



# ENTERPRISE FLORIDA

## Florida Defense Alliance Newsletter

January 10, 2018

*FDA Vision: To maintain and enhance the position and reputation of Florida as the most military-friendly state in the nation.*

### NEWS

**New 2017 Florida Defense Factbook Available** – The 2017 Florida Defense Factbook is now available online at: <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/Florida-Defense-Factbook-2017-1.pdf>. Hard copies were distributed to installations and communities the next few weeks. The entire 2017 Economic Impact Analysis Study – from which the Factbook was derived -- has been posted on the FDA and Task Force web sites.

**Florida Air National Guard Not Selected for F-35 Basing** – The US Air Force selected Alabama and Wisconsin for this round of National Guard F-35 basing.

**Governor Scott Prevents Oil Drilling off Florida's Coast** -- Following Governor Rick Scott's meeting yesterday with United States Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, the Department of the Interior announced that Florida's coastline has been removed from consideration for future oil drilling. Last week, Governor Scott requested to immediately meet with Secretary Zinke to discuss his concerns with the federal oil drilling plan and the crucial need to remove Florida from consideration. Governor Scott said: "I am proud to announce that Secretary Zinke has agreed to remove Florida's coastline from consideration for future oil drilling. I would like to thank Secretary Zinke for coming to Tallahassee today following my request for a meeting last week to hear our concerns about oil drilling off Florida's coast. By removing Florida from consideration, we can now focus on how we can further protect our environment, including our proposal for record funding for the Everglades, our springs, our beaches and our state parks. I will never stop fighting for Florida's environment and our pristine coastline."

**Legislative Session Underway** – The 60-day Florida Legislative session began yesterday and runs from January 9 – March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Both Florida Senate and House of Representatives Resolve to Support Gulf Ranges** – Senator Doug Broxson, Chair of the Florida Defense Support Task Force and Representative Mel Ponder have filed resolutions that outline the importance of the Gulf Range Complex and resolve to maintain the Military Mission Line and the moratorium on Oil Drilling east of the line to ensure military testing and training are not limited by new oil exploration and drilling. Text of these resolutions:

<http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2018/550/BillText/Filed/PDF>

<https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2018/319/BillText/Filed/PDF>

**Military Friendly Legislation - HB 785 and SB 1864** -- House Bill 785 has been filed by Rep. Clay Ingram and SB 1864 has been filed by Senator Doug Broxson. These are almost identical military-friendly bills that incorporate many provisions that have been supported by the Florida Defense Alliance and the Florida Defense Support Task Force. The bills can be found at:

[http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Documents/loaddoc.aspx?](http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Documents/loaddoc.aspx?FileName=_h0785_.docx&DocumentType=Bill&BillNumber=0785&Session=2018)

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<http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2018/1864/BillText/Filed/PDF>

**MILCON in President’s 2018 Budget –**

ARMY	Eglin AFB	Multipurpose Range Complex	\$18 M
NAVY	Mayport	Missile Magazines	\$9.8 M
NAVY	Mayport	Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant (AWWTP)	\$74.9 M
AF	Eglin AFB	F-35A Armament Research Facility Addition (B614)	\$8.7 M
AF	Eglin AFB	Long-Range Stand-Off Acquisition Facility	\$38 M
AF	MacDill AFB	KC-135 Beddown OG/MXG HQ	\$8.1 M
AFR	Patrick AFB	Guardian Angel Facility	\$25 M
DLA	Eglin AFB	Upgrade Open Storage Yard	\$4.1 M
SOCOM	Hurlburt Field SOF	Simulator & Fuselage Trainer Facility	\$ 11.7 M
SOCOM	Hurlburt Field SOF	Combat Aircraft Parking Apron	\$34.7 M
SOCOM	Eglin AFB	SOF Simulator Facility	\$5 M
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$238 M</b>

**Additional Military Construction Beyond the President’s Request** --The President’s budget included over \$238 million for MILCON in Florida, an increase of over \$90 million from the FY17 budget request for Florida. Attached is a list with a description of each project. The Fiscal Year 2018 defense bills also included the congressional addition of seven Air Force military construction projects over the President’s Request using the military services unfunded priority lists as guidance. The State of Florida received two of these projects.

Eglin AFB	FL	Dormitories (288 RM)	44,000 million
Tyndall AFB	FL	Fire/Crash Rescue Station	17,000 million

**Senate Armed Services Committee Conference Report Highlights for FY 18 NDAA** – The link for this report can be found at: <https://www.armed-services.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/SASC%20Summary%20of%20FY18%20NDAA%20Conference%20Report.pdf>

**Association of Defense Communities (ADC) Installation Innovation Forum** – ADC will be holding their annual Installation Innovation Forum February 12-14, 2018 in San Diego. For more information on this event, see: <https://installationinnovation.org/>

**From ADC:**

**CONGRESS CLEARS THIRD CR, AVERTING SHUTDOWN:** After a series of tentative moves toward passing a third continuing resolution (CR), Congress on Thursday sent the president a four-week stopgap that still leaves fiscal 2018 appropriations unsettled. The House overcame initial resistance from defense hawks who opposed leadership’s decision to drop a full-year defense spending bill from the measure in approving the CR, 231-188. Soon after, the Senate voted to advance the bill, which will continue to fund the government at FY 2017 levels through Jan. 19; that vote was 66-32.

**NEW DEFENSE STRATEGY COMING NEXT WEEK:** DOD will unveil its national defense strategy Jan. 19, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis told reporters Friday. Much of the strategy will remain classified, but a small portion of the document will be publicly released, reported Army Times. “There will be a classified one that is relatively thick; there will be a shorter one that will basically lay it out unclassified, and we’ll get those copies to you,” Mattis said. The review comes on the heels of the broader national security strategy, which President Trump introduced last month.



## 2018 FDA CALENDAR:

Wednesday, March 21st

FDA Meeting in Jacksonville, Florida

### NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Congratulations to Naval Air Station Whiting Field for being the recipient of the Commander Naval Installations Command's Installation Excellence Award. The award recognizes top Navy commands at shore for their excellence across several categories, including installation management, program excellence, environmental stewardship, mission successes and community outreach. NAS Whiting Field has received this recognition three times over the last four years. The partnerships between the community and the naval installation are strong and make a difference. Way to go Naval Air Station Whiting Field!

Over the last couple of weeks, I've been receiving links to media coverage regarding President Trump's Administration Executive Order to open the waters to exploration and drilling. Many articles promote the access to offshore energy resources will allow coastal states and communities to realize great economic opportunities and that the successful development of the Gulf of Mexico and the initial exploration of Alaska's OCS demonstrate how responsible offshore energy development can generate many good paying jobs, spur activity in a host of associated industries, and generate billions of dollars in tax revenue. However, we have a moratorium in place in the Eastern Gulf through 2022. The moratorium was established in federal law in 2006. Earlier this year, a Pentagon official wrote that the moratorium "is essential for developing and sustaining our nation's future combat capabilities."

From what I have been seeing and reading, there is the lack of messaging regarding the need to protect these waters for our military test and training defense strategies. This interview with Congressman Gaetz on Fox Business on Monday morning, January 8<sup>th</sup> (*interview starts following brief stock market update*) <http://video.foxbusiness.com/v/5704997596001/?#sp=show-clips> is an example of the lack of messaging regarding the military. The news media and most elected officials do not know the importance of the Gulf Range to the military.

We will have an opportunity on Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> in Tallahassee at the Four Points by Sheraton to present at the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) public hearing regarding exploration and oil/gas drilling activities in the waters offshores of Florida.

The American Petroleum Institute and various other pro-drilling organizations will be inundating the process with public comment supporting exploration. A consistent, combined and concerted fact-based communication effort is needed to counter the arguments from the oil/gas industry presentations. This needs to be a FLORIDA Eastern Gulf & Atlantic presentation advocating on the tremendous capabilities of these unique resources for military uses for joint test and training exercises including maritime, air and land training. Oil drilling structures and associated exploratory activities would be incompatible with military activities, negatively impact military readiness and compromise our nation's military superiority. Restricting oil and natural gas drilling, exploration and related activities is our position for the Florida Eastern Gulf and Atlantic waters. The big push and most interests from oil and gas companies is to let the moratorium in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico to expire and let drilling begin.

Join us on Friday, January 10 at 11 am (EST)/10 am (CST) to discuss our messaging and talking points. Once we have our messaging, we will reach out to other organizations to coordinate on implementation.

**Call-In Number: (800) 501-8979**

**Access Code: 1869945**

Reach out to your business community and elected official and educate them on the issue. In fact, reach across county lines into communities that are not home to military installations and inform them of the importance of extending the moratorium for our military. A bonus, is it is also good for our tourism and environmental base.



## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR (continued)

Thank you for being engaged with the Florida Defense Alliance. 2018 will be a busy year as we work P4 opportunities, encroachment, energy resiliency and assisting our installations as well as military families and veterans. We're off to a running start in the New Year! It's through you, our members, we will enhance, grow and retain our military installations and missions.

Until next time, reach out and tell our story.

*This was written on Tuesday afternoon prior to the agreement between Governor Scott and Secretary Zinke on Tuesday night regarding the exclusion of Florida waters from offshore drilling. The moratorium on drilling expires in 2022 and in the conference call on Friday we will continue the discussion on a permanent moratorium.*

-- Kellie Jo Kilberg

## QUOTATION OF THE DAY:

“The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible, no matter whether it is on a section gang, a football field, in an army, or in an office.”  
---Dwight D. Eisenhower

## News from the Bases

### BRAC—

#### **The new BRAC strategy: capability over cost savings**

By: Aaron Mehta and Joe Gould, December 14, 2017

<https://www.armytimes.com/pentagon/2017/12/14/the-new-brac-strategy-capability-over-cost-savings/>

**WASHINGTON** — After years of arguing that a new round of base closures is needed to save the Pentagon money, the department has a new strategy —but members of Congress are already expressing skepticism.

In a November interview, Lucian Niemeyer, assistant secretary of defense for energy, installations and environment, said lawmakers felt the messaging for a new round of the base realignment and closure process, or BRAC, from the department “wasn’t compelling enough” and said his team has “done some re-messaging a little bit.”

The Pentagon estimates that a new BRAC could close about 22 percent excess capacity for an annual savings of \$2 billion or more by 2027. But members of Congress have openly expressed skepticism about that figure, particularly in light of the 2005 BRAC process that saw significantly higher costs than expected.



Niemeyer, a longtime Capitol Hill staffer, noted he has a history with BRAC and understood how the Pentagon's dollar argument was a non-starter on the Hill. As a result, the department will now focus on the idea that a new BRAC furthers the Trump administration's new National Security Strategy.....

## Jacksonville—

### **A Mighty Military Presence:**

**The military provides an important training ground for businesses in Northeast Florida and has spawned a growing aerospace industry.**

<http://www.floridatrend.com/article/23647/a-mighty-military-presence>

Florida Trend © December 28, 2017

By Mark Basch

Northeast Florida is a dynamic business center, but when it comes to the area's biggest job generator, the U.S. military dwarfs the region's corporate employers. The region has about 75,000 active duty, reserve and civilian personnel, accounting for 14% of the area's workforce.

Jacksonville is home to two important U.S. Navy facilities. Naval Station Mayport, home to the Navy's 4th Fleet, is a seaport and air facility that employs about 13,000 military personnel. Naval Air Station Jacksonville, on the city's Westside along the St. Johns River, has about 12,000 military personnel and 7,000 civilian employees.....

### **Wreaths Across America—Veterans honored by local Sailors**

Wed, 01/03/2018 - 10:51am

<http://jaxairnews.jacksonville.com/military-periscope-mayport-mirror-jax-air-news/2018-01-03/story/wreaths-across-america#.W1OOt7BG2UI>

By **Julie M. Lucas**, *NAS Jacksonville Public Affairs*

Wreaths Across America provides wreaths to be placed on the graves of veterans around the United States. This year, about 30 Sailors from Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax) and Naval Station (NS) Mayport gathered to honor the fallen and assist with placing wreaths at Jacksonville National Cemetery Dec. 16. Some of the volunteers showed up in their dress uniform and others in casual clothes with their family members.

After the ceremony began, a group of Sailors lined up to stand in formation. Color guard duties were performed by Sailors from NS Mayport and NAS Jax. Wreaths were laid for each military service branch. Families in attendance were allowed to lay wreaths on their loved ones graves and have private time, before volunteers laid the rest of the wreaths.

"I remember our very first year of doing the wreaths in 2009 – it was blustery cold and we had nearly 300 volunteers to place 1,100 wreaths," said Wreaths Across America coordinator for Jacksonville Ralph Terreault. "It choked me up to look out that day and see all the faces of those who had shown up to volunteer."

Terreault served as master of ceremonies at the event and spoke about the incline of deaths of .....

*ADI Joel Sterling and AMI Andres Amezquita of Fleet Logistics Squadron 58, place wreaths on the graves of veterans at Jacksonville National Cemetery during the annual Wreaths Across America Dec. 16. This is the ninth year the event has been held at the cemetery. This year's theme is I'm An American. Yes, I Am! More than 9,000 wreaths were placed at each gravestone.*



## **Eglin AFB —**

### **Got a drone? Not so fast flying it around Northwest Florida**

<http://www.nwfdailynews.com/news/20180101/got-drone-not-so-fast-flying-it-around-northwest-florida>

Northwest Florida Daily News © January 1, 2018

FORT WALTON BEACH — Get a drone for Christmas?

**Surprised when it didn't take off swooping into the sky? Don't be, if you live along much of the Northwest Florida coast.** Flight restrictions imposed on drones by the presence of military bases and airports impose significant limits on where and how they can be operated locally.

Just a few years ago, in the early days of the drone craze, the story was somewhat different. Restrictions were in place, but their enforcement relied almost entirely on drone users, both recreational and professional, knowing the restrictions and abiding by the rules.....

## **Camp Blanding —**

### **Land trust locks up 522 acres in environmental corridor, federal money to protect more**

<http://jacksonville.com/news/metro/2017-12-28/land-trust-locks-522-acres-environmental-corridor-federal-money-protect-more>

The Florida Times-Union © December 28, 2017



A Jacksonville nonprofit has landed a chunk of property inside a huge corridor targeted for conservation — and up to \$3.6 million in federal money to help protect the rest.

The 522-acre donation in Columbia County builds the North Florida Land Trust’s modest holdings in an area conservationists dub the O2O Corridor, a swath connecting the Osceola National Forest beside the donated land to the Ocala National Forest in Marion County.

The nonprofit said this year it would focus more on preserving land in the 1.6 million-acre corridor, considered critically important for efforts to maintain habitat for longleaf pines and gopher tortoises.....

## NAS Whiting Field —

### CHANGE OF COMMAND: Bowdich to lead NAS Whiting Field

Northwest Florida Daily News © December 23, 2017

<http://www.nwfdailynews.com/news/20171223/change-of-command-bowdich-to-lead-nas-whiting-field>

By Santa Rosa Press Gazette contributing writer

MILTON — Naval Air Station Whiting Field observed a time-honored Navy tradition Monday, Dec. 18 at the Clyde E. Lassen Auditorium, where command of the air station passed from one officer to another.



Whiting Field Change of Command. From left: Rear Admiral Bolivar, Captain Bahlau, Captain Bowdich.

*(Photo: Gregg Pachkowski, Gregg Pachkowski/gregg@pnj.com)*

Capt. Paul Bowdich accepted command of NAS Whiting Field from Capt. Todd Bahlau following Bahlau’s three-year tour at the helm. The change of command ceremony is a Navy tradition that enables the two officers to formally exchange duties in front of the assembled military and civilian staff. It is also a time to recognize accomplishments of the outgoing “Skipper” in front of his family and friends. ....

## Patrick AFB—

### AFSPC commander becomes JFSCC, joint space forces restructure

By Public Affairs, Air Force Space Command / Published December 03, 2017

<http://www.patrick.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/1386733/afspc-commander-becomes-jfsc-joint-space-forces-restructure/>

Air Force Gen. Jay Raymond, commander of Air Force Space Command, became the Joint Force Space Component Commander today, taking operational responsibility for employment of all joint space forces.



Air Force Gen. John Hyten, commander of U.S. Strategic Command, presided over the ceremony, inactivating USSTRATCOM'S Joint Functional Component Command for Space. The inactivation is part of a broader USSTRATCOM restructure of its components to build a coherent and streamlined warfighting structure to improve the nation's space warfighting effectiveness, which ultimately enhances the lethality of U.S. joint forces.

The ceremony marked the initial operating capability, or IOC, for the new .....

"This is a significant milestone," said Raymond. "We are now focused on further integrating space...on taking tried and proven methods of joint warfighting, and applying them to the space domain to ensure normalization across all mission sets."

This action will not change AFSPC's mission. In his dual-hatted roles as both commander of AFSPC and as JFSCC, Raymond will be responsible .....



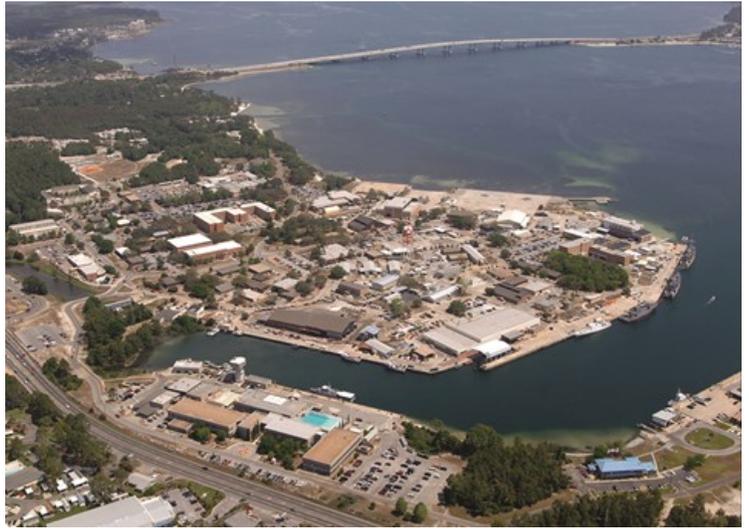
## Spotlight on: Naval Support Activity Panama City



## **Mission**

Naval Support Activity Panama City's professional military and civilian personnel deliver an integrated suite of efficient, effective, and responsive shore capabilities, to enable and sustain the readiness of tenant activities.

NSA PC hosts many diverse tenant commands and other activities: Naval Surface Warfare Center, Panama City Division; Center for Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Diving; Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit SIX; Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center; Navy Experimental Diving Unit; Navy Munitions Command Detachments; Naval Branch Health Clinic; Naval Criminal Investigative Service; Navy Exchange; Veterans Administration Primary Care Clinic; U.S. Coast Guard 8th District Panama City Station, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.



The Activity totals 657 acres and houses 221 buildings. The unique conditions in the Gulf of Mexico, coupled with mission synergy make NSA PC, an ideal location for fleet training and littoral warfare missions. NSA, Panama City employs approximately 3000 civilian and military personnel with an annual payroll of more than \$294 million. The Activity contracts services, buys local goods and maintains an active construction program. Its economic impact is more than \$600 million annually. Throughout its existence, NSA Panama City and its tenants have continued to evolve to meet the demanding requirements of the U.S. Navy - to defend today and to plan for tomorrow in response to national needs.

## **Military Value and Strengths**

**Mine Warfare:** Continued advancements in mine warfare are vital to the key customers of NSWC PCD. Mine detection, avoidance and countermeasures are necessary to ensure battlespace dominance of the littorals NSWC PCD maintains an aggressive research and development effort to meet future for requirements for mine warfare.

**Homeland Defense:** NSWC PCD is a leader in applying military technology to Homeland Security. Technologies emerging from NSWC PCD mission areas are inherently adaptable to homeland security.

**Unique Missions:** NSA PC tenants are also unique and their capabilities are synergistic to the NSWC PCD Littoral Warfare mission areas.

**National Asset:** NSA PC and its tenants have responsibilities that are inherently governmental and are performed by a critical mass of technical and scientific experts whose combined knowledge is a national asset.

**Joint Warfighting:** NSWC PCD has extensive sponsor funding for Joint Program development, training and readiness in a variety of critical areas such as Chem/Bio defense, diving systems, situational awareness systems and maritime special operations systems.

**Growth Capacity:** NSA is an excellent candidate-receiving site: Quality of life is excellent, and there is adequate space for complementary mission growth.

### Major Tenant Commands:

- Naval Surface Warfare Center, Panama City Division
- Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center
- Navy Experimental Diving Unit
- Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Six
- Naval Special Warfare Group 3 (NSWG-3) for future Detachment Shallow Water Combat Submersible
- Center for Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Diving

### NSA Tenant Commands Mission Areas:

- Research and Development Testing and Evaluation
- Mine Warfare
- Amphibious & Expeditionary Warfare
- Naval Special Warfare
- Unmanned Systems
- Fleet Support
- Diving, Life Support, Salvage, Rescue, SDV Seal Delivery Vehicle Training

### Major Responsibilities:

- System Engineering Role in Acquisition
- Maintenance of Specialized Navy-Unique Expertise and Facilities
- Quick Reaction Support to Fleet, Often in Theater
- Warfare Analysis for Warfare Procurement
- Deployable Joint Command and Control

### Commander Jay Sego



Commander Jay Sego graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Administration (BA) in Marketing and commissioned through Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps in December 1999.

He served on the USS SAN JACINTO (CG-56) in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM and later aboard the USS THACH (FFG-43) as the Auxiliaries Officer and completed an Arabian Gulf deployment in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF).

He earned a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) from the Naval Postgraduate School. Commander Sego later served on the USS KIDD (DDG 100) as the Chief Engineer. CDR Sego took command of Patrol Coastal (PC) Crew Kilo in September 2009 in support of OIF.

Later CDR Sego served as a Defense Legislative Fellow for Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) on her personal staff managing national security, defense, and the Veteran Affairs portfolios and later in the Pentagon serving as a Deputy Legislative Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. From there CDR Sego held the position of a public policy fellow in the Triangle Center on Terrorism and Homeland Defense program at Duke University. On July 14, 2017 CDR Sego assumed command of Naval Support Activity Panama City.



Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division Commanding Officer Capt. Aaron Peters, USN, dives the Diver Augmented Vision Display (DAVD) heads-heads up display mounted inside the Kirby Morgan 37 Oct. 12, 2017 during in-water testing at Naval Diving Salvage Training Center in Panama City, Florida. U.S. Navy photo by Anthony Powers (Released)

NSWC PCD proudly supports the Program Executive Office Littoral Ship (PEO LCS) Mine Countermeasure Mission Package for the U.S. Navy



NSWC PCD is home to LCAC 66 and 91 - two Landing Craft Air Cushions used for Fleet modernization and future LCAC fleet testing. NSWC PCD proudly supports NAVSEA's next generation LCAC called the Ship to Shore Connector

The MK-29 Initial Response Diving project is the latest example of rapid prototyping using 3D laser scanning and 3D printing for test and evaluation purposes in support of our Fleet customers.



## **History**

Naval Support Activity, Panama City had its origin in the mine countermeasures research conducted during World War II at the U.S. Naval Mine Warfare Test Station, Solomons, Maryland. In 1945, equipment, facilities, and personnel were transferred from Solomons to Panama City, Florida, to occupy a 373-acre tract along St. Andrew Bay. This same tract was used as a Naval Section Base in 1942, the U.S. Naval Amphibious Training Base in 1944, and was inactivated in June 1945. It was established as the U.S. Navy Mine Countermeasures Station July 20, 1945.

From July 1945 to January 1992 NSA PC has undergone a myriad of name changes to include U.S. Navy Mine Defense Laboratory, Naval Ship Research and Development Laboratory Panama City, Naval Coastal Systems Laboratory and Naval Coastal Systems Center.

In January 1992, NCSC was re-designated the Coastal Systems Station (CSS), Dahlgren Division, Naval Surface Warfare Center, reporting to the Naval Sea Systems Command.

On October 1, 2003, CSS was reorganized as a part of the alignment under Commander, Navy Installations Command. During this reorganization, the base was renamed Naval Support Activity, Panama City, reporting to the Commander, Navy Region Southeast. The R&D mission workforce was renamed the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Panama City Division. The primary mission and work areas of the base remained unchanged.



## **DID YOU KNOW?**

### **Fun Facts about the U.S. Navy**

#### **1. The U.S. Navy was actually formed twice**

The Continental Navy was formed on October 13th, 1775 - roughly six months after the start of the Revolutionary War - and was disbanded after the war in 1785. Our country went without a navy for nine years, however, this lack of defense made us an easy target for pirates. Under the Naval Act of 1794, our country's navy was resurrected and re-named the U.S. Navy.

#### **2. The U.S. Navy is the largest in the world**

With 323,000 active and 109,000 personnel, the U.S. Navy is the world's largest in terms of manpower. Our navy also maintains an impressive fleet, with 288 battle force ships, 10 aircraft carriers, nine amphibious assault ships, 22 cruisers, 62 destroyers, 17 frigates, 72 submarines and 3,700 aircraft.

### **3. Six U.S. presidents served in the US Navy during WWII**

John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter and George H.W. Bush served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. In fact, every president from 1961 to 1993 save for Ronald Reagan was a Navy veteran!

### **4. The U.S. Navy has an impressive global reach**

The U.S. Navy operates in nearly every major body of water around the globe: the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian Oceans, as well as the Mediterranean Sea, the Persian Gulf and the Horn of Africa. Additionally, the U.S. Navy also deploys ships to Europe, Japan and the Persian Gulf.

### **5. "NCIS" is more than just a TV show**

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) is the primary law enforcement agency of the United States Department of the Navy. This team of naval investigators comprised of 1,200 Special Agents, 900 civilian professionals and over 200 military members operate from 140 locations around the world to prevent terrorism, protect secrets, and reduce crime.

### **6. The name "SEALS" isn't a reference to aquatic mammals**

Navy SEALs are members of a Naval Special Warfare unit that are rigorously trained for unconventional warfare in any setting: on land, in the air, or at sea. As such, "SEAL" stands for "Sea, Air and Land". Despite accounting for less than 1% of all U.S. Navy personnel, Navy SEALs are so highly-trained that their efforts make a huge strategic impact - so much so, that most of their training and operations are highly secretive.

### **7. The U.S. Navy has its own construction crew**

The Seabees are members of the United States Naval Construction Forces (NCF). Founded in 1942, the Seabees play an incredibly important role for the U.S. military, building military bases and paving much-needed roadway and airstrips in combat zones. During WWII, the Navy recruited skilled civilians working in construction trades to help with construction efforts. Because of this focus on skill and experience, the average age of Seabees during World War II was 37 - much older than the average member of the military.

### **8. Mind your Ps and Qs**

Sure, you want to write your lowercase letters correctly, but this wasn't originally a grammar warning. Instead, according to the U.S. Fleet Forces Command, it was a way of keeping bar bookkeepers – and their seafaring patrons – honest in waterfront taverns. In centuries past, sailors often had bar tabs on credit, with barkeepers making marks next to each patron's name under P for pint and Q for quart. Minding one's Ps and Qs meant both settling up and also staying somewhat sober as to keep an accurate count on what one had consumed.

### **9. In the Navy there are no windows, walls or bathrooms**

The Navy has rich diction, but don't get it mixed up. Ships don't have walls; they have bulkheads. They don't have windows; they have portholes. Your left side is your port side and the right side is starboard. The mess deck is where you eat and the deck is where you walk. Above your head is an overhead, not a ceiling or roof. If you need a toilet, you will find that in the head, and the rack is where you sleep.

### 10. The Legend of Bill the Goat

Bill the Goat has been the Naval Academy mascot since the early 1900s. Legend has it that a Navy ship once had a goat for a pet, and on the way home to port the goat died. Two ensigns were entrusted to have the goat stuffed, but got distracted by a Naval Academy football game. One of the ensigns allegedly dressed up in the goatskin and pranced around at halftime. The crowd loved it and Navy won the game. Note: For centuries, ships sailed with livestock in order to provide sailors with fresh food. Ships in the British and early American navies often carried goats, to eat the garbage and other undesirable food and to return milk and butter. The first usage of "billy goat" for a male goat occurs in the 19th century replacing the older term "he-goat."

### 11. The first admiral in the Navy was David Farragut.

Even if you've never heard the name, you know his words, allegedly spoken at the Battle of Mobile Bay: "Damn the torpedoes! Full speed ahead!" (It's unknown whether he spoke those exact words—different accounts give slight variations.) He was commissioned into the U.S. Navy at age nine. His adoptive father, Captain David Porter, probably had some hand in this. At age twelve, Farragut fought in the War of 1812. Though he was born in Tennessee, he remained steadfastly loyal to the Union during the Civil War, and after he seized the city of New Orleans, was promoted to Rear Admiral—a rank created especially for him by Congress. President Lincoln later promoted him to Vice Admiral (Farragut would later be a pallbearer at Lincoln's funeral). Following the war, he was made the first Admiral of the Navy.

## Posters of the Day:

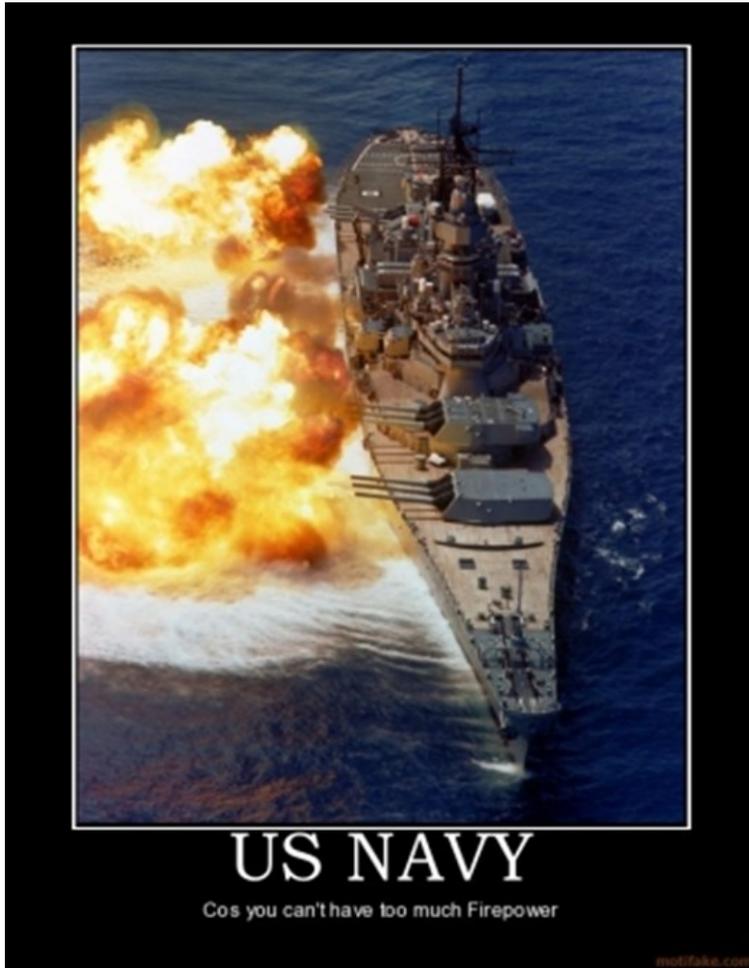


# TEAMWORK

The nice thing about teamwork is that you always have others on your side. ~ Margaret Carty

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**NOTES FROM THE STAFF**

As we look forward to 2018 and the upcoming Florida Legislative Session, we want to thank you for what you do on a daily basis supporting our military installations and all our service members and their families. Your support and efforts to improve the military value of Florida's bases has been truly amazing and has made Florida a nationally-recognized leader in this area! Please continue the great work you are doing because it truly does make a difference. Hope many of you can join us at the ADC Installation Innovation Forum (IIF) in San Diego in February. ADC has chosen Miami to be the site of the next IIF in early 2019.

**Florida Defense Alliance Leadership**

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## Florida Defense Alliance Newsletter

January 24, 2018

*FDA Vision: To maintain and enhance the position and reputation of Florida as the most military-friendly state in the nation.*

### NEWS

**National Defense Strategy (NDS) Released** – Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis released the NDS last week that outlines how the Department of Defense plans to carry out the National Security Strategy (NSS) that President Trump released late last year. The National Military Strategy (NMS) will follow from the Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff as the third major strategy document. According to reports, the new National Defense Strategy lays out a world where great-power competition, rather than counter-terrorism, will drive the department’s decision making and force structure. “Inter-state strategic competition, not terrorism, is now the primary concern in U.S. national security,” the 11-page unclassified summary of the strategy reads. Instead, “the central challenge to U.S. prosperity and security is the reemergence of long-term strategic competition,” primarily from China and Russia.” The document cites Mattis’ three priorities for the department — restoring readiness while building a more lethal force, strengthening alliances and attracting new partners, and reforming DOD’s business practices. The third priority will include an effort “to reduce excess property and infrastructure, providing Congress with options for a Base Realignment and Closure,” according to the document. The unclassified summary can be found at: <https://www.defense.gov/Portals/1/Documents/pubs/2018-National-Defense-Strategy-Summary.pdf>

**Florida Congressional Delegation Letter on Oil Drilling in the Gulf** – Members of the Florida Congressional delegation have sent a letter to Secretary Ryan Zinke requesting that the waters of Florida’s coasts be removed from the currently published DOI plan. The letter states, “While Secretary Zinke recently announced that Florida would be “off the table” for new drilling, the DOI draft proposal still includes the possibility for both drilling and seismic testing off Florida’s coast in all three OCS planning areas surrounding Florida. The Eastern Gulf of Mexico (EGOM) Planning Area, the South Atlantic Planning Area, and the Straits of Florida Planning Area, however, are all home to strategically-vital military activity and training areas that will only become more important with future advancements in aircraft and weapons technologies.” The text of the letter can be found at: [https://www.rubio.senate.gov/public/\\_cache/files/4a82ed37-768f-4f35-bc66-a4f8fd045520/5BBE61938D81D469E1F59F3281F4A87D.01192017-ltr-to-secdef-re-oil-drilling-in-florida-dod-ranges.pdf](https://www.rubio.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/4a82ed37-768f-4f35-bc66-a4f8fd045520/5BBE61938D81D469E1F59F3281F4A87D.01192017-ltr-to-secdef-re-oil-drilling-in-florida-dod-ranges.pdf)

**Governor Scott Base Commander Meeting Scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup>** – Governor Scott will hold a Base Commander meeting on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> in Orlando.

**Florida Defense Support Task Force Grant Window Re-opens in February** – The Task Force will accept additional limited applications for possible funding in FY19 which begins July 1, 2018. The Task Force will accept applications for projects that have developed since our last application window in August and are of such a nature as waiting for possible funding in FY20 would make the proposal outdated or obsolete. The Task Force will need justification of the emerging need provided in the application. Selected projects will compete with projects already submitted for in-person presentation before the Task Force on May 17, 2018 in

Tallahassee FL. Applications will be accepted between February 15 and March 2, 2018. The Task Force will only accept applications using their on-line form (do not use prior forms) available at this link: [https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/FY-2018-2019-FDSTF-Grant-Funding-Application-Form\\_distributed.pdf](https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/FY-2018-2019-FDSTF-Grant-Funding-Application-Form_distributed.pdf).

**Florida Senate and House of Representatives Resolutions to Support Gulf Ranges** – Senator Doug Broxson, Chair of the Florida Defense Support Task Force, and Representative Mel Ponder both have resolutions that outline the importance of the Gulf Range Complex and resolve to maintain the Military Mission Line and the moratorium on Oil Drilling east of the line to ensure military testing and training are not limited by new oil exploration and drilling. Both resolutions – SR 550 and HR 319 -- passed unanimously at their first committee stops

**Senator Nelson Files “Florida Coastal Protection Act”** – Senator Bill Nelson filed Senate Bill 2292 (115) on January 10, 2018, to create a permanent ban on drilling off Florida. The bill states that its purpose is “To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to prohibit oil and gas preleasing, leasing, and related activities in certain areas of the Outer Continental Shelf off the coast of Florida, and for other purposes.”

**New 2017 Florida Defense Factbook and Full Economic Impact Analysis Available** – The 2017 Florida Defense Factbook is now available online at: <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/Florida-Defense-Factbook-2017-1.pdf> and in hard copy. Hard copies have been distributed to installations and communities. If you need more, please contact Michelle Griggs. The entire 2017 Economic Impact Analysis Study – from which the Factbook was derived – has been posted on the FDA and Task Force websites. Here is the link to the full study: [https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/Florida-Defense-Industry-Economic-Impact-Assessment\\_2017-FINAL.pdf](https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/Florida-Defense-Industry-Economic-Impact-Assessment_2017-FINAL.pdf)

**ADC Opens Award Nominations:** ADC has opened the nominations process for the 2018 Defense Community Awards, a way to highlight the accomplishments of outstanding defense community leaders in front of key decision-makers from Congress and DOD. ADC will present this year’s awards at a luncheon during the 2018 Defense Communities National Summit, June 18-20 in Washington. Awards honor community or state, military, base redevelopment and congressional leaders whose accomplishments demonstrate vision, innovation and excellence. Specific categories are:

- Community or State Leadership (2017 winner: Utah State Sen. Jerry Stevenson)
- Military Leadership (2017 winner: Col. Robert Lyman, commander, 628th Air Base Wing and Joint Base Charleston)
- John Lynch Base Redevelopment (2017 winner: Ivy Owen, executive director, Fort Chaffee Redevelopment Authority)
- Congressional Leadership (Note: We plan to honor one member of the House and Senate under this category.)

“The Defense Communities Awards program is an opportunity to share the stories of outstanding defense community leaders and for them to be acknowledged for the hard work they put into supporting defense communities and our nation’s military,” said Tim Ford, CEO of ADC. Award criteria and other information available on the ADC website and deadline for nominations is March 1.

**Association of Defense Communities (ADC) Installation Innovation Forum** – ADC will be holding their annual Installation Innovation Forum February 12-14, 2018 in San Diego. For more information on this event, see: <https://installationinnovation.org/>



**From ADC:**

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA SUPPORT GROUP LEVERAGES REGION'S ASSETS TO SECURE**

**REAPER MISSION:** Despite receiving a lack of encouragement from a four-star general about the chances that Tyndall AFB, Fla., could host remotely piloted aircraft (RPA), leaders of the Bay Defense Alliance believed the new mission was worth pursuing as the installation had some strong selling points. The first one that came to mind was the favorable climate and quality of life of the Florida Panhandle, a sharp contrast to the Nevada desert location of Creech AFB, BDA President Tom Neubauer told the Panama City News Herald. During a visit to Creech in 2016, Neubauer learned the Air Force had a critical shortage of RPA pilots.

But Tyndall possessed other assets as well. It already had a runway for unmanned systems and the cost of construction was cheaper than at Vandenberg AFB, the Air Force's alternative. And the region's strong history of support for the military couldn't hurt. "The scoring of the bases was close," Neubauer said. "The difference between one base and the other may have just been community support, so everything you do and all the members of the community to support the military was probably the game changer."

In November, the Air Force announced that Tyndall had been selected as the preferred location for a new wing of MQ-9 Reapers. At the time, Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson cited multiple attributes for the decision — fewer aircraft competing for air space, nearby training ranges, great weather and lower upfront costs at Tyndall.

**LAND SWAP IN NORTHWEST FLORIDA SOLVES NAVY'S ENCROACHMENT PROBLEM, ADVANCES ECONOMIC GROWTH:**

The needs of Escambia County in northwest Florida and Naval Air Station Whiting Field came together when encroachment began to threaten one of the installation's auxiliary landing fields and officials at the Greater Pensacola Chamber realized the site presented a prime opportunity for economic development. When the Navy signaled it would be interested in swapping the airstrip for an unencumbered replacement, the chamber started scouting alternate sites and worked with the Navy to gain congressional authorization for the contemplated exchange. Later this year, the chamber expects to realize "a 20-year ambition" when Escambia County transfers a new landing field to the Navy in return for its original site. A case study on the land swap will be featured as one of six "Innovators" at Installation Innovation 2018 in San Diego from Feb. 12-14.

**Gulf Range / Oil Drilling --**

**Editorial: Why Trump's drilling plan is wrong for Florida, Nation**

Published: January 5, 2018, Updated: January 5, 2018 at 05:03 PM

[http://www.tbo.com/opinion/editorials/Editorial-Why-Trump-s-drilling-plan-is-wrong-for-Florida-nation\\_164222433](http://www.tbo.com/opinion/editorials/Editorial-Why-Trump-s-drilling-plan-is-wrong-for-Florida-nation_164222433)

The Trump administration's plan to open virtually all U.S. coastal waters to new oil and gas drilling is wrongheaded in every respect. It's bad for Florida, which depends on a healthy environment for its multibillion-dollar tourism, fishing and agriculture industries. It's bad for American military readiness, which depends on open waters near the coast for U.S. forces to conduct training exercises. And it's bad for America's economy and influence in the world, as other states and nations continue to reap the benefits of leading a global shift toward renewable energies.....



## **The Gulf is our future, protect it: Guestview**

Jack Stevenson, Guest columnist, Published 9:00 a.m. CT Jan. 7, 2018

<http://www.pnj.com/story/news/2018/01/07/gulf-our-future-protect-guestview/1004156001/>

The military training and testing missions conducted in the eastern Gulf of Mexico from Eglin Air Force Base are a vital part of our national defense. President Trump signed Executive Order 13795 on April 28, 2017, directing the Secretary of the Interior to expand lease exploration drilling sales to include the U.S. continental shelf. However, the executive order excludes the eastern Gulf area that is used for military training and testing. That area is protected by law until 2022. The protected area extends from the Military Mission Line, a western boundary located approximately at Mary Esther, Florida, to the west coast of Florida and south to the Florida Keys. All of that space is needed for the various types of training, testing, and weapons required for defense of the United States.....

## **Oil and gas industry wants a crack at waters off Florida's coast**

By Karen Graham, 1-8-2018

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/politics/oil-and-gas-industry-wants-a-crack-at-waters-off-florida-s-coast/article/511584>

President Trump's administration has proposed opening up nearly all of America's offshore waters to oil and gas drilling, but the industry says it is mainly interested in one part of it, now cordoned off by the Pentagon - the eastern Gulf of Mexico.

The oil and gas industry is more interested in drilling in the waters off Florida's Gulf Coast and the Straits of Florida, even though the Department of the Interior's proposal, open to public comment for the next 60 days, would more than quadruple the number of drilling leases available in U.S. waters.

The proposal would also open the waters off California, the Atlantic Coast and the Arctic to drilling. But accessing the Eastern Gulf Coast waters would likely require the consent of the U.S. military. This area has been off-limits to drilling since 2006 due mainly to the Defense Department's concerns that oil development would interfere with extensive military testing and training exercises in the area.....

## **GOP congressmen say Ryan to push permanent moratorium on eastern Gulf drilling**

By MATT DIXON and BRUCE RITCHIE, 01/08/2018 03:57 PM EST

<https://www.politico.com/states/florida/story/2018/01/08/gop-congressmen-say-ryan-to-push-permanent-moratorium-on-eastern-gulf-drilling-176209>

**TALLAHASSEE** — With President Donald Trump proposing an expansion of offshore oil and gas drilling, two Republican Florida congressmen say they have received assurances from House Speaker Paul Ryan that he will push for a permanent moratorium on drilling in the waters of the eastern Gulf of Mexico. “There is a governmental funding bill that has to be passed later this month,” said Rep. Matt Gaetz, (R-Fla.) “Francis Rooney and I had a conversation about this with Speaker Ryan, who gave Rooney and I a commitment that eastern Gulf moratorium language will be in the must-pass bill.”.....



## Gov. Scott Fought to Protect Florida's Coastline

Press Release by Staff, January 9, 2018

<https://www.flgov.com/2018/01/09/gov-scott-fought-to-protect-floridas-coastline/>

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, following Governor Rick Scott's meeting with United States Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, the Department of the Interior announced that Florida's coastline has been removed from consideration for future oil drilling. Last week, Governor Scott requested to immediately meet with Secretary Zinke to discuss his concerns with the federal oil drilling plan and the crucial need to remove Florida from consideration. Governor Scott said, "I am proud to announce that Secretary Zinke has agreed to remove Florida's coastline from consideration for future oil drilling. I would like to thank Secretary Zinke for coming to Tallahassee today following my request for a meeting last week to hear our concerns about oil drilling off Florida's coast. By removing Florida from consideration, we can now focus on how we can further protect our environment, including our proposal for record funding for the Everglades, our springs, our beaches and our state parks. I will never stop fighting for Florida's environment and our pristine coastline." .....

### NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

In the last newsletter, I discussed the upcoming meeting of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) public hearing regarding exploration and drilling in Florida's offshore waters on Thursday, February 8th in Tallahassee at the Four Points by Sheraton. After writing my Chairman's notes it was announced that Florida offshore waters were off the table for this next round of exploration and oil/gas drilling explorations activities. But what does "off the table" mean and for how long? We will continue to request for the extension of the ban on exploration and drilling east of the military mission line. We will be at the public hearing on February 8th advocating on the tremendous capabilities of these unique resources used by every branch of the armed forces for joint test and aviation, surface, subsurface and special operations training. Oil drilling structures and associated exploratory activities would be incompatible with military activities that will only become more important with future advancements in aircraft and weapons technologies, as well as negatively impact military readiness and compromise our nation's military superiority. Restricting oil and natural gas drilling, exploration and related activities is our position for the Florida Eastern Gulf and Atlantic waters. Our entire Florida Congressional Delegation sent a letter urging Defense Secretary Mattis to ensure that the recent Interior Department offshore proposal does not "adversely affect military readiness and training activities off Florida's coasts". Now is the time to engage and move for the oil drilling ban extension.

Will you be attending the ADC Installation Innovation Forum in February? Northwest Florida will be featured during one of the break-outs. A case study on the land swap between Escambia County and Naval Air Station Whiting Field is one of six "Innovators" to present. This land swap addressed an encroachment challenge at one of the installation's auxiliary landing fields. Congratulations to the Greater Pensacola Chamber and Naval Air Station Whiting Field for continuing to work the issue and gaining congressional authorization for the land exchange. The Navy now has a new landing field and Escambia County has a great site for economic growth.



## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR (continued)

Finally, we are preparing for our FDA March meeting in Northeast Florida and our conference call next week. Please let me know if you have a topic you would like to discuss. In March, we have the City Manager for Satellite Beach, Courtney Barker, to discuss the issue of rising tide levels and rising fresh water rivers and bodies of water for the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico communities. In addition, we will continue our discussions on P4s, energy resiliency, encroachment, cyberspace security and family support.

Until next time, reach out and keep sharing our story to your business community and elected officials.

-- Kellie Jo Kilberg



### **2018 FDA CALENDAR:**

**Tuesday, January 30th**      FDA Conference Call  
10 AM EST      Call in Number: (800) 501-8979    Access Code: 1869945

**Wednesday, March 21st**      FDA Meeting in Jacksonville, Florida

### **QUOTATIONS OF THE DAY from Martin Luther King, Jr.:**

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy. “

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter. “

“A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus.”

# News from the Bases

## Cape Canaveral AFS—

### U.S. missile-deterrence to get upgrade from Florida launch

By Marco Santana, Orlando Sentinel, 1-17-2018

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/space/os-bz-ula-launch-satellite-20180117-story.html>

If North Korea — or any country for that matter — launches a missile, a satellite scheduled to head into space from Florida today will be on the front lines of defense. The U.S. Air Force will launch the latest member of the military's next-generation missile-warning system aboard a United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket today.

A 40-minute launch window for the Space Based Infrared System satellite, built by Lockheed Martin, opens at 7:52 p.m. The U.S. Air Force's fourth Space Based Infrared System (SBIRS) Geosynchronous Earth Orbit (GEO) satellite built by Lockheed Martin was encapsulated on Jan. 9 ahead of its launch aboard a United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.....

"Its job is to sit up there, stare at the earth and look for bright plumes that come from a rocket launch," said Todd Harrison, director of aerospace and security projects with the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "It's our first line of detection for missiles that might be launched at the U.S. or U.S. forces overseas, allies and partners."

## NSA Panama City—

### NSA PC will benefit from land acquisition

The Naval Support Activity Panama City (NSA PC) will benefit from a state land acquisition thanks to the hard work and efforts by the Bay County Board of County Commissioners, State of Florida, and community stakeholders.

An 8.44-acre development called Barefoot Palms, adjacent to NSA PC was identified as a Tier 1 priority for acquisition due to its proximity to NSA PC. It is one of a few contiguous parcels adjacent to a Navy base – the other two Tier 1 priority land acquisitions are near Naval Station Mayport in Jacksonville and MacDill AFB in Tampa. This property near NSA PC had been a target acquisition for many years, with the back acreage being acquired under a Defense Infrastructure Grant in 2001.



In 2010, the Bay County Board of County Commissioners bought this parcel for \$2.9 million to serve as a buffer to prevent encroachment and to ensure compatible use consistent with the mission of the Navy base. The State of Florida's appraisal for the property permitted \$1.6 million for this purchase.

Though the County could have exercised a buy-back provision by the developer at the original price to recoup its funds, the community helped illustrate that the difference in purchase price and state appraisal was more than offset by the historical state Defense Infrastructure Grants that have benefitted Bay County as well as the possibility of a future transfer of a Navy beachfront parcel.

This community effort illustrates the overwhelming commitment of local, state, and federal leadership to support our military installations in the state of Florida. Community stakeholders recognize that this parcel will help increase the installations future military value, provide land for mission expansion, and help buffer the installation in an era of renewed interest in Base Realignment and Closure. This is another example of the many ways that installations, community, and state can benefit from these priceless partnerships.

## **NAS Whiting Field —**

### **NAS Whiting Field named Navy's best small base**

By Press Gazette contributor

Posted Dec 20, 2017 at 5:34 PM Updated Dec 20, 2017 at 5:34 PM

<http://www.srpressgazette.com/news/20171220/nas-whiting-field-named-navys-best-small-base>

On Dec. 18, the Naval Installations Command's commander named Naval Air Station Whiting Field as the Installation Excellence Award's recipient. The award recognizes top Navy commands at shore for their installation management, program excellence, environmental stewardship, mission successes and community outreach. This is NAS Whiting Field's third win over the past four years.....

## **Tyndall AFB —**

### **Gen. Lori Robinson visits Tyndall**

By Airman 1st Class Isaiah J. Soliz, 325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs / Published January 19, 2018

U.S. Air Force Gen. Lori Robinson (center), commander of U.S. Northern Command as well as North American Aerospace Defense Command, is greeted by leadership from both the 325th Fighter Wing and 1st Air Force during Robinson's arrival to Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., Jan. 17, 2018. Robinson began her long 35 year career as a graduate of Tyndall's Air Battle Manager School. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Isaiah J. Soliz/Released)



## Spotlight on Naval Station Mayport



Naval Station Mayport is one of three major Navy installations in the Jacksonville area. Mayport is home to a busy seaport as well as an air facility. The mission of NS Mayport is to sustain and enhance warfighter readiness. Naval Station Mayport is also home to the Navy's 4th Fleet, reactivated in 2008 after being deactivated in 1950.

Since its commissioning in December 1942, Naval Station Mayport has grown to become the third largest fleet concentration area in the United States. Mayport's operational composition is unique, with a busy harbor capable of accommodating 34 ships and an 8,000-foot runway capable of handling any aircraft in the Department of Defense inventory.

With more than 3,400 acres, NS Mayport is host to more than 80 tenant commands including 22 naval ships and six Light Airborne Multi-purpose System (LAMPS) Mark III helicopter squadrons. NS Mayport is also the operational and training headquarters for the SH-60B Seahawk LAMPS MKIII with a primary mission of anti-submarine warfare.

The Navy at Mayport covers 3,409 acres and is the third largest Naval Facility in the continental United States. As a major Surface and Air Warfare organization, Mayport remains dedicated to providing the "Finest Service to the Finest Fleet," as it grows into the 21st century.





**Captain David J. Yoder**

Captain Yoder was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He graduated with merit from the United States Naval Academy in 1994. He received his wings of gold in June 1996.

Captain Yoder's first sea tour was with the HS-3 "Tridents", and he completed deployments aboard USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67) and USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71). His next two sea tours were with CVW-1 aboard USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65), first as the Anti-Submarine Warfare/Combat Search and Rescue officer on the CVW-1 staff and then as a department head with the HS-11 "Dragonslayers" where he served as the Training Officer, Safety Officer, Operations Officer and Maintenance Officer. His most recent sea tour was as the Commanding Officer of the HSC-7 "Dusty Dogs" assigned to CVW-3 aboard the USS HARRY S. TRUMAN (CVN-75).

Assignments ashore include duty as a Seahawk Weapons and Tactics Instructor at the COMHSWINGLANT Weapons Training Unit, a Joint Exercise Planning Officer at Special Operations Command – Pacific, and most recently as the Deputy Director of United States Special Operations Command's International Engagement Program.

He has accumulated over 2,900 hours in various models of the H60 helicopter.



# DID YOU KNOW?

## Navy Surface Vessels

### Aircraft Carriers



USS Nimitz

Aircraft carriers have the ability to put most nations within striking distance of U.S. air power which makes them the cornerstone of US forward deployment and deterrence strategy. Multiple carriers are deployed around the world to provide military presence, respond quickly to crises, and participate in joint exercises with allied forces; this has led the Navy to refer to their *Nimitz*-class carriers as "4.5 acres of sovereign and mobile American territory". The power and operational flexibility of a carrier lie in the aircraft of its carrier air wing. Made up of both fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft, a carrier air wing is able to perform over 150 strike missions at once, hitting over 700 targets a day. Carrier air wings also protect friendly forces, conduct electronic warfare, assist in special operations, and carry out search and rescue missions. The carriers themselves, in addition to enabling airborne operations, serve as command platforms for large battle groups or multinational task forces.

### Amphibious Assault Ships



USS Kearsarge (LHD-3)

Amphibious assault ships (also referred to as a commando carrier or an amphibious assault carrier) are a type of amphibious warfare ship employed to land and support ground forces on enemy territory by an amphibious assault. The design evolved from aircraft carriers converted for use as helicopter carriers, but includes support for amphibious landing craft, with most designs including a well deck. Coming full circle, some amphibious assault ships now have a secondary role as aircraft carriers, supporting V/STOL fixed-wing aircraft. The role of the amphibious assault ship is fundamentally different from a standard aircraft carrier: its aviation facilities have the primary role of hosting helicopters to support forces ashore rather than to support strike aircraft. Most of these ships can also carry or support landing craft, such as air-cushioned landing craft (hovercraft) or LCUs.

## Amphibious Command Ships



**USS Mount Whitney**

Amphibious command ships (LCC) of the United States Navy are large, special purpose ships, originally designed to command large amphibious invasions. However, as amphibious invasions have become less likely, they are now used as general command ships, and serve as floating headquarters for two, forward deployed, numbered Fleet commands. Currently, they are assigned to the 6th and 7th fleets as flagships.

## Amphibious Transport Docks



**USS San Antonio**

Amphibious transport docks, also called "landing platform dock" (LPD), is an amphibious warfare ship, a warship that embarks, transports, and lands elements of a landing force for expeditionary warfare missions. Several navies currently operate this kind of ship.

## Dock Landing Ships



**USS Harpers Ferry**

Dock landing ships (also called landing ship, dock or LSD) is an amphibious warfare ship with a well dock to transport and launch landing craft and amphibious vehicles. Modern dock landing ships also operate helicopters. The US Navy hull classification symbol for a ship with a well deck depends on its facilities for aircraft - a (modern) LSD has a helicopter deck, a LPD also has a hangar, and a LHD or LHA has a full-length flight deck.

## Cruisers



USS Port Royal

Cruisers and guided missile cruisers are a type of warship. The term has been in use for several hundred years, and has had different meanings throughout this period. During the Age of Sail, the term cruising referred to certain kinds of missions – independent scouting, raiding or commerce protection – fulfilled by a frigate or sloop, which were the cruising warships of a fleet.

## Destroyers



USS Lassen

Destroyers are fast maneuverable long-endurance warships intended to escort larger vessels in a fleet, convoy or battle group and defend them against smaller powerful short-range attackers.

Guided-missile destroyers are destroyers designed to launch guided missiles. Many are also equipped to carry out anti-submarine, anti-air, and anti-surface operations. In addition to the guns that destroyers have, a guided-missile destroyer is usually equipped with two large missile magazines, usually in vertical-launch cells.

## Frigates

Frigates (according to the modern classification of U.S. navy warships) are smaller ships than destroyers. They are designed primarily to protect other ships (such as merchant convoys), and perform some Anti-Submarine Warfare duties. They are cheaper but of more limited capability than destroyers. The last active class of frigates in the US Navy was the Oliver Hazard Perry class, decommissioned in September 2015, leaving the navy no active frigates.

On January 15, 2015 U.S. Navy Secretary Ray Mabus announced that ships of the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) classes built in the future would be re-classified as "frigates". This would apply only to the future variations of these ships. Current ships will retain the LCS classification unless and until they are upgraded to the standards of the newer ships.

## Littoral Combat Ships



USS Freedom

Littoral combat ships (LCS) are a class of relatively small surface vessels intended for operations in the littoral zone (close to shore). It was "envisioned to be a networked, agile, stealthy surface combatant capable of defeating anti-access and asymmetric threats in the littorals."

The first littoral combat ship, USS Freedom, was commissioned on 8 November.

## Mine Countermeasures Ships



USS Avenger

Mine countermeasures vessels or MCMV are a type of naval ship designed for the location of and destruction of naval mines which combines the role of a minesweeper and minehunter in one hull. The term MCMV is also applied collectively to minehunters and minesweepers.

A "minesweeper" is a small naval warship designed to engage in minesweeping. Using various mechanisms intended to counter the threat posed by naval mines, waterways are maintained clear for safe shipping.

A "minehunter" is a naval vessel that actively detects and destroys individual naval mines.

## Patrol Ships



USS Typhoon

Patrol ships are relatively small naval vessels generally designed for coastal defense duties. They may be operated by a nation's navy, coast guard, police force or customs and may be intended for marine (blue water) and/or estuarine or river ("brown water") environments. They are commonly found engaged in various border protection roles, including anti-smuggling, anti-piracy, fisheries patrols, and immigration law enforcement. They are also often called upon to participate in rescue operations.

## Poster of the Day:



### NOTES FROM THE STAFF

Over the past 5 years, Florida has done an outstanding job in preparing for any reductions, realignments or downsizing from the Department of Defense. We have strengthened our military installations by preventing encroachment, improving transportation access in and around bases and doing all we can to improve the military value of all of our bases. But most importantly, it has been our local defense community people who have built strong relationships with the military and civilian workforce on every single base in Florida