-person meetings, four conference calls and two virtual meetings. All meeting materials including agenda, presentations and minutes are available on our website at <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf/meetings/>. A summary of all FY 2019-2020 Task Force meetings is included below:

July 18, 2019 – Milton

- **Attendance:** Senator Doug Broxson chaired the meeting with Task Force members Mr. Tom Neubauer, Representative Thad Altman, Brig. Gen. Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret), Maj. Gen. Richard Haddad, USAF, (Ret), Representative Mel Ponder and Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Highlands County present as well as Task Force members Ms. Amy Gowder and Representative Holly Raschein participating via teleconference.
- **Budget & Grants:** Ms. Marcy Sanders reported on several of this year's recently approved TF grants that are awaiting execution of their contracts. Santa Rosa County encountered an administrative delay in executing their contract due to certain U.S. Navy contracting processes. Chairman Broxson asked for a motion to hold the Santa Rosa County grant contract until such time that they could resolve that. A motion was made by Commissioner Barbara Stewart, seconded by Representative Thad Altman, all were in favor and contract was extended.
- **Grant Requestor Follow-Up Presentation:** Jack Ballantyne, Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) re-presented their grant application to answer the several questions that TF members had during the May meeting. A quorum being present, Chairman Broxson asked for a motion to approve funding to the Military Child Education Coalition in the amount of \$100,000. A motion was made by Commissioner Barbara Stewart with the understanding that MCEC look for a continuing source of funding elsewhere. This was seconded by Mr. Tom Neubauer, all were in favor and the grant funding to MCEC was approved.
- **Protection of the Gulf of Mexico Test and Training Range:** Bruce Grant discussed his brief on the protection of the Gulf Range. At the May meeting TF members asked that Staff create a marketing effort to educate and influence decisionmakers on protecting the Gulf Range. He contacted several TF members to assist with this and they provided great information which resulted in the creation of

this brief. He asked the TF members to read the brief and get back to him with changes or edits. He plans on meeting with the Governor to ask for his support so he can provide the brief to Congressional members to publicize the importance of the Gulf Range.

- **Task Force Member Updates:** Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state.
- **Washington, D.C. Update:** Katherine Anne Russo reported on activity from the nation's capital focusing on Senate confirmation of Department of Defense (DoD) leaders, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), the efforts of Congressman Matt Gaetz to get an amendment added to the NDAA to make the drilling moratorium on in the Gulf Test Range permanent and the work on the reaching an agreement for the FY 2020 and FY 2021 2-year budget agreement. She also discussed an upcoming visit to Washington by Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nuñez, primarily to work on Space and military issues.
- **Florida Defense Alliance Update:** Ms. Kellie Jo Kilberg, Chair of the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA), provided a report on current activities of the FDA including that the Mission Sustainment Working Group recently held a conference call that included a lively discussion on Federal Funds opportunities to leverage with state and local funds. She also announced that the Department of Interior announced Region-wide oil and gas lease sales for the Gulf of Mexico. 77.8 million acres are scheduled for sale on August 21st. She read a portion of the announcement and concluded by stressing that Florida needs to publicly demonstrate how all of our bases and ranges form an integrated whole, are interdependent upon each other and that their total value is greater than the sum of their parts.
- **FY 2020-2021 Grant Application Process:** Marcy Sanders presented a draft of the FY 2020-2021 TF Grant Application and discussed that it is the same as last year's application. Applications will be accepted starting August 1, 2019 and will be online again this year. TF members will receive the submitted grant applications on September 12th for your review, prior to the September meeting.
- **2019 Economic Impact Study & Defense Factbook:** Mr. Bruce Grant discussed that the economic impact analysis study is done every two years to collect information to build the Factbook. Staff is in the process of working towards a new Factbook and has come to the TF to request the funding. The originally planned funding source fell through, the cost is \$150,000 and Staff's proposal to the TF is to use the reverted grant funds totaling about \$300,000 so the funding is currently available and will not impact anything on which you are currently working. Chairman, Broxson asked for a motion to approve funding for the 2019 Economic Impact Study in the amount of \$150,000. A motion was made by Brigadier General Chip Diehl, seconded by Mr. Tom Neubauer, all were in favor and the grant funding for the study was approved.
- **2019 Military Friendly Guide:** Ray Collins updated that the 2019 Military Friendly Guide is currently on track to be published in September and provided details of major changes for this year's edition including highlighting the GI LAW (Governor's Initiative on Legal Assistance to Warriors) which was just implemented. The first of those cases has been completed and taken on by one of the participating law firms within the last month.

- **FY 2019-2020 Meeting Schedule:** Ray Collins discussed the meeting schedule for FY 2019-2020 which is like past years' schedules with meetings in Tallahassee during the 2020 Legislative Session and conference calls every other month. In March the TF will visit Blount Island for the first time and in November the TF will visit the National Center for Simulation in Orlando
- **Military and Defense Update:** Dr. Bruce Grant briefed that the Florida Chamber is hosting a Military Defense and Veterans Opportunity Summit on August 13th and 14th in Jacksonville. Staff will be participating on the planning committee and will keep the TF posted on the agenda.
- Staff is feverishly working on TF appointments and reappointments and have placed recommendations into the Speaker of the House and the Governor's office.
- Staff attended the Governors Base Commanders Meeting at Camp Blanding in June. It was a great meeting as the Governor is very supportive of the TF and Staff is looking forward to future Base Commanders Meetings with the Governor.
- This time each year the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) sends out a letter to all the Base Commanders in the state asking them to identify their non-conservation lands that are potential encroachment threats so that the state can identify those and provide funding to acquire the lands or easements to those lands. This program has been ongoing for several years but unfortunately there has not been any funding allocated to this program. The Base Commanders have been very diligent in identifying those lands, so the list continues to grow. This needs to be addressed during the next Session.
- Staff is involved with Space Florida and the Governor's office as they are working on bringing the Space Command to the state of Florida. They are not only looking at the Space Command Headquarters, but other areas of the Space Force which would certainly be well-suited for Florida.
- **Public Comment:** Michelle Horton from Complete Florida discussed that they are a state-sponsored initiative supporting Florida's military, veterans and their families with earning degrees or certificates. The TF was influential in helping them launch their military-focused programs.
- **Base Tour:** The day prior to the meeting, the Task Force conducted a tour of Naval Air Station (NAS) Whiting Field including flight simulators, maintenance facilities open ramp space on the airfield and the flight control tower.

August 15, 2019 – Conference Call

- **Attendance:** Senator Doug Broxson chaired the meeting with Task Force members Representative Thad Altman, RADM Stan Bozin, USN, (Ret.), Brig. Gen. Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret.), Lt. Col. William Dudley, USAF, (Ret.), Maj. Gen. James Eifert, USAF, Ms. Amy Gowder, Maj. Gen. Richard Haddad, USAF (Ret.), Col. Jim Heald, USAF (Ret.), CAPT Keith Hoskins, USN, (Ret.), Mr. Tom Neubauer, Representative Mel Ponder and Representative Holly Raschein present in the teleconference.
- Chairman Broxson welcomed RADM Bozin, Maj. Gen. James Eifert and CAPT Hoskins as the newest Task Force (TF) Members. He thanked Commissioner Barbara Stewart for all her support and efforts on the TF as she terms out and reminded the TF the meeting is governed by the Sunshine Law.

- **Task Force Grants & Contracts Status:** Staff provided an update on the Task Force grants and contracts. All fourth quarter reports from last year have been received. She is waiting on the Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce to send their final paperwork on DTF Grant #16-154, which has been completed and signage has been installed.
- FY 2019-2020 TF Grants: The Clay County Development Authority contract has been executed. The contract for Military Child Education Coalition is in the EFI contracts department awaiting execution. Staff is waiting on some final administrative paperwork from the Space Coast Economic Development Commission (EDC) and will execute that contract once it has been received.
- **FY 2018-2019 Budget Closeout/FY 2019-2020 Budget Update:** Marcy Sanders advised that the TF encumbered all their \$2 million appropriation for FY 2018-2019. There was an overage of \$221,803.77 as those additional funds came from the \$546,085.00 left over from past grants who reverted their awarded funds back to the TF. Currently the TF still has \$324,281.29 left in reverted funds to use in the future.
- The TF received a \$2 million appropriation from the Legislature for FY 2019-2020. The Local Grant Program shows \$1,570,000 to be encumbered this year which includes the \$725,000 already awarded in contacts. The TF has \$820,000 to encumber this fiscal year before June 30, 2020 those funds will not be drawn down.
- Bruce Grant added that the TF will have additional funds remaining this year which need to be appropriated. Staff will present ideas for the September meeting and they are open to suggestions from the TF as to what they would like to do with those remaining funds. Staff does suggest using \$30,000 of those funds for the Florida Defense Alliance, which is unfunded, so they can conduct their bi-annual meetings.
- **Avon Park AFR Encroachment Issue:** Ray Collins informed the TF that the Central Florida Regional Planning Council and Buck MacLaughlin at Avon Park Air Force Range (AFR) have been working on a letter for the TF, as per guidance from Commissioner Barbara Stewart, supporting the Avon Park Air Force Range's effort to prevent encroachment. Once final it will be sent out to the County Commission.
- **Task Force Member Updates:** Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state.
- **Florida Defense Alliance Update:** Kellie Jo Kilberg discussed the recent Military, Defense & Veterans Opportunities Summit from the last two days and she believes more people now understand the Florida military complex.
- The Family Support Working Group held their conference call on July 25th and was focused on issues such as spousal employment, childcare and K-12 education.
- **PFOAs/PFOs:** Bruce Grant briefly discussed the information from Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and from the Florida State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on the issue of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS). This is an issue that is gaining increasing attention and focus in communities around military bases, so the staff is planning to have a representative from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to speak at the September TF meeting.
- **2020 Legislative Preview:** Bruce Grant reported that based on the suggestions made at the Strategic Planning Workshop a year ago Staff is working with Chairman,

Senator Doug Broxson and Representative Mel Ponder on legislation that will consolidate military and defense activities and grant programs and renaming the FDSTF to the Florida Defense Commission. Staff will be working with other agencies involved prior to filing this legislation and once it's been approved Staff will present for filing.

- Last year's SB620 sponsored by Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson was a wonderful piece of legislation that passed but Jacksonville is still having some issues pertaining to school children and school registration, so some language in that bill may need to be amended.
- In regard to the Military Base Protection Program (MBPP), state statute protects Florida's military bases from incompatible development, but not all bases are listed. Last year U.S. Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM) and Naval Support Activity (NSA) Orlando were added and once reviewed further it was discovered that it would be advantageous to add the airfields run by the National Guard as well as the Coast Guard installations from around the state. Staff is working on this and will have it ready to discuss at the September meeting.
- **Military and Defense Update:** September 4th Senator Rick Scott will be hosting a meeting with Base Commanders asking them for their challenges and accomplishments at Tyndall Air Force Base (AFB).
- The 2019 Military Friendly Guide has been completed and is currently available on the TF and FDA websites. It is currently at the printer and should be ready and sent out in the next few weeks.
- At the last Base Commanders Meeting Maj. Gen. Eifert initiated an Action Item Tracker program to track all the state agencies who are responsible for following up on issues. This tracker includes two or three items for the TF that Staff is working on now.
- **Public Comment:** No public comments were made.

September 19, 2019 – Orange Park

- **Attendance:** Vice Chairman Mr. Tom Neubauer chaired the meeting with Task Force members, Representative Thad Altman, RADM Stan Bozin, USN (Ret), Brig. Gen. Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret), Lt. Col. William Dudley, USAF (Ret.), Maj. Gen. James Eifert, USAF, Maj. Gen. Richard Haddad, USAF, (Ret), Col. Jim Heald, USAF, (Ret.), Ms. Amy Gowder present as well as Task Force member Representative Holly Raschein participating via teleconference.
- **Budget & Grants:** Ms. Marcy Sanders reported that DTF Grant #14-05, Economic Development Alliance of Bay County, has their contract amendment pending execution and the new term is December 31, 2019.
- DTF Grant #16-154, Greater Pensacola Chamber, has completed this project as of June 30, 2019 and \$197,264.99 has been reverted to the TF. This project, executed with an FY 2015-2016 FDSTF Grant, provided new highway directional signs around NAS Pensacola and the Commanding Officer of the base has reported they have had a positive impact on traffic flow to the National Museum of Naval Aviation and Blue Angels practices.

- Contracts have been executed for all grants except for the EDC Space Coast as they are working with Space Florida to ensure the best utilization of their grant award.
- The TF received six (6) grant applications for the 2020-2021 grant cycle for a total amount of \$1,741,780.00. In March 2020 the TF will decide which applicants they would like to present at the May 2020 meeting.
- **2019-2020 Budget/Expenditures Adjustment:** Bruce Grant discussed the spending options for the \$850,000 program expenses unencumbered this FY, due to the lack of an advocacy contract. He offered four (4) proposals for the TF to consider including possible funding for the Florida Defense Alliance, marketing for protection of the Gulf Range, out-of-cycle grants, a local base promotion grant program or grants to assist Tyndall AFB with them rebuild.
- Most of the discussion that followed focused on alternative methods of accomplishing the same mission of advocating to protect Florida's military bases and if and how these funds could be used for their original intended purpose. Ultimately the Task Force decided not to take any decision during this meeting, allow the staff to continue to develop alternatives and revisit the question during the October meeting.
- **Task Force Member Updates:** Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state.
- **Washington, D.C. Update:** Katherine Anne Russo on the progress in Congress to reach an agreement on the Defense Appropriations Bill and/or a Continuing Resolution.
- Last week Congressman Rooney's offshore drilling bill (HR205) which would place a permanent moratorium on drilling in the eastern Gulf of Mexico, east of the Military Mission Line (MML). moved through the House. Her office remained focused on this action in the Senate as this issue is a top priority for the TF and to those in Washington, DC.
- **Florida Defense Alliance Update:** Ms. Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chair, reported that the FDA held a conference call last week with a presentation from Space Florida.
- The team at Eglin AFB will be hosting a partner meeting at the Public Land Acquisition Management Conference on September 30th in St. Augustine which is a great opportunity to engage with agencies that can assist with encroachment issues around our bases.
- In August the FDA participated in a panel on Florida's Military Complex at the Florida Chamber Foundation's Military, Defense and Veterans Opportunities Summit.
- Through the Sentinel Landscape planning, Kent Wimmer from Defenders of Wildlife, has brought Oceana to the table. Kay Rasmussen and Debi Graham have been working with them and they've developed an informational sheet that's informative and easy to follow.
- The FDA is creating a Facebook and LinkedIn page. They are working with communities to come up with 10-15 points of "Did You Know?", format them consistently and back-fill them with state points, current news and activities as needed.
- **USN Programs Supporting Military Families:** Teri Wanamaker, School Liaison Officer (SLO) at NAS Jacksonville, presented on her role as a U.S. Navy School

Liaison Officer in Northeast Florida. She discussed the military presence in her area which includes Naval Station (NS) Mayport, NAS Jacksonville, Marine Corps Support Facility (MCSF) Blount Island, 125th Florida Air National Guard and the US Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville, to name a few. In Clay and Duval counties there are 12,482 (as of 2011 census data) military children/students.

- A SLO is the communications and support link between the base commander, military families and the local education agency. They deal with educational transition issues such as state-to-state inconsistencies, school calendars, graduation requirements, transfer of records and credit transfers, etc. SLO responses to these issues include youth sponsorship programs (buddy and mentor programs), Anchored 4 Life, student-to-student training for peers to help military children transition into new schools, transition centers and Military Family Life Counselors.
- **USAF Programs Supporting Military Families:** Van Ayres, Shannon Lesperance and Kim Sukach, Hillsborough County Schools, presented on the partnership between Hillsborough County Public Schools (HCPS) and MacDill AFB. Hillsborough County is home to 229,899 public school students to which is the third largest school district in the state. Approximately 4,500 of those students are dependents of active duty servicemembers.
- The core of their partnership with MacDill AFB is the MacDill Council for Educational Excellence (MCEE) created to enhance the educational experience of military-connected students enrolled in HCPS. Meetings are held four times per year and are chaired by the Vice-Wing Commander from MacDill AFB. The Vice Chair is the Deputy Superintendent of HCPS.
 - The MCEE assists families with school choice and enrollment. Families who transition during the school year can apply for Magnet and school choice upon arrival. They've created an online application system which allows active-duty transitioning families to apply without a local address.
- **DEP PFOA/PFOS Primer Briefing:** John Truitt, Deputy Secretary of Regulatory Programs, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, presented on PFOA and PFOS which have been around since the 1940s. They are generic, man-made chemicals which don't occur naturally. They repel water, oil, fat and grease and are commonly found in fire-fighting foams.
- PFOA and PFOS are the most researched and most prevalent because they were widely used for fighting stubborn fires, especially around airfields and on ships. Because of this there has been significant PFOA/PFOS contamination around most military bases.
- They are highly persistent and environmentally stable because they repel water and because they don't break-down over time, and it takes a very high temperature to incinerate them which means they stay around forever. They get in the soil and don't bind to anything, so they just sit there and enter the ground water and spread very rapidly. They have high toxicity and potential carcinogenic features.
- Currently, nine (9) Air Force installations have PFAS at levels above the Health Advisory Level (HAL) onsite, off base sampling is ongoing. Six (6) Navy facilities and two (2) former facilities have potential areas of concern as HALs exceedances onsite, off base sampling is ongoing. NASA confirmed PFAS at their facility. The Florida National Guard (FLNG) does not have any facilities which have HAL exceedances

in the state of Florida. (Staff Note: this information was correct as of the pre-station date however soon after, the U.S. Army released their first study of National Guard base PFOA/PFOS contamination and three FLNG facilities, including Camp Blanding, are on the new report.)

- DoD has created very recently a PFAS Task Force. Prior to that the six (6) regulatory districts each had a director who are familiar with the installations in their districts. They are working directly with them and their site investigation teams to work on delineating the plume. He needs to know the result and the geographic location of that result so that his people can spend resources to find the edge of the plume faster, and because of the Sunshine Law, the installations want to respect the privacy of their residents and don't want that information publicly available. With the creation of the Task Force, the installations now speak directly to them and not the DEP. A lack of efficient flow of information prevents quickly addressing the issue.
- **Presentation of the 2019 Military Friendly Guide:** Ray Collins briefed on the publication and distribution of the 2019 Military Friendly Guide available in print and on the website at: <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/Florida-Military-Friendly-Guide.pdf>
- **2020 Legislative Slate:** Bruce Grant discussed creation of the Florida Defense Act which is the consolidation of Military and Defense Programs and will be sponsored by Senator Broxson and Representative Ponder.
- Other military-friendly legislative proposals with no fiscal impact are:
 - The protection of installations from development on rural and agricultural lands which are incompatible with the military mission of the adjacent installation.
 - The modification of HB620 – allows military children to be enrolled in Florida Schools based on military orders.
 - Adds the U.S. Coast Guard and certain Florida National Guard installations for Military Base Protection planning.
- Other initiatives to be considered:
 - Provides transportation relief for service members in South Florida.
 - Protects installations from encroachment by allowing unexpended funds previously provided to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.
 - Provides recurring funding for Military base protection Program in order to acquire military buffering land easements on non-conservation lands.
- **Military and Defense Update:** Bruce Grant briefed that Liz Miller from DEO is working on the Florida Defense Exchange which will help to bring more defense business to Florida.
- DEO recently sent out letters to all Base Commanders asking them to identify their non-conservation encroachment threats. There isn't any funding at the state level to acquire those lands at this point.
- The 2019 Florida Defense Factbook is in the works. This will be briefed at the November meeting in Tampa. The revised numbers will first be given to the Governor to announce.
- **Public Comment:** No public comments were made.

- **Closed Session:** Following the Open Session, the Task Force reconvened in Closed Session to discuss alternative strategies for conducting advocacy to preserve and enhance Florida's bases and to discuss the Task Force Strategic Plan.
- **Base Tour:** The day prior to the meeting, the Task Force conducted a tour of Camp Blanding Joint Training Center highlighted by a helicopter flight around the perimeter of the base to provide TF members an orientation of which lands are ongoing encroachment issues and which ones have been resolved through Task Force and community work.

October 17, 2019 – Conference Call

- **Attendance:** The Task Force convened a public conference call chaired by Mr. Tom Neubauer with Task Force members Representative Thad Altman, RADM Stan Bozin, USN, (Ret.), Brig. Gen. Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret.), Ms. Amy Gowder, Maj Gen Richard Haddad, USAF (Ret.), Col Jim Heald, USAF, (Ret.), CAPT Keith Hoskins, USN, (Ret.), Representative Mel Ponder and Representative Holly Raschein.
- **Budget & Grants:** Marcy Sanders reported on the status of current TF grants. At next month's TF meeting she will provide information from the incoming quarterly reports.
- TF Grant #20-102, Economic Development Commission (EDC) of Florida's Space Coast – Assessment of critical infrastructure supporting Eastern Range space operations: This contract is pending execution as of November 1, 2019 and will run through October 31, 2020.
- TF Grant #16-154, Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce: This grant is now officially closed and has reverted \$197,264.99 back to the TF.
- **End of 1Q FY 2019-2020 Budget Execution Report:** Marcy Sanders advised that as a result of the changes made due to the lack of an advocacy contract, \$818, 200 is available for the TF Grant Program (this includes \$93,200 for Santa Rosa County) and leaves \$726,800 unencumbered at this time for this fiscal year. Staff anticipates approximately \$25,000 may be unencumbered for administrative expenses at year end which leaves a total of \$751,800 unencumbered for this year, at this time.
- Additionally, with the forfeiture of the funds from the Pensacola grant and the funds that were not utilized last year, the TF has an additional \$521,866 in forfeited grant funds for use.
- **FY 2019-2020 Budget Adjustment:** Ray Collins discussed the designation of funds to be used by the TF for this fiscal year. The Task Force discussed options for use of these funds. A quorum being present, Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer asked for a motion to approve the above proposal for use of FY 2019-2020 unencumbered funds. A motion was made by Ms. Amy Gowder, seconded by Major General Richard Haddad, all were in favor and the proposal was approved.
- **Task Force Member Updates:** Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state.
- **Florida Defense Alliance Update:** Kellie Jo Kilberg reported that the FDA is busy planning their upcoming in-person meeting in Tampa next month on Wednesday, November 20th. There has also been a change in the Executive Committee as Mike

Jones resigned as the Chair of the Mission Sustainment Working Group and was replaced by Rick Miller from the South Florida Defense Alliance.

- **State Lands Update:** Callie DeHaven, Director of the Division of State Lands (DSL), Florida Department of Environmental Protection, provided a brief overview of the military base buffering program. Florida Forever is the state's premier conservation recreation land acquisition program and they use the Florida Forever umbrella to partner with the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) program. Since 2004 they've closed on over 61,000 acres which totals about \$59 million of which DoD, through the REPI program has contributed \$11.4 million.
- DSL is currently in negotiations and working on about 6,300 acres that will total approximately \$12.5 million of which DoD anticipates contributing about \$2.7 million, which would be in the Whiting Field, Tyndall AFB and Camp Blanding area.
- The Acquisition Restoration Council approved adding the Bugg Springs site to the Florida First Magnitude Springs Project and will be approved by the Board of Trustees when they review and approve the Florida Forever list early next year. DSL will be working with the Navy to secure REPI partnership funds through Team Orlando.
- The Non-Conservation Military Base Buffering Program was a 2015 appropriation of about \$7.4 million from the general revenue fund to the trustees to the internal improvement trust fund to work on acquisitions of non-conservation lands at NSA Panama City, NS Mayport and MacDill AFB to secure and protect those installations against encroachment. About \$3.6 million was spent at those locations which leaves a remaining balance of \$3.7 million in that fund.
- **NW Florida Sentinel Landscape Project Update:** Kent Wimmer, Defenders of Wildlife, reported that Eglin Air Force Base, as the designated anchor military installation in northwestern Florida, will nominate the Florida panhandle for federal designation as the Northwest Florida Sentinel Landscape in the fall of 2019.
- A Sentinel Landscape designation would provide its partners with greater access to funding and assistance from federal, state and local government and private sector programs to better address the complex and often conflicting demands of population growth, economic development, rural vitality, military readiness, and natural resource protection in Northwest Florida.
- **2020 Legislative Update:** Ray Collins discussed several bills recently filed for the upcoming Legislative Session:
 - HB 0171 - Postsecondary Education for Certain Military Personnel
 - SB 0372 - Postsecondary Education for Certain Military Personnel
 - SB 0488 – Fees/Blue Angels License Plate
 - SB 0096 – Educational Opportunities for Veterans
 - SB 0098 – Medical Marijuana Identification Cards for Service-Disabled Veterans
 - SB 01041 – Services for Veterans and their Families
 - HB 0171 – Postsecondary Education for Certain Military Personnel
 - SB 0294 – Crimes Against Veterans
 - SB 0372 - Postsecondary Education for Certain Military Personnel

- **Military & Defense Update:** Bruce Grant discussed the remaining \$3.7 million in funding for non-conservation lands. Staff has engaged with the Legislature to allow those funds to be moved to acquire future non-conservation properties.
- The TF each year must rank the priority of those non-conservation lands which should be acquired to protect Florida's bases. Staff is working on that list which will be ready for the November meeting for the TF to approve or modify.
- The TF/DEO contract is currently under review.
- Florida Defense Factbook 2019 is well underway and will be briefed at the November TF meeting. The numbers will be provided to the Governor to announce prior to the November meeting.
- **Public Comment Period:** No public comments were made.

November 21, 2019 – Tampa

- **Closed Session:** Prior to the Public meeting, the Task Force met in Closed Session to hear from Ms. Kathy Ferguson of the Roosevelt Group. As one of the principal architects of the US Air Force Strategic Basing Process, Ms. Ferguson briefed the Task Force on how the process functions and answered Task Force member questions about the process.
- **Attendance:** Senator Doug Broxson chaired the meeting with Task Force members with Task Force members Representative Thad Altman, RADM Stan Bozin, USN, (Ret.), Brig. Gen. Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret.), Ms. Amy Gowder, Maj Gen Richard Haddad, Mr. Tom Neubauer and Representative Mel Ponder present as well as Task Force members Col Jim Heald, CAPT Keith Hoskins, USN, (Ret.) and Representative Holly Raschein participating via teleconference.
- **Task Force Grants and Contracts Status:** Marcy Sanders reported that DTF Grant #14-05, Economic Development Alliance of Bay County, currently has their contract amendment pending execution and is requesting an extension to June 30, 2020.
- DTF Grant #16-136, Highlands County Board of County Commissioners, has submitted their paperwork and closed on a parcel of land for which they paid \$452,032.00, leaving them with almost \$48,000. They have requested to use those funds for due diligence and additional land acquisition and have requested to continue their grant through the remainder of their contract period of June 30, 2020.
- Santa Rosa County has formally declined their grant award of \$93,200. This was contingent upon the sale of the easement to the Navy. The Navy has agreed to purchase that parcel and, as a result, they have sufficient funds to abate the remaining issues on that tract of land.
- Staff requests that the TF use a portion of those funds for the engagement discussed in closed session.
- A quorum being present, Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson asked for a motion to extend DTF Grant #14-05 to June 30, 2020 and to use a portion of the forfeited \$93,200 from Santa Rosa County for TF engagement. A motion to accept was made by Brigadier General Chip Diehl, seconded by Ms. Amy Gowder, all were in favor and the motions were approved.
- **Task Force Member Updates:** Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state.

- **Washington, D.C. Update:** Katherine Anne Russo reported that the short-term funding bill made it through the House earlier this week. That would extend funding at last year's level until December 20, 2019. She also reported on the ongoing negotiations between the House and Senate to craft the larger appropriations bill to fund the federal government for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- Regarding PFAS, the focus continues outside of the NDAA, the House Energy and Commerce Committee passed the PFAS Action Act on November 20th out of committee, HR535.
- Regarding veterans' suicide, there is new veterans suicide prevention legislation which provides grants to communities to extend mental health care. The White House also has a task force examining this idea as part of its broader review of suicide prevention efforts. They will, most likely, pass something out of committee in the coming weeks.
- Space Command is a priority for the Governor. The permanent headquarters has not yet been chosen and Florida is not a key contender at the moment, but they are continually working with Space Florida to spread the message of what Florida has to offer.
- Offshore drilling remains a huge issue for the state of Florida and they continue to engage with House and Senate on the MML moratorium.
- **Florida Defense Alliance Update:** Tim Jones, FDA Vice Chair, discussed the FDA meeting held on November 20th noting speakers such as Mayor Jane Castor from Tampa who made the opening remarks discussing her focus on bringing more military business to Tampa and concerns such as reciprocity and education. Other presentations were provided by Liz Miller who discussed DEO's Aerospace & Defense Online Portal. Kathleen Ferguson reported on strategic basing and is providing information on what issues communities should be focusing on for strategic basing. Representatives from Hillsborough County Schools presented to the FDA on how they integrate military families and children into their school system. George Howell and Cajun Comeau provided an update and overview from Mission United and Ray Collins provided an update from the TF. Chris Middleton from the University of West Florida presented on collaborations and how to understand the value of the DoD/University innovation relationship. The Family Support and Mission Sustainment working groups met after lunch and discussed several community issues such as a development in South Florida which, if approved, will very likely close the Coast Guard station.
- **Aerospace and Defense Online Platform:** Liz Miller, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, reported that Florida has received a grant from the Department of Defense's Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) to develop an Aerospace and Defense Online Platform through the FL Department of Economic Opportunity. The Platform will be a free, web-based tool for Florida businesses interested in bidding on DoD contracts.
- They would like this Platform to be used as a tool where both prime and smaller contractors can utilize searchable resources and databases to find increased sub-contracting opportunities. The primary aim of the Platform will be to provide small- and medium-sized businesses the opportunity to partner on larger projects and to grow their customer bases as a result.

- **Military Base Protection Program:** Ray Collins presented on the Military Base Protection Program which was established under F.S. 288.980; includes the securing of non-conservation lands to serve as a buffer to protect military installations against encroachment. Following the presentation on the requirements of the program, a review of the land parcels submitted by the base commanders and discussion of the risks posed by each of these encroachment threats, the Task Force ranked the parcels into three tiers as follows:

Tier 1

- MacDill AFB – Florida Rock Property (14.7 acres in Accident Potential Zone (APZ) 1)
- Pensacola Naval Air Station – Cook Property (37.32 acres in APZ 1)
- Key West Naval Air Station – Alfred Sears Trust Property (124 acres in APZ 1)
- Homestead ARB – Homestead Park of Commerce, Homestead Housing Authority (105.5 acres in APZ 2)
- Avon Park – Triple Canopy Ranch (345 acres in Military Influence Planning Area (MIPA) 1)
- Eglin AFB – Valparaiso Lots in Clear Zone (6 acres / 18 homes in Clear Zone)

Tier 2

- MacDill AFB – ZONS Property (5.9 acres in Clear Zone)
- Blount Island – Parcel adjacent to main Entry Control Point (4.24 acres)
- Key West NAS – Enchanted Island (4 acres in APZ 1)
- MacDill AFB – 3C Self Storage (incompatible development in Clear Zone)

Tier 3

- Key West NAS – Gulf Seafood (8 acres in high noise area)
- Camp Blanding – Chemours Properties (6000+ acres adjacent to range)
- NS Mayport – (1.28 acres adjacent to main gate; security issue)
- MacDill AFB – Sally Harris (already developed in APZ 1)
- MacDill AFB – Caribbean-American Club (already developed in APZ 1)
- Tyndall AFB – Long Point Condominiums (less than .5 mi from APZ 2 and within 70 db contour)

- **2019 Economic Impact Study In-Progress Update:** Mr. Matt Schwalb, Matrix Design Group, presented an update on the Florida Defense Industry Economic Impact Analysis giving an update on the direct spending coming into the state of Florida in FY 2018. National trends in defense spending shows that in 2011 defense spending declined due to sequestration, has since rebounded to just over \$700 Billion and is forecast to decline slightly over the next three or four years. These predictions are provided by the DoD.
- This study will be completed in the next month and at that point they will finalize the Factbook and the report.
- Direct spending in the state of Florida in 2018 broken down into the three components shows that procurement spending increased 24%, salaries show an

increase of 3.8% and transfer payments increased 4.4%. These increases are from the numbers in the 2016 study.

- Good news is that from 2015 to 2018, defense contracts in the aerospace and engineering fields in Brevard and Orange Counties has nearly doubled. This makes up nearly 60% of all manufacturing contracts. If Okaloosa County is included, it increases the total to about 70% of all manufacturing contracts coming out of those three counties.
- Regarding transfer payments and Veterans' Administration (VA) benefits, the Florida trend shows that the number of veterans in the state is declining and has done so at about 11% since 2009. Good news is that the national trend is about 15% over that same period, so Florida is doing better in retaining the veteran's population. The number is declining because the overall percentage of the population who served in the military has decreased over time due to the aging of the WW II veterans and switch to the All-Volunteer Force in 1975.
- Key takeaways are:
 - Direct spending up 11.4% over 2016 (nominally)
 - Growth driven by 24.5% increase in defense contracts
 - Since 2009:
 - Veterans population down 11% vs 15% nationally
 - Retiree population up 9% vs 7% nationally
- **2020 Legislative Update:** Ray Collins discussed that in September, the House voted to extend the moratorium on drilling in the Gulf of Mexico and that Senators Scott and Rubio were going to introduce a similar bill in the Senate that would extend the moratorium for ten years.
- At the state level, since the last meeting in October, several House and Senate bills have been introduced and are still working their way through committee and would have some benefits for veterans and active-duty military.
 - House Bill 205 would expand the current restrictions on the unlawful use of uniforms and medals or insignia.
 - Senate Bill 7010 would relieve servicemembers and veterans of certain documentary requirements they have when trying to protect certain personal information from public release.
 - Senate Bill 136 and House Bill 61 would extend certain financial adoption benefits to military and veterans that currently apply to state employees and certain agencies funded by the state.
 - House Measure 443 is a resolution encouraging the federal government to look favorably upon Florida as the permanent home for the headquarters of the U.S. Space Command/Space Force.
- **Military & Defense Update:** Beth Medina briefed that her first focus is to establish the military & defense network and position it to take advantage of opportunities. She feels her job is to support the FDA and FDSTF teams, will make sure she's helping describe the network, will add some framework to the strategic plan and prepare things to look at as we move forward from here.
- **Public Comment:** Steve Murray, Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, addressed the veteran population decline in the state of Florida. This number will continue to go down for the next thirty years. During WWII there were roughly 16 million men and

women in uniform and those numbers today aren't even a quarter of that looking at active duty, reserves, and the National Guard members. WWII and Korean War veterans are dying due to age and the passage of time and while the number of veterans will continue to decline, since 9/11 our nation has been generating nothing but wartime veterans. As a result, the needs of these wartime veterans with multiple deployments is greater than the WWII, Korean War and many of the Vietnam era veterans.

- **Base Tour:** Following the meeting, the Task Force conducted a tour MacDill AFB focusing on the maintenance facilities for the KC-135s based there and the incredible efforts being made by the young technicians there to keep these Eisenhower-era tankers operating.

January 16, 2020 – Tallahassee

- **Attendance:** Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer chaired the meeting with Task Force members with Task Force members Representative Thad Altman, Brig. Gen. Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret.), Maj. Gen. James Eifert, USAF, Maj. Gen. Richard Haddad, Col. Jim Heald, CAPT Keith Hoskins, USN, (Ret.) and Representative Holly Raschein present as well as Task Force members RADM Stan Bozin, USN, (Ret.) and Ms. Amy Gowder participating via teleconference.
- **Florida Resiliency Program:** Dr. Julia Nesheiwat, the State of Florida's Chief Resilience Officer, presented on the resiliency program in the State of Florida. She discussed that resiliency is needed in Florida due to sea level rise, hurricanes, and flooding. Response to sea level rise and flooding in Florida may cost \$76 billion by 2035.
- Florida's 2030 goal is that all residents will be protected by resiliency plans. Ideas to support this goal include support and incentivize communities to complete vulnerability assessments and develop resilient redesign efforts. Identify and implement actions to improve Adaptation Action Areas throughout Florida for coastal communities at risk. Encourage and incentivize communities to enter the Community Rating System (CRS) Program and reduce their CRS score, making them less vulnerable and reducing flood insurance costs for property owners. Make science-based decisions about how to protect, increase responsiveness and invest in regions and communities at risk from extreme weather, coastal flooding, and other dangers.
- **Task Force Grants and Contracts Status:** Ms. Marcy Sanders reported grantees were given an extension on the due dates of their quarterly reports due to the holidays.
- DTF Grant #16-136, Highlands County Board of County Commissioners: this contract is not closed as they requested to continue the grant until June 2020 as they plan to use the balance of \$42,135.52 for additional pre-acquisition service and due diligence costs on remaining parcels of land.
- DTF Grant #20-102, Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast: this contract has been executed and will conclude on October 31, 2020.
- DTF Contract #19-214, Matrix Design Group: this contract is closed pending receipt of deliverables and final invoice.

- **Budget Update:** Marcy Sanders reported that the Florida Defense Alliance's approved \$30,000 has been moved to unencumbered as currently there is no mechanism to distribute these funds. Recently updated numbers for Administrative Expenses are as follows:
 - Staff Salaries and Benefits has been updated to \$89,382.87
 - Task Force Travel and Per Diem has been updated to \$10,558.59
- **Economic Impact Study Final Results:** Matt Schwalb, Matrix Design Group, presented the results from the 2020 Florida Defense Industry Economic Impact Analysis. He discussed trends in defense spending, both nationally and in Florida, the statewide and regional impacts of that spending and presented the final economic impact numbers which were derived from 2018 economic data.
 - The economic impact is approximately \$95 billion
 - Total jobs supported are approximately 915,000
 - Impacts have grown by 12% since 2016
 - The defense industry continues to account for 9% of Florida's economy
 - Since 2015, defense-related manufacturing contracts have doubled to \$9 billion, led by Brevard and Orange counties with \$5.7 billion combined
- **Task Force Member Updates:** Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state.
- **Florida Defense Alliance Update:** Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chair, discussed that, regarding military spouses, the Military Friendly Guide is a great resource it's important to ensure it's being distributed to the right people who will get it into the hands of the servicemembers and their families. They are still working through all the legal ramifications of creating an FDA Facebook page as it will be a much better platform to tell the story of Florida's military complex and ranges.
- They need to make sure that our military communities and installations are attending the resiliency forums around the state with Dr. Julia Nesheiwat, making connections and learning how to lead the state and nation in that area.
- The Defense Community Infrastructure pilot program, which was authorized at \$50 million, provides critical funding for off-base but adjacent community infrastructure projects for transportation, schools, hospitals, police, fire, emergency response, water, wastewater, telecommunications, electric, gas or other utility infrastructure owned by a state or local government.
- Regarding education, some Florida school boards are implementing additional procedures not described in last year's legislation requiring military families to get a certified or notarized assigned lease before their kids can be enrolled in school. Legislative language needs to be cleaned up and this process made as smooth as possible because it's important when a military family from another state comes to Florida, they're not stymied by so many procedures needed to enroll their kids in schools.
- Other issues include affordable housing, quality, affordable childcare and the development of crisis communication points of contact so that when an emergency arises, citizens know who to contact for information.
- **FDVA Update:** Steve Murray, Florida Department Veterans Affairs (FDVA), discussed the role of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs. He noted that

Florida has the nation's third largest veteran population with over 1.5 million total veterans, which represent all generations.

- They have three FDVA offices and nine FDVA State Veterans Homes across the state. They are in the process of building two new nursing homes. The Ardie B. Copas State Veterans Nursing home is a 120-bed facility in Port St. Lucie which will open mid-2020. Sixty of those beds will be reserved for dementia and Alzheimer's patients. A 112-bed at Lake Baldwin in Orange County which will be named for a Florida Medal of Honor recipient.
- Finally, he reviewed the FDVA's Legislative agenda for the 2020 Session.
- **Veterans Florida Update:** Joe Marino, Executive Director of Veterans Florida, briefed on the mission of Veterans Florida. Since January 2016, they have assisted with the careers of over 2,500 veterans, workforce trained 608, provided workforce grants of \$1.8 million, provided entrepreneur training for 492 with revenue of \$25 million. Since July 2017 they've placed 34 veterans into jobs and since October 2018, they've trained 8 veterans for position in agriculture.
- This Legislative Session they've requested \$500,000 for operations (an increase of \$166,000) and \$2.5 million for their VETS Program (an increase of \$800,000).
- **Task Force Progress Report and Work Plan:** Ray Collins briefed that the TF is statutorily required to submit a yearly Progress Report and Work Plan to the Governor, the Senate President, and the Speaker of the House by February 1st. The Task Force has traditionally based this report on the calendar year, but the staff has decided to change this report to a fiscal year basis as it would be more useful for the Legislature as they work on the State Budget. EFI legal counsel and the Office of the Governor have already approved this change.
- He has revised past work plans to coincide with the fiscal year so this year's plan will represent 18 months.
- The FDSTF and FDA have been asked to participate in the FDVA-led Governor's Challenge to reduce the rate of suicide for servicemembers and veterans. Ray Collins will be the primary representative and Beth Medina will be the alternate. He will present the TF any information that arises from this panel.
- **Military and Defense Update:** Beth Medina briefed that as the Staff's job is to support and facilitate all the work done between the TF and the FDA, they are focusing on modernizing and upgrading some of their processes and establishing a network. They are developing an automatic newsfeed which will take the place of the articles included in the FDA newsletter and the FDSTF weekly update.
- They will update their presence on both webpages and are working on establishing or identifying a way to use the EFI Facebook page for families and non-member information. This will be a process as it must be appropriate and effective, while also being managed professionally.
- Staff is working on a trip to Washington, DC in the spring. The Florida Washington Office has submitted some dates during which the TF may be the most effective:
 - Last few days of March to the first few days of April (April 3rd)
 - April 20th through April 30th
- Please check your calendars and let Staff know when works best for you as they'd like to initiate plans for this trip as soon as possible.

- **Public Comment:** Kent Wimmer, Defenders of Wildlife, announced that Defenders of Wildlife has been working with Eglin AFB and the U.S. Air Force on a proposal in support of a Sentinel Landscape for Northwest Florida. The Federal Government has decided to postpone opening an application cycle. At the Public Land Acquisitions and Management Conference held last fall, the first workshop for partners was held with 34 in attendance representing 22 different organizations.
- Regarding land conservation, the State of Florida recently acquired a 4,000-acre conservation easement in the Nokuse Plantation off the flyaway out of Eglin AFB east toward Tyndall AFB.
- Deborah Keller, The Nature Conservancy, announced that back in 2003 The nature Conservancy, along with Governor Jeb Bush and DoD created the Northwest Florida Greenway Project to protect 100 miles between the Apalachicola National Forest and Eglin AFB. This protects areas needed by the conservationists while at the same time protecting the areas the military needed for their airspace.
- On December 20th, another parcel of land was protected along this corridor as The Nature Conservancy was able to secure the protection of 20,000 acres around Lake Wimico in Gulf County. This protects 86% of the shoreline of the lake and underneath Tyndall's flight path and low-level flight training areas. This acquisition was more than \$10 million and was paid for using funds which were given to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation through the Deepwater Horizon oil spill settlement, then The Nature Conservancy added \$120,000 to finalize the deal. They also assisted with the due diligence of surveys and worked all the background issues to make this happen over the past 17 years.
- **Closed Session:** 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 20, 2020 – Conference Call

- Attendance:** The Task Force convened a public conference call chaired by the Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer with Task Force members Representative Thad Altman, Rear Admiral Stan Bozin, USN, (Ret.), Senator Doug Broxson, Lt Col William Dudley, Ms. Amy Gowder, Maj Gen Richard Haddad, Col Jim Heald, Captain Keith Hoskins, USN, (Ret.), Representative Mel Ponder and Representative Holly Raschein participating.
- **Task Force Grants & Contracts Status:** Marcy Sanders reported on the status of several current TF grants. Highlands County Board of County Commissioners and Military Child Education Coalition have all turned in extensive reports showing their progress for this second quarter.
 - TF Grant #20-101, Clay County Development Authority – Camp Blanding Joint Training Center Installation Encroachment Acquisition: This project has been completed and the grant will be closed pending the final payment.
 - TF Grant #20-102, Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast – Assessment of critical infrastructure supporting Eastern Range space operations: The EDC Space Coast continues to work with Space Florida on the bridge assessment project.

- TF Contract #19-214, Matrix Design Group: This project has been completed and paid in full.
- **Florida Defense Alliance Update:** Beth Medina reported for Kellie Jo Kilberg, reiterating some of the topics discussed at the recent Association of Defense Communities (ADC) conference identifying discussions in the Resiliency and Supporting Service Members and their Families Sessions.
- **Washington, D.C. Update:** Katherine Anne Russo reported that the Legislators have returned after the holiday break and the administration released its fiscal year 2020-2021 budget on February 10th. The overall request for DoD is \$705.4 billion demonstrating a small growth of approximately 0.1% compared to last year. This excludes disaster and emergency funding.
- The budget includes notable space investments including \$15.4 billion for the Space Force and \$249 million for Space Command.
- Last week DoD released a \$3.8 billion request for border wall construction in response to a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) request made on January 15th for additional funding for 270 miles of the border barrier and other infrastructure. This was in addition to the \$3.6 billion from last year. One of the targeted items is National Guard and Reserves equipment. DoD stated that funds from the past two fiscal years remain unobligated, but concerns have been raised and the National Governors Association is releasing a statement in opposition.
- DoD has sent reports to all the states requesting their efforts regarding military spouse licensure. Florida's report was great as there were no recommended policy improvements and is considered a model state for implementation. The only recommendation was to consider compact approvals in addition to the nursing licensure compact.
- She's recently worked with Beth Medina and Ray Collins to set up their first monthly Military Liaison Assistant (MLA) call with the Congressional Delegation (CODEL) earlier this month. The purpose of these calls is to get on track with the Delegation, identify opportunities to coordinate and highlight what's going in at the state level.
- The Washington office's current focus is on offshore drilling and she is working with Beth Medina on the F-35 basing decision.
- **Task Force Member Updates:** Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state.
- **Grants Application and Approval Process:** Ray Collins provided a brief overview of the FDSTF grant program process and timeline. The entire presentation can be found here: <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/FDSTF-Presentations-2020.pdf>
- **Florida Ethics and Sunshine Law Review:** Ray Collins provided the TF a detailed presentation on Florida's Sunshine Law, Public Records and Ethics Laws. The entire presentation can be found here: <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/FDSTF-Presentations-2020.pdf>
- Each year staff emails out Form 1, Statement of Financial Interest, along with instructions, to applicable TF members in early May as they are due to the Florida Commission on Ethics by July 1st each year.

- **Military & Defense Update:** Beth Medina discussed the ADC Conference Report emailed out recently which included takeaways and recommendations for Florida, which has been shared with the Executive Office of the Governor (EOG). Recommendations are as follows:
 - Performing an assessment and gap analysis of Military state/community programs using analytics to measure military friendly activities. Staff will submit a Request For Proposals (RFP) to solicit a military-friendly assessment for the state of Florida at a cost of between \$60,000 and \$100,000, to be completed by fall 2020 for use in 2021's Legislative Session.
 - From the update on the Defense Critical Infrastructure Program (DCIP), Florida communities and bases should tee up projects now that can be submitted to be encumbered during the next few months. Projects likely to be approved are those that are most ready to be implemented immediately.
 - Regarding the estimated time when communities would be able to officially apply for the DCIP, staff is unsure as to when OEA will implement this program as they only provided a verbal update at the recent ADC conference. Staff will continue to monitor and advise as soon as this program is available.
 - The RFP for the video marketing campaign is now closed with five responses which will be evaluated by a committee and be completed by Tuesday, February 25th.
 - Staff is working to try to find a remedy or option to revert or reallocate the remaining \$3.7 million originally appropriated for the Military Base Protection Program. Staff is investigating options to use those funds from the three main properties for the remaining properties on the Tier 1 and Tier 2 list.
 - Staff also advised that they send out the link to the RFP for the military-friendly assessment to the FDA members as soon as its available. It will also be available on the TF website and the Florida Administrative Weekly website.
- **Public Comment:** No public comments were made.
- **Closed Session:** Following the Public Meeting, the Task Force reconvened in a Closed Session to discuss the process of restructuring the Task Force's strategic planning process and strategic plan to clearly link Task Force goals, objectives and activities to the State Strategic Plan and the Governor's priorities.

March 19, 2020 – Conference Call (Note: this meeting was originally planned to take place as an in-person meeting in Jacksonville but was changed to a Conference Call to comply with social distancing requirements.)

Attendance: The Task Force Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer, chaired the meeting with Task Force members Representative Thad Altman, RADM Stan Bozin, USN, (Ret.), Brig. Gen. Chip Diehl USAF (Ret.), Lt. Col. William Dudley USAF (Ret.), Ms. Amy Gowder, Maj. Gen. Richard Haddad USAF (Ret.), Col. Jim Heald USAF (Ret.), Captain Keith Hoskins, USN, (Ret.), Representative Mel Ponder and Representative Holly Raschein present on the call.

- **Task Force Grants & Contracts Status:** Marcy Sanders reported on the status of several current TF grants.

- DTF #14-05, Economic Development Alliance of Bay County (BayEDA), Bay Technology Initiative has a contract amendment pending execution, as the end date for the contract is June 30, 2020 but may also need a further extension.
- Kennetic Productions, Inc's contract for the video marketing campaign has been executed but as they will not have base access until after the coronavirus pandemic has passed, staff will be adjusting the contract which will be reflected in next month's report.
- **Task Force Member Updates:** Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state.
- **Florida Defense Alliance Update:** Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chair, She has been working with Beth Medina to update and modernize the FDA Strategic Plan to include resiliency, family support, Space Force and other current issues.
- The video marketing campaign is currently on hold, but local partners can be working with the installations to see what videos may already exist and be able to hit the ground running with them once it starts up again.
- Tim Jones, FDA Vice Chair, asked the TF if it's feasible to allocate some funds to the FDA to update their Strategic Plan. Beth Medina responded that the Staff is working with EFI on the possibility of using TF Administrative dollars from this year's budget for some funding for the FDA (in addition to the already provided travel funds).
- Colonel Jim Heald asked Kellie Jo Kilberg if the FDA could be the mechanism and work with the ADC to send letters to the Florida CODEL in support of the Military Mission Line, like the recent initiative with DCIP, Kellie Jo Kilberg responded that she would work with Beth Medina to make that happen. This produced a letter campaign that was completed in FY 2020-2021.
- Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer suggested FDA members participate on a panel on the MML at the next ADC meeting in June in Washington, DC.
- **Florida National Guard Update:** Roger Williams called in on behalf of Major General James Eifert, providing a brief Florida National Guard (FLNG) Update.
- Reported Florida National Guard (FLNG) is significantly involved in the State of Florida response to COVID-19, supporting common mission sets such as providing operations and planning and Emergency Support Function - 13 support to the Division of Emergency Management; Liaison Officer support to County Operation Centers and Operational Support to the State Logistics Response Center. As a new mission set, FLNG is preparing to support the Florida Department of Health with establishing and operating COVID-19 screening/testing sites.
- Reported current FLNG mobilization status, which included the upcoming mobilization of the 146th Signal Battalion and cancellation of their mobilization ceremony.
- **New Florida Military & Veterans' Housing Initiatives:** Chip White, Florida Housing Finance Corporation, presented on the Salute our Soldiers Military Loan Program which assists both Veterans and active duty military personnel throughout the state to obtain affordable safe housing and stimulate more VA Program Loan originations. This program includes fee reductions, lower interest rates, down payment assistance, and exemptions for various mortgage programs.

- **Military & Defense Update:** Ray Collins discussed that Staff has revised the TF meeting calendar through May 2020 as the May 21, 2020 meeting has been changed to a conference call/WebEx meeting. The September TF meeting (in conjunction with the FDA), which was originally scheduled for Key West, will be moved to Tallahassee. This calendar is still subject to changes.
- Beth Medina updated the \$2 million appropriation for the TF is included in the budget, approved by House and Senate. The \$3.7 million in remaining funds for non-conservation land acquisition, that was identified to use for the Florida Rock issue, has been reverted, possibly to free up funds to aid in the coronavirus outbreak.
- This year, Staff will be doing a much deeper dive into updating the Military Friendly guide working with the Governor's Office, the FDVA and the Department of Military Affairs to go over results by agency of the current legislative policies and programs to provide a complete assessment. This material will be discussed with the TF and the FDA and will be used to set up our needs for the FY20-21 Legislative Agenda.
- **Public Comment Period:** Liz Miller, DEO, updated that the deadline for the Defense Reinvestment Grant (DRG) and Defense Infrastructure Grant (DIG) grant applications has been extended by 30 days (The original due date was March 20, 2020).
- **Closed Session:** The Task Force conducted a closed session meeting immediately following the Public Meeting to discuss the Out of Cycle Grant Process for FY 2019-2020 and the ongoing revision of the Task Force strategy.

April 16, 2020 – Conference Call

- **Attendance:** The Task Force convened a public conference call chaired by the Task Force Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson, with Task Force members Representative Thad Altman, RADM Stan Bozin, USN, (Ret.), Brig. Gen. Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret.), Lt. Col. William Dudley, USAF, (Ret.), Ms. Amy Gowder, Maj. Gen. Richard Haddad, USAF (Ret.), Col. Jim Heald, USAF, (Ret.), CAPT Keith Hoskins, USN, (Ret.), Mr. Tom Neubauer, Representative Mel Ponder and Representative Holly Raschein participating.
- **Task Force Grants & Contracts Status:** Ms. Marcy Sanders noted that the report included in the meeting packets does not include quarterly reports as grantees were given an extension until April 24, 2020 to submit their reports.
- The Kennetic Productions, Inc. contract for the video marketing campaign has been executed and the first payment has been received. They are currently viewing other videos available online with staff and community representatives helping to identify base liaisons for them to work with once they can travel to the installations.
- TF Grant #14-05, Economic Development Alliance of Bay County – Bay Technology Initiative: this contract expires in June 2020 and as the TF does not meet in June, they will need to entertain granting an extension at the May TF meeting.
- Mr. Tom Neubauer added that they were making good progress with the County but suspects they will need another few months' extension.
- **Task Force Member Updates:** Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state.

- **Florida Defense Alliance Update:** Ms. Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chair, discussed that both FDA working groups held conference calls in the month of March with much discussion on COVID-19. The next meetings will be via conference call. May 20th will be a call focusing on Mission Sustainment and will be a longer meeting with some panel discussions. June 17th will focus on Family Support with a deeper dive on where they are to include programs standing up to support military families. Families are dealing with lease issues with the delay of movement as many face extending current leases or having to pay an additional rent payment as they've already signed a lease in anticipation of a move. The working group is looking at both state and federal programs to assist with that issue.
- **Washington, D.C. Update:** Beth Medina noted that Katherine Anne Russo would not be calling in to the meeting and updated that the members are out until May 4th. She will keep providing updates and coordinating with the CODEL offices as they have been providing individual updates offline as they are received, and Staff will work to keep providing those updates to the TF as they come in.
- **Military and Defense Update:** Beth Medina discussed that Staff is staying connected with the Department of Military Affairs (DMA), the FLNG and the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs (FDVA).
- Staff is staying linked to the State Emergency Operations Center in support of Emergency Support Function (ESF) 13 which supports the military and run by the DMA, the FEMA DCOs and the officers from NORTHCOM. Staff is also staying in contact with ESF 8, the health and medical function as there was an issue this past week where a contractor was seen in a local community facility who tested positive for COVID-19 and this information was not shared with the base.
- Staff has been participating in the weekly Association of Defense Communities' (ADC) town halls and are sharing those with our members and our communities. Presentations are primarily done by communities outlining their lessons learned and best practices.
- The budget at both the Federal and State levels will need to be reevaluated as the military budget has been moved forward for getting detailed language for the next NDAA. This will be on a new timeline and Staff will keep the TF informed as it evolves.
- Staff has been working on a state point of contact for the Gulf Range.
- **Public Comment Period:** Elizabeth May, Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), thanked the TF for the opportunity to participate in the meeting and she and Keith Ball look forward to being more engaged.
- **Closed Session:** The Task Force conducted a closed session meeting immediately following the Public Meeting to discuss the ongoing revision of the Task Force strategic plan and what the Task Force needs to do in response to COVID-19.

May 21, 2020 – Conference Call (Note: this meeting was originally planned to take place as an in-person meeting in Tallahassee but was changed to a Conference Call to comply with social distancing requirements.)

Attendance: Task Force Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson, chaired the meeting with Task Force members Representative Thad Altman, RADM Stan Bozin, USN, (Ret.), Brig. Gen. Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret.), Maj. Gen. James Eifert, USAF, Maj. Gen.

Richard Haddad, USAF (Ret.), Col. Jim Heald, USAF, (Ret.), Mr. Tom Neubauer, Representative Mel Ponder, and Representative Holly Raschein participating.

- **Task Force Grants & Contracts Status:** Ms. Marcy Sanders reported on some current FDSTF grants:
- TF Grant #14-05, Economic Development Alliance of Bay County – Bay Technology Initiative: BayEDA is close to finalizing project completion ownership which is a crucial step in the completion of this project. The Grantee believes they may be able to complete this step by June 30th, however, if they are not able to do this the contract will expire before the FDSTF meets again. Staff is recommending the extension of this contract through 9/30/2020.
- A quorum being present, Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson asked for a motion to extend TF Grant #14-05 to September 30, 2020. A motion was made by Brigadier General Chip Diehl, seconded by Mr. Tom Neubauer, all are in favor of the extension of TF Grant #14-05 to September 30, 2020.
- TF Grant #19-105, Gulf Coast State College: this project has been completed and the final report has been submitted as of March 27, 2020. This grant will be closed pending the final payment.
- TF Grant #20-101, Clay County Development Authority: The North Florida Land Trust has closed on all properties and taken ownership. Now completed, this grant, used matching funds with federal government funds, resulting in the purchase of 329 acres of land adjacent to Camp Blanding Joint Training Center improving the buffer against encroachment around the base.
- **Task Force Member Updates:** Task Force members provided updates on events, activities and issues impacting military installations around the state.
- **Florida Defense Alliance Update:** Ms. Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chair, discussed the FDA meeting from the day prior. The first presenter was from Space Florida to give us an update on new criteria for the Space Force Headquarters basing and how local communities could participate.
- Next there were presentations from two panels. The first panel was a Cyber Panel and was moderated by Tim Jones of the Tampa Bay Defense Alliance. The second panel was on Resiliency and Encroachment which was moderated by Rick Miller of the South Florida Defense Alliance.
- During the session from around the state, communities were asking for assistance from the state with local governments that go ahead with developments after the installations have voiced their concerns that the developments will impede their missions or are a national security concern.
- The University of Central Florida presented information on the National Security Innovation Network Program – Hacking for Defense (H4D). This is a semester long course at top tier research universities. This is where DOD leaders have opportunity to collaborate with talented students' teams to develop innovative solutions.
- Liz Miller with DEO provided an update on the DRG and DIG grant programs. The total need for DIG grants is \$4.4 million with approximately \$2 million awarded last year.

- Finally, the communities have pivoted on how they are doing their meetings and communications to address the needs, challenges and opportunities for their military installations, missions, and people.
- The next FDA conference call meeting will be on June 17, 2020 at 9:30 AM EDT, focusing on family support.
- **Washington, D.C. Update:** Ms. Katherine Anne Russo reported that Congress has mainly focused on the COVID-19 pandemic since mid-March as they have passed several economic stimulus packages into law.
- The House has not been in regular Session as they've only returned to Washington, DC for several COVID-19-related floor votes since mid-March. The Senate is back in Session with limited staff, focusing largely on nominations. The Senate Armed Services Committee has voted to advance the nomination of the next Navy Secretary this week, among other nominations.
- Senate Appropriations Chairman Congressman Richard Shelby expects to send the Committee Chairman their official allocations for the FY 2020-2021 spending bill as the Senate returns from the Memorial Day break.
- Homeland Security and Military Construction (MILCON) VA spending bills are unlikely to advance out of Committee due to remaining concerns on border wall construction.
- Total defense funding is expected to increase by \$2.5 billion.
- Regarding the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), the Senate is expected to begin markup on June 8th and the House Chairman has indicated that he wants to move in concert with the Senate.
- Last week, the Air Force released its new process for deciding the location of the U.S. Space Command Headquarters. Those nominations are due by June 30th and require the Governor's endorsement. A decision will not be made officially by the Air Force until after the election, potentially in January of next year.
- She has been working with Beth Medina on a focused plan to address the issue of the Gulf Range Moratorium in this Congress and will have more to share soon.
- **Military and Defense Update:** Beth Medina discussed that Staff is focused on the following:
 - They are working with several organizations and with Florida's Washington, DC office on a way forward on the Gulf Range Legislation.
 - They are in support of Space Florida and are working closely with them as communities self-nominate and are supporting their competition against criteria for military support.
 - They are working with the Dept of Veterans Affairs on the Governor's Suicide Prevention Challenge and developing a statewide strategic plan, looking at some programs already in place in Tampa and Jacksonville.
 - They shared the announcement of the Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) implementation for which there is \$50 million available this year from DoD.
 - They continue to work on the strategic plan to lay out a clear roadmap for our volunteer members, military installations, the TF to clearly show how they'll achieve the overall state and Governor's goals.

- The video marketing campaign will be kicking off soon as it's been on hold with the COVID-19 response. A film crew will be reaching out to the installations to film short, impactful, intense videos capturing the missions and readiness our military installations.
- **FY 2019-2020 Out-of-Cycle Grant Presentations:** The TF heard grant request presentations from:
 - Florida Department of Military Affairs, requesting \$200,000 for the acquisition of 70-acres of former Homestead Air Reserve Base property from Miami-Dade County
 - Bay County Board of County Commissioners, requesting \$420,000 for a Bay County Infrastructure Assessment supporting Tyndall Air Force Base
 - City of Jacksonville Military Affairs and Veterans Department, requesting \$500,000 for encroachment protection/compatible land use for NS Mayport, NAS Jacksonville and Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Whitehouse
- **Public Comment:** Rick Miller, South Florida Defense Alliance, commented regarding the Florida Department of Military Affairs grant proposal in Homestead and offered that this project is supported and viewed very favorably by County Commissioners and local officials.
- **Closed Session:** Following Public Comment the Task Force recessed the Public Meeting to conduct a Closed Session to debate the merits of the three Grant presentations.
- **Reconvening of the Public Meeting:** At 1:00 pm the Task Force reconvened the public conference call to hold a public vote. A quorum being present, the Chairman, Senator Doug Broxson, asked for a motion to approve the funding of the FY 2019-2020 Out-Of-Cycle grants listed below. A motion was made by RADM Stan Bozin, who moved that the Florida Defense Support Task Force award the Florida Department of Military Affairs, Bay County Board of County Commissioners, and the City of Jacksonville Military Affairs and Veterans Department a total of \$722,400.00 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tom Neubauer, all are in favor and the funding was approved.
- The TF voted to award the following grant requests:
 - Florida Department of Military Affairs for \$129,000
 - Bay County Board of County Commissioners for \$270,900
 - City of Jacksonville for \$322,500
 - Total Grant Money Awarded is \$722,400

Activities/Achievements

Task Force's activities and achievements for FY 2019-2020 include:

1. **Onboarding New Members:** Three new Task Force members were appointed and assumed duties during FY 2019-2020. In July 2019 Senator Doug Broxson assumed Task Force Chair duties from Representative Jay Trumbull. One Task Force member departed in May 2020 when she moved out of state to accept a job with a new

company. EFI hired a new senior staff member to support the Task Force replacing departing staff. See Tab 2.

2. **Business Meetings:** The Task Force conducted 10 meetings and visited three military bases around the state during FY 2019-2020. The Task Force rapidly adjusted to telework in March 2020 in order to continue serving the state while observing social distancing health protocols. The Task Force conducted the November 2019 meeting and the May 2020 virtual 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 made a significant revision to, and has continued implementation of, its long-range strategic plan for actions to protect, preserve and enhance Florida's military installations. The Task Force completed the FY 2019-2020 revision of the Strategic Plan in in October 2019. The most recent version of the strategic plan (the FY 2020-2021 version) 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 most current version of the FDSTF Strategic Plan is available at Tab 4 or online at: <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/FDSTF-Strategic-Plan-2019-2024-1.pdf>
3. **Grants Awarded:** Using FY 2019-2020 funds, the Task Force awarded 7 grants totaling \$1,447,400 to improve the military value of Florida's installations. The Task Force awarded four of these totaling \$725,000 at the beginning of the fiscal year and three more totaling \$722,400 toward the end of the year using funds intended for projects that had to be postponed due to COVID-19. See Tab 7. <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf/funding-contracts/>
4. **Installation Encroachment Prevention:**
 - a. **Camp Blanding Joint Training Center:** FDSTF Grant #20-101 to Clay County Development Authority for \$500,000 of FY 2019-2020 state funds was used as matching funds for U.S. Federal Government funds under the U.S. Army's Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB) Program. The North Florida Land Trust closed on all properties and took ownership of the land resulting in the purchase of 329 acres of land adjacent to Camp Blanding Joint Training Center improving the buffer against encroachment around the base.
 - b. **Non-Conservation Land Program:** The Task Force continued work with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to acquire "Tier 1" non-conservation buffering lands adjacent to military installations. During the November 2019 meeting the Task Force discussed and rank ordered according to priority the non-conservation lands submitted to DEO by military base commanders across Florida in accordance with F.S. 288.980, then submitted this list to DEO for potential action under the Military Base Protection Program.
 - c. **Avon Park AFR:** In September 2019 and again in January 2020 the FDSTF sent letters of support for Avon Park AFR to the Polk County Commission prior to scheduled County Commission meetings to discuss zoning changes

under consideration. These letters emphasized the economic benefits to Polk County of the range, the relationship between the range and other bases in Florida and the potential adverse impact of making the change in zoning regulations that was under consideration. FDSTF staff also traveled to Avon Park to attend the second meeting in person.

- d. **Florida Rock**: The Task Force remained continually engaged in efforts to acquire the northern 10 acres of the Florida Rock property. With no indication of a willing seller of this land, the Task Force reverted the funds set aside for them to the state treasury in order to clear the path to seek future funding to address Tier 1 MBPP properties, including Florida Rock if the owner decides to sell it in the future.
 - e. **Gulf of Mexico Test & Training Range / Military Mission Line**: The Task Force continued to advocate for the extension on the moratorium on oil exploration and drilling east of the Military Mission Line by extending the moratorium beyond 2022 which was established in the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act. The Task Force produced and supplied Military and Defense informational publications, letters and briefs to Congressional Delegation members on Florida defense issues relevant in Washington DC as well as to chairs and members of the Florida state legislative committees that deal with military and veterans' affairs. The Task Force also sponsored and began production of a series of videos highlighting the contributions the range makes to Florida and national defense and the interconnected nature of Florida's bases and the 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".
- a. **NAS Whiting Field**: In January 2020 the U.S. Navy selected the TH-119 by Leonardo AgustaWestland Philadelphia Corp. as its new training helicopter to replace the service's existing fleet of Bell TH-57s at NAS Whiting Field. The initial contract is for 32 aircraft with spares, support, and training and is valued at nearly \$176.5 million. Follow-on contracts are expected to bring the total number of replacement helicopters to 130. Later in the year Leonardo began construction of a helicopter maintenance facility in Milton next to NAS Whiting Field which will bring 40-50 new jobs to the area and support continuing operations of these helicopters
 - b. **Mayport NS**: USS Paul Ignatius (DD 117), USS Billings (LCS 15) and USS Indianapolis, (LCS 17) were commissioned into the U.S. Navy and assigned to NS Mayport during FY 2019-2020.
 - c. **Tyndall AFB**: The US Air Force announced the decision to station three squadrons of F-35 Lightning IIs at Tyndall AFB with the first scheduled to arrive in 2023.
 - d. **Washington, D.C. Engagement**: From Feb 23 to 26, 2020 the Defense Support Initiative (DSI) delegation's (including FDSTF member Col. Jim Heald, USAF (Ret.) traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with the staffs of Sen Inhofe, Sen Rubio, and Sen Scott. They also met with staff's from CM

Gaetz, CM Dunn, CM Diaz-Balart, CM Wasserman Schultz, Katherine Anne Russo from Governor DeSantis's office, and in the Pentagon with DOT&E (director of Operational Test & Evaluation), ASD (Asst Secretary of Defense) for Sustainment, and TRMC (Test Resource Management Center). Their priorities included: 1) Military Mission Line Moratorium Extension Language, 2) Gulf Range Enhancement \$30M funding increase for the 4th year of that project, 3) Repair by Replacement Language, 4) Weapons Technology Integration Center MILCON, and 5) Section 219 threshold increase language (increase current authority from \$6M to \$8M. Other visits to Washington by additional groups were planned but had to be cancelled due to travel restrictions imposed by COVID-19.

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- 6. **Military and Defense Advocacy:** The Task Force has supported actions that will lead to increasing military capability in Florida. The Task Force has continued to advocate for the extension on the moratorium on oil exploration and drilling east of the Military Mission Line by extending the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act beyond 2022. The Task Force has produced and supplied Military and Defense informational publications, letters and briefs to Congressional Delegation members on Florida defense issues relevant in Washington DC as well as to chairs and members of the Florida Legislature committees that deal with military and veterans' affairs. The Task Force and staff have engaged with top Department of Defense leaders in Washington and elsewhere around the country. The Task Force sponsored and initiated production of a coordinated public education campaign to emphasize the value of Florida bases and ranges plus their interconnected nature.

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- c. Throughout the year, the Task Force tracked and provided input on numerous pieces of federal legislation being developed for the annual National Defense Authorization Act and Federal Appropriations.
- d. The Task Force remained engaged in advocating for the rebuilding of Tyndall AFB throughout FY 2019-2020. In December 2019 the U.S. Congress appropriated \$2.4B for that effort. Combined with a previous \$1B earlier appropriation for emergency relief and reconstructions, this sum that should almost completely pay for rebuilding the base.
- e. Throughout the year the Task Force engaged with numerous entities expressing the concern of the local communities regarding issues ranging from encroachment to ensuring adequate funding for Florida bases to the replacement of aging equipment used by units based in Florida. On several occasions, the Task Force formalized these communications in writing. The letters sent by the Task Force include:
 - i. **September 6, 2019:** The Task Force sent a letter to the Miami Beach City Commission regarding a proposed zoning decision that would have adversely impacted Coast Guard Station Miami Beach. The proposed decision would have permitted the construction of a high-rise building overlooking the base which would have created an unacceptable security risk for the base. The letter explained the risks to the community of allowing such construction and the benefits to the community of having the Coast Station remain in its existing location. This letter, in concert with similar sentiments expressed to the City Commission by members of the community, convinced the real estate developer to alter their plans and work on a project that would not cause an encroachment threat to the Coast Guard Station.

- ii. **September 30, 2019:** The Task Force sent a letter to Polk County Board of Commissioners on behalf of Avon Park Air Force Range outlining the value of the range to the community and the potential adverse impacts to the range and community of a proposed zoning decision.
 - iii. **January 31, 2020:** The Task Force sent a second letter to the Polk County Commission prior to a scheduled meeting of the commission to follow up on the initial letter and provide additional facts regarding the potential impact on Avon Park AFR of the proposed ruling.
 - iv. **March 31, 2020:** The Task Force sent a letter to the Secretary of the Air Force supporting a proposal to base at Homestead Air Reserve Base the next squadron of F-35s allotted to the Air Force Reserve. This letter emphasized the favorable training environment and long history of support for the Air Force and Air Force Reserve by the community around the base.
7. **Task Force Web Presence:** The Florida Defense Support Task Force continues to maintain a website 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.
8. **Economic Impact:** In FY 2019-2020 the Task Force published the latest edition of the bi-annual military and defense economic impact study showing the economic impact of military and defense in Florida to be more than \$94.9 billion and accounting for more than 914,787 direct and indirect jobs. These represent an increase of \$10 billion in economic benefit for the state and over 100,00 new jobs added by the military and defense sector in the two years since the previous study. This version of the factbook is available on the Task Force web site at: <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/Florida-Defense-Factbook-2020.pdf> and at Tab 5.
9. **Military Friendly Programs:** The Task Force published and distributed the 2019 Florida Military Friendly Guide summarizing programs and benefits for active duty, National Guard and Reserve service members and families. An electronic, searchable version of the guide is available for download on the Task Force web site at <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/Florida-Military-Friendly-Guide.pdf>. See Tab 6.

State Legislative Issues

The 2020 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 were passed by the Florida Legislature and signed into law by Governor Ron DeSantis:

Budget: Approved Florida Defense Support Task Force Budget for FY 2020-2021 – \$2,000,000: Passed by Legislature and signed by Governor

Legislation:

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

Assistance to transitioning students from military families

This 2019 law requiring a school district in which a military base is located to treat children of military personnel being reassigned to that base as residents of the district as of the time their military sponsor receives Permanent Change of Station orders was expanded in 2020 to include any school district in the state, not just the district in which the base is located. **(F.S. 1003.05)**

College Credit for Military Training & Education Courses

Postsecondary Education for Certain Military Personnel: The act requires the Board of Governors and State Board of Education to adopt a uniform set of rules to award academic credit for college degrees and technical training certification based on servicemembers' and veterans' prior military training and experience. The newly enacted legislation helps veterans and members on active duty to achieve their degrees quicker and without having to take unnecessary course requirements. **(F.S. 1004.096)**

CareerSource Florida — Employment Advocacy & Assistance

Newly launched in 2020, Paychecks for Patriots hiring fairs were hosted by local workforce development boards in conjunction with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, the Florida VA and the Florida National Guard, to connect veterans and military family members with hundreds of employers throughout the state. For more information and the scheduled events visit this website: <https://floridajobs.org/paychecks-for-patriots>

Military Gold Sportsman's License

Recreational hunting and fishing license exemption for any resident who is a member of the United States Armed Forces and not stationed in this state, when home on leave for 30 days or less. **(F.S. 379.353(2)(c))**

Concealed Weapons or Firearms Licenses

Florida concealed weapon or firearm license applications submitted by active military members and veterans are now expedited. Current servicemembers and veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces can be issued concealed weapon or firearm licenses even if they are not 21 years of age, the usual minimum age eligibility requirement, if they are otherwise eligible for licensure. **(F.S. 790.062)**

The Florida Veterans Protection Act / White Collar Crime Victim Protection Act

An act relating to crimes against veterans; providing a short title; amending section 775.0844, Florida Statutes; providing an enhanced sentence for any person who commits aggravated white collar crimes against a certain number of veterans by obtaining or attempting to obtain a specified amount of money; providing criminal penalties; providing an effective date. **(F.S. 775.0844)**

Unlawful Use of Uniforms, Medals or Insignia

The act adds a provision to an existing law on stolen valor that misusing a military uniform or decorations for the purposes of obtaining employment or seeking election to a paid public office is now a violation of law – Effective Oct. 1, 2020. **(F.S. 817.312)**

Homestead Exemption on Property Taxes and Ad Valorem Tax Exemption

A 2020 amendment to this law allows veterans or their surviving spouses who are entitled to receive ad valorem exemptions on property taxes for one property, to receive a pro-rated reimbursement of taxes paid on any property they buy between January 1 and November 1 of any year (thus permitting an uninterrupted use of this benefit when selling one homestead to purchase a different one). **(F.S. 196.173)**

Ad Valorem Tax Discount for Spouses of Certain Deceased Veterans Who Had Permanent, Combat-Related Disabilities.

Amends the State Constitution to authorize the surviving spouse of a deceased combat-related disabled veteran to carry over certain discounts on ad valorem taxes on homestead property until the surviving spouse remarries or sells or otherwise disposes of the property.

Salute Our Soldiers Military Loan Program

This program offers military service personnel and veterans who are purchasing a primary residence and meet income and purchase price limits, a 30-year, fixed-rate first mortgage loan at a low rate and with several down payment assistance options. (<https://www.floridahousing.org/programs/homebuyer-loan-program-wizards/salute-our-soldiers-military-loan-program>)

Deployed Parent Custody and Visitation

A 2020 amendment to the law added the provision that the absence of a servicemember due to a deployment or anticipated deployment may not be considered as abandonment or used as a factor in making such a determination. **(F.S. 61.703-61.773)**

Task Force 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: supporting the mission of the FDSTF as described in F.S. 288.987, and/or supporting the FDSTF goals as stated in the FDSTF Strategic Plan.

The applicant must submit an 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.

Since the FDSTF Grant Program began in 2012 (FY 2013-2014), the Task Force has awarded 65 grants worth over \$14.4 million to strengthen military installations and prevent encroachment. As of FY 2015-2016, the Task Force has aligned the timing of the grant program to the Florida legislative budget cycle. For a summary of progress of Task Force Grant Award Contracts, see Tab 8.

For the FY 2019-2020 grant cycle, the Task Force received six applications worth \$1,616,000.00 and considered four applicants based on merit and potential. The Task Force awarded these four applicants a total of \$725,000.00. During the year the Task Force received four Out-of-Cycle grant applications requesting a total of \$1,195,000.00 and considered three of these based on merit and potential. The Task Force awarded these three Out-of-Cycle applicants grants totaling \$722,400 bringing the grand total of grants awarded by the FDSTF during FY 2019-2020 to \$1,447,400.00. The Task Force Grant program details are available for review at <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf/funding-contracts/>.

FDSTF FY 2021-2022 Work Plan

Section 288.987, Florida Statutes 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. This work plan covers the 2021-2022.

During FY 2021-2022, the Task Force will work with 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. Additionally, the Task Force will consider annual rounds of funding initiatives to assist in supporting and protecting military installations.

The Task Force plans to conduct six in-person meetings on the third Thursday of every other month during FY 2021-2021. The Task Force will meet via Zoom during the off months. In-person meetings are subject to being converted to virtual meetings should health conditions or travel restrictions so require. There will be no scheduled meetings in December 2021 or June 2022. When possible, meetings will be held in various locations around the state and may include base visits.

First Quarter FY 2021-2022

July – September 2021

- **July 15:** The Task Force conducts an in-person meeting in St. Augustine, FL with a visit to St. Francis Barracks.
 - The Task Force prepares a budget and legislative slate for the 2022 Session. They identify the fiscal resources needed to support and implement FDSTF recommendations to further prepare for any future realignment, closures, or budget initiatives.
- **August 19:** The Task Force conducts a meeting via Zoom.
 - The Task Force publishes a new version of the Florida Military-Friendly Guide and distributes it statewide.
 - The Task Force may open the FY 2021-2022 Grant Application window to determine needs from the defense community.
- **September 16:** The Task Force conducts an in-person meeting in Pensacola, FL with a visit to NAS Pensacola.

Second Quarter FY 2021-2022

October – December 2021

- **October 21:** The Task Force conducts a meeting via Zoom.
- **November 18:** The Task Force conducts an in-person meeting in Avon Park, FL in conjunction with a Florida Defense Alliance meeting on November 17 and a Task Force visit to Avon Park AFR.
 - The Task Force evaluates the Non-Conservation Land Encroachment threats submitted to DEO by the Florida military base commanders under the Military Base Protection Program (F.S. 288.980(2)(b) and 163.3175), rank orders them by tiers according to their urgency for action and submits

- the tiered list to DEO for potential state action.
- The Task Force refines evolving budget and legislative issues.

Third Quarter FY 2021-2022

January – March 2022

- **January 20:** The Task Force conducts an in-person meeting in Tallahassee, FL.
 - The Task Force reviews and approves the Progress Report and Work Plan for submission to the Governor and Legislature.
 - The Task Force identifies and monitors progress on legislative initiatives that support the Task Force mission. Legislative regular session runs from January 11– March 11, 2022.
 - The Task Force coordinates with other state agencies on activities to prevent installation encroachment, improve transportation access, and enhance energy efficiency on military installations.
- **February 1:** The Task Force submits the Progress Report and Work Plan to the Governor and Legislature.
- **February 17:** The Task Force conducts a meeting via Zoom.
 - The Task Force identifies and monitors progress on legislative initiatives that support the Task Force mission. Legislative regular session runs from January 11– March 11, 2022.
 - The Task Force conducts required Public Records and Ethics training.
- **March 17:** The Task Force conducts an in-person meeting in Jacksonville, FL with a visit to NAS Mayport or MCSF Blount Island.
 - The Task Force identifies and monitors progress on legislative initiatives that support the Task Force mission. Legislative regular session runs from January 11– March 11, 2022.
 - The Task Force coordinates with other state agencies on activities to prevent installation encroachment, improve transportation access, and enhance energy efficiency on military installations.

Fourth Quarter FY 2021-2022

April – June 2022

- **April 21:** The Task Force conducts a meeting via conference call.
- **May 19:** The Task Force conducts an in-person meeting in Tallahassee, FL in conjunction with a Florida Defense Alliance meeting on May 18.
 - The Task Force reviews and considers annual grant requests for financial resource support to enhance local efforts to protect military installations.
 - The Task Force prepares the grant award announcement for the Governor.
 - Task Force reviews and monitors progress on federal, state and local military and defense issues, and makes recommendations to the Governor and Legislature.

- The Task Force updates the Florida Military Friendly Guide to include successful military-related legislation passed during the 2021 session.
- The Task Force reviews / updates the Strategic Plan as required.
- The Task Force develops the budget for Third Quarter (New FY) implementation.

TAB 1

Governing Statutes

Governing Statutes – Florida Statute 288.987

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 \$250,000 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; s. 9, ch. 2014-218.

1Note.—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.

“(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, such emergency rules shall remain in effect for 6 months after the date adopted and may be renewed during the pendency of procedures to adopt permanent rules addressing the subject of the emergency rules.”

Governing Statutes – Florida Statute 288.985

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)
 - (a) 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 that are exempt under subsection (1) are exempt from s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution.
 - (b) Any records generated during those portions of meetings that are exempt under paragraph (a) are exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

History.—s. 1, ch. 2009-156; s. 6, ch. 2012-98; s. 10, ch. 2012-159; s. 1, ch. 2014-185.

TAB 2

Members of the Task Force and Staff

Membership of the Task Force and Staff

Governor Appointees

- Rear Admiral Stan Bozin, U.S. Navy, Retired
- Captain Keith Hoskins, U.S. Navy, Retired

Senate President Appointees

- Major General Richard Haddad, U.S. Air Force, Retired
- Mr. Tom Neubauer
- Senator Tom Wright

House Speaker Appointees

- Representative Thad Altman
- Brigadier General Arthur F. Diehl, III, U.S. Air Force, Retired
- Representative Wyman Duggan
- Colonel Jim Heald, U.S. Air Force, Retired

Governor DeSantis retained Major General James O. Eifert, U.S. Air Force, the Adjutant General of Florida, as his designated representative.

The total number of appointees for the Task Force on December 30, 2020 is 10.

The support staff for the Florida Defense Support Task Force:

- Beth Medina, Vice President, Military and Defense Programs, Enterprise Florida
- Ray Collins, FDSTF Executive Director, Enterprise Florida
- Michelle Griggs, Executive Assistant & Grants Manager, Enterprise Florida

TAB 3
Task Force Annual
Budget for
FY 2019-2020

Florida Defense Support Task Force

Annual Budget for FY 2020-2021

(as of: September 30, 2020)

	<u>FY 2019/2020</u>		
Revenues			
Program Revenues			
Program Appropriation	1,750,000.00		
Total Program Revenues	<u>1,750,000.00</u>		
Administrative Revenues			
Administrative Appropriation	250,000.00		
Total Administrative Revenues	<u>250,000.00</u>		
	<u>Encumbered</u>	<u>Remaining Unencumbered</u>	<u>Actual/Expended</u>
Expenses			
Program Expenses			
Analyses and Studies	150,000.00		
DTF 19-214 Matrix Design, Inc.			150,000.00
¹ Task Force Board Meetings	12,717.50		12,717.50
Military Friendly Guide	6,921.42		6,921.42
Video Marketing Campaign	165,000.00		
DTF 20-230 Kennetic Production, Inc.			108,035.72
Local Grant Program	1,447,400.00	0.00	0.00
DTF 20-100 Military Child Education Coalition	100,000.00		61,143.30
DTF 20-201 Clay County Development Authority	500,000.00		500,000.00
DTF 20-102 Economic Development Commission	125,000.00		0.00
DTF 20-103 City of Jacksonville	322,500.00		0.00
DTF 20-104 Bay County Board of County Commissioners	270,900.00		0.00
DTF 20-105 Florida Department of Military Affairs	129,000.00		0.00
Total Program Expenses	<u>1,782,038.92</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>838,817.94</u>
Administrative Expenses			
² Staff Salaries & Benefits	180,628.33	0.00	180,628.33
³ Task Force Travel and Per Diem	16,518.45	0.00	16,518.45
FDA Travel and Per Diem	2,025.72	0.00	2,025.72
Total Administrative Expenses	<u>199,172.50</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>199,172.50</u>
Total Expenses	<u>1,981,211.42</u>	<u>18,788.58</u>	<u>1,037,990.44</u>

Footnotes:

1 Line includes venue expenses, A/V contractor and other meeting costs as required for approximately eight meetings.

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

3 Line includes travel and per diem for the approximately eight board meetings.

	<u>FY 2020/2021</u>			
Revenues				
Program Revenues				
Program Appropriation	1,750,000.00			
Total Program Revenues	<u>1,750,000.00</u>			
Administrative Revenues				
Administrative Appropriation	250,000.00			
Total Administrative Revenues	<u>250,000.00</u>			
	<u>Encumbered</u>	<u>Remaining Unencumbered</u>	<u>Actual/Expended</u>	
Expenses				
Program Expenses				
Analyses and Studies	100,000.00	100,000.00		
¹ Task Force Board Meetings	15,000.00	15,000.00		0.00
Military Friendly Guide	9,500.00	9,500.00		0.00
Out-of-Cycle Activities	375,500.00	375,000.00		
Local Grant Program	1,250,000.00	1,250,000.00		0.00
Total Program Expenses	<u>1,750,000.00</u>	<u>1,749,500.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>
Administrative Expenses				
² Staff Salaries & Benefits	185,000.00	0.00		42,756.35
³ Task Force Travel and Per Diem	12,000.00	0.00		0.00
FDA Travel and Per Diem	0.00	0.00		0.00
Total Administrative Expenses	<u>197,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>		<u>42,756.35</u>
Total Expenses	<u>1,947,000.00</u>	<u>53,000.00</u>		<u>42,756.35</u>

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TAB 4

Current Strategic Plan

<https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/FDSTF-Strategic-Plan-2020-2025.pdf>



Florida

Defense Support Task Force

Strategic Plan

2020 – 2025

November 1, 2020

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Background

Florida's military installations stretch from Pensacola to Jacksonville and through Florida's high-tech corridor to Miami and Key West. The installations, long recognized as true national and state assets, stimulate over \$95 billion dollars annually to the Florida economy through salaries and services, contracts to defense industries, retiree pensions, and other federal programs. This makes defense the 3rd leading economic driver of the state's economy. Additionally, defense-related spending accounts for more than 914,000 direct, indirect and induced jobs. The high-tech nature of the installations and their defense industries has been a foundation for much of Florida's businesses and universities involving aviation, aerospace, photonics, lasers, and modeling and simulation.

Florida's military installations exist for, and are located where they can best support, U.S. national security and defense efforts. Florida must support and enhance the military value of its installations not only for the state and Floridians but also for the nation and all citizens. The FDSTF must focus on the current national environment, strategies and objectives to provide the best recommendations on how the state can protect and improve the military value of these bases and improve quality of life for the personnel and their families who serve on them.

Florida's Strategic Focus

In March of 2019, Governor DeSantis shared his strategic focus for Florida's military and defense support organizations.

Governor's Vision: Florida remains the most military and veteran friendly state in the country.

Governor's Goals (GG):

- 1) Be the best on quality of services for our Service Members and Veterans,
- 2) Protect, preserve and promote our active duty, reserve and national guard military installations and missions for Florida's role in US national security,
- 3) Increase the defense industry including creating a ready workforce to fill jobs and build equipment for our installations and missions.

Governor's Priority Activities (GPA):

- 1) Secure Space Command and Space Force Assets Assignment to Florida,
- 2) Extend legislative prohibition on O&G exploration or extraction in EGOMEX and enhance the Gulf Range,
- 3) Complete base-of-the-future rebuild to retain current and acquire new missions for Tyndall AFB.

FDSTF Mission

As established in F.S. 288.987(2), the mission of the Florida Defense Support 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.”

FDSTF Vision

Florida is nationally acknowledged as the most military-friendly state, providing the most advantageous and positive environment for military installations, defense industries, personnel, families and veterans.

FDSTF Goals / Objectives / Activities

The layout below reflects the following structure:

#. Goal

Objective

Activity

These are linked to the Governor’s Goals and the Task Force Mission as cited above.

1. Obtain results which are mutually beneficial to Florida and the defense community through successful advocacy efforts.

- 1.1 Promote Florida as best and most cost-effective solution for DoD.
 - 1.1.1 Actively advocate with senior national level government officials for new missions and new technology.
 - 1.1.2 Inform DoD leaders of Florida installations’ capacity to absorb future growth.
- 1.2 Advocate for favorable resolution of military and defense issues.
 - 1.2.1 Provide and maintain a plan for active and effective engagement and outreach for military and homeland defense missions and facilities located in Florida including the US Coast Guard.
 - 1.2.2 Identify, prioritize and address current and potential base and range encroachment, compatible development, resiliency and mission sustainment issues including, airspace, environmental, energy, frequency spectrum, land and water use compatibility using Military Base Protection Program (MBPP) land acquisition, Rural and Family Lands Protection Program, Florida Forever DoD Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) and Sentinel Landscape, along with other state and federal mitigation resources.

- 1.2.2.1 Rank order MBPP land acquisition & easement requests
- 1.2.2.2 Use TF Grants to protect bases from encroachment and support DoD REPI Partnerships.
- 1.2.3 Support installations in solving other encroachment issues such as lighting, noise, and cyber or nontraditional and emerging encroachment challenges such as civil use of drones near military installations.
- 1.2.4 Protect and expand Florida military base operational buffer funding for DIG, FDSTF, FF, REPI, operational & conservation buffering grants.
- 1.2.5 Work to ensure FL avoids all negative mission impacts from oceanic and terrestrial oil/gas/renewable energy development.
- 1.2.6 Continue to advocate for full funding of the DoD's Gulf Range Enhancement program.
- 1.2.7 Complete implementation of the Compatible Use Plans (formerly known as "Joint Land Use Studies" – JLUS) at all Florida military installations that have conducted them.
- 1.2.8 Engage with state leadership to ensure National Guard facility maintenance and repair are properly funded

2. Proactively posture Florida to help DoD to find efficiencies and synergies.

- 2.1 Sensitize decision makers to the value of employing all Florida Ranges, including the National Center for Simulation, as one integrated complex to achieve optimal value for DoD by fully integrating both live and simulated test and training activities.
 - 2.1.1 Regularly contact key Defense RDT&E leaders and staff in person and via telecommunications
- 2.2 Champion and continue legacy of Florida's warmth, embrace and respect for military family quality of life; improve it how and when possible.
 - 2.2.1 Through state legislation and other state programs, address military family quality of life issues that significantly impact service member retention, such as:
 - 2.2.1.1 License reciprocity
 - 2.2.1.2 Job portability, Spousal employment
 - 2.2.1.3 Entrepreneurship
 - 2.2.1.4 Quality of Military Family Member education
 - 2.2.1.5 Housing

- 2.2.1.6 Healthcare
- 2.2.1.7 Transition
- 2.2.2 Advertise Florida benefits for military personnel, veterans and family members in Florida Military Friendly Guide.
 - 2.2.2.1 Investigate best media for reaching additional populations; format and communicate information as appropriate
 - 2.2.2.2 Create one, state-wide, joint web site that consolidates Florida military & veteran friendly initiatives in a single location
- 2.2.3 Publicize the Florida Military and Defense Economic Impact Study and the Florida Defense Factbook more widely emphasizing the economic stability provided by the defense sector.
 - 2.2.3.1 Mobilize local networks through FDA and EDCs to educate electorate and decision makers about economic benefits of military and defense to Florida.
 - 2.2.3.2 Engage media outlets to present story of Florida's military friendly environment and benefits to Florida of military and defense.
- 2.2.4 Assist the Governor's office and state agencies in supporting Florida's military installations, organizations and activities as identified through the base commanders meetings.
 - 2.2.4.1 Increase coordination with the service Installation Management Commands to identify base requirements to which state can respond.
- 2.2.5 Work with military installations to identify ways to help improve resiliency through off-base and joint-use critical infrastructure projects.
 - 2.2.5.1 With DEO, increase awareness of Defense Community Infrastructure Program, assist with proposal development, matching funds as appropriate and feasible.
- 2.3 Lower installations' costs of doing business through public-private partnerships.
 - 2.3.1 Assist in identifying for communities, opportunities for Community Partnerships with local bases

- 2.4 Enhance Florida Congressional Delegation (CODEL) efforts to coordinate defense and security initiatives.
 - 2.4.1 Monitor actions and potential actions within the DOD and in Congress that could affect Florida's military presence and take appropriate action to encourage maintenance and growth of the military presence in Florida.
 - 2.4.2 Encourage Florida CODEL members to participate in Defense-related caucuses
- 2.5 Synchronize common goals between local military Research & Development (R&D) efforts and adjacent academic institutions.
 - 2.5.1 Link Central Florida's modeling and simulation community to Florida's 20 major military installations and defense businesses through the establishment and maintenance of Tech Bridges.
 - 2.5.2 Promote Florida as a leading center in development and advancement of cyber education and industry. Link universities and military in cyber efforts.
 - 2.5.3 Promote, protect, and grow the Manufacturing, Science & Technology (MS&T) partnerships with military, industry, and academia throughout Florida emphasizing innovation, high tech nature of the work, and high salary jobs.
 - 2.5.4 Advocate for and support the efforts to grow the medical simulations domain as a Center of Medical Simulations in Florida. Assist Team Orlando members to strengthen collaboration with the Veteran Administration's medical simulation activities.
 - 2.5.5 Expand the MS&T medical simulation benefits into Family wellness and Medical professional training.
 - 2.5.6 Develop a plan to scale medical modeling & simulation from proof of concept efforts to mass training programs
 - 2.5.7 Support expanded MS&T education at all levels of education from middle school through graduate school.
- 2.6 Increase existing missions and add compatible missions that fit with the capacity and infrastructure of the installation.
 - 2.6.1 Support bases' efforts in dealing with environmental issues, resiliency and "Green" initiatives

3. Foster and strengthen mutually beneficial communication and relationships between state, installation and community

- 3.1 Inform Decision Makers & Public.
 - 3.1.1 Coordinate a unified consistent message of TF members, executive and legislative branches of Florida government, congressional members and defense communities.
 - 3.1.2 Share relevant information to communities both directly and through the Florida Defense Alliance.
 - 3.1.3 Share relevant information with defense associated groups that impact Florida
 - 3.1.4 Identify, document and publicize the military value of Florida installations in the Florida Defense Factbook using core DoD criteria and the results of previous data calls.
 - 3.1.5 Continue to strengthen defense-related working relationships with all following state agencies:
 - 3.1.5.1 The Department of Veterans Affairs
 - 3.1.5.2 The Department of Economic Opportunity
 - 3.1.5.3 The Department of Environmental Protection
 - 3.1.5.4 The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs
Energy Office
 - 3.1.5.5 The Department of Military Affairs
 - 3.1.5.6 The Department of Business and Professional Regulation
 - 3.1.5.7 The Department of Education
 - 3.1.5.8 The Department of Transportation
 - 3.1.5.9 CareerSource Florida.

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Vision

Governor's Vision: Florida remains the most military and veteran friendly state in the country.

FDSTF Vision: Florida is nationally acknowledged as the most military-friendly state in the nation, providing the most advantageous and positive environment for military installations, defense industries, personnel, families and veterans.

Mission

FDSTF Mission (F.S. 288.987):

- To make recommendations to preserve and protect military installations and missions;
- 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.

Goals

Governor's Goals (GG):

1) Be the best on quality of services for our SMs and Veterans, 2) Protect, preserve and promote our active duty, reserve and national guard military installations and missions for Florida's role in US national security, 3) Increase the defense industry including creating a ready workforce to fill jobs and build equipment for our installations and missions.

FDSTF Goals (connection to the Governor's Goals above**):**

- 1 Obtain results which are mutually beneficial to Florida and the defense community through successful advocacy efforts; ****GG1, 2****
- 2 Proactively posture Florida to help DoD to find efficiencies and synergies; ****GG2****
- 3 Foster and strengthen mutually beneficial communication and relationships between state, installation and community; ****GG1,2,3****

Objective/Activities

Governor's Priority Activities (GPA):

1) Secure Space Command and Space Force Assets Assigned to Florida, 2) Extend legislative prohibition on oil and gas exploration or extraction in EGOMEX and enhance the Gulf Range, 3) Complete base-of-the-future rebuild to retain current and acquire new missions for Tyndall AFB

FDSTF Objectives:

- 1.1 Promote Florida as best and most cost-effective solution for DoD;
- 1.2 Advocate for favorable resolution of military and defense issues;
- 2.1 Share value of Florida's interconnected Range Complex;
- 2.2 Champion Florida's legacy of providing QOL for military families;
- 2.3 Lower installations' costs through public-private partnerships;
- 2.4 Enhance FL CODEL efforts to coordinate defense and national security initiatives;
- 2.5 Synchronize common goals between military, R&D and academic institutions;
- 2.6 Increase compatible missions assigned to Florida installations;
- 3.1 Inform Decision Makers & Public

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SUPPLEMENTARY AND REFERENCE INFORMATION

FDSTF Composition

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Captain Keith Hoskins, U.S. Navy (Ret.)
Representative Holly Raschein
Major General James Eifert, U.S. Air Force, The Adjutant General of Florida (*Governor's personal representative*)

President of the Senate Appointees:

Senator Tom Wright
Mr. Tom Neubauer (*Vice Chairman*)
Major General Richard Haddad, U.S. Air Force (Ret.)

Speaker of the House Appointees:

Representative Thad Altman (*Chairman*)
Brigadier General Arthur "Chip" Diehl III, U.S. Air Force (Ret.)
Colonel Jim Heald, U.S. Air Force (Ret.)
Representative Mel Ponder

Annex A – Base Specific Objectives and Activities

This annex describes the objectives and activities of the Task Force that relate to a specific military base or group of related bases.

Naval Air Station Pensacola –

- Attract cyber domain commercial entities for community co-location.
- Advocate for unfunded construction addressing base access control, repairs to airfield hangers and NATTC dormitories.
- Establish a system to enhance air space management in Northwest Florida with guidance aimed at future growth in flight activity.
- Support the purchase of land and/or development rights of the parcels under the flight traffic pattern to prevent future encroachment issues.
- Continue initiatives with Navy to secure public access to National Cemetery, National Museum of Naval Aviation, Fort Barrancas and Pensacola Lighthouse.
- Support transportation changes that enhance access through entry control points.
- 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.
- Continue initiatives for shared functions (commercial, medical, recreation, etc.) with the communities and State through mechanisms such as enhanced-use leasing.
- Advocate for expansion of educational opportunities for military families, including a Charter School in proximity to the NAS.
- Advocate for infrastructure improvements to support Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Cutter (OPC) homeporting.
- Encourage establishing Public-Private Partnership Agreements for cross-fence line infrastructure and public services
- Search for Base – Community Co-development opportunities.
- Support Compatible Use Plan development.

Naval Air Station Whiting Field –

- Support an information campaign highlighting additional capacity / training opportunities in the vicinity of Whiting.
- Continue further efforts to buffer training airfields from encroachment.
- Support funding and complete the Whiting Field interior security fence.
- Mitigate risk of future airfield rain runoff environmental problems.

Corry Station –

- Raise awareness of Corry Station's infrastructure issues to Navy leadership.
- Advocate for unfunded construction addressing base access control and establishment of permanent Cyber Mission Force Training Building.

- Continue to advocate bringing additional mission / workload to the Center for Information Warfare Training.

Saufley Field –

- Advocate implementing Enhanced Use Lease (EUL) or other re-use agreements where the community can use portions of Saufley Field for commercial activities.

Hurlburt Field –

- Encourage a strategy to ensure the SOW has ample access to range facilities.
- Advocate for upgrades and recapitalization of aircraft at Hurlburt Field.
- Champion a strategy to sustain the Florida Air National Guard CV-22 mission to include unit equipped force structure.
- Support efforts to achieve final solution to access and Main Gate traffic challenges.
- Support proposed “West Gate” construction and off base auxiliary roads to reduce / eliminate traffic congestion.
- Develop strategy to overcome base limitations and foster additional operations and growth.
- Advocate for a manpower study of the 1st SOW.

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 Test and Training Complex.
- Strengthen support for DoD and USAF Community Partnership Programs and provide communities adequate support and funding to fully support partnerships.
- Raise public awareness of 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 transformation of the Eglin Test & Training Complex (ETTC) into the leading weapons system integration test range for future developmental weapons systems providing operationally realistic environments for full scale test and training, integrating 5th/6th Generation Aircraft and Air Armament to include Integrated Air Defense Systems (IADS) capabilities, hypersonic systems and new threat emitters.
- Identify possible state contributions to Eglin Range sustainment and growth to support 5th and 6th generation weapons and aircraft.
- Enable full utilization of the Eastern Gulf of Mexico (NW Florida down to Keys) for test and training mission profiles.
- Advocate for the establishment of a hypersonic weapons corridor.

- Advocate a replacement aircraft for Bombardier E-9A range telemetry support aircraft at Tyndall.
- Advocate for completing federal implementation of the Gulf Regional Airspace Strategic Initiative's (GRASI) Landscape Initiative.
- Advocate for eventual assignment of operational and developmental F-35 test aircraft and infrastructure at Eglin.
- Support the growth of the Florida Air National Guard (FANG) F-35 operations at Eglin AFB.
- Stay Engaged with AFMC as they develop their Air Armament Strategy.
- Support NexGen Eglin: a concept for transformation for installation renovations and redevelopment.
- Support the expansion of C4ISR and Cybersecurity test capability at Eglin. Capabilities needed include facilities supporting the Avionics Cyber Range, the National Cyber range, and an expanded advanced battle management test facility to meet national defense strategy.
- Re-accomplish Compatible Use Plan.
- Support road improvements to facilitate Highway 85 and Highway 98 ingress / egress.
- Study feasibility of light rail to support regional worker access from Pensacola, Milton, Crestview, Defuniak Springs and Eglin and Hurlburt.

Naval Support Activity Panama City –

- Support installation efforts to leverage core competencies, unique range assets and a culture in support of unmanned systems research, development and test of autonomous and unmanned systems.
- Protect Navy ranges used for research, development, test, evaluation and training in Florida's littoral waters.
- Assist Naval Surface Warfare Center, Panama City Division (NSWC-PCD) in exploring ways to increase utilization of the Gulf of Mexico test and training range digital instrumentation resulting from the Department of Defense GRE (Gulf Range Enhancement) plan.
- Support NSWC-PCD expansion of all expeditionary warfare capabilities in addition to MIW.
- Support NSWC-PCD in becoming a Tech Bridge to harness Navy Technological Innovation.
- Advocate for expanded turn basin and improved berthing capability suitable for larger vessels, including Littoral Combat Ships (LCS) and Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Cutters
- Support local activities to enable berthing capability of Littoral Combat Ships (LCS) at NSA Panama City.
- Maximize the benefit of the 8.44 acres acquired to enhance mission growth and contractor support for NSA-PC and its tenant commands.
- Emphasize future developments associated with long-term Navy strategic goals such as sustainable and renewable energy projects and leveraging NAVSEA competencies to support the National Security Strategy goal of retaining and expanding military overmatch through development of innovative capabilities.

- Advocate for the continued development of mission packages and ISEA activities at NSA Panama City.
- Advocate for continued SSDC work at NSA Panama City.
- Continued support for joint service Dive Training at NDSTC (Naval Dive and Salvage Training Center) and Saturation Diving at NEDU (Navy Experimental Dive Unit).
- Complete implementation of the Compatible Use Plan and adjacent land acquisition project to ensure merging commercial and military activities can each meet their objectives.

Tyndall Air Force Base –

- Support the commitment of the Air Force to complete the rebuild of Tyndall AFB as an efficient and resilient “Base of the Future” through support of the Industry Day contractor engagement process and development of a satisfactory workforce housing solution.
- Through engagement with CODEL and DoD leadership, Ensure that planned funding is secured and the National Environmental Policy Act (including EIS) process initiated September 17, 2019 is completed as required to achieve a record of decision (ROD) for each new mission, to include at least three squadrons of F-35s and bed down of RPA Base Y, including MCE (Mission Control Element) and LRE (Launch and Recovery Element) with 24 assigned aircraft.
- Promote engagement of all local government, municipalities and the county in developing a comprehensive alignment to ensure that the Base of the Future is supported by the community of the future, committed to the delivery of quality services.
- Provide direct support to the installation and to Bay County to ensure a Compatible Use Plan (CUP) is conducted as part of the rebuild effort.
- Provide direct support to the installation and to Bay County to ensure the successful scheduled completion of the Compatible Use Plan (CUP) launched August 13, 2019.
- Support the re-launch of Tyndall’s Community Partnership Program and leverage the engagement of program SME’s with grant support.
- Support efforts to secure adequate, affordable housing, access to medical care and day care in support of current and future missions.
- Support the efforts of Tyndall AFB and the community to provide future K-8 education facilities on the installation.
- Support the efforts of AFNORTH to secure federal legislation that would provide the commander with appropriate control over privately operated drones operating in Tyndall airspace.

Blount Island Marine Logistic Center –

- Ensure Pentagon leadership awareness of the value of Blount Island.

Florida National Guard –

- Advocate for a “National Guard” service component in the newly established U.S. Space Force.
- Advocate for Federal resources to support Florida National Guard Armory/Readiness Center/Facility renovation and construction in support of established Florida National Guard facility staging plans and priorities.
- Support efforts to coordinate training area relationships, throughout Florida, to provide localized training area opportunities.
- Advocate for growth of Cyber capabilities in both the Florida Army and Air National Guard.
- Advocate for additional force structure in support of established Florida Army and Air National Guard force management plans.
- Advocate for State resources to support Florida National Guard Armory/Readiness Center/Facility renovation and construction in support of established Florida National Guard facility staging plans and priorities.

125th Fighter Wing at Jacksonville International Airport –

- Continue to support base facility improvements and taxiway upgrades to ensure 125th FW compliance to Air Force standards.
- Advocate for an “Active-Associate” unit at the 125th Fighter Wing.
- Monitor F-35 (Joint Strike Fighter) transition for the 125th Fighter Wing, Florida Air National Guard and advocate for any necessary state-level actions.

Camp Blanding Joint Training Center –

- Promote Camp Blanding to be selected as a Mobilization Force Generation Installation (MFGI)
- Support an interagency training establishment as a center of gravity for disaster response.
- Pursue construction and expansion of ranges to meet DoD requirements and guidelines.
- Promote the value of the Joint Training Center to national level entities (NGB, DOD, DHS, USNORTHCOM, USSOUTHCOM, USSOCOM, and USCENTCOM).
- Identify adjacent eastern and northeastern land tracts for compatible military use.

Naval Station Mayport –

- Advocate for a 2nd Amphibious Readiness Group (ARG) (3 ships) to be stationed at NS Mayport and seek US Coast Guard ship basing at Mayport.
- Support stationing of additional Littoral Combat Ships (LCS) at NS Mayport.
- 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.
- Monitor the health and future of NS Mayport based Triton Airframes, Consolidated Maintenance Hub (CMH), HSM Squadrons, LCS Ships, LCS

Support Facilities (LSF), and LCS Training Facilities (LTF), in order to encourage the Navy to stay the course in these important national defense programs.

- Re-accomplish Compatible Use Plan.

Naval Air Station Jacksonville –

- Monitor the health and future of NAS JAX based P-8A Poseidon squadrons, Triton UAS Command and Control Squadron (VUP-19), and HSM Squadrons in order to encourage the Navy to stay the course in these important national defense programs.
- Secure top Navy leadership support for NAS JAX and FRC's proposed MILCON Plan and PPV proposals by local community.
- Advocate for future depot level repair of new weapons platforms including F-35 and TRITON
- Continually work to ensure compatible land use near the base in accordance with the existing AICUZ and RAICUZ Studies, multiple local County and City Comprehensive Plans and the principles of the Compatible Use Plan process.

Pinecastle Range Complex (PRC) –

- Educate/inform all levels of government and the public on the importance of the Pinecastle Range Complex mission and importance supporting the National Defense Strategy by building a lethal joint force. Advocate for increased facilities funding in order to support capability for both current and future operations.
- Improve outreach efforts regarding the Range Complex role and unique capabilities. Ensure public, state, and federal leadership understand the symbiotic relationship between the PRC, Jax Offshore Operating Area (JAX OPAREA), and the Eastern Gulf of Mexico (EGOMEX) Range Complex, including connecting Special Use Airspace (SUA). In our current political and fiscal environment, the operational totality of these ranges can never be duplicated or replaced.
- Champion for infrastructure investment to enhance current electronic warfare training capability, increasing ability to support 5th/6th generation aircraft training.
- Continue to expand PRC's robust training opportunities, and mission capacity, for the Florida Army National Guard, USMC, USAF, USN, Federal and State law enforcement agencies.

MacDill Air Force Base –

- Preempt Encroachment potential and impact on operational sustainment; and to assure readiness to upgrade/expand infrastructure for increased Force Structure
- Permanently resolve Compatible Building – FL Rock issue

- Support the purchase of development rights of the remaining section of the parcel (Florida Rock) immediately adjacent to MacDill Air Force Base to prevent future encroachment issues.
- Champion readiness, capacity and capability of MacDill AFB to increase Air Refueling Mission force structure to include beddown of additional KC-135 tankers or new future tankers.
- 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.
- Identify and promote potential for MacDill to absorb new missions and activities emphasizing activities in support of the Air Mobility mission and cooperatively with Combatant Commands, other services and reserve components.
- Advocate for infrastructure improvements in support of the Air Refueling Wing.
- Monitor construction of facilities for beddown of helicopters from US Army Reserve 159th Aviation Regiment.
- Champion enhancement of Military Education (University to Community College to K-12) to include buildout of MacDill Middle School (DOD PSMI Program).
- Re-accomplish Compatible Use Plan.
- Champion continued modernization/improvements to Deployed Unit Complex (DUC) supporting Operational/Transient Air Units deployed to train at Avon Park.
- Advocate to reverse DHA "Right-Sizing/Active Duty Only" Proposal for 6th Medical Group
- Support FL Chief Resiliency Officer plan to conduct Compatible Use Plan with Resiliency Addendum for Tampa Bay/MacDill AFB region
- Promote potential of MacDill AFB and Tampa Bay area to support US Space Force evolution in Florida emphasizing University RDT&E; Industry support to OT&E and capacity for mission support priorities such as Cybersecurity; AI; Range Use and International partnerships
- Champion continued improvements toward efficient, accessible, quality Healthcare across Tampa Bay (MacDill, VA Medical Centers & FDVA) for Military and Veteran populations
- Champion State and Community support for military families across Education, Healthcare, Work Force, Transition and Entrepreneurship.

Bugg Spring –

- Continue to support Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE); Florida Department of Economic Development; NSA Orlando; Lake County; and City of Leesburg efforts to protect and buffer Bugg Spring's

- Navy Acoustic Test Facility from incompatible commercial and residential development that could impact operational test missions at the Spring.
- The Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) Okahumpka open water facility at Bugg Spring is located in Western Lake County and administered by the United States Navy.
 - Lake County and the City of Leesburg have established overlay districts designed to protect the mission and the long-term viability of this military facility through the management of underlying future land uses.
 - Enforcement is dependent on continued coordination and vigilance with developers by Navy, County and City action officers and the Florida Department of Economic Development.

Team Orlando –

- Continue to assist Metro Orlando Defense Task Force (MODTF) to maintain Team Orlando as the epicenter of the world for modeling, simulation, and training (MS&T).
 - Support the MODTF to establish routine strategic updates within the park stakeholders.
 - Support the MODTF to update and implement a strategic communication and outreach plan.
 - Provide support for the MODTF to maintain updated economic report findings.
- Continue to link Central Florida's modeling and simulation community to Florida's 20 major military installations and defense business which have an \$94.9 billion annual impact on Florida's economy.
- Advocate informing senior Service and Joint leadership on Team Orlando's capabilities and solidifying support for modeling and simulation synergy
- Submit and attract unique proposal ideas to support the promotion, protection, and growth of the \$6B MS&T community.
- Fund a study to identify and showcase Team Orlando entity contributions to national security.
- Continue to promote, protect, and grow the MS&T military, industry, and academia partnership throughout the State of Florida emphasizing innovation, high tech nature of the work, and high salary jobs.
- Advocate and support efforts for innovative technology of MS&T for technology transfer to other areas of Central Florida such as; UCF Innovative districts of NEOCity, Downtown Orlando Creative Village, Lake Nona, and thriving Space Coast.
- Investigate opportunities for alignment of modelling, simulation, and training needs of Space Command with Team Orlando DoD MS&T initiatives.
- Continue and grow the Orlando simulation community's support of the Integrated Florida Range concept to leverage the modeling, simulations and

- training capabilities in central Florida.
- Support the Army Futures Command led “consortium” concept for service cross sharing.
 - Advocate for and support the efforts to grow the medical simulations domain as a Center of Medical Simulations in Florida. Assist the Team Orlando members to strengthen collaboration with the new Veteran Administration’s MEDSIM wing of the hospital in Lake Nona Florida.
 - Expand the MS&T Med Sim benefits into Family wellness and Medical professional training.
 - Advocate to publicize and support the efforts of the Team Orlando capabilities to support Cyber related training.
 - Assist where appropriate the Army initiative to build a persistent cyber training environment in Partnership 5 building (project is underway and ongoing).
 - Support emerging designation of NAWCTSD as a Tech Bridge location, emphasizing connection of emerging technologies, processes, and companies with defense needs or other secured spaces.
 - Advocate for appropriate facilities (on or off installation) to support expected continued Team Orlando growth
 - Strongly endorse Team Orlando training effectiveness methodologies to determine the RIGHT technology for the desired training.
 - Strongly endorse expanded MS&T education at all levels of education from middle school through graduate school.

Patrick Air Force Base and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station –

- Continue to support the Indian River Bridge Replacement Program.
- Support efforts of Space Florida to have Florida chosen as the site of the headquarters of the new U.S. Space Command.
- Pursue programs to develop sites suitable for mission expansion.
- Support continued commercial space launch efforts.
- Advocate for accelerated funding of the equipment portion of the XY building.
- Advocate for aircraft recapitalization for Combat Search and Rescue unit based at Patrick AFB (920th Rescue Wing).
- Monitor efforts to build rail lines across the installation property to identify any mission impact threats early.
- Advocate for necessary repair/replacement/expansion of surface bridges needed to support ongoing and planned future space operations.
- Secure the main gates at Cape Canaveral AF Station.
- Advocate for Patrick AFB to become home for Battlefield Airmen Training.
- Re-accomplish Compatible Use Plan at Patrick and Cape Canaveral.
- Support the growth of the Florida Air National Guard in Space Operations.

- Advocate to reverse DHA “Right-Sizing/Active Duty Only” Proposal for 45th Medical Group
- Support the development of a state master plan for the complementary use of Cape Canaveral and Port Canaveral.
- Pursue solutions for traffic management at Patrick AFB.

Naval Ordnance Test Unit –

- Champion NOTU facility improvements and recapitalization efforts necessary to maintain NOTU's support role in maintaining a safe, secure and effective nuclear deterrent which is the number one priority of the Department of Defense.
- Advocate for accelerating/prioritizing the Engineering Test Facility MILCON budget planning timeline in order to support the Trident II D5LE2 development and testing, including pad launch testing requirements.
- Maintain the railhead at the Kennedy Space Center Shuttle Landing Facility to receive motor shipments in support of Trident II D5LE2 development and testing.
- Encourage the planning and development of infrastructure for mission expansion in the areas of system development and testing of hypersonics/Conventional Prompt Strike system.
- Support development of multi-user vertical launch capability at Kennedy Space Center to reduce encroachment pressures on NOTU's mission at Cape Canaveral AFS from growth of commercial vertical landing activity at CCAFS.
- Support commercial utilities investment in electrical infrastructure to provide upgraded electrical power redundancy required to support VIRGINIA and COLUMBIA class submarines at Cape Canaveral Navy Trident Wharf.
- Pursue a state master plan for development and complementary use of Cape Canaveral and Port Canaveral that fully integrates Navy and other federal entity port requirements to mitigate encroachment to national defense missions. This includes lost productivity caused by frequent on-base evacuations in support of vertical booster recovery ops.

Avon Park Range –

- Continue to pursue new or increased missions and expand use to additional range customers.
- Advocate for Smart Range infrastructure investment including adding electronic warfare training capability, increasing ability to support 5th/6th 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.
- Enhance facilities to increase its use as a turnkey facility.
- Address limited manpower – advocate for new manpower study.
- Advocate for better funding.
- Continue efforts to mitigate encroachment and encourage easement purchases.
- Stay engaged with ongoing range plans that may impact APAFR.
- Expand training and range capacity for the Florida Army National Guard.

U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) –

- Articulate the need for the USSOUTHCOM mission and location. Advocate retaining USSOUTHCOM Headquarters in Miami, and should there be a USNORTHCOM/USSOUTHCOM consolidation, advocate having the HQs located in South Florida.
- Continue to work the FAA and private developers to support a solution to the housing limitation near the USSOUTHCOM garrison.
- Support the development of a US Army-Garrison Master Plan that:
 - Expands its role as the ADCON support entity for all DOD and select DHS assets in South Florida
 - Creates an administrative and operational bond between USAG-Miami and Homestead ARB
 - Enhances its image and role in the South Florida community
 - Pursues options for base housing and consolidated logistics facilities
- Pursue USSOUTHCOM becoming a “Center of Innovation” combining military technology agencies, private industry and academic research and study.
- Pursue USSOUTHCOM/South Florida becoming a “Center of Excellence for Latin America & Caribbean Diplomacy.” Combine assets at DOD, DHS, DOS, USSOUTHCOM, South Florida Universities, Central/South American Universities, think tanks, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and private entities to create a valuable synergistic partnership focused on the security, stability, resiliency and growth of the Western Hemisphere.
- Advocate to reverse DHA “Right-Sizing/Active Duty Only” Proposal impacting USSOUTHCOM/Army Garrison Miami Medical Clinic

Coast Guard Base Miami Beach –

- Support efforts to protect the base from possible encroachment risks from potential re-zoning to permit nearby development incompatible with the base mission.

Homestead Air Reserve Base –

- Actively pursue the inclusion of Homestead Air Reserve Base into Joint Staff, USSOUTHCOM, USNORTHCOM and USTRANSCOM contingency planning. Advocate for Homestead Air Reserve Base to be included among USNORTHCOM and USTRANSCOM key contingency bases reports.
- Advocate restoration of 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 encroachment management at HARB, including efforts to limit expansion of Urban Development Boundary and Urban Expansion Areas near the installation including pursuit to purchase easements on unprotected parcels in Homestead Park of Commerce to limit future incompatible development (HARB is supportive of the FLNG acquiring the 70 acres as it will ensure compatible development with mission operations and will support encroachment management at HARB).
- Continue to advocate for F-35’s to be based at HARB.
- Improve two maintenance hangars that are degraded and near the end of their service life; ensure improvements support future F-35 requirements.
- Review and update previous Homestead ARB CUP.
- Encourage the development of a HARB Growth Master Plan that:
 - Identifies and pursues South Florida Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security missions and entities that would benefit from being tenants.
 - Identifies and pursues equipment to enhance the 482nd Fighter Wing’s lethality and to take advantage of HARB’s strategic location (e.g., F-35 Fighters).
 - Supports USSOCOM in its pursuit to acquire Miami-Dade County land adjacent to SOCSOUTH headquarters. The land provides additional space and direct access to the runway in order to more effectively conduct special operations missions.
 - Assesses infrastructure and land-use enhancements to support current mission and identify requirements to support expanded mission(s).
 - Assesses the potential for a joint military-civilian use airfield.
 - Develops solutions for housing, base support requirements and the lack of a commissary.
- Continue to fend off encroachment issues; support the purchase of land and or development rights of the parcels (Homestead Park of Commerce) under the flight traffic pattern adjacent to Homestead ARB to prevent future encroachment issues.

Naval Air Station Key West –

- Educate / inform all levels of government and the American public about the importance of the Key West mission.
- Improve the outreach effort regarding Naval Air Station Key West's important security role and unique capabilities.
- Support Navy offshore range development and increased cooperative operations for Navy Aviation assets across the Gulf Range Complex.
- Ensure the economic impact of NAS Key West is well known within the community.
- Raise visibility and encourage a solution to the enlisted housing problem and cost of living and affordable housing.
- Support the purchase of land and / or development rights of the parcels under the flight traffic pattern adjacent to Naval Air Station Key West to prevent future encroachment issues.

TAB 5

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Florida Military Facts

Total Statewide Economic Impact \$94.9 B	
Percent of Florida Economy	8.9%
Statewide Direct and Indirect Jobs	914,787
Buildings Owned by Military¹	5,922
Total Acreage (all installations)¹	522,734
Plant Replacement Value¹	\$32.5 Billion
Military Personnel²	65,267
Civilian Personnel²	31,367
Military Reserve²	24,779
National Guard Full-time³	2,470
National Guard Traditional Guardsmen³	10,667
Total Veterans Living in Florida⁴	1,491,072
Total Military Retirees Living in Florida⁵	203,177

¹ Department of Defense, Base Structures Report – FY 2018 Baseline

² Defense Manpower Data Center – Military and Civilian Personnel By Service/ Agency by State/Country (2018)

³ Adjutant General’s Report FY 2018, Committed to Readiness, Florida’s Force – We Work for You

⁴ U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

⁵ Department of Defense, Office of the Actuary

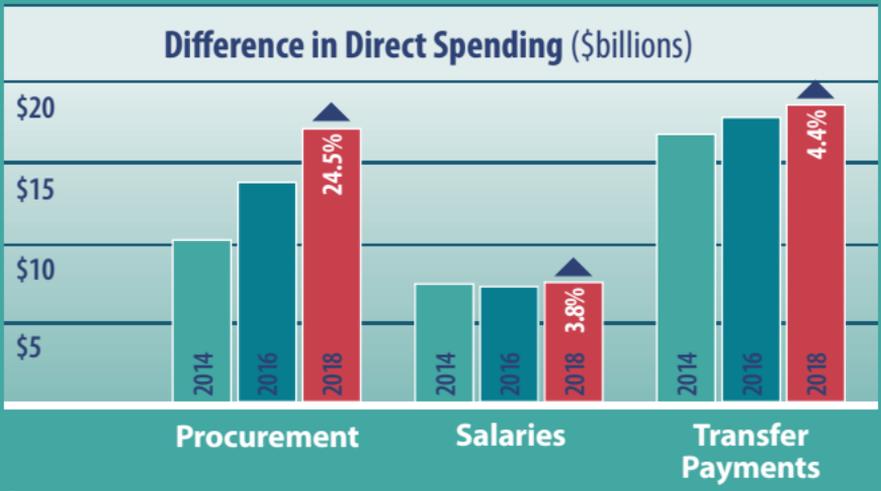
Study Overview



In its continuing effort to preserve and protect Florida's military missions and installations, the Florida Defense Support Task Force commissioned this update to the Florida Defense Industry Economic Impact Analysis in 2019. The update utilizes the same econometric forecasting models

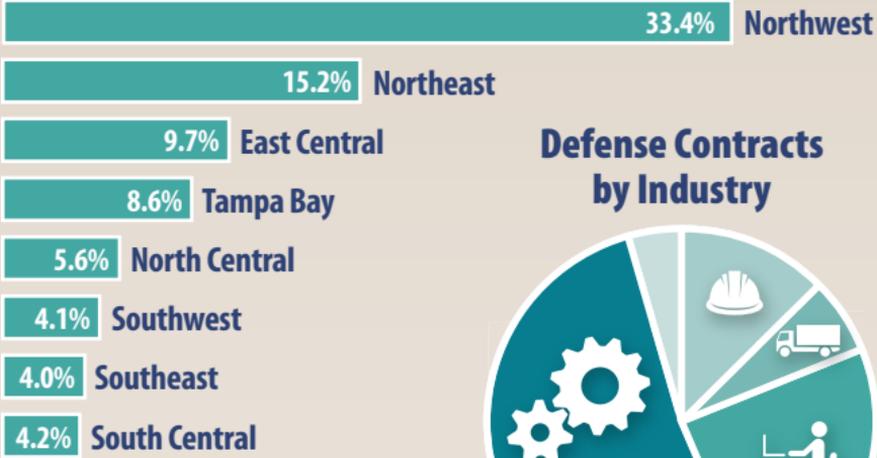
and defense-related spending flows as previous studies. This includes using the REMI PI+ model to estimate total economic impacts at the state and county levels. As in previous years, the study relies primarily on data from the REMI model, U.S. Department of Treasury, U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Florida National Guard, DoD Base Structures Report, DoD Green Book, U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The figure below outlines the major differences in direct inputs between 2014, 2016, and 2018 defense spending. Since the 2016 study, DoD and DHS procurement (contracts) flows to the state have increased by over 24.5%; salaries to military personnel remained relatively stable, increasing by 3.8%; and, transfer payments through military retirement payments and Veterans Affairs benefits increased by 4.4%. In all, direct defense-related spending in the state of Florida increased by 11.4%, equating to \$44 billion in FY 2018. This direct spending rippled through the Florida economy generating nearly \$95 billion in value-added economic impacts and supported just under 915,000 direct, indirect, and induced jobs.



Impacts by the Numbers

Defense as a Percent of Total Economy for Each Region

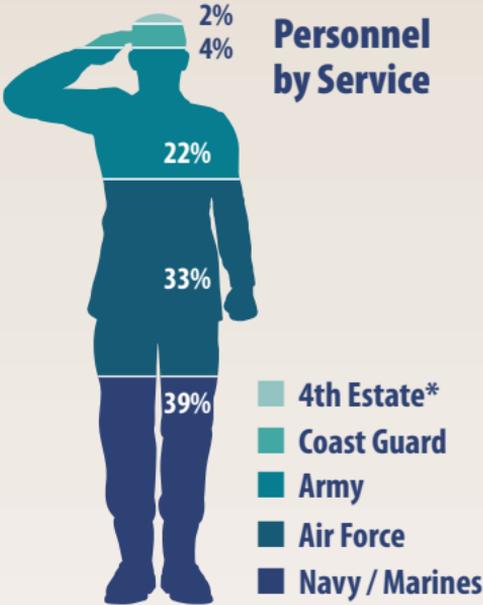


Defense Contracts by Industry



- Manufacturing
- Professional and Business Services
- Trade, Transportation, and Utilities
- Construction
- Other

Personnel by Service



Contracts by Awarding Office



* Refers to personnel working in DoD agencies not directly tied to a military branch, such as the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Defense Commissary Agency, DARPA, etc.

How Florida Ranks in FY 2018



Florida has the

2nd Largest
MILITARY
RETIREE
population



Florida has the

3rd Largest
VETERAN
population



Florida ranks

4th in DEFENSE
CONTRACTS with
\$17.5 Billion
UP FROM 5TH IN 2016.



Florida ranks

5th in DoD
PERSONNEL
with 134,550

Florida hosts a variety of missions critical to our Nation's defense.

Florida is home to:

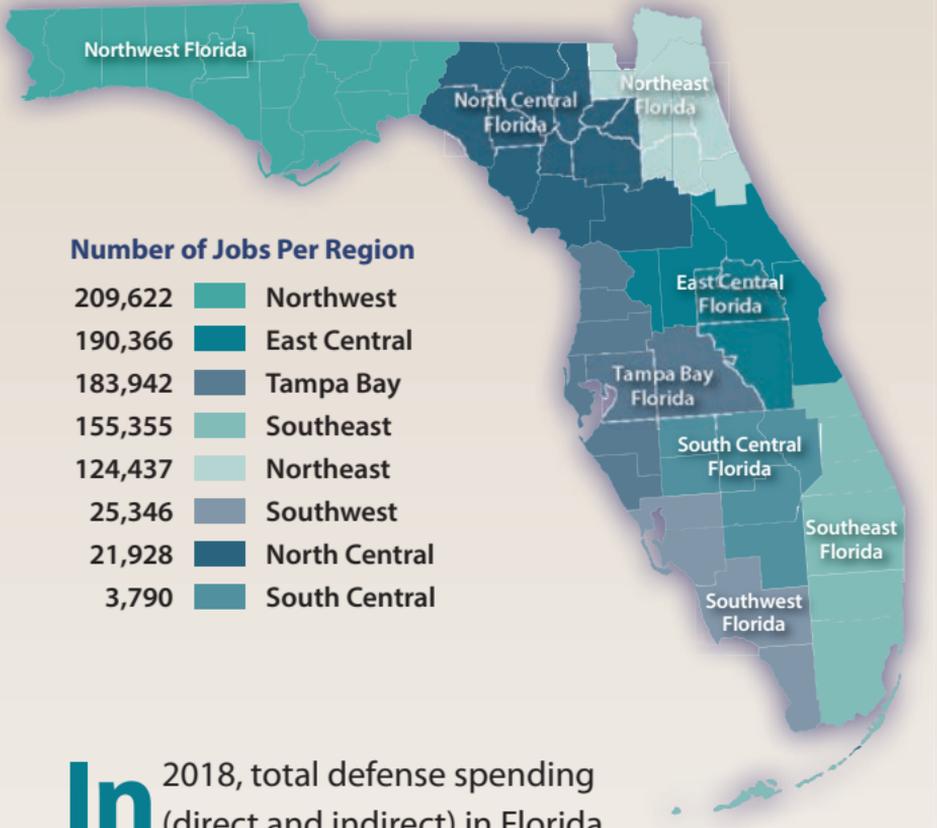
- Three of ten unified combatant command headquarters.
- Hosts two (of only four) deep water naval ports with adjacent airfields.
- The military's only east coast space launch facility.
- The Marine Corps's only maritime prepositioning force facility.
- One of only three Navy Fleet Readiness Centers.
- The Joint Gulf Range Complex.
- Several critical research, development, training, and evaluation (RDT&E) centers.

The DoD's strategy emphasizes rapidly deployable joint forces, joint training, access to space, special operations, precision strike, and research & development, all of which are found in Florida.

Air, land, and sea training areas and ranges associated with the Joint Gulf Range Complex host large, complex joint exercises that allow the services to train like they fight, thus bringing tremendous advantages to our military. Additionally, the Complex connects test and training ranges that extend from Key West to Northwest Florida and across the eastern Gulf of Mexico. It includes 180,000 square miles of DoD controlled airspace, as well as 724 sq. miles of adjacent land ranges, 3,200 sq. miles of airspace over adjacent land, 17 miles of shoreline access, interconnected radars and 2 launch areas for missiles. The training area contains multiple live-fire bombing ranges, including Pinecastle Range, Avon Park Air Force Range and the Eglin Bombing Range, that allow for simultaneous maritime, air, and land training exercises. Due to its tremendous capabilities and Florida's commitment to partnership, the Complex is an integral part of DoD's Training Resources Strategy.

State of Florida

Total Employment Impacts of Defense Activities



In 2018, total defense spending (direct and indirect) in Florida generated roughly \$95 billion, or 9 percent, of Florida's gross state product. Total defense spending also accounted for nearly 915,000 jobs across the state — many of which are associated with a wage premium. For example, nearly \$5.5 billion was directly spent in the Aerospace and Navigational Instruments manufacturing industries. This accounts for nearly 14,000 direct jobs, which pay an average salary of over \$116,000. This industry pays approximately 132% higher than the state average of \$50,000. Defense spending creates jobs in every county in Florida. The map above displays total job impacts (direct and indirect) across the state.

Defense Economic Impact Estimates

Total State Economic Impacts

State Economic Impact	\$94.9 Billion
Employment	914,787 Jobs
Percent of Economy	8.9%
Consumption	\$57.5 Billion
Capital Investment	\$18.6 Billion

Direct Defense Spending

Procurement	\$17.5 Billion
Salaries	\$7.6 Billion
Pensions & Transfers	\$18.8 Billion
Total Defense Spending	\$44.0 Billion

Impacts by Component

Federal Military	
Economic Impact	\$87.4 Billion
Employment	846,569 Jobs
National Guard	
Economic Impact	\$4.6 Billion
Employment	36,763 Jobs
Coast Guard	
Economic Impact	\$3.0 Billion
Employment	31,455 Jobs

Northwest Florida Region



The sixteen-county Northwest Florida Region is home to Tyndall Air Force Base, Naval Support Activity Panama City, Eglin Air Force Base, Hurlburt Field, Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Corry Field and Saufley Field. Defense activities in Northwest Florida generate an estimated 209,622 jobs and account for over \$22.7 billion in gross regional product (GRP), which is 33% of the region's total gross product. The bulk of the impacts are generated by direct federal military spending, which accounts for nearly 194,847 total (direct and indirect) jobs, followed by the National Guard with 9,644 and Coast Guard with 5,132 total jobs respectively in this region.

Defense Economic Impact Estimates

Total Regional Impact *(in Millions)*

Regional Economic Impact	\$22,651.1
Percent of Economy	33.4%
Employment	209,622 Jobs
Consumption	\$11,950.4
Capital Investment	\$3,733.9

Direct Defense Spending *(in Millions)*

Procurement	\$3,125.8
Salaries	\$3,460.8
Pensions & Transfers	\$2,706.6
Total Defense Spending	\$9,293.2

Impacts by Component *(in Millions)*

Federal Military	
Economic Impact	\$20,794.5
Employment	194,847 Jobs
National Guard	
Economic Impact	\$1,314.3
Employment	9,644 Jobs
Coast Guard	
Economic Impact	\$542.3
Employment	5,132 Jobs

Northwest Florida Region

Bay County



Home to:

- Naval Support Activity Panama City
- Tyndall Air Force Base

Naval Support Activity Panama City’s mission is to provide research,

development, test and evaluation, and in-service support for expeditionary, amphibious warfare, diving, maritime special operations, and mine warfare.

Tyndall Air Force Base is the home of the 325th Fighter Wing, which conducts advanced training for F-22 pilots, maintenance personnel, air traffic and weapon controllers and F-22 specific intelligence personnel. The Air Force’s North / 1st Air Force Command Center for air operations in North America is located at Tyndall.

** It should be noted that defense spending data used in this study is from FY 2018 and does not include impacts from Hurricane Michael.*

Total County Impact *(in Millions)*

County Economic Impact	\$3,162.5
Percent of Economy	32.8%
Employment	28,965 Jobs
Consumption	\$1,565.2
Capital Investment	\$510.0

Direct Defense Spending *(in Millions)*

Procurement	\$728.6
Salaries	\$355.5
Pensions & Transfers	\$374.6
Total Defense Spending	\$1,458.7

Northwest Florida Region

Escambia County



Home to:

- Naval Air Station Pensacola
- Corry Station
- Saufley Field

Naval Air Station Pensacola, "The Cradle of Naval Aviation," is tasked with providing

superior training support and a quality environment to its more than 90 tenant commands.

Corry Station's primary mission is to operate and administer assigned schools that provide training to military and civilian personnel of the Department of Defense and international military students.

Saufley Field is a multi-purpose facility hosting the Naval Education & Training Professional Development Center, a Federal Prison Camp, and other activities.

Total County Impact *(in Millions)*

County Economic Impact	\$6,786.0
Percent of Economy	43.6%
Employment	63,391 Jobs
Consumption	\$3,048.9
Capital Investment	\$962.6

Direct Defense Spending *(in Millions)*

Procurement	\$408.2
Salaries	\$1,194.9
Pensions & Transfers	\$643.8
Total Defense Spending	\$2,246.9

Northwest Florida Region

Okaloosa County



Home to:

- Eglin Air Force Base
- Hurlburt Field

Eglin Air Force Base hosts the 96th Test Wing and is the largest military base in the U.S. with 724 square miles

of land range. Eglin hosts the Joint Gulf Range Complex, which is a training resource with tremendous capabilities and a commitment to partnering for joint training.

Hurlburt Field’s mission is to support the training and execution of worldwide aviation special operations such as unconventional warfare, special reconnaissance, counter proliferation, foreign internal defense, information operations, psychological operations, civil affairs and combating terrorism.

Total County Impact *(in Millions)*

County Economic Impact	\$9,388.8
Percent of Economy	72.2%
Employment	78,757 Jobs
Consumption	\$4,077.3
Capital Investment	\$1,295.8

Direct Defense Spending *(in Millions)*

Procurement	\$1,189.9
Salaries	\$1,787.9
Pensions & Transfers	\$753.3
Total Defense Spending	\$3,731.1

Northwest Florida Region

Santa Rosa County



Home to:

- Naval Air Station Whiting Field

Naval Air Station (NAS) Whiting Field’s mission is to produce the military’s best trained “Aviation Warfighter.” With 12 outlying fields, NAS Whiting hosts 21 tenant activities, including Training Air Wing 5 which trains over 1,200 pilots a year. NAS Whiting Field owns 52% of Navy outlying landing fields, and 11% of all DoD flight hours are flown out of NAS Whiting annually.

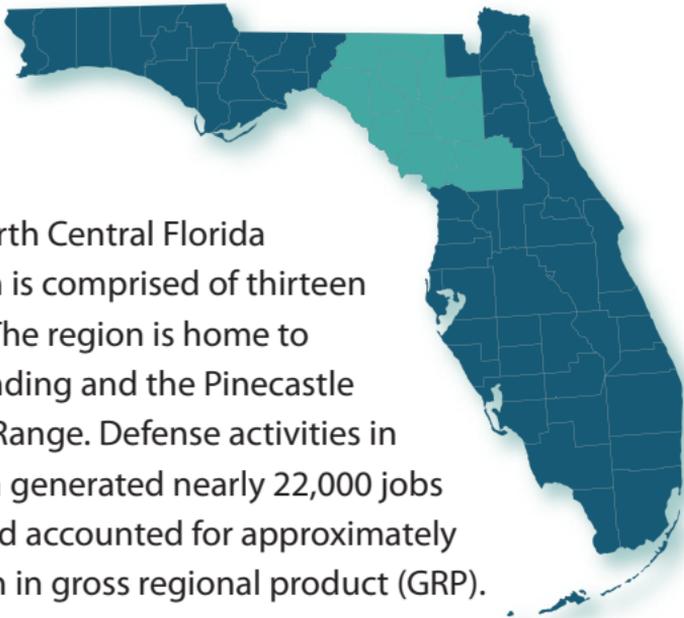
Total County Impact *(in Millions)*

County Economic Impact	\$1,405.4
Percent of Economy	31.3%
Employment	14,505 Jobs
Consumption	\$1,565.2
Capital Investment	\$444.3

Direct Defense Spending *(in Millions)*

Procurement	\$26.6
Salaries	\$53.8
Pensions & Transfers	\$465.8
Total Defense Spending	\$546.2

North Central Florida Region



The North Central Florida region is comprised of thirteen counties. The region is home to Camp Blanding and the Pinecastle Bombing Range. Defense activities in this region generated nearly 22,000 jobs in 2018 and accounted for approximately \$1.8 billion in gross regional product (GRP). This is roughly 5.6% of the region's total gross regional product (GRP). The bulk of the jobs – 20,937 – flow through from federal military spending. Total spending by the National Guard accounts for over 731 jobs, and the Coast Guard accounts for 261 jobs in this region.

Defense Economic Impact Estimates

Total Regional Impact *(in Millions)*

Regional Economic Impact	\$1,787.2
Percent of Economy	5.6%
Employment	21,928 Jobs
Consumption	\$1,776.5
Capital Investment	\$566.2

Direct Defense Spending *(in Millions)*

Procurement	\$160.0
Salaries	\$97.3
Pensions & Transfers	\$1,111.2
Total Defense Spending	\$1,368.5

Impacts by Component *(in Millions)*

Federal Military	
Economic Impact	\$1,696.8
Employment	20,937 Jobs
National Guard	
Economic Impact	\$70.0
Employment	731 Jobs
Coast Guard	
Economic Impact	\$20.4
Employment	261 Jobs



North Central Florida Region

Bradford County



Home to:

- Camp Blanding Joint Training Center

Camp Blanding Joint Training Center is the primary military reservation and training

base for the Florida National Guard. The base is located in adjacent Clay County, approximately 25 miles south of Jacksonville, and is composed of 73,000 acres of forest, lakes, and grassland. Camp Blanding possesses billeting to accommodate more than 3,500 personnel and ranges which can support training for small arms weapons, mortars, artillery, attack helicopter gunnery and close air support aircraft.

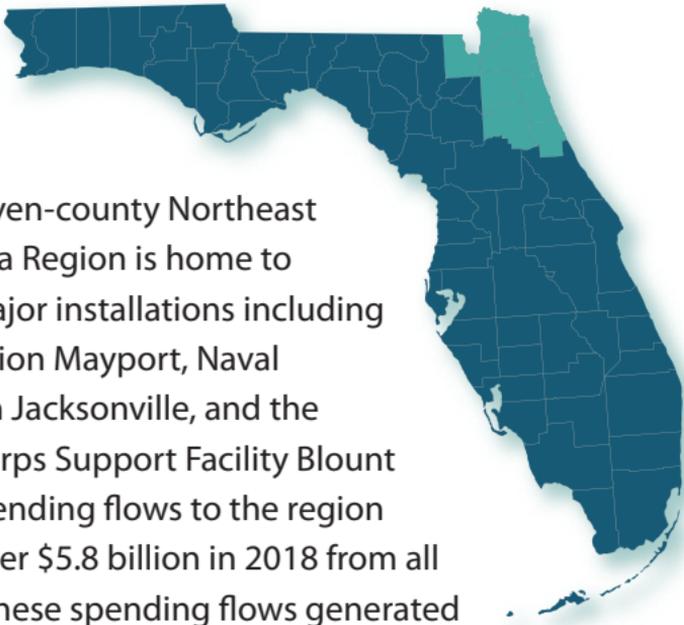
Total County Impact *(in Millions)*

County Economic Impact	\$33.7
Percent of Economy	5.0%
Employment	451 Jobs
Consumption	\$65.4
Capital Investment	\$19.1

Direct Defense Spending *(in Millions)*

Procurement	\$0.3
Salaries	\$1.6
Pensions & Transfers	\$39.5
Total Defense Spending	\$41.4

Northeast Florida Region



The seven-county Northeast Florida Region is home to several major installations including Naval Station Mayport, Naval Air Station Jacksonville, and the Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island. Spending flows to the region totaled over \$5.8 billion in 2018 from all sources. These spending flows generated nearly 124,500 total jobs in the region and accounted for 15.2% of the region’s GRP (\$14.2 billion). Impacts related to federal military spending accounted for 113,910 jobs. The National Guard and Coast Guard accounted for 8,022 jobs and 2,504 jobs, respectively, in this region.

Defense Economic Impact Estimates

Total Regional Impact *(in Millions)*

Regional Economic Impact	\$14,168.3
Percent of Economy	15.2%
Employment	124,437 Jobs
Consumption	\$8,151.9
Capital Investment	\$2,500.0

Direct Defense Spending *(in Millions)*

Procurement	\$1,824.3
Salaries	\$1,756.5
Pensions & Transfers	\$2,230.1
Total Defense Spending	\$5,810.9

Impacts by Component *(in Millions)*

Federal Military	
Economic Impact	\$12,915.7
Employment	113,910 Jobs
National Guard	
Economic Impact	\$1,023.2
Employment	8,022 Jobs
Coast Guard	
Economic Impact	\$229.5
Employment	2,504 Jobs

Northeast Florida Region

Clay County



Home to:

- Camp Blanding Joint Training Center

Camp Blanding Joint Training Center is the primary military reservation and

training base for the Florida National Guard. The base is located in rural Clay County, approximately 25 miles south of Jacksonville, and is composed of 73,000 acres of forest, lakes, and grassland. Camp Blanding possesses billeting to accommodate more than 3,500 personnel and ranges which can support training for small arms weapons, mortars, artillery, attack helicopter gunnery and close air support aircraft.

Total County Impact *(in Millions)*

County Economic Impact	\$780.6
Percent of Economy	14.7%
Employment	10,382 Jobs
Consumption	\$1,143.0
Capital Investment	\$315.7

Direct Defense Spending *(in Millions)*

Procurement	\$32.7
Salaries	\$226.8
Pensions & Transfers	\$490.3
Total Defense Spending	\$749.8

Northeast Florida Region

Duval County



Home to:

- Naval Air Station Jacksonville
- Naval Station Mayport
- Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island
- Jacksonville Air National Guard

Naval Air Station Jacksonville is a multi-mission base, which hosts more than 100 tenant organizations and is the third largest naval installation in the U.S.

Naval Station Mayport is host to 84 tenant commands including 22 ships, four helicopter squadrons and the Navy's Fourth Fleet. Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island plans, coordinates, and executes the logistic efforts necessary to support Maritime Prepositioning Ships squadrons.

The 125th Fighter Wing provides air defense for the southeastern U.S. from Charleston, SC to New Orleans, LA at the Jacksonville Air National Guard Base.

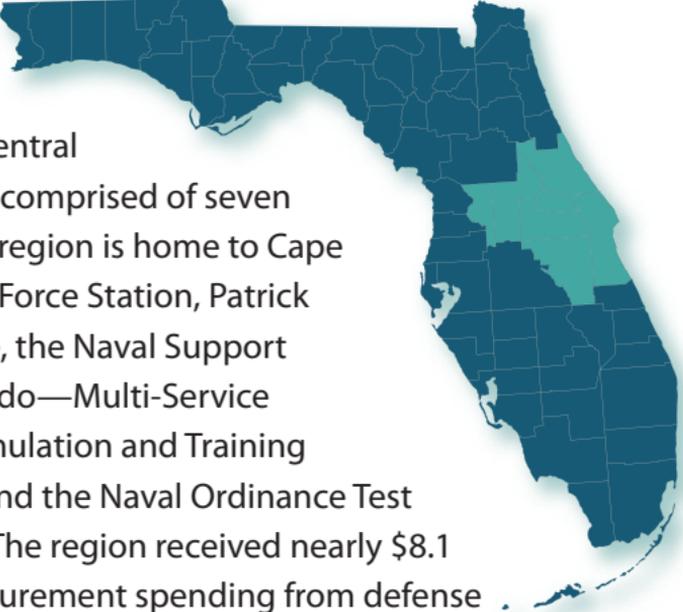
Total County Impact *(in Millions)*

County Economic Impact	\$12,017.0
Percent of Economy	17.0%
Employment	97,280 Jobs
Consumption	\$4,915.1
Capital Investment	\$1,597.3

Direct Defense Spending *(in Millions)*

Procurement	\$1,718.5
Salaries	\$1,492.0
Pensions & Transfers	\$1,164.2
Total Defense Spending	\$4,374.8

East Central Florida Region



The East Central Region is comprised of seven counties. The region is home to Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Patrick Air Force Base, the Naval Support Activity Orlando—Multi-Service Modeling, Simulation and Training Acquisition, and the Naval Ordnance Test Unit (NOTU). The region received nearly \$8.1 billion in procurement spending from defense activities along with \$3.8 billion in transfers and \$595 million in salaries for a total of \$12.5 billion in direct spending. These inputs generated more than 190,500 jobs in the region—a majority of which are associated with federal procurement flows. Indeed, federal procurement dollars account for almost 88,570 total jobs in the region. This region is unique in that procurement flows are the key driver of economic impacts driven largely by the presence of the industry clusters that congregate around Orange and Brevard counties. These two counties received over \$5.7 billion in procurement for manufacturing alone—over half of those funds were within the Aerospace industry.

Defense Economic Impact Estimates

Total Regional Impact *(in Millions)*

Regional Economic Impact	\$18,374.4
Percent of Economy	9.7%
Employment	190,366 Jobs
Consumption	\$11,526.0
Capital Investment	\$3,914.2

Direct Defense Spending *(in Millions)*

Procurement	\$8,080.8
Salaries	\$594.3
Pensions & Transfers	\$3,756.8
Total Defense Spending	\$12,431.9

Impacts by Component *(in Millions)*

Federal Military	
Economic Impact	\$17,736.8
Employment	184,302 Jobs
National Guard	
Economic Impact	\$452.0
Employment	4,029 Jobs
Coast Guard	
Economic Impact	\$185.6
Employment	2,034 Jobs

East Central Florida Region

Brevard County



Home to:

- Patrick Air Force Base
- Cape Canaveral Air Force Station
- Naval Ordnance Test Unit

Patrick Air Force Base is a major component of the

Air Force Space Command. It provides combat capabilities through launch, range and expeditionary operations. The host organization is the 45th Space Wing.

Cape Canaveral Air Force Station is controlled by the 45th Space Wing and is responsible for ensuring America's safe and assured access to space. It co-joins Kennedy Space Center and consists of 47 Launch complexes used to launch Atlas, Titan and Delta rockets.

Total County Impact *(in Millions)*

County Economic Impact	\$6,181.2
Percent of Economy	25.1%
Employment	61,089 Jobs
Consumption	\$3,657.5
Capital Investment	\$1,217.6

Direct Defense Spending *(in Millions)*

Procurement	\$3,467.5
Salaries	\$257.8
Pensions & Transfers	\$1,010.1
Total Defense Spending	\$4,735.3

East Central Florida Region

Orange County



Home to:

- Naval Support Activity Orlando: Multi-Service Modeling, Simulation and Training Acquisition

Naval Support Activity (NSA) Orlando serves as one of the principal foundations of Orlando’s Central Florida Research Park. NSA Orlando is home to a variety of private industry, government and academic organizations, many of whom specialize in high-tech research and development programs, including modeling and simulation, which is collectively known as Team Orlando. NSA Orlando is a 40- acre facility located in the Central Florida Research Park adjacent to the University of Central Florida. NSA Orlando’s mission is to provide shore installation support services to tenant DoD agencies enabling mission accomplishment in a joint services environment.

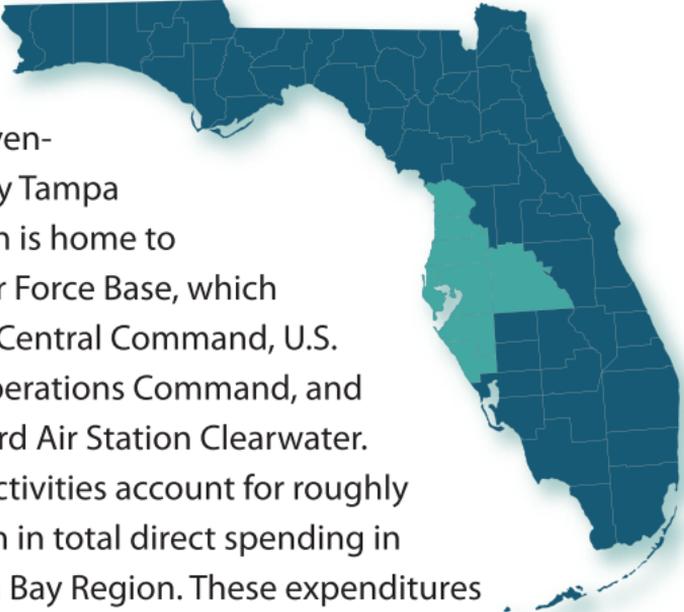
Total County Impact *(in Millions)*

County Economic Impact	\$8,258.3
Percent of Economy	8.2%
Employment	80,460 Jobs
Consumption	\$3,634.7
Capital Investment	\$1,398.1

Direct Defense Spending *(in Millions)*

Procurement	\$4,449.5
Salaries	\$111.8
Pensions & Transfers	\$973.9
Total Defense Spending	\$5,535.3

Tampa Bay Region



The seven-county Tampa Bay Region is home to MacDill Air Force Base, which hosts U.S. Central Command, U.S. Special Operations Command, and Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater. Defense activities account for roughly \$8.5 billion in total direct spending in the Tampa Bay Region. These expenditures generated 184,000 jobs in 2018 and accounted for \$19.3 billion of the region's gross regional product (8.6% of the region's total GRP). Transfer payments to veterans and retirees residing in the region supported 78,000 jobs, while procurement contracts generated 40,500. The bulk of the economic impact associated with defense activities in the region is a result of federal dollars flowing through the region to the military—roughly \$17.7 billion of the \$19.3 billion impact. The Coast Guard accounted for nearly 7,500 total jobs and the National Guard for an additional 7,000 total jobs in this region.

Defense Economic Impact Estimates

Total Regional Impact *(in Millions)*

Regional Economic Impact	\$19,295.8
Percent of Economy	8.6%
Employment	183,942 Jobs
Consumption	\$12,512.4
Capital Investment	\$4,029.6

Direct Defense Spending *(in Millions)*

Procurement	\$2,447.4
Salaries	\$902.5
Pensions & Transfers	\$5,157.6
Total Defense Spending	\$8,507.5

Impacts by Component *(in Millions)*

Federal Military	
Economic Impact	\$17,695.6
Employment	169,381 Jobs
National Guard	
Economic Impact	\$893.3
Employment	7,076 Jobs
Coast Guard	
Economic Impact	\$706.9
Employment	7,485 Jobs

Tampa Bay Region

Hillsborough County



Home to:

- MacDill Air Force Base
- U.S. Central Command
- U.S. Special Operations Command

MacDill Air Force Base's

host command is the 6th Air Refueling Wing, whose primary mission is aerial refueling. MacDill hosts U.S. Central Command and U.S. Special Operations Command.

U.S. Central Command is one of six geographically defined unified commands in the DoD. It is responsible for U.S. Security interests in 20 nations in Northeast Africa as well as Southwest and Central Asia.

U.S. Special Operations Command's primary mission is to disrupt, defeat and destroy terrorist networks that threaten U.S. citizens and interests worldwide.

Total County Impact *(in Millions)*

County Economic Impact	\$11,009.0
Percent of Economy	11.7%
Employment	90,148 Jobs
Consumption	\$5,323.4
Capital Investment	\$1,752.3

Direct Defense Spending *(in Millions)*

Procurement	\$1,357.4
Salaries	\$666.9
Pensions & Transfers	\$1,775.0
Total Defense Spending	\$3,799.3

Tampa Bay Region

Pinellas County



Home to:

- **United States Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater**

Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater is the largest and busiest air station in the Coast Guard. The Area of Operations includes the Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean basin and the Bahamas. The Station maintains deployed H-60s for operations in the Bahamas, and Turks and Caicos engaging anti-drug and migrant smuggling operations. The Station also has C-130s deployed in support of its operations in the Caribbean.

Total County Impact *(in Millions)*

County Economic Impact	\$4,445.1
Percent of Economy	8.7%
Employment	46,559 Jobs
Consumption	\$3,033.7
Capital Investment	\$991.6

Direct Defense Spending *(in Millions)*

Procurement	\$929.4
Salaries	\$119.0
Pensions & Transfers	\$1,199.7
Total Defense Spending	\$2,248.1



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Tampa Bay Region

Polk County



Home to:

- Avon Park Air Force Range

Avon Park Air Force Range (APAFR) (Highlands and Polk Counties) is the largest live ordnance bombing and gunnery range east of the Mississippi River.

APAFR includes 400 square miles of restricted airspace, 1,000 square miles of military operating area and 106,035 acres inside the fence. APAFR provides an important training facility for Active, Guard, and Reserve military units from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard, and for special operations and Homeland Security personnel.

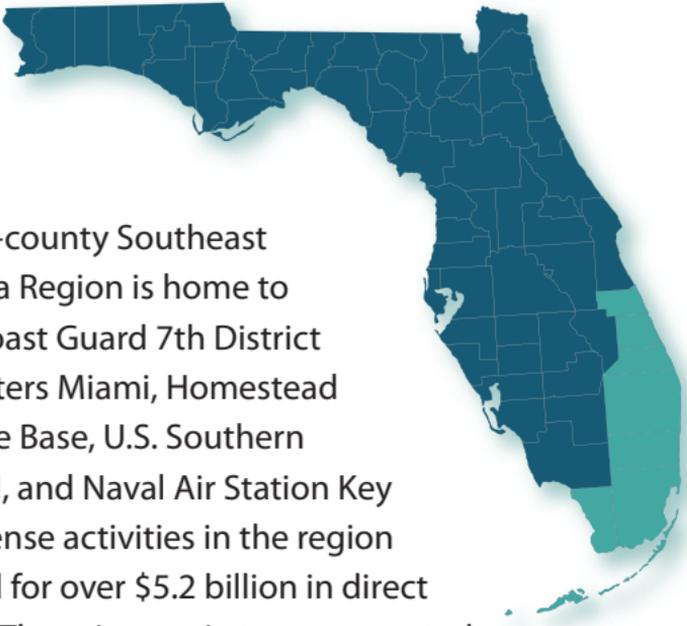
Total County Impact *(in Millions)*

County Economic Impact	\$1,159.8
Percent of Economy	4.5%
Employment	12,859 Jobs
Consumption	\$998.1
Capital Investment	\$324.8

Direct Defense Spending *(in Millions)*

Procurement	\$18.8
Salaries	\$31.3
Pensions & Transfers	\$512.8
Total Defense Spending	\$562.8

Southeast Florida Region



The six-county Southeast Florida Region is home to the U.S. Coast Guard 7th District Headquarters Miami, Homestead Air Reserve Base, U.S. Southern Command, and Naval Air Station Key West. Defense activities in the region accounted for over \$5.2 billion in direct spending. These inputs, in turn, generated nearly 155,500 total jobs in the region and accounted for \$16.1 billion in gross regional product (GRP) in 2018. This was roughly 4% of the region's total GRP. Transfer payments to the region generated just over 49,200 jobs and procurement flows generated approximately 32,700 jobs. Federal military spending for procurement, salaries, and transfers generated roughly \$14 billion of the \$16.1 billion total impact (GRP), with the National Guard accounting for an additional \$765 million. The Coast Guard accounted for roughly \$1.3 billion in GRP.

Defense Economic Impact Estimates

Total Regional Impact *(in Millions)*

Regional Economic Impact	\$16,133.7
Percent of Economy	4.0%
Employment	155,355 Jobs
Consumption	\$9,479.9
Capital Investment	\$3,186.0

Direct Defense Spending *(in Millions)*

Procurement	\$1,670.7
Salaries	\$684.5
Pensions & Transfers	\$2,859.3
Total Defense Spending	\$5,214.6

Impacts by Component *(in Millions)*

Federal Military	
Economic Impact	\$14,073.3
Employment	135,494 Jobs
National Guard	
Economic Impact	\$764.5
Employment	6,333 Jobs
Coast Guard	
Economic Impact	\$1,295.9
Employment	13,528 Jobs

Southeast Florida Region

Miami-Dade County



Home to:

- United States Southern Command
- Homestead Air Reserve Base
- 7th Coast Guard District HQ

United States Southern Command’s mission is to embrace the concept of preventative defense through constructive engagement. The Command is assigned areas of Latin America south of Mexico, the waters adjacent to Central and South America, its 13 island nations, the Gulf of Mexico and part of the Atlantic Ocean.

Homestead Air Reserve Base hosts the 482nd Fighter Wing of the Air Force Reserve whose mission is to provide combat-ready F-16 fighter jets capable of worldwide deployment on short notice.

Total County Impact *(in Millions)*

County Economic Impact	\$7,436.5
Percent of Economy	4.4%
Employment	66,315 Jobs
Consumption	\$3,393.0
Capital Investment	\$1,196.3

Direct Defense Spending *(in Millions)*

Procurement	\$518.0
Salaries	\$357.9
Pensions & Transfers	\$744.7
Total Defense Spending	\$1,620.6

Southeast Florida Region

Monroe County



Home to:

- Naval Air Station Key West

Naval Air Station Key West provides an extensive air-to-air training venue for transient tactical aviation squadrons. It is home to the Joint Interagency Task Force - South, whose mission is to provide the necessary operations for detection, monitoring and deterrence of drug smuggling operations. Major tenants also include the Army Special Forces Underwater Operations School.

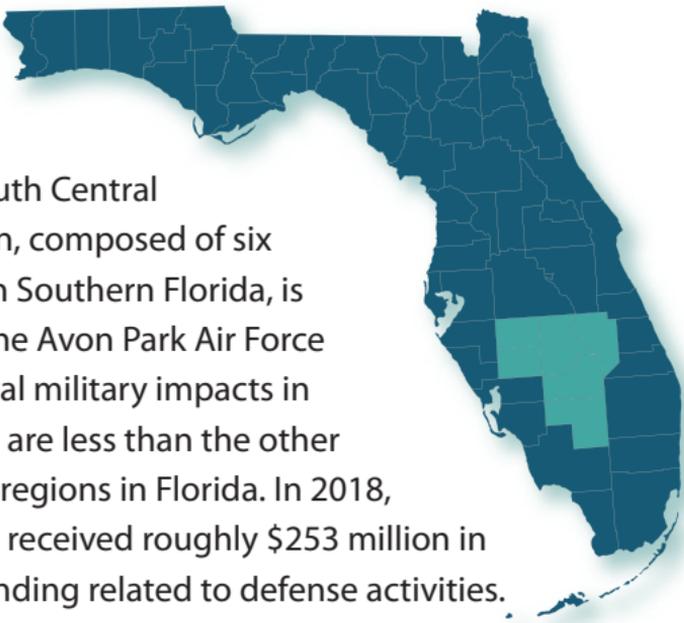
Total County Impact *(in Millions)*

County Economic Impact	\$1,025.5
Percent of Economy	22.8%
Employment	9,220 Jobs
Consumption	\$542.9
Capital Investment	\$167.4

Direct Defense Spending *(in Millions)*

Procurement	\$133.0
Salaries	\$107.8
Pensions & Transfers	\$81.5
Total Defense Spending	\$322.3

South Central Florida Region



The South Central Region, composed of six counties in Southern Florida, is home to the Avon Park Air Force Range. Total military impacts in the region are less than the other economic regions in Florida. In 2018, the region received roughly \$253 million in direct spending related to defense activities. These dollars accounted for approximately 3,400 jobs and generated just over \$319 million in gross regional product (GRP). The vast majority of all impacts were driven by federal military spending with 3,650 total jobs. The National Guard and Coast Guard accounted for only 150 total jobs, or 3.9% of all impacts.

Defense Economic Impact Estimates

Total Regional Impact *(in Millions)*

Regional Economic Impact	\$319.3
Percent of Economy	4.2%
Employment	3,790 Jobs
Consumption	\$289.0
Capital Investment	\$123.9

Direct Defense Spending *(in Millions)*

Procurement	\$53.0
Salaries	\$12.8
Pensions & Transfers	\$187.7
Total Defense Spending	\$253.4

Impacts by Component *(in Millions)*

Federal Military	
Economic Impact	\$304.4
Employment	3,642 Jobs
National Guard	
Economic Impact	\$11.0
Employment	98 Jobs
Coast Guard	
Economic Impact	\$4.0
Employment	50 Jobs



South Central Florida Region

Highlands County



Home to:

- Avon Park Air Force Range

Avon Park Air Force Range (APAFR) (Highlands and Polk Counties) is

the largest live ordnance bombing and gunnery range east of the Mississippi River. APAFR includes 400 square miles of restricted airspace, 1,000 square miles of military operating area and 106,035 acres inside the fence. APAFR provides an important training facility for Active, Guard, and Reserve military units from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard, and for special operations and Homeland Security personnel.

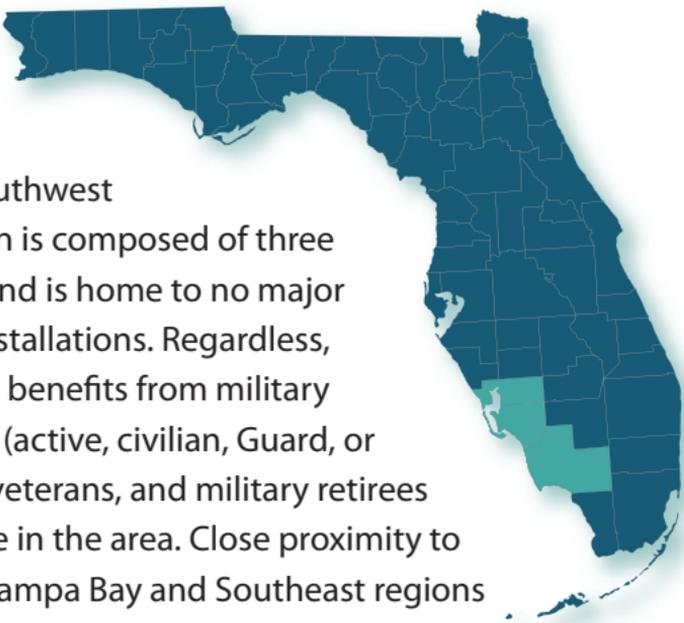
Total County Impact *(in Millions)*

County Economic Impact	\$119.0
Percent of Economy	4.6%
Employment	1,588 Jobs
Consumption	\$134.1
Capital Investment	\$39.9

Direct Defense Spending *(in Millions)*

Procurement	\$2.1
Salaries	\$6.3
Pensions & Transfers	\$97.9
Total Defense Spending	\$106.4

Southwest Florida Region



The Southwest Region is composed of three counties and is home to no major military installations. Regardless, the region benefits from military personnel (active, civilian, Guard, or Reserve), veterans, and military retirees who reside in the area. Close proximity to both the Tampa Bay and Southeast regions generated economic spill-over effects which led to the region receiving \$1.1 billion in total dense spending during 2018. These revenues, in turn, generated more than 25,300 jobs and accounted for \$2.3 billion in gross regional product (GRP).

Defense Economic Impact Estimates

Total Regional Impact *(in Millions)*

Regional Economic Impact	\$2,261.6
Percent of Economy	4.1%
Employment	25,346 Jobs
Consumption	\$1,806.0
Capital Investment	\$573.7

Direct Defense Spending *(in Millions)*

Procurement	\$122.0
Salaries	\$131.2
Pensions & Transfers	\$826.3
Total Defense Spending	\$1,079.6

Impacts by Component *(in Millions)*

Federal Military	
Economic Impact	\$2,139.8
Employment	24,056 Jobs
National Guard	
Economic Impact	\$82.2
Employment	829 Jobs
Coast Guard	
Economic Impact	\$39.6
Employment	461 Jobs

Military & Defense Support

Working to “Keep Florida the Most Military-Friendly State in the Nation.”

The Florida Model

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Governor’s Meetings with Base Commanders

Florida Defense Support Task Force

Florida Defense Alliance

Defense Grant Programs

Military Friendly Florida

Advantages

- No State Income Tax
- Support for Military Spouses (Employment / Licensure)
- In-state College Tuition for Military Family Members
- Numerous Military Friendly Laws and Programs

Base Encroachment Protections

- Legislative Protections
- Florida Forever
- Military Base Protection Program

Partnerships

- Public-Public; Public-Private Partnerships (P4) to reduce Base Operational Costs
- Space Industry – Launch Capability
- Energy Resilience / Industry Sharing
- Modeling, Simulation, and Training with Academia and Business

Gulf Range Complex / Avon Park Air Force Range

- National Assets for Test and Training the Entire Joint Force

Grant Programs

- FY 2019 Defense Infrastructure Grants = \$2.1M
- FY 2019 Defense Reinvestment Grants = \$850K
- FY 2019 FDSTF Grants = \$725K

Partnerships

The Florida Legislature created the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) in 1998 within Enterprise Florida as a non-profit partnership between the Governor, Florida State Officials, Federal Delegation, State Legislators, Base Commanders, community leaders, and business executives to increase military value, reduce base inefficiencies, and promote multi-service synergies for Florida's military bases. The FDA provides a superb venue for defense issue development and communication, and the sharing of best practices. For more about the FDA, visit enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense.



The Florida Defense Support Task Force was established in 2011 by Florida Statute 288.987. The task force is comprised of the Governor or his designee, and four members each appointed by the Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, and the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives. Governor DeSantis notes that "Our state is blessed to have 20 active duty military installations and great training and testing ranges. Since my election, I have made it a priority to maintain Florida's reputation as the most military-friendly state in the Nation."

Florida Defense Support Task Force 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.

For more information about the Florida Defense Support Task Force, visit enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf.

Current Issues Facing the Florida

Issue 1 – Awareness of how critical a resource the Joint Gulf Range Complex is to the 2018 National Defense Strategy.

The Department of Defense chose Florida for Navy and Air Force bases because of the good flying weather. Most bases in Florida are situated near the Joint Gulf Range Complex.

The Eglin Gulf Test and Training Range (EGTTR) encompasses the Eastern Gulf of Mexico (EGOMEX). The Joint Gulf Range Complex refers to EGTTR plus the inland bombing ranges at Pinecastle and Avon Park and the National Center for Simulation extending it into the virtual realm.

Stretching from the Florida panhandle to Key West, the Gulf Range is larger than the combined area of all other major test and training ranges in the U.S. The map to the right shows how all other ranges compare to Florida's Gulf Range. It is a unique and vital resource to accomplish the objectives and approach of the 2018 National Defense Strategy.

The Gulf Range directly supports NAS Pensacola, NAS Whiting Field, Hurlburt Field, Eglin AFB, NSA Panama City, Tyndall AFB, MacDill AFB and NAS Key West missions. It also hosts nearly continuous live fire weapons and operational testing for visiting Air Force, Navy and Marine units from around the world.

Emerging technologies such as hypersonics, 5th and 6th generation fighters and weapons, and advanced sub-surface systems will require more space. The Gulf Range is the only test range in the U.S. large enough to accommodate a full-range test flight (Key West to Eglin AFB) of a hypersonic missile.

Issue 2 – Extending the Moratorium on Drilling in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico

The number and diversity of military testing and training activities east of the north-south line at 86° 41' is so great that this line was established as the Military Mission Line (MML). The area east of the MML, depicted in the map above, is especially critical to protect.



Defense Economy



Drilling structures and associated development in this area pose hazards and are incompatible with missile flights, low-flying aircraft, weapons testing, and training. Oil exploration will jeopardize the military's ability to test more sophisticated and longer distance weapons and reduce Florida's appeal to keep military bases in the Sunshine State.

The current moratorium on oil exploration and drilling expires in 2022. If Congress does not extend the moratorium, this vital national resource will be lost, and our military readiness will be significantly diminished.

* For more detailed information you can access the white paper on our webpage: <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/FDSTF-White-Paper-Oil-Drilling-and-Military-Mission-Compatibility.pdf>



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**2019 Florida Military
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2019 FLORIDA MILITARY-FRIENDLY GUIDE



A Summary of Sunshine State Laws, Programs and Benefits for Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve Service Members and Families



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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome



Welcome to Florida!

As Governor and a veteran, I want to welcome you to the Sunshine State and thank you for your military service. My family and I understand the great sacrifice of those who serve our state and country both at home and abroad, and as you perform your military service, the First Lady and I want to support you and your family.

Our state is blessed to have 20 active duty military installations and great training and testing ranges. In fact, the military is the second leading driver of our economy, accounting for \$84.9 billion in economic impact and over 800,000 jobs.

Since I took office in January, I have made it a priority to maintain Florida's reputation as the most military-friendly state in the Nation. For example, my administration has developed the Governor's Initiative on Lawyers Assisting Warriors (GI LAW) program. Through this program, our military men and women can receive pro bono services from Florida's leading law firms on a variety of civil matters. I am focused on developing new ways to support our military like GI LAW and will continue to work with the Legislature to pass legislation that benefits military service members and their families.

This Florida Military-Friendly Guide contains helpful information on the many laws, programs and benefits that the state of Florida has implemented to support and assist military members and their families. Enterprise Florida and organizations like the Florida Defense Support Task Force and Florida Defense Alliance are always working to expand Florida's military advantages to ensure military members and their families feel welcomed and are successful during their time in Florida.

Please know we are forever grateful for your service and appreciate the sacrifices you and your family make to defend our freedom.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron DeSantis'.

Ron DeSantis
Governor

STATE OF FLORIDA

2019 FLORIDA MILITARY-FRIENDLY GUIDE

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NOTE: Statutes, benefits and programs apply to all categories: active duty, National Guard and Reserve unless designated/restricted to only components shown in parentheses.

NG = National Guard R = Reserve

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PROTECTIONS

1. Protection Against Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices

Provides military service members and their family members the same heightened protections afforded to senior citizens and persons with disabilities against deceptive or unfair trade practices; penalizes a person who willfully victimizes a military service member or family member. (F.S. 501.2077)

2. Protection Against Unfair Insurance Practices

Protects active military service and their covered dependents from unfair practices in certain rate increases in motor vehicle insurance. Provides protection from motor vehicle insurance premium increases or reinstatement fees for new policies. Active military personnel are to be considered maintaining continuous coverage for purposes of determining premium rates. (F.S. 626.9541)

3. Protection Against Cancellation of Health Insurance

Any health insurance policy, certificate, or evidence of health coverage which provides coverage to a member of the Florida National Guard, or a member of any branch of the United States military reserves who is a resident of this state, called to active duty or state active duty, must continue all coverages that were in effect for the person, or the person's dependents covered by the same policy, at the premium in effect for all insured under the same contract, unless the employee or insured requests coverage changes that might alter the premium he or she was paying prior to such activation during the time he or she serves on active duty. Additionally, it must reinstate the coverage for any such person who elects not to continue it while on active duty or state active duty, at the person's request upon return from active duty or state active duty, without a waiting period or disqualification for any condition that existed at the time he or she was called to active duty or state active duty. Such reinstatement must be requested within 30 days after returning to work with the same employer or within 60 days if the policy is an individual policy. (F.S. 250.341)

4. Protection for Termination of Rental Agreements

Service members who terminate residential leases due to military duty will be protected under the following specific provisions:

- **No Retaliation.** No landlord may sue or otherwise attempt to retaliate against a tenant who terminated a lease because of military duties.
- **No Discrimination.** Landlords may not discriminate against military personnel. Discrimination on the basis of military status creates a cause of action against the landlord for civil damages.
- **Expansion of Criteria which allow a Service Member to Terminate a Lease.**
Service members may terminate their leases within the purview of the statute when the service member:

- Moves permanently 35 or more miles from the rental premises;
 - Is prematurely or involuntarily discharged or released from Active Duty;
 - Is released from Active Duty when the leased premises is at least 35 miles from the home of record;
 - Is required or eligible to move into government quarters; and/or
 - Moves temporarily for over 60 days to a location which is 35 or more miles from the rental premises.
- **The Liquidated Damages Clause is No Longer Available in the Case of Military Termination of Lease.**
Removes provisions requiring the payment of liquidated damages to the landlord under certain circumstances upon termination of a rental agreement. **(F.S. 83.682)**

5. Protection for Termination of Telecommunications Service

Service members may now terminate their telecommunications (i.e. cell phone) service contracts by providing 30 days' notice to the service provider if any of the following occur: 1) The service member moves, either permanently or on temporary duty for over 60 days, outside the area which the service provider provides telecommunications service; 2) The service member is discharged or released from duty and either returns to an area not serviced by the telecommunications service provider or the service member's home of record is not serviced by the provider; and/or 3) The service members orders require a move outside the continental United States. Upon such termination the service member is only liable for the amount due under the contract for the period up to the effective date (which is the end of the 30-day notice period). **(F.S. 364.195)**

6. Protection for Termination of Motor Vehicle Leasing

Service members may terminate motor vehicle leases by providing 30 days written notice to the lessor if either the service member is required to move outside the continental United States; or the service member receives orders for a period exceeding 60 days for duty outside the continental United States or for a temporary change of station. The service member is then liable for only the amount due under the contract to the end of the 30-day notice period. The statute specifically states that the lessee is not liable for any other fee due to the early termination of the contract. Further, the protection may not be waived or modified by the contract between the service member and the lessor under any circumstances. **(F.S. 520.14)**

7. Protection for Termination of Mobile Home and Vehicle Registration

Any service member, whose mobile home registration expired while he or she was serving on active duty or state active duty, shall not be charged with a violation of Florida Statute 320.07 if, at the time of the offense, the service member was serving on active duty or state active duty 35 miles or more from the mobile home. The service member must present to the department either a copy of the official military orders or a written verification signed by the service member's commanding officer to receive a waiver of charges. **(F.S. 320.07)**

8. Protection for Cancellation of Motor Vehicle Insurance

An Insurer must refund 100 percent of the unearned premium if an insured service member cancels due to either a call to Active Duty or transfer to a location where the insurance is not required. There is language in the statute preserving claims originating prior to the effective date of cancellation. If the insurer cancels, the insurer must refund 100 percent of the unearned premium. Cancellation is without prejudice to any claim originating prior to the effective date of the cancellation. For purposes of this section, unearned premiums must be computed on a pro rata basis. **(F.S. 627.7283)**

9. Relief for Payment of Initial Binder – Motor Vehicle Insurance

Service members and dependents are not required to pay two month's premium on motor vehicle insurance normally required of citizens of Florida upon initial issuance of insurance. **(F.S. 627.7295)**

10. Protection Against Insurance Rate Increases and Refusal of Policy Renewals for Persons in Military Service

Prohibits insurers from charging an increased premium for reinstating a motor vehicle insurance policy that was canceled or suspended by the insured solely for the reason that he or she was transferred out of this state while serving in the United States Armed Forces or on active duty in the National Guard or United States Armed Forces Reserve. It is also prohibits an insurer from charging an increased premium for a new motor vehicle insurance policy if the applicant for coverage or his or her covered dependents were previously insured with a different insurer and canceled that policy solely for the reason that he or she was transferred out of this state while serving in the United States Armed Forces or on active duty in the National Guard or United States Armed Forces Reserve. For purposes of determining premiums, an insurer shall consider such persons as having maintained continuous coverage. **(F.S. 626.9541)**

No insurer shall fail to renew a policy for reasons based entirely on the sex, occupation, marital status, residence, military service, or age of the insured, or on the principal place of garaging the insured vehicle in this state, or based on any combination of such factors. No insurer shall fail to renew a policy for reasons based on the race, color, creed, or national origin of the insured or for any reason which is arbitrary or capricious. **(F.S. 627.728)**

11. Protection for Termination to Purchase Real Property

Service members may terminate agreements to purchase realty prior to closing if any of the following occur: 1) The service member has a permanent change of station which is 35 or more miles from the location of the property; 2) The service member is released from Active Duty and the property is more than 35 miles from the service member's home of record; 3) The service member receives orders requiring him or her to move into government quarters or does, in fact, move into government quarters; or 4) The service member receives orders in excess of 90 days which involve a temporary change of station which is 35 miles or more from the property. The seller, mortgagor and/or their agents must refund any funds provided by the service member. Further, no other fees may be assessed against the service member. These protections cannot be waived or modified. **(F.S. 689.27)**

12. Protection for Sale, Foreclosure or Seizure of Property for Nonpayment

Service members are protected against sale, foreclosure, or seizure of property for nonpayment of any sum due under any obligation, or for breach of the terms of such obligation. These are not valid if made during the period of state active duty or active duty or within 30 days thereafter, unless upon an order previously granted by the court and a return made to and approved by the court. This protection applies only to obligations secured by a mortgage, trust deed, or other security in the nature of a mortgage upon real or personal property owned by a person in state active duty or active duty at the commencement of the period of state active service and still owed by her or him, which obligation originated prior to such person's period of state active service. **(F.S. 250.5205)**

13. Protection of Late Voting Registration

Provides for deployed service members to be allowed late registration for voting. An individual or accompanying family member who has been discharged or separated from the uniformed services or the United States Merchant Marine, has returned from a military deployment or activation, or has separated from employment outside the territorial limits of the United States, after the book-closing date for an election pursuant to s. 97.055 and who is otherwise qualified may register to vote in such election until 5 p.m. on the Friday before that election. **(F.S. 97.055)**

14. Protection for Absentee Voting

Authorizes absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters to use the federal write-in absentee ballot in any state or local election; prohibiting the supervisor of elections from canvassing federal write-in absentee ballots from overseas voters in certain elections until 10 days after the date of the election. This bill eliminates the restriction that a Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) can only be used for state and local elections involving two or more candidates. This allows absent uniformed services and overseas voters to use a FWAB as a “back-up” ballot for all federal, state, and local elections. The law also delays the canvassing of a FWAB until 10 days after the presidential preference primary or general election. This will allow the voter’s official absentee ballot to be canvassed (in lieu of a FWAB) if it is received during that 10-day window. **(F.S. 101.6952)**

15. Protection of Identifying Information of Service Members

The law provides a public records exemption for military service members and veterans, and their family members. Specifically, the bill creates a public records exemption for the identification and location information of current or former active duty service members of the United States Armed Forces, their reserve components, or the National Guard who served after September 11, 2001, and their spouses and dependents. In order for the exemption to apply, the current or former service member must submit to the custodial agency a written request and a written statement that reasonable efforts had been made to protect the identification and location information from being accessible through other means available to the public. **(F.S. 119.071)**

16. Protection of Military Housing from Ad Valorem Taxation

Recognizes in statute that leaseholds and improvements constructed and used to provide housing pursuant to the federal Military Housing Privatization Initiative (Housing Initiative) on land owned by the federal government are exempt from ad valorem taxation. Florida law provides an exemption from ad valorem taxation for property owned by the United States. This exemption specifically applies to leasehold interests in property owned by the United States government when the lessee serves or performs a governmental, municipal or public purpose or function. Federal law also recognizes the immunity of property of the United States from ad valorem taxation. **(F.S. 196.199)**

17. Protection of Community Planning and Liaison Officers (CPLOs) and Representatives of Military Installations Serving on Local Planning or Zoning Boards

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. **(F.S. 163.3175)**

18. Protection Against Predatory Lenders

This law authorizes the Office of Financial Regulation to deny a license or take disciplinary action against a person who violates the federal 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. **(F.S. 516.07)**

19. Protection to Expedite Processing of Rental Agreements

Provides that a landlord, a condominium association, a cooperative association or a home owner's association is required to process a rental application from a military service member within seven days of submission, and the landlord must provide to the service member 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 service member if all other terms of the application and lease are met. Effective Date: October 1, 2016. **(F.S. 83.683)**

LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS, FEES & OTHER BENEFITS



20. Concealed Weapons or Firearms Licenses

Current service members and veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces can be issued concealed weapon or firearm licenses even if they are not 21 years of age, the usual minimum age eligibility requirement, provided that they are otherwise eligible for licensure. **(F.S. 790.062)**

Current service members and military veterans can meet the firearms training/competency requirement for the issuance of a concealed weapon or firearm license if they include proper documentation with their applications reflecting active-duty status or honorable discharge from military service. **(F.S. 790.06)**

Additionally, service members with concealed weapon or firearm licenses who are serving on military orders over 35 miles away from their residence are granted an extension of the normal expiration date of their licenses. In such circumstances, a service member's license will not expire, and late fees for renewals will be waived, for 180 days after the date upon which the service member returns from serving on military orders. **(F.S. 790.06)**

21. Discounts at State Parks

The Florida Park Service offers the Annual Entrance Pass at a discount or free of charge to persons who present satisfactory written documentation which demonstrates their eligibility.

- 25 percent discount on annual entrance passes for active duty and honorably discharged veterans of the United States Armed Forces, National Guard or reserve units of the U.S. Armed Forces or National Guard.

- Free lifetime military entrance passes for honorably discharged United States veterans who have service-connected disabilities.
- Free lifetime military entrance passes for surviving spouses and parents of deceased members of the United States Armed Forces, National Guard or reserve units of the U.S. Armed Forces or National Guard who have fallen in combat. **(FS.258.0145)**

For more information on discounts, go to:

www.floridastateparks.org/sites/default/files/media/file/AnnualPassDiscounts.pdf

22. Discounts at County Parks

County parks or recreation departments shall provide 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. **(F.S. 125.029)**

23. Discounts at State Forests

The Florida Forest Service offers the Annual Entrance Pass at a discount or free of charge to persons who present satisfactory written documentation which demonstrates their eligibility.

- \$10.00 discount on Annual Entrance Passes for active duty and honorably discharged veterans of the United States Armed Forces, National Guard or reserve units of the U.S. Armed Forces or National Guard.
- Free Lifetime Military Entrance Passes for honorably discharged United States veterans who have service-connected disabilities.

(Reference: Florida Forest Service, Policy and Procedure Manual)

24. Specialty Motor Vehicle License Plates

Ex-Prisoner of War, Medal of Honor, Pearl Harbor Survivor, U.S. Paratrooper, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Gold Star, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Combat Action Badge, Vietnam War Veteran, Korean War Veteran, Silver Star, Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, Air Force Cross, Operation Desert Shield Veteran, Operation Desert Storm Veteran, and Blue Angels (available in 2020). **(F.S. 320.08058)**

25. Considered Florida Resident for Recreational Fishing and Hunting Licenses

Any member of the United States Armed Forces who is stationed in the state and their family members residing with them are considered Florida residents for the purposes of purchasing recreational fishing and hunting licenses. **(379.101 (30) (b))**

26. Military Gold Sportsman's License

Provides low cost sportsman license to active or retired members of the Armed Forces who are Florida residents. Any Florida resident who is an active or retired member of the United States Armed Forces, the United States Armed Forces Reserve, the Florida National Guard, the United States Coast Guard or the United States Coast Guard Reserve is eligible to purchase the Military Gold Sportsman's License upon submission of a current military identification card and military orders showing that you are stationed in Florida (active members) or a Florida Driver's License and a U.S. Armed Force ID card stating retired. The Military Gold Sportsman's License includes hunting, saltwater fishing and freshwater fishing licenses; and deer, wildlife management area, archery, muzzle-loading gun, crossbow, turkey and Florida waterfowl, snook and lobster permits. It does not include tarpon tags or the federal duck stamp. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission

(FWC) offers the license to active duty and retired military that are stationed in Florida or claim Florida as their primary residence. The reduced-fee annual license (\$20) offers the same privileges as the traditional Gold Sportsman's License (\$100). Military Gold Sportsman's Licenses can only be purchased at a County Tax Collector's Office. **(F.S. 379.354)**

27. Operation Outdoor Freedom for Wounded Warriors

Operation Outdoor Freedom is an endeavor of the Florida Forest Service within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services that provides outdoor recreational opportunities to wounded veterans. Designated state and private forest and agricultural lands throughout Florida grant these veterans unique opportunities for recreation and rehabilitation. Participants must be a Florida resident and have a service-connected disability rating of 30 percent or greater, or be a Purple Heart recipient. For more information and to register for events, please visit www.OperationOutdoorFreedom.com or visit us on Facebook.

(Reference: Florida Forest Service, Policy and Procedure Manual)

28. Use of Military ID in Public Lodging Establishments

Provides that a public lodging establishment classified as a hotel, motel, or bed and breakfast inn is required to waive any minimum age policy it may have that restricts accommodations to individuals based on age for individuals who are currently on active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces, the National Guard, Reserve Forces, or Coast Guard and who present a valid military identification card. **(F.S. 509.095)**

29. Military ID Valid for Proof When Obtaining Florida Driver's License

This law provides for the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) to accept a military personnel identification card as proof of a social security card number during the application process to acquire a driver license or identification card. The law further authorizes DHSMV to replace the veteran designation "V" with the word "Veteran" exhibited on the driver license or identification card of a veteran who qualifies and chooses to have such designation. The replacement of the "V" with the word "Veteran" will apply upon implementation of new designs for the driver license and identification card by DHSMV. **(F.S. 322.051)**

30. Identification Card and Driver License Fees for Veterans

This change eliminated the \$1 or \$2 fee a veteran must pay to have the word "Veteran" displayed on an identification card or driver license issued by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV). The law also expands the forms of identification that a veteran may present to the DHSMV as proof of veteran status for the purpose of receiving the "Veteran" designation on an identification card or driver license.

(F.S. 322.135)

31. Motor Vehicle Driver's License Extensions

Service members and family members residing with them are granted an automatic license extension without reexamination when the license expires while serving on active duty outside the state. Active duty members serving outside the state, and family members residing with them, have the option of continuous mail-in renewals for expired driver's licenses, or may apply for an automatic driver's license extension, which will automatically renew the driver's license every year while the member is active duty. **(F.S. 322.121)**

32. Motorcycle License Endorsement

The State of Florida will reciprocate any military motorcycle rider course to have the motorcycle endorsement added to a Florida driver's license. The state also offers various classes and challenge courses at in-state military bases, including the prestigious Level Three Kevin Schwantz Rider Course, of which Florida has two of the eight trainers nationally certified to conduct this course.

(Reference: Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles)

33. Military Commercial Driver's License

The State of Florida offers a Certification of Waiver for military members issued a CDL by a branch of the US Armed Forces, to obtain a Florida CDL, while on active duty or within 120 days of separation of service. With the Certification of Waiver, military members may be exempt from passing skills test required for a CDL.

(Reference: Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles)

34. Fishing and Hunting Events

Recreational fishing and hunting license are not required for permitted events the primary purpose of which is the rehabilitation or enjoyment of disabled veterans certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor or by any branch of the United States Armed Forces to have a service-connected disability percentage rating of zero or higher or active duty or reserve duty service members of any branch of the United States Armed Forces, the United States Coast Guard, military reserves, the Florida National Guard, or the United States Coast Guard Reserve. A permit issued for an event pursuant to this paragraph shall exempt disabled veterans and active duty or reserve duty service members, the immediate family of such disabled veterans and service members, and one additional person designated to assist a disabled veteran, from possessing a hunting, freshwater fishing, or saltwater fishing license or permit for the duration of the event. Event organizer must apply for and receive an event permit from FWC. **(F.S. 379.353 (2) (g))**

35. Exemption from Hunter Safety Skills Day

Those with military service can receive a Florida hunter safety card by completing one of the online courses, reading the current years hunting regulations and following the procedures outlined in the Application For Hunter Safety Certification With Previous Firearms Training without having to attend a Hunter Safety Skills Day.

(Reference: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission)

36. Restricted Species (RS) Endorsement Exemptions — Disabled Military Veteran

Any Florida resident certified to have at least 10% service related disability by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor, or by any branch of the United States Armed Forces, shall have the income requirement waived for a period of one year from the end of the current license year (June 30th). This endorsement shall only be issued on an individual Saltwater Products License. Documentation of the qualifying income is not required with the initial application for a restricted species (RS) endorsement. Documentation of the qualifying income will be required to renew the RS thereafter at the reduced \$2,500 amount.

(Reference: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission)

37. Restricted Species (RS) Endorsement Exemptions — Honorably Discharged Military Veteran

The income requirement for a restricted species endorsement shall be waived for a period of one year from the end of the current license year (June 30th) for any Florida resident military veteran who applies to the Commission within 48 months of an honorable discharge from any branch of the United States Armed Forces, the Reserves, the Florida National Guard or the Coast Guard. This exemption is allowed one time per military enlistment and only on an individual Saltwater Products License. (F.S. 379.361)

38. Use Tax Exemption for Motor Vehicles Imported from a Foreign Country

Exempts an active service member, or spouse, from use tax on the registration or titling of a motor vehicle imported from a foreign country when the vehicle was purchased and used in a foreign country for six (6) months or longer before being imported into Florida and the vehicle is registered or titled in Florida for personal use by the active member or active member's spouse. (F.S. 212.08(7))

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE RECIPROCITY



Florida Licensure Reciprocity— Florida is the nation's leader in providing licensure reciprocity for military spouses.

Health— Through their VALOR Program, the Florida Department of Health honors all valid and current medical licenses from other states and will issue the same license from Florida for no fee.
www.flhealthsource.gov/valor

Professions— The Department of Business and Professional Regulation honors all valid and current professional licenses from other states and will issue the same license for the corresponding profession from Florida.
www.myfloridalicense.com/DBPR/military-services/military-and-veteran-spouses/

Education— The Florida Department of Education honors all valid and current standard or professional teaching certificates from other states and will issue a corresponding Florida certification.
www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/military/#MCFW

Law— The Florida Bar allows active duty military spouses who are members of the bar of other states to practice law in Florida when they accompany a military member stationed in Florida.
www-media.floridabar.org/uploads/2019/04/Ch-21-RRTFB-3-29-19.pdf

39. The “Don Hahnfeldt Veteran and Military Family Opportunity Act”

The Act eases professional licensing fees and requirements for certain military members, veterans, and their spouses, including:

- For the Department of Health (DOH) professional licensees, granting current DOH fee waivers for dentists, and providing an affirmative defense in certain unlicensed activity actions;
- For the Department of Business and Professional Regulation professional licensees, expanded license renewal fee waivers and revised licensure eligibility requirements; providing an exemption from certain penalties (**F.S. 455.02 and F.S. 456.024, F.S.**);
- For the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services professional licensees, expanding current initial licensing fee waivers and creating renewal fee waivers (**F.S. 472.015, 472.016, 493.6105, 493.6107, 493.6113, 501.015, 501.605, 501.607, 501.609, and 507.03**);
- For the Office of Financial Regulation mortgage loan originators and associated persons licensees, creating an initial licensing and renewal fee waivers and provided an exemption from an application fee; authorizing the licensing authority to recognize certain military issued credentials for purposes of licensure (**F.S. 494.00312 and 494.00313, 497.140, 497.141, 497.281, 497.368, 497.369, 497.370, 497.371, 497.373, 497.374, and 497.375, 497.393, 497.453, 497.466, 497.554, and 497.602**);
- For the Department of Financial Services professional licensees, relief from pre-licensure insurance coursework requirements, and expanding initial licensure fee waivers (**F.S. 517.12, 527.02 and 539.001**);
- For the Department of Education (DOE) licensees, creating certain initial fee waivers; granting a temporary certificate in education; establishing a pathway for veteran officers for certification as a school principal; waives certain fees and gives students who are children of an active duty member who is not stationed in this state, but whose home of record or state of legal residence is Florida, priority for attendance in the Florida Virtual School (**F.S. 446.041, 1012.59 and 1002.37**);
- Protects members of Florida National Guard or the United States Armed Forces Reserves seeking licensure or qualification for a trade, occupation, or profession if they are ordered into state active duty or into active duty and his or her period of training, study, apprenticeship, or practical experience is interrupted or the start thereof is delayed, he or she is entitled to licensure or qualification under the laws covering his or her licensure or qualification at the time of entrance into active duty (**F.S. 250.483**);
- Designates March 25 of each year as “Medal of Honor Day,” and provides for a character development program that incorporates the values of the Congressional Medal of Honor (**F.S. 683.147 and 1002.37**);
- And requires the Division of State Fire Marshal to waive certain expenses associated with attending the Florida State Fire College (**F.S. 633.444**).

40. Professional Licensure

- Provides that professional licenses issued to any member of the Florida National Guard or the United States Armed Forces Reserves shall not expire while the member is serving on federal active duty and are exempted from all license renewal requirements for the duration of active duty and a period of six months after discharge.
- Also requires the Department of Business and Professional Regulation and its boards to adopt rules to exempt military spouses for license renewal provisions when absent from the state due to his/her spouse’s military duty (**F.S. 455.02**).
- Additionally, authorizes a spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States to be issued a temporary license to practice a profession in Florida. The applicant’s spouse must be on active duty and assigned to a duty station in Florida. The applicant must hold a valid license for the profession in another state, the District of Columbia, any United States territory or possession, or a foreign jurisdiction. The temporary license is valid for six months.

- Requires the department to waive the initial licensing fee, the initial application fee, and the initial unlicensed activity fee for military veterans who apply for a license within 24 months of honorable discharge. **(F.S. 455.213)**

41. Occupational Opportunity Act

This law requires the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) to issue a fee-waived professional renewable license for boards and programs listed under Florida Statute 20.165 for members of the Armed Forces who served on active duty, spouses of members of the Armed Forces, and surviving spouses of members of the Armed Forces providing they have proof they hold a valid license for the profession issued by any other state. This law also permits the renewal of such licenses, provided the standard conditions of renewal under the applicable practice act are completed. The law also extends the period of time that active duty members with licenses remain in good standing after discharge from active duty from six months to two years and allows spouses and surviving spouses of active duty members to remain in good standing when they are absent from the state due to their spouse's Armed Forces duties. This law applies to the following boards:

- Board of Architecture and Interior Design
- Board of Auctioneers
- Barbers' Board
- Building Code Administrators and Inspectors Board
- Construction Industry Licensing Board
- Board of Cosmetology
- Electrical Contractors' Licensing Board
- Board of Employee Leasing Companies
- Board of Landscape Architecture
- Board of Pilot Commissioners
- Board of Professional Geologists
- Board of Veterinary Medicine
- Home inspection services licensing program
- Mold-related services licensing program
- Florida Board of Professional Engineers
- Board of Accountancy
- Florida Real Estate Commission
- Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board

(F.S. 455.213)

42. Surveyors and Mappers

For members of Armed Forces in good standing with the board: Any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is now or in the future on active duty and who, at the time of becoming such a member of the Armed Forces, was in good standing with the board and entitled to practice or engage in surveying and mapping in the state shall be kept in good standing by the board, without registering, paying dues or fees, or performing any other act on his or her part to be performed, as long as he or she is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty and for a period of 6 months after discharge from active duty, provided that he or she is not engaged in the practice of surveying or mapping in the private sector for profit.

For family members: The board shall adopt rules exempting the spouses of members of the Armed Forces of the United States from licensure renewal provisions, but only in cases of absence from the state because of their spouses' duties with the Armed Forces. **(F.S. 471.013)**

Spouses of members of the Armed Forces of the United States are exempt from licensure renewal provisions, but only in cases of absence from the state because of their spouses' duties with the Armed Forces. Copies of the military orders requiring the change in duty station must be sent to the Board office in order to qualify for the exemption. Upon receipt of the military orders by the Board office confirming exemption eligibility, the spouse's license will be placed on inactive status with no fee required. Reactivation of the inactive license will not require payment of the fee set forth in Rule 5J-17.070, F.A.C. The license will remain in inactive status for up to two renewal cycles at which time the licensee must either renew this exemption, before

expiration, by submitting a current set of orders establishing eligibility for the exemption or reactivate the license. The licensee may reactivate the license by submitting an application for change of status from inactive to active and will not be required to pay the fee set forth in Rule 5J-17.070, F.A.C., nor be required to comply with any rules setting conditions for reactivation of licensure, including continuing education requirements imposed by Section 455.271(10), F.S. If a license is not reactivated nor the exemption renewed by the expiration date, the license shall become delinquent. Reactivation of the delinquent license will not require payment of the fee set forth in Rule 5J-17.070, F.A.C. **(5J-17.007 F.A.C.)**

43. Engineer Licensure/Exam

Allows applicants for professional engineering examination who are delayed in taking the examination due to reserve or active duty service in the U.S. Armed Forces an additional two attempts to take the examination before the board may require additional college-level education or review courses. **(F.S. 471.013)**

44. Practicing Law

Active duty military spouses who are members of the bar of other states may practice law in Florida when they accompany a military member stationed in Florida. Military spouse attorneys seeking admission under Chapter 21 “Military Spouse Authorization to Engage in the Practice of Law in Florida” must meet the eligibility requirements set forth in the rule (www-media.floridabar.org/uploads/2019/04/Ch-21-RRTFB-3-29-19.pdf).

Eligibility requirements include the following:

- Lawyer must be married to a service member and be enrolled in the Department of Defense’s “Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System” (or identified and enrolled by the Department of Homeland Security for the Coast Guard when not operating as a service of the Navy);
- Be a law school graduate with a J.D. or LL.B. from a law school accredited by the American Bar Association and hold an active, valid law license in another U.S. jurisdiction;
- Be a member in good standing in every jurisdiction to which they are admitted;
- Not be subject to any discipline or pending disciplinary investigation in any other jurisdiction; reside in Florida or plan to reside in the state in the next six months;
- Not have failed the Florida bar exam within the past five years;
- Pass a character and fitness review by the Florida Board of Bar Examiners;
- Submit an application with a copy of the military member’s orders to a duty station within Florida and pay an application fee to the FBBE;
- And read the Rules of Discipline, the Rules of Professional Conduct, and agree to the Supreme Court’s jurisdiction for disciplinary purposes.

Once certified under the rule, the new Florida Bar member must complete the basic skills requirement in Rule 6-12 within six months of certification and complete 10 hours of continuing legal education, including two hours of ethics credits, each year in the program. The new Florida Bar member must also be employed by, or in a mentorship relationship with, a member of the Florida Bar who is eligible to practice law in Florida. The Military Affairs Committee will establish a mentor network for this purpose.

A license issued under this rule is subject to annual renewal and fees equal to those paid by active members of the Florida Bar. The duration of a Chapter 21 license will not exceed five years.

The certification to practice law under chapter 21 will terminate if:

- The service member is no longer an active duty member of the United States armed forces;
- The certified lawyer is no longer married to the service member;
- The service member receives a permanent transfer outside of Florida, except that the certified lawyer may continue to practice pursuant to this chapter if the service member has been assigned to an unaccompanied or remote assignment with no dependents authorized until the service member is assigned to a location with dependents authorized;
- The certified lawyer relocates outside of Florida for more than 6 continuous months;
- The certified lawyer requests that the certification be terminated;
- Five years have elapsed since the certified lawyer was certified; or
- The certified lawyer becomes a member of The Florida Bar by meeting all admission requirements to The Florida Bar

45. Health Professional Licensure

The Florida Department of Health is committed to serving members of the United States Armed Forces, veterans and their families. The Department is proud that over 1.5 million veterans call Florida home, and our continued goal is to make Florida the most veteran-friendly state in the nation. Military veterans and their families face many challenges. One service the Department offers is the Florida Veterans Application for Licensure Online Response process (VALOR), which provides expedited licensing for honorably discharged veterans and their spouses seeking licensure in most health care professions. Veterans and spouses who apply through the VALOR process receive a waiver of most licensing fees. For information on the program go to www.flhealthsource.gov/valor#veterans.

Several programs and reciprocal licensure arrangements for healthcare professionals are covered under Florida law including:

- Florida provides that health professional licenses issued to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States be kept in good standing without registering, paying dues or fees, or performing any other act on his or her part so long as he or she is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty and for a period of six months after discharge. **(F.S. 456.024) (F.S. 401.271) (F.S. 468.309)**
- A person who serves or has served as a health care practitioner in the U.S. Armed Forces is eligible for licensure in Florida. The applicable department will waive the application fee, licensure fee and unlicensed activity fee for these applicants. **(F.S. 459.00761)**
- Florida exempts the spouse of member of the Armed Forces of the United States from licensure renewal provisions but only in cases of absence from the state because of their spouse's duties with the Armed Forces. **(F.S. 456.024) (F.S. 401.271) (F.S. 468.309)**
- The Agency for Health Care Administration has special consideration for spouses of active duty military that allows them to enroll in Florida Medicaid as a provider. The Department of Health issues a temporary medical license with the status: Temporary Military Active – the licensed practitioner has a spouse serving in the Armed Forces of the United States and is authorized to practice his/her profession in the state of Florida for a period of 12 months. Florida also provides alternative eligibility criteria for military members, and their spouses, seeking licensure as a health care practitioner. Allows military health care practitioners who are practicing under a military platform, which is a training agreement with a non military health care provider, to be issued a temporary certificate to practice in this state. Provides that a spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is on active duty to be issued a temporary license to practice in Florida. The applicant's spouse must be assigned to a duty station in Florida. The applicant must be otherwise entitled to full licensure under the appropriate practice act, and is eligible to take the respective licensure exam as required in Florida. The applicant must hold a valid license for the profession in another state, the District of Columbia, or a possession

or territory of the United States. The temporary license is valid for 12 months after the date of issuance and is non-renewable. An applicant who is issued a temporary professional license to practice as a dentist pursuant to this section must practice under the indirect supervision, as defined in s. 466.003, of a dentist licensed pursuant to chapter 466. **(F.S. 456.024)**

- Provides for transfer of nurse licensing for spouses of military members. An applicant for licensure by endorsement who is relocating to this state pursuant to his or her military-connected spouse's official military orders and who is licensed in another state that is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact shall be issued a license by endorsement upon submission of the appropriate application and fees and completion of the criminal background check. **(F.S. 464.009)**
- The *Rear Admiral LeRoy Collins, Jr.*, Temporary Certificate for Practice in Areas of Critical Need provides that medical doctors may be issued a limited license to practice in Areas of Critical Need. For experienced military physicians who might not qualify for or are not interested in applying for a full Florida license to practice medicine, this law provides the opportunity to serve Florida patients in those areas where health care is most needed. The physician however must have served as a physician in the United States Armed Forces for at least 10 years and received an honorable discharge from military service. **(F.S. 458.315)**

47. Criminal Justice Officer Certification

Provides for an exemption from completing a full Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission approved law enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation officer basic recruit training program if an applicant has served at least one year as a full-time sworn officer in another state or for the federal government. An applicant who is exempt from completing a Commission-approved basic recruit training program must demonstrate proficiency in the high-liability areas and pass the state officer certification examination. (F.S. 943.131) For more information, please visit our website at Officer Requirements (Equivalency of Training): www.fdle.state.fl.us/CJSTC/Officer-Requirements/Equivalency-of-Training.aspx

48. Military Firefighters Training Requirements

The Florida Department of Financial Services has established OPERATION DISPATCH to allow our military veterans the opportunity to apply comparative experience-based training to fulfill certification requirements to continue protecting the safety and well-being of those in our communities. It is designed to attract military service members and veterans to Florida. OPERATION DISPATCH cuts out redundant training so military-trained firefighters take 40 hours of training specific to Florida standards. OPERATION DISPATCH allows these dedicated men and women to continue meaningful and long-lasting careers in the Florida fire service industry. Through partnerships forged with the Florida Departments of Veterans' and Military Affairs, OPERATION DISPATCH reduces the costs associated with the Florida-specific training and testing to military firefighters. The program also allows participants to take the certification exam in a more timely fashion than the regularly-scheduled quarterly administrations, which upon successful completion helps newly-certified firefighters enter Florida's workforce faster. For more information contact Chief Bill Wendlandt at bill.wendlandt@myfloridacfo.com. **(Reference: Office of the Chief Financial Officer)**

TAX & FINANCIAL BENEFITS



49. Homestead Exemption on Property Taxes and Ad Valorem Tax Exemption

Authorizes veterans and service members who are deployed in certain military operations to receive additional homestead exemptions as well as ad valorem tax exemptions. Provides that valid military orders transferring military service members are sufficient to maintain permanent residence status of service member and spouse for purposes of such determination by property appraiser. This law was updated in 2016 and expands the designated operations for which deployed service members may qualify and allows the exemption for deployments in newly named operations beginning with deployments in calendar year 2014. It also provides refund procedures for service members who were on qualifying deployments for more than 365 days during the 2014 and 2015 calendar years. In short, the law expands military operations that qualify certain service members who receive a homestead exemption and were deployed during previous calendar year to receive additional ad valorem tax exemption on that homestead property. **(F.S. 196.173)**

50. Local Business Tax Relief

This law provides an exemption to the local business tax, authorized in ch. 205, F.S., for active duty military service members' spouses who relocate to the county or municipality pursuant to a permanent change of station order. **(F.S. 205)**

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION & EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION/ASSISTANCE



51. Unemployment Compensation for Spouses of Members of the Military

Provides that a person is not disqualified for unemployment compensation benefits who voluntarily leaves employment due to relocation as a result of his or her spouse's military orders. Allows the spouses of active duty military members who voluntarily resign from their jobs to keep the family intact as a result of the military member's change of station orders or deployment to become eligible for unemployment compensation benefits. **(F.S. 443.101)**

52. CareerSource Florida — Employment and Assistance

Provides employment assistance to military spouse and dependents. CareerSource shall establish an employment advocacy and assistance program targeting military spouses and dependents. This program shall deliver employment assistance services through military family employment advocates collocated within selected one-stop career centers. Persons eligible for assistance through this program shall include spouses and dependents of active-duty military personnel, Florida National Guard members, and military reservists. Military family employment advocates are responsible for providing the following services and activities: (a) Coordination of employment assistance services through military base family support centers, Florida's one-stop career centers, and veteran support organizations. (b) Training to one-stop career center managers and staff on the unique employment needs and skills of military family members. (c) Promoting and marketing the benefits of employing military family members to prospective employers. (d) Assisting employment-seeking military family members through job counseling, job search and placement services, the dissemination of information on educational and training programs, and the availability of support services. (e) Other employment assistance services CareerSource, deems necessary. **(F.S. 445.055)**

53. National Guard Members Employment Protection (NG)

National Guard Service members are protected and will not to be penalized by employers and postsecondary institutions when ordered into state active duty. A private or public employer, or an employing or appointing authority of this state, its counties, school districts, municipalities, political subdivisions, career centers, community colleges, or universities, may not discharge, reprimand, or in any other way penalize such member because of his or her absence by reason of state active duty. Employers are prohibited from discharging reemployed service members, for a period of one year, except for cause. **(F.S. 250.482)**

54. Leave and Pay to State Employees for Military Service (NG, R)

All officials of the state, counties of the state, and the municipalities or political subdivisions of the state, including district school and community college officers, which officials are also service members in the National Guard or a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States, shall be granted leave of absence from their respective offices and duties to perform active military service, the first 30 days of any such leave of absence to be with full pay. **(F.S. 115.09)** Additionally, after the first 30 days of full pay, public employers may supplement the military pay of its employees who are reservists in federal active duty in an amount necessary to bring their total salary, inclusive of their base military pay, to the level earned at the time they were called to active military duty. **(F.S. 115.14)**

55. Additional Leave for State Employees on National Guard Duty (NG)

Increases the amount of annual leave of absence granted to officers and employees of the state, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions of the state who are commissioned reserve officers or reserve enlisted personnel in the U.S. military or naval service or who are members of the National Guard from 17 days to 30 days. **(F.S. 115.07)**

56. Temporary Employment or Appointment of Officers

This law provides an exemption from basic law enforcement recruit training for an applicant who has served in the special operations forces of the U.S. military for at least five years, provided there is no more than a four-year break from the applicant's special operations forces experience at the time of application. The

Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission may require an exempt applicant to complete additional training as it deems appropriate, based on the applicant's prior training and experience. **(F.S. 943.10)**

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS



57. In-State Tuition Rates

Certain military and family members receive in-state tuition rates for Florida colleges and universities. As of July 1, 2019, the determination of resident status for tuition purposes is established at the time of acceptance (rather than enrollment) for the active duty member, their spouses, dependent children, and active drilling members of the Florida National Guard. **(F.S. 1009.21)**

58. Tuition Waivers

Requires state universities and community colleges to waive undergraduate tuition for a recipient of a Purple Heart or other combat decoration superior in precedence that fulfills specified criteria. **(F.S. 1009.26)**

59. Postsecondary Fee Waivers

The law authorizes Florida colleges and schools to waive any portion of specified fees that are not covered under the DOD Military Tuition Assistance (MTA) program including:

- Student activity and service fees
- Financial aid fees
- Technology fees
- Capital improvement fees; and
- Any other fees authorized in s. 1009.23, F.S.

Active duty service members using the DOD MTA program will no longer incur out of pocket costs when they are enrolled in a FCS institution that elects to implement the fee waiver. **(F.S. 1009.23)**

60. In-State Tuition Rates for Military Members Enrolled in Online Courses

The law 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. This provision applies to online and distance education courses. **(F.S. 1009.26)**

61. College Credit for Military Training and Education Courses

Members of the United States Armed Forces can earn college credit for college-level training and education acquired in the military. **(F.S. 1004.096)**

62. Course Withdrawal for Military Service

Any student enrolled in a postsecondary course or courses at a career center, a Florida College System institution, or a state university shall be permitted the option of either completing the course or courses at a later date without penalty or withdrawing from the course or courses with a full refund of fees paid. If the student chooses to withdraw, the student's record shall reflect that the withdrawal is due to active military service. **(F.S. 1004.07)**

63. National Guard Educational Dollars for Duty Program (NG)

The Educational Dollars for Duty (EDD) Program will be paid at 100 percent of the charged resident rate for Florida community colleges and public universities, and the average current state resident rate for private universities. EDD will pay for courses that matriculate toward a technical certificate, associates, baccalaureate, or master's degree and will pay for training in post-secondary institutions and technical centers to obtain industry certifications approved by the Department of Education. The Educational Dollars for Duty Program is for individuals who enter the Florida National Guard for the first time after June 30, 1997. Approval and payment of tuition is subject to annual appropriation. **(F.S. 250.10)**

FAMILY MEMBERS

64. Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

Florida is a member of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. The annual dues assessment for the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children shall be paid within existing resources by the Department of Education. It is the purpose of this compact to remove barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families because of frequent moves and deployment of their parents by:

- A. Facilitating the timely enrollment of children of military families and ensuring that they are not placed at a disadvantage due to difficulty in the transfer of education records from the previous school district or variations in entrance or age requirements.
- B. Facilitating the student placement process through which children of military families are not disadvantaged by variations in attendance requirements, scheduling, sequencing, grading, course content, or assessment.
- C. Facilitating the qualification and eligibility for enrollment, educational programs, and participation in extracurricular academic, athletic, and social activities.
- D. Facilitating the on-time graduation of children of military families.
- E. Providing for the adoption and enforcement of administrative rules implementing this compact.
- F. Providing for the uniform collection and sharing of information between and among member states, schools, and military families under this compact.
- G. Promoting coordination between this compact and other compacts affecting military children.
- H. Promoting flexibility and cooperation between the educational system, parents, and the student in order to achieve educational success for the student.

(F.S. 1000.36)

65. Accommodation in Schools for the Transition for Children of Military Families

Florida public schools must accept military permanent change of station (PCS) orders that relocate a military

family to a local military installation as proof of residency for all public school authorized programs at the school. This allows registration of a student once orders are received rather than after the service member arrives and secures housing. This law also provides priority placement in gifted, special needs and voucher programs for the children of military members. Additionally, provides for smooth transition for children of military families coming into Florida by improving timely transfer of records, establishing procedures to lessen the impact of moves, providing services for transferring students, and giving them first preference in special academic programs. The Department of Education shall assist in the transition by promoting practices which foster access to extracurricular programs, establishing procedures to lessen the adverse impact of moves from the end of the junior year as well as before and during the senior year, encouraging or continuing partnerships between the military base and the school system, providing services for transitioning students when applying to and finding funding for postsecondary study, and providing other assistance as identified by department, school, and military personnel. Finally, dependent children of active-duty military personnel who otherwise meet the eligibility criteria for special academic programs offered through public schools shall be given first preference for admission to such programs even if the program is being offered through a public school other than the school to which the student would generally be assigned and the school at which the program is being offered has reached its maximum enrollment. **(F.S. 1003.05)**

66. Exit Exam Graduation Requirements for High School Seniors of Military Families

In order to facilitate the on-time graduation of children of military families, states and local education agencies shall accept exit or end-of-course exams required for graduation from the sending state, national norm-referenced tests, or alternative testing, in lieu testing requirements for graduation in the receiving state. **(F.S. 1000.36, Article VII Section B)**

67. In-State College Tuition Rates for Military Family Members

This law amends the Congressman C.W. “Bill” Young Veteran Tuition Waiver Program to allow additional persons to be eligible for the out-of-state tuition fee waivers. This addition allows individuals, such as a spouse or child of a veteran or service member using GI Bill benefits, to qualify for in-state tuition rate currently afforded to honorably discharged veterans residing in Florida and enrolled in a state university, Florida College System institution, career center operated by a school district, or charter technical career center. The law requires a state university, Florida College System institution, career center operated by a school district, or charter technical career center to waive out-of-state fees for any person who is receiving educational assistance through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and who physically resides in Florida while enrolled in the institution. **(F.S. 1009.26)**

68. Preferential Treatment for Military Children

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. (F.S. 1002.31 (2) (c) 1)

69. Support to Family Members Codified in Florida law

Florida extends Service Members' Civil Relief Act (SCRA) to include early termination of auto leases, cell phone agreements and other commonly leased or contracted items listed in this handbook. Florida Law incorporates, by reference, both the SCRA and the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA). The SCRA is a federal law which addresses many of the same issues as Florida Law. (F.S. 250.82) USERRA (F.S. 115.15) is the federal law which affords employment protections and rights to service members.



FAMILY SUPPORT

70. Assistance for Dependents of Service Members on Active Duty

Provides that eligibility for the Family Readiness Program continues for a specified period following the termination of the service member's orders and his/her return home. (F.S. 250.5206)

71. Assistance for National Guard and Reserve Service Members on Active Duty (NG, R)

Provides need-based financial assistance to eligible service members of the Florida National Guard and United States Reserve Forces, including the Coast Guard Reserves, who are on active duty serving in the global war on terrorism and who are federally deployed or participating in state operations for homeland defense, and eligible families of such service members. Program funds may be used in emergency situations to purchase critically needed services, including, but not limited to, reasonable living expenses, housing, vehicles, equipment or renovations necessary to meet disability needs, and health care. Additionally, provides that eligibility for the Family Readiness Program continues for a specified period following the termination of the service member's orders and his/her return home. (F.S. 250.5206)

72. Soldier and Airman Assistance Program (NG)

Provides financial assistance and services to eligible service members of the Florida National Guard and eligible members of their families. The program shall be administered by the Department of Military Affairs. The program provides assistance for housing, living expenses, vehicle repair and rental, and health care. (F.S. 250.116)

73. Eligibility for Public Benefits (SNAP, TANF)

Active duty military personnel, veterans and their spouses/minor children with qualified non-citizen status do

not need to wait the standard five years after entering the country before they can receive public benefits. These benefits include the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Medicaid. (Other program rules including low income still apply.)

(Source: Florida Department of Children and Families)

74. Drivers Licenses

A member of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty in Florida shall not be required to obtain a Florida driver's license solely because he or she enters his or her children to be educated in the public schools of this state if he or she has a valid military driving permit or a valid driver's license issued by another state. **(F.S. 322.031)**

75. Persons with Disabilities – Medicaid Home and Community-Based Waivers

Provides individuals who meet eligibility requirements under F.S. 393.065 (1) to receive home and community-based services in Florida if parent or legal guardian is an active duty military service member and if, at the time of the transfer to Florida, the individual was already receiving home and community-based services in another state. Additional information can be found at: www.apdcares.org **(SB2502A - Implementing Bill 00000002)**

76. Military and Veterans Assistance Program

The Military and Veterans Assistance Program (“MVAP”) is an initiative within the Florida Office of the Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Division, which seeks to serve the unique needs of Florida’s military service members, reservists, and veterans. The program was developed to address several concerns identified while speaking to military members and veterans across the state. Members of the MVAP team work directly with military service members and veterans who have been targeted, or their representatives, to help resolve their consumer-protection-related issues or facilitate contact with other legal assistance if needed and as appropriate.

MVAP Includes:

Outreach and Education: We will partner with military and veteran leadership statewide to provide education and information regarding emerging scams targeting service members, reservists, and veterans and ways in which our program can assist this community.

Complaint Resolution: A dedicated team will work to address individual complaints by facilitating contact between the complaining service member, reservist, or veteran and the related business. Military service members, reservists, dependents, base representatives, veterans, veteran services representatives, and state or federal agencies can file a complaint at www.myfloridalegal.com/MVAP.

Enforcement: The MVAP team will monitor trends in complaints received and pursue consumer protection enforcement actions where appropriate.

Outside Referral: For matters not within our consumer protection enforcement jurisdiction, our team will connect eligible service members, reservists, and veterans with legal aid offices or other agencies if needed and as appropriate.

Improved Communication: The MVAP team will work to encourage open communication between local, state, and federal partners to help ensure complaints are being handled by the correct organization and new and relevant information is shared.

Contact: Call 1-866-9-NO-SCAM (1-866-966-7226), e-mail MVAP@myfloridalegal.com or visit www.myfloridalegal.com/MVAP

77. Governor DeSantis' GI LAW Initiative to Assist Florida's Military

The Governor's Initiative on Lawyers Assisting Warriors (GI LAW) draws from the talent of Florida's leading law firms to provide pro bono legal services for military members. This program allows our state's men and women in uniform to receive local council in a variety of civil matters, including actions in local courts.

Participating attorneys will dedicate time and expertise to ensure a prompt and fair resolution of legal matters. Those interested in obtaining pro bono legal services should go to the web site at: www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/lawyers-assisting-warriors/ and fill out a Legal Assistance Request Form and submit it through their appropriate Judge Advocate General or civilian military attorney's office.



78. Deployed Parent Custody and Visitation

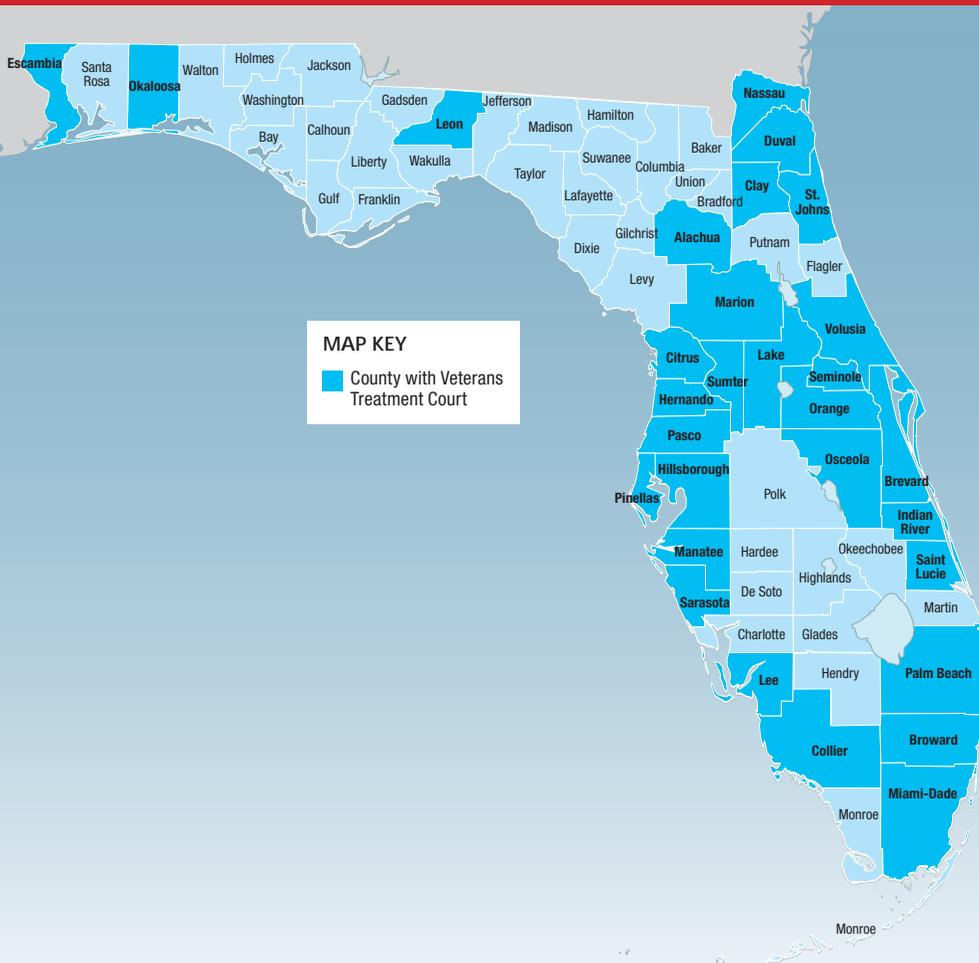
This law creates the “Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act” which complies with and mirrors federal law of the same name. This bill provides protections for deployed service members in regard to custody of children. It requires parents to communicate about custody and visitation issues as soon as possible after a service member learns of deployment and establishes procedures for parents who agree to a custody arrangement during deployment to resolve these issues by an out-of-court agreement. Further, it allows a deployed parent to grant care-taking authority to a non-parent with whom the child has a close positive relationship of substantial duration and depth. In the absence of an agreement, the bill allows for expedited resolution of a custody arrangement in court with a temporary custody order. The bill prohibits the entry of a permanent custody order before or during deployment without the service member's consent. The bill provides for termination of the temporary custody arrangement following the service member's return from deployment. The bill also repeals the section of law that currently addresses temporary time-sharing modification and child support modification due to military service. **(F.S. 61.703-61.773)**

79. Veterans Treatment Courts

The **T. Patt Maney Veterans' Treatment Act** authorizes a veterans court with the purpose of addressing the substance abuse and mental health needs of veterans – including active duty service members – within the criminal justice system. Veterans court, modeled after drug court, serves justice-involved veterans with a military-related substance use and/or mental health disorder including traumatic brain injury (TBI) and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Veterans court requires the participant to appear regularly before the court, attend mandatory treatment sessions, and submit to frequent testing for substance use. More information on Veterans courts can be found in the Veterans Resource Guide at www.flcourts.org/core/fileparse.php/266/urll/VETERANS_RESOURCE_GUIDE.pdf (F.S. 394.47891)

See map below for locations.

VETERANS TREATMENT COURTS





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PURPOSE

Enterprise Florida, Inc. created the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) in 1998 in accordance with Florida Statute 288.980 as a non-profit partnership between the Governor, Florida state officials, the Florida Congressional Delegation, state legislators, base commanders and staff, community leaders, and business executives. The FDA was created to increase military value, enhance base capabilities and promote multi-service synergies for Florida's military bases, while supporting and enhancing the quality of life of Florida military families.

FLORIDA DEFENSE ALLIANCE MISSION

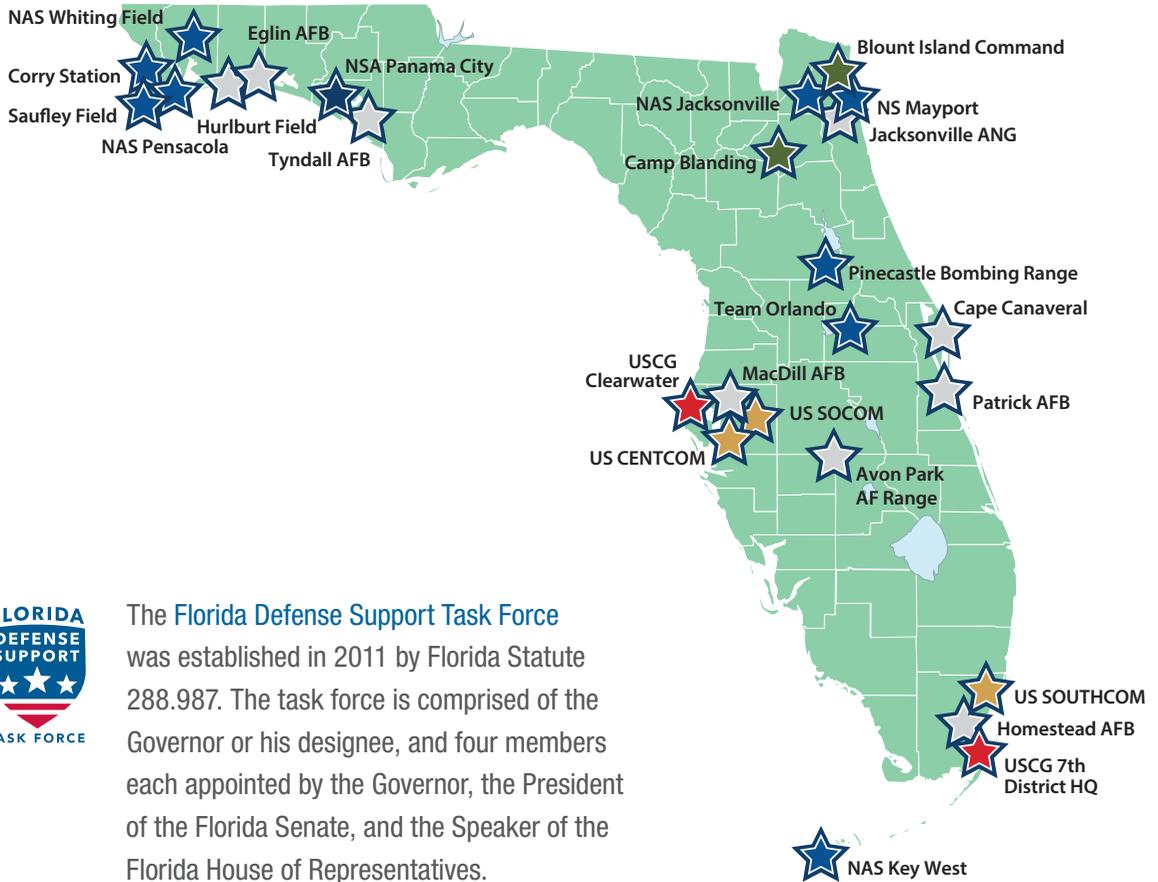
- Foster federal military presence in the State of Florida in support of national defense
- Preserve test, training, and staging areas suitable for maneuver by ground, naval or air forces to guarantee future availability of such areas and ensure the readiness of Armed Forces operations in Florida
- Expand defense-related industries
- Ensure that both active and retired Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, National Guard, Reserves, and family members receive continual improvement to quality of life
- Support local efforts to enhance the value of military installations

MEMBERSHIP

The Florida Defense Alliance is a grass roots consortium of representatives of defense-related organizations including federal, state and local government as well as defense industry, economic development organizations, and other interested parties who come together to protect, promote and enhance military value of Florida installations and missions. FDA currently has two working groups – Mission Sustainment and Family Support.



FLORIDA DEFENSE SUPPORT TASK FORCE



The Florida Defense Support Task Force was established in 2011 by Florida Statute 288.987. The task force is comprised of the Governor or his designee, and four members each appointed by the Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, and the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives.



FLORIDA DEFENSE SUPPORT TASK FORCE MISSION:

- To make recommendations to preserve and protect military installations
- To support the state's position in research and development related to or arising from 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

The Florida Military Complex and The Military Logic for Protecting the Eastern Gulf of Mexico from Oil Exploration and Drilling

- The Florida Military Complex is comprised of the Eastern Gulf of Mexico Test and Training Range and is linked to the inland ranges at Pinecastle and Avon Park. The complex includes the National Center for Simulation extending this testing and training into the virtual realm.
- The Complex connects every range and installation in air, land, water, sub-surface and space.
- The Gulf Range is a unique national resource and vital to the National Defense Strategy. Larger than all other training ranges inside the continental U.S. combined, it stretches from the Florida Panhandle to Key West and covers most of the eastern Gulf of Mexico.
- The Gulf Range directly supports NAS Pensacola, NAS Whiting Field, Hurlburt Field, Duke Field, Eglin AFB, NSA Panama City, Tyndall AFB, MacDill AFB and NAS Key West missions while also hosting live fire weapons and operational testing for visiting Air Force, Navy and Marine units from around the world.
- Most of Florida's bases are located here because of the good flying weather and proximity to the Gulf Range.
- Emerging technologies such as hypersonics, 5th and 6th generation fighters and weapons, and advanced sub-surface systems will require more space and the Gulf Range is the only test range in the U.S large enough for a full-range test flight of a hypersonic missile fired from Key West and programmed to land on Eglin AFB.
- The areas east of the 86° 41' line in the Gulf of Mexico (commonly known as the "Military Mission Line" or MML) are especially critical due to the number and diversity of military testing and training activities conducted there now or planned for the near future.
- In those areas east of the MML, drilling structures and associated development would pose hazards and be incompatible with military activities such as missile flights, low-flying aircraft, weapons testing, and training. Oil exploration there would jeopardize the military's ability to test more sophisticated and longer distance weapons critical to national security and severely reduce Florida's appeal to keep military bases.
- The current moratorium on oil exploration and drilling expires in 2022. If Congress does not act to extend the moratorium, this precious national treasure in the Gulf will be lost and our military readiness will be severely diminished.





GOVERNOR DESANTIS' GI LAW INITIATIVE

Governor DeSantis is committed to ensuring our service members have the support of the state's legal community and its best legal minds. To achieve this goal, the Governor's Initiative on Lawyers Assisting Warriors (GI LAW) draws from the talent of Florida's leading law firms to provide pro bono services for military members. Through this initiative, our state's men and women in uniform receive local counsel in a variety of civil matters, including actions in local courts. Participating attorneys dedicate time and expertise to ensure a prompt and fair resolution of legal matters.

This program is a collaboration between the Governor, the Department of Military Affairs, the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs and Enterprise Florida, Inc.

More information available at:

www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/lawyers-assisting-warriors



FLORIDA MILITARY SPOUSE LICENSURE RECIPROCITY

Florida is the nation's leader in providing licensure reciprocity for military spouses. Florida recognizes every license from other states for all health practitioners, professions, educators and attorneys. Please see the section on licensure beginning on page 11 of this guide.

Health— Through their VALOR Program, the Florida Department of Health honors all valid and current medical licenses from other states and will issue the same license from Florida for no fee. www.flhealthsource.gov/valor

Professions— The Department of Business and Professional Regulation honors all valid and current professional licenses from other states and will issue the same license for the corresponding profession from Florida. www.myfloridalicense.com/DBPR/military-services/military-and-veteran-spouses/

Education— The Florida Department of Education honors all valid and current standard or professional teaching certificates from other states and will issue a corresponding Florida certification. www.fldoe.org/teaching/certification/military/#MCFW

Law— The Florida Bar allows active duty military spouses who are members of the bar of other states to practice law in Florida when they accompany a military member stationed in Florida. www-media.floridabar.org/uploads/2019/04/Ch-21-RRTFB-3-29-19.pdf



FREE DOWNLOAD

This guide can be downloaded from the Florida Defense Support Task Force website: www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf

TAB 7

**Announcement of
FY 2019-2020
Grant Awards**

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Governor Ron DeSantis Announces Florida Defense Support Task Force Grant Awards

Tallahassee, Fla. – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced that \$725,000 has been awarded through the Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) Grant Program to six projects to protect military installations across the state. This year, awards were given to the Clay County Development Authority, Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast in Brevard County and the Military Child Education Coalition in Duval, Hillsborough, and Okaloosa Counties. Florida's military and defense industry contributes more than \$84.9 billion in economic impact and supports more than 801,747 jobs, which is the second largest economic sector in the state.

"The awarding of \$725,000 in Florida Defense Support Task Force grants demonstrates Florida's commitment to protect, preserve and enhance Florida's military installations," **said Governor DeSantis**. "As the most military-friendly state, Florida is dedicated to the thousands of military and civilian families who live and work in our defense communities."

"Under Governor DeSantis' leadership, Enterprise Florida and the Florida Defense Support Task Force remain committed to strengthening and protecting our military installations and helping those communities that support our military men and women in uniform," **said Jamal Sowell, Florida Secretary of Commerce and Enterprise Florida President & CEO**. "This investment will provide Florida's military bases with the resources to be resilient and continue Florida's reputation as the most military-friendly state in the nation."

Grant funding will support community projects at Florida military installations that will diversify local economies, provide support for local infrastructure projects and strengthen Florida's bases ahead of any potential Department of Defense realignment or closure actions. For more information on the individual grant award for projects throughout the state, see below:

Clay County: \$500,000 Defense Grant

\$500,000 was awarded to Clay County through the Florida Defense Support Task Force Grant Program to buffer Camp Blanding from incompatible land development. Camp Blanding trains over 350,000 Florida National Guard troops, active duty military members and law enforcement units.

“In accordance with our principal purpose of promoting sound economic development of Clay County, the Clay County Development Authority is pleased to receive this grant,” **said Josh Cockrell, Executive Director of the Clay County Development Authority**. “It will strengthen the strategic partnership with Camp Blanding Joint Training Center and improve the quality of life for our citizens by securing a buffer from future development and encroachment, thus protecting the installation that comprises almost one-fifth of the county and is tied to its economic viability.”

Brevard County: \$125,000 Defense Grant

\$125,000 was awarded to the Economic Development Commission of Florida’s Space Coast, the home of the 45th Space Wing which includes 27 mission partners plus tenants at Patrick Air Force Base (PAFB) and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station (CCAFS). The base is home to approximately 13,000 military, Department of Defense civilian and defense contractor personnel. PAFB and CCAFS serve a unique role as it serves to enhance space operations capability for the United States. The base is also critical to the local economy. This grant supports mission growth by identifying opportunities and resources by producing a detailed assessment of the conditions of critical infrastructure supporting Eastern Range space operations.

“This grant is both an investment in our nation’s military assets and Brevard County’s local community,” **said Lynda Weatherman, President and CEO of the Economic Development Commission of Florida’s Space Coast**. “We are pleased the FDSTF members recognize the value of our military installations and the significance of this project.”

Duval, Hillsborough, and Okaloosa County School Districts: \$100,000 Defense Grant

\$100,000 was awarded to Military Child Education Coalition® (MCEC) to support military-connected children in Florida. Frequent school moves and poor connections to schools have been linked with lower grades and test scores, poor attendance and higher dropout rates, an increased risk of failing or repeating a grade, adjustment problems, and an increased probability of engaging in risky behaviors. By demonstrating its support for military families through programs that will enhance the education experience of military-connected children, Florida continues to position itself as the most military-friendly state by supporting military families.

“The Military Child Education Coalition is proud of this strategic partnership with the State of Florida, home to over 93,000 military-connected children and 27 military installations covering all branches of service,” **said Jack Ballentyne, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of MCEC**. “Florida’s outstanding reputation of being military-friendly is backed by a history of deep support for Service Members, Veterans and their families. Working in collaboration with education, community and installation partners, the Military Child Education Coalition will offer student support services and a Military Student Transition Consultant-Affiliate embedded at the school level to meet needs as they arise. We are deeply grateful to Florida for their broad and generous support of the children of those who serve us all.”

The Florida Defense Support Task Force was created in 2011 with the mission to make recommendations to preserve and protect military installations, support the state's position in research and development related to military missions and contracting, and improve the state's military-friendly environment for service members, military families, veterans and businesses that bring military and defense-related jobs to the state. The Florida Defense Support Task Force Grant Program is administered by Enterprise Florida, and grants are awarded annually, on a project priority basis. For more information on the Florida Defense Support Task Force, visit www.eflorida.com/floridadefense

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Governor Ron DeSantis Announces Over \$722,000 in Additional Grants to Protect Florida Military Installations

Tallahassee, Fla. – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced that \$722,400 was awarded through the Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) Grant Program to three projects to protect military installations across the state. The award recipients include the Florida Department of Military Affairs, the Bay County Board of County Commissioners and the City of Jacksonville. This grant award, combined with the previous award this fiscal year, results in a \$1,447,400 commitment by the FDSTF to Florida's defense communities.

"Florida is the most military-friendly state in the nation and I'm proud to announce over \$722,000 to support community infrastructure projects at Florida military installations," **said Governor DeSantis**. "We thank the Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) for supporting Florida's military communities and military installation and defense industry, which represents a \$95 billion impact to our state."

"Today's announcement is great news for Florida," **said Jamal Sowell, Florida Secretary of Commerce and Enterprise Florida President & CEO**. "Florida's military and defense industry is a key economic driver for the state and Enterprise Florida and the FDSTF will continue to create opportunities that support Florida's military installations and strengthen Florida bases."

Grant funding will support community projects at Florida military installations that will diversify local economies, provide support for local infrastructure projects and strengthen Florida's bases ahead of any potential Department of Defense realignment or closure actions. For more information on the individual grant award for projects throughout the state, see below:

Miami-Dade County: \$129,000 Defense Grant

\$129,000 was awarded to the Florida Department of Military Affairs for the Florida Army National Guard for encroachment management at Homestead Air Reserve Base. This project will support the construction of a security fence along the perimeter of a 70-acre

tract of land contiguous to the base, which will provide a buffer from incompatible land uses on the north side of the base.

“This grant supports the commitment the Florida Department of Military Affairs has made toward the Guard and Reserve mission in the State of Florida, and will allow the Florida National Guard to grow force structure in a key demographic area,” **stated Maj. Gen. James Eifert, The Adjutant General of the State of Florida.** “We are pleased the FDSTF members recognize the value of this partnership and our military installations.”

Bay County: \$270,900 Defense Grant

\$270,900 was awarded to the Bay County Board of County Commissioners to assess critical community infrastructure requirements needed for the rebuilding of Tyndall AFB and the Naval Support Activity Panama City after the impacts of Hurricane Michael. Additionally, these funds will help leverage other local and federal resources that will assist the communities to work collaboratively towards rebuilding and resiliency related to Hurricane Michael and preparations for the next century.

"Bay County's hurricane recovery efforts are bolstered by this FDSTF partnership to provide funding for infrastructure assessments and mission growth and community partnership opportunities for long term military and defense resiliency," **said Philip "Griff" Griffiths, Chairman of the Bay County Board of County Commissioners.**

Duval County: \$322,500 Defense Grant

\$322,500 was awarded to the City of Jacksonville to protect Naval Bases and installations and promote compatible land use in the Military Influence Zone of Duval County. This grant will help the grantee leverage \$1.5 million of Federal Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) funds for this project.

“Support from the State of Florida, through the Florida Defense Support Task Force will allow for the City of Jacksonville in partnership with the US Navy, to protect the vital military missions of our bases and installations,” **said Mayor Lenny Curry, Mayor of the City of Jacksonville.** “This proactive effort, which could not happen without support from the FDSTF, will ensure that our bases and installations are protected from development that is incompatible with the missions that protect our freedom.”

The Florida Defense Support Task Force was created in 2011 with the mission to make recommendations to preserve and protect military installations, support the state's position in research and development related to military missions and contracting, and improve the state's military-friendly environment for service members, military families, veterans and businesses that bring military and defense-related jobs to the state.

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TAB 8

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

Florida Defense Support Task Force Grants & Contracts – 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, FY 16-17, FY 17-18, FY 18-19, FY 19-20, and FY 20-21.

Funding Request Summary – As of January 26, 2021 for Task Force Grant Activity

Grant Closed 3rd Quarter Extensions

1. Florida Defense Support Task Force Grants FY 13-14

Grant # End Date Award Amount	Grantee	Status/Progress
14-05 01/31/2021 \$500,000	(FY 13-14) Economic Development Alliance of Bay County (BayEDA) – Bay Technology Initiative (Lambda Rail is a proprietary name)	<p>Bay County has agreed to take ownership of the project upon complete and to maintain the completed project in the future. Jim Muller with Bay County has been in contact with staff regarding RESTORE funding and this initiative.</p> <p>The approved contract term was extended to January 31, 2021 since the TF will not meet in December to take action on this project.</p> <p><u>EDA Bay County contract amendment has been executed. The new term of the contract is January 31, 2021.</u></p> <p><u>Bay County is requesting a contract extension until December 31, 2021.</u></p> <p>Bay County is requesting to extend the grant to December 31, 2021 in order to complete and execute final project plans.</p> <p>They are suggesting utilizing Bay County's spare conduit to run fiber from NAS PC to the POP within Panama City and then to Ivy Road. From Ivy Road we will lease dark fiber to reach Mexico Beach. This would give Tyndall AFB connectivity the entire length of US 98 which can be a large benefit to the base.</p>

		FDOT and Bay County have a project to replace the leased fiber before the lease expires. (See attached map).
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2. Florida Defense Support Task Force Grants FY 15-16

Grant # End Date Award Amount	Grantee	Status/Progress
16-136 06/30/2020 \$500,000	(FY 15-16) Highlands County Board of County Commissioners – Encroachment Prevention and Sustainability of Avon Park Air Force Range in Highlands County	Project completed.

3. Florida Defense Support Task Force Grants FY 18-19

Grant # End Date Award Amount	Grantee	Status/Progress
19-101 01/31/2021 \$500,000	(FY 18-19) Polk County – Encroachment prevention and sustainability of the Avon Park Air Force Range	<p>Negotiated and acquired the 187 acres on the third phase of the FX Bar Ranch resulting in a 187-acre conservation easement over the property. Pursuing the Rucks property in the Avon Park Air Force Range MIPA area as the fourth phase of FX Bar Ranch is not moving forward at this time. Ordered title work for the Rucks property and proceeding with the appraisal process.</p> <p>Polk County began pursuing the Rucks property in the Avon Park Air Force Range MIPA area as the next conservation easement. Title work has been completed in anticipation of use in the appraisal. This resulted in \$453,598.86 expended from the \$500,000.00 grant. Plans are to use the remaining funds of \$46,451.09 for other pre-acquisition costs for the Rucks conservation easement. The site visit with landowner and appraiser is scheduled for January 21, 2021.</p> <p>This FDSTF Agreement is set to expire January 31, 2021. Polk County is requesting a one-year extension of the Agreement to cover the costs of finishing the appraisal, conducting the</p>

		<p>environmental site assessment and baseline report and utilizing the remaining funds toward the next conservation easement purchase.</p> <p><u>Gave Sharpe from Polk County is requesting a contract extension until January 31, 2022.</u></p> <p>Negotiations on the easement document with the property owner have taken longer than anticipated. The appraisal on the next proposed conservation easement is underway but cannot be completed until all the details of the easement document are finalized. The appraisal site visit will occur January 21, 2021, but the appraisal report will not be completed until February 2021, then it must be reviewed by Polk County's Real Estate Section before accepting the appraisal as a final document.</p> <p>These easements assist with protecting the Range in continuing their flight trainings into the future.</p>
<p>19-102 03/17/2020 \$90,000</p>	<p>(FY 18-19) Highlands County Board of County Commissioners (HBCC) – Avon Park Air Force Range Sentinel Landscape priority action plan</p>	<p>Project Completed.</p>
<p>19-105 03/27/2020 \$144,000</p>	<p>(FY 18-19) Gulf Coast State College - Environmental Imp Tyndall AFB: Resiliency/Mission Return/" Base of the Future".</p>	<p>Project Completed.</p>

4. Florida Defense Support Task Force Grants FY 19-20

Grant # End Date Award Amount	Grantee	Status/Progress
<p>20-100 07/31/2021 \$100,000</p>	<p>(FY 19-20) Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) – Transition Support for Florida's Military-Connected Children</p>	<p>Task 1/Activity 1: Student Program trainings for 3 districts, 3* schools in each district - As a result of school closures and restrictions to travel and face-to-face activities due to COVID-19, no Student Program trainings were conducted during this reporting time period.</p> <p>Task 2/Activity 1: Task 2/Activity 1: Military Student Transition Consultant - Affiliate Program for Duval and Hillsborough Counties - Programs resumed in September. The Affiliates implementing the MCEC MSTA programs in Duval and Hillsborough County School Districts have been invited to weekly MSTC Programs check in calls where professionals serving</p>

		<p>military connected students share resources, ideas and problem solve with peers at various locations. We have had a professional development offering on transitioning with military children with exceptional needs. One MSTA has had the opportunity to help students transition out of her school. She has also been coordinating details to set up a lending library of educational resources for displaced military families on the installation.</p> <p>Hillsboro County returned to school online on August 18 (a one-week delay) for a full week and then on August 24th parents had the option to choose on site or e-learning. Initially, the school was about 60% in person the rest online but over the last several weeks they had so many parents changing their minds (some multiple times) they are now at about 33% online and the rest are on campus.</p> <p>Hillsboro has had a lot of new military kids start this year but are waiting on several coalition families to complete testing and quarantining to start school. They have families from Italy and Jordan waiting for clearance and several families transitioned out of the district over the summer that had orders held up because of COVID that eventually got released.</p> <p>The MSTA at Hillsboro looks forward to doing some PD for their teachers and the district is looking into creating a position to assist their Military liaison with enrollment and withdrawals. The MSTA is hoping to be considered for that.</p> <p>We have not been able to make contact with Duvall, after multiple attempts via email and phone messages. We will continue to work on making a connection.</p> <p>MCEC contract amendment has been executed as of 8/17/2020. The new term of the contract is July 31, 2021.</p> <p><u>Task 1/Activity 1: Student Program trainings for 3 districts, 3 schools in each district</u></p> <p><u>Hillsborough County Schools</u> Leadership in Hillsborough County Schools requested that remaining funds go towards sending students and faculty to the National Training Seminar (NTS) in Washington, DC. Since the start of the first quarter in 2021, MCEC made the decision to move NTS to a virtual platform. Student Programs next steps are to work with the Hillsborough leadership on plan to spend the remaining \$5968.71 funds. Hillsborough School’s responding to the MCEC Semester Report Card</p> <p>Chiaramonte Elementary School Active but paused due to COVID-19 Success shared by the sponsor: “We have lunch bunches for all of the grades that are rotating out each quarter. This gives everyone a chance to participate, who is willing and allowed to” Team Sponsor</p>
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		<p>Okaloosa County Schools School Liaison Officer, Elaine Lageunesse, prefers training be delivered in-person instead of virtual and requested the date for the fall of 2021. MCEC has let her know that this grant has already been extended and asked that they schedule training before June 2021. Okaloosa School’s responding to the MCEC Semester Report Card</p> <p>Fort Walton Beach H.S. Active but paused due to COVID-19 Success shared by the sponsor: Our President organized 3 Zoom orientations for the students who would be new to our school but not a freshman (since all freshmen are new to the school). She went over grade-level specific things in each zoom, as well as general school information to help students get more acquainted. She also assigned a club member to each of these new students who were in their same lunch wave so that those students would have someone to eat lunch with when they got to school. During this Zoom, she also showed a video that she made of a tour around the school. Success by sponsor on how they assisted isolated students Club members who were 'assigned' to new students at the beginning of the year have been doing weekly check-ins to make sure the new students are feeling comfortable and don't have any questions. It has been a very strange year with little social interaction, so these new students have not gotten to experience all that our school has to offer. The S2S members are trying to make sure they feel a part of the family, even though they haven't gotten to do all of the fun things that typically come along with attending school at Fort Walton.</p> <p>Duval County Schools MCEC made contacts with several schools in the county. Schools are looking for dates after the new year starts.</p> <p><u>Task 2/Activity 1: Military Student Transition Consultant – Affiliate Program for Duval and Hillsborough Counties</u></p> <p>Programs in Hillsborough and Duval Counties continue to support the needs of military-connected students in their locations. The Affiliates implementing the MCEC MSTA programs in Duval and Hillsborough County School Districts have been invited to weekly MSTC Programs check in calls where professionals serving military connected students share resources, ideas and problem solve with peers at various locations. The lending library of educational resources for displaced military families on the installation has been successfully established. While as of the time that this report was written, we had not received data from Duval, below is what has been reported by the Affiliate at Hillsborough County School District</p>
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		<p>Transition Support Facilitating smooth school transitions (Into and Out of schools)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 - Number of new students supported as they transitioned into or out of the school <p>Transition Barriers helped to overcome for students/families</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transcripts/School Records • Enrollment/Registration • School Selection • Special Education <p>Notable personalized transition support provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted a family that recently moved/parents divorced come back to my site from another that was not as military friendly. <p>Resources: Installation Resource - School Resource - Community Resource</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 – resources connections <p><u>Task 1/Activity 1:</u> Student Program trainings for 3 districts, 3 schools in each district –</p> <p>No Activities have been scheduled to be completed during the Reporting Quarter that were not completed.</p> <p><u>Task 2/Activity 1:</u> Military Student Transition Consultant – Affiliate for Duval and Hillsborough Counties</p> <p>No Activities have been scheduled to be completed during the Reporting Quarter that were not completed.</p>
<p>20-101 06/30/2020 \$500,000</p>	<p>(FY 19-20) Clay County Development Authority (CCDA) – Camp Blanding Joint Training Center (CBJTC) – Installation Encroachment Acquisition</p>	<p>Project Completed.</p>
<p>20-102 10/31/2021 \$125,000</p>	<p>(FY 19-20) Economic Development Commission of Florida’s Space Coast – Assessment of critical infrastructure supporting Eastern Range space operations</p>	<p>The EDC has been delayed due to COVID-19 and will reengage as restrictions are lifted.</p> <p><u>EDC Space Coast contract amendment has been executed. The new term of the contract is October 31, 2021.</u></p> <p>Due to delay in contract start date, the project was extended to October 31,2021. They are on track for completion.</p>

<p>20-103 06/29/2021 \$322,500</p>	<p>(FY 19-20) City of Jacksonville – Encroachment Protection/Compatible Land Use for NS Mayport, NAS Jacksonville and OLF Whitehouse</p>	<p>Contract Executed.</p> <p>The City of Jacksonville and the Navy have completed closings on two parcels in the Military Influence Zone of OLF Whitehouse. The closings took place on November 24th and December 17th. The total acquisition was for 11.06 acres.</p> <p>Additionally, they are prepared to close on the next 30-40 acres of the phased purchase of property adjacent to NAS Jacksonville as soon as the Navy receives the 2021 REPI funding (expected by February 2021).</p>
<p>20-104 05/21/2021 \$270,900</p>	<p>(FY 19-20) Bay County Board of County Commissioners – Bay County Infrastructure Assessment: Supporting Compatible and Resilient Development in Response to Hurricane Recovery and Projected Tyndall AFB Growth</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated efforts between Headquarters United States Air Force Community Partnership leads, 325th Fighter Wing and local community which resulted in completion of five new community partnership efforts. Scheduled and orchestrated monthly meetings with 325th Fighter Wing leadership and Bay County Steering Group to discuss and gain approval of the five initiatives. S • Scheduled and led numerous meetings with Bay County to discuss Air Force Enhanced Use Lease program, the potential options for Bay County participation in the proposed Tyndall Enhanced Use Lease and facilitated bringing in Utah Military Installation Development Authority to discuss their lessons learned with their Enhanced Use Lease. • Drafted background paper and crafted proposed comments to the Air Force's release of the Draft Environmental Impact Study for the F35 and MQ-9 to Tyndall AFB. Participated in the Public Hearing on the Draft EIS. • Begin collecting budget, infrastructure, and capital improvement plan data for Bay County and the cities of Mexico Beach, Panama City, Springfield, Parker and Callaway. • Develop forecast model that can analyze growth projections and infrastructure demand within the Study Area. • Develop a GIS database that can be used to analyze existing and projected growth within the Study Area. • Continue to collect and analyze budget, infrastructure, and capital improvement plan data for Bay County and the cities of Mexico Beach, Panama City, Springfield, Parker and Callaway. • Prepare forecast model that can analyze growth projections and infrastructure demand within the Study Area. • Develop a GIS database that can be used to analyze existing and projected growth within the Study Area. • Begin analyzing GIS data for Potable Water and Sanitary Sewer within the Study Area.

20-105 06/29/2020 \$129,000	(FY 19-20) Florida Department of Military Affairs – Encroachment Management at Homestead Air Reserve Base – Florida Army National Guard Security Fence.	FDMA continues to work issues related to the securing the property boundary. No activity to report for the quarter covering October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.
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5. Florida Defense Support Task Force Grants FY 20-21

Grant # End Date Award Amount	Grantee	Status/Progress
21-100 10/31/2021 \$500,000	(FY 20-21) Clay County Development Authority (CCDA) – Camp Blanding Joint Training Center (CBJTC) – Installation Encroachment Acquisition	Contract Executed Grant Agreement between CCDA and FDSTF was reviewed and executed. Numerous conversations between CCDA, Camp Blanding and North Florida Land Trust regarding progression of the project.
21-101 10/31/2022 \$500,000	(FY 20-21) Polk County Board of County Commissioners – Encroachment Prevention and Sustainability of the Avon Park Air Force Range - Polk County	Contract Execution Pending On the agenda for their Board to approve on January 19, 2021
21-102 10/31/2021 \$110,000	(FY 20-21) Orlando Economic Partnership – Team Orlando Growth Enhancement	Contract Executed No activity as grant was executed just prior to end of 2 nd quarter.
21-103 10/31/2021 \$70,000	(FY 20-21) Santa Rosa Board of County Commissioners – Career Academy Outreach Program for Military Children	Contract Executed

<p>21-104 10/31/2021 \$70,000</p>	<p>(FY 20-21) South Florida Progress Foundation – Quad County Military Installations & Personnel Resilience Study</p>	<p>Contract Executed</p> <p>No activity as grant was executed just prior to end of 2nd quarter.</p>
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OPEN GRANTS								
Contract TYPE								
#	Contractor	End Date	Award Amount	Paid to Date	Funds Remaining	Funds Forfeited	Pending Payments	Remaining funds after pending
FY 13-14								
DTF 14-05	EDA of Bay County	6/30/2020	500,000.00	85,650.00	414,350.00		-	414,350.00
Total			500,000.00	85,650.00	414,350.00		-	414,350.00
FY 18-19								
DTF 19-101	Polk County	6/30/2020	500,000.00	453,548.91	46,451.09		-	46,451.09
Total			500,000.00	453,548.91	46,451.09		-	46,451.09
FY 19-20								
DTF 20-100	Military Child Education Coalition	7/31/2020	100,000.00	61,143.30	38,856.70		1,722.22	37,134.48
DTF 20-102	EDC Space Coast	6/30/2020	125,000.00	-	125,000.00		-	125,000.00
DTF 20-103	City of Jacksonville	6/29/2021	322,500.00	43,749.50	278,750.50		-	278,750.50
DTF 20-104	Bay County Board of County Commissioners	5/21/2021	270,900.00	86,872.98	184,027.02		18,731.00	165,296.02
DTF 20-105	Dept. of Military Affairs	6/29/2021	129,000.00	-	129,000.00		-	129,000.00
Total			947,400.00	191,765.78	755,634.22		20,453.22	735,181.00
FY 20-21								
DTF 21-100	Clay County Development Authority	10/31/2021	500,000.00	-	500,000.00		-	500,000.00
DTF 21-102	Orlando Economic Partnership	10/31/2021	110,000.00	-	110,000.00		-	110,000.00
DTF 21-103	Santa Rosa County Board of County Commissioners	10/31/2021	70,000.00	-	70,000.00		-	70,000.00
DTF 21-104	South Florida Progress Foundation	10/31/2021	70,000.00	-	70,000.00		-	70,000.00
Total			750,000.00	-	750,000.00		-	750,000.00
Grand Total Open			2,697,400.00	730,964.69	1,966,435.31		20,453.22	1,945,982.09
GRANT TOTAL ALL GRANTS			14,306,364.00	11,586,635.14	1,966,435.31	740,857.47	20,453.22	1,945,982.09

Contracts Update

1. Florida Defense Support Task Force Contracts FY 19-20

Contract # End Date Award Amount	Grantee	Status/Progress
19-214 12/31/2019 \$150,000	(FY 19-20) Matrix Design Group – Conduct and economic impact analysis of Florida’s Military and Defense Industry	<p>Project completed as of 12/31/2019. The study results will be presented at the January 2020 FDSTF meeting. The FactBook will be printed and delivered in January 2020.</p> <p>Project Completed. Contract Closed.</p>
6/30/2021 \$165,000	(FY 19-20) Kennetic Productions, Inc. – complete 35 final approved videos of different lengths, based on at least 15 separate video shoots and or compilations of existing video in 15 different counties	<p>Kennetic continues to make contact with installations to schedule video shoots. The team has completed videos for Camp Blanding and Tyndall AFB. They are working to schedule other installations as they reopen. As videos are completed they are being uploaded to the Enterprise Florida YouTube page: https://www.youtube.com/c/EnterpriseFlorida/videos</p> <p><u>Kennetic Productions contract amendment executed. The new term of the contract is June 30, 2021.</u></p> <p>Kennetic has recently completed videos from NSA Orlando and USCG Clearwater. They are also working to finalize videos from Joint Gulf Range Complex video 1; Eglin AFB.; Tyndall AFB; NSA Panama City; Hurlburt Field and Professional License Reciprocity.</p> <p>They are still working with Space Coast EDC to schedule a shooting day with SMEs in their region with a target filming date of 01/14.</p>

2. Florida Defense Support Task Force Contracts FY 20-21

Contract # End Date Award Amount	Grantee	Status/Progress
20-247 3/1/2021 \$27,500	(FY 20-21) Matrix Design Group – tabulate an inventory of all active federal Department of Defense (DOD) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) contractors across Florida to serve as the initial data for the Florida DEO contractor platform	Contract Executed

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Running Total of Closed Grants & Contracts

CLOSED GRANTS									
Contract TYPE #	Contractor	End Date	Award Amount	Paid to Date	Funds Remaining	Funds Forfeited Cumulative	Pending Payments	Remaining funds after pending	
FY 12-13									
DTF 13-02	National Center for Simulation	06/30/15	350,000.00	349,999.85		0.15		-	
DTF 13-03	Florida 8 a Alliance	04/17/14	100,000.00	99,699.44	-	300.56		-	
DTF 13-05	Highlands County	03/31/15	500,000.00	500,000.00				-	
DTF 13-06	Santa Rosa	04/30/14	160,000.00	129,400.00	-	30,600.00		-	
DTF 13-07	Tampa Bay Defense Alliance	01/31/15	130,000.00	129,230.63		769.37		-	
DTF 13-08	The Andrews Institute	06/23/14	225,000.00	225,000.00	-			-	
DTF 13-10	City of Jacksonville	05/11/15	200,000.00	171,525.77		28,474.23		-	
DTF 13-11	City of Jacksonville	12/11/14	250,000.00	249,682.00		318.00		-	
Total			1,915,000.00	1,854,537.69	-	60,462.31		-	
FY 13-14									
DTF 14-02	Clay County (air space control)	07/31/15	474,000.00	474,000.00	-			-	
DTF 14-03	Clay County (mass notification system)	03/12/15	255,000.00	255,000.00	-			-	
DTF 14-04	City of Niceville	01/23/15	25,000.00	25,000.00	-			-	
DTF 14-06	National Center for Simulation	12/31/15	350,000.00	350,000.00	-			-	
DTF 14-08	Tampa Bay Defense Alliance	05/31/15	225,000.00	223,642.05		1,357.95		-	
DTF 14-09	Florida 8(a) Alliance	05/31/15	150,000.00	150,000.00	-			-	
DTF 14-10	EDC of Okaloosa County	05/30/15	195,000.00	172,708.46		22,291.54		-	
DTF 14-11	Florida's Great Northwest	04/24/15	50,000.00	49,999.96		0.04		-	
Total			1,724,000.00	1,700,350.47	-	23,649.53		-	
FY 14-15									
DTF 15-01	Clay County (Purchase land)	07/31/16	400,000.00	394,725.75		5,274.25	-	-	
DTF 15-02	Tampa Bay Defense Alliance	05/31/16	150,000.00	149,886.61		113.39		-	
DTF 15-03	University of West Florida	08/31/16	350,000.00	350,000.00	-		-	-	
DTF 15-04	National Center for Simulation	06/30/17	240,000.00	240,000.00	-		-	-	
DTF 15-05	EDC of Okaloosa County	01/23/16	285,000.00	285,000.00	-		-	-	
DTF 15-06	Florida's Great Northwest	02/16/16	25,000.00	25,000.00	-			-	
DTF 15-07	Santa Rosa County	02/16/16	20,654.00	20,653.75	-	0.25		-	
DTF 15-08	Florida 8(a) Alliance	04/30/16	100,000.00	99,680.83	-	319.17	-	-	
DTF 15-09	Career Source Gulf Coast	08/24/17	150,000.00	38,035.25	-	99,528.92	-	-	
DTF 15-10	Bay County	06/30/16	200,000.00	200,000.00	-		-	-	
DTF 15-11	City of Key West	06/30/18	100,000.00	100,000.00	-		-	-	
DTF 15-12	Air Force Enlisted	03/15/16	135,000.00	135,000.00	-			-	
DTF 15-14	Polk County	04/20/17	500,000.00	500,000.00	-			-	
Total			2,655,654.00	2,537,982.19	-	105,235.98		-	

FY 15-16								
DTF 16-01	Clay County Development Authority	08/13/16	400,000.00	390,200.00	-	9,800.00		
DTF 16-02	Tampa Bay Defense Alliance	06/30/17	175,000.00	168,578.39	-	6,421.61	-	-
DTF 16-03	Santa Rosa County	08/13/16	41,310.00	41,310.00	-			
DTF 16-04	Bay County (NSA PC)	03/31/17	120,000.00	111,814.00	-	8,186.00	-	-
CON 16-136	Highlands County	06/30/20	500,000.00	499,986.36	-	13.64	-	-
CON 16-137	City of Key West	06/29/18	150,000.00	150,000.00	-		-	-
CON 16-138	EDC Okaloosa County	06/29/17	250,000.00	237,646.95	-	12,353.05	-	-
CON 16-139	National Math + Science Initiative	11/30/17	175,000.00	54,603.64	-	120,396.36	-	-
CON 16-140	Doolittle Institute	06/29/17	100,000.00	100,000.00	-		-	-
CON 16-143	Military Child Education Coalition	05/31/18	225,000.00	225,000.00	-		-	-
CON 16-144	Clay County	06/29/17	400,000.00	399,175.75	-	824.00	-	-
Total			2,536,310.00	2,378,315.09	-	157,994.66	-	-
FY 16-17								
CON 16-154	Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce	06/30/19	250,000.00	52,735.01		197,264.99	-	-
CON 17-161	Clay County Development Authority	04/30/19	400,000.00	400,000.00	-		-	-
CON 17-162	South Florida Progress Foundation	06/30/18	115,000.00	115,000.00	-		-	-
CON 17-177	*Tampa Bay Defense Alliance	08/14/18	135,000.00	33,750.00	-	101,250.00	-	-
CON 17-178	Gulf Coast State College	04/12/18	30,000.00	30,000.00	-		-	-
Total			930,000.00	631,485.01	-	298,514.99	-	-
FY 17-18								
CON 17-176	Indyne, Inc.	07/31/18	235,000.00	235,000.00	-		-	-
CON 18-192	South Florida Progress Foundation	05/31/19	140,000.00	140,000.00	-		-	-
Total			375,000.00	375,000.00				
FY 18-19								
DTF 19-100	Clay County Development Authority	04/30/19	500,000.00	500,000.00			-	-
DTF 19-104	*Bay County Board of County Commissioners	06/30/19	95,000.00	-		95,000.00		
DTF 19-103	Gulf Coast State College	06/30/19	144,000.00	144,000.00	-		-	-
DTF 19-102	Highlands County	03/17/20	90,000.00	90,000.00	-		-	-
DTF 19-105	Gulf Coast State College	03/27/20	144,000.00	144,000.00	-		-	-
Total			973,000.00	878,000.00	-	95,000.00	-	-
FY 19-20								
DTF 20-101	Clay County Development Authority	06/30/20	500,000.00	500,000.00	-		-	-
Total			500,000.00	500,000.00	-		-	-
Grand Total Closed			11,608,964.00	10,855,670.45	-	740,857.47	-	-

*Contract Cancelled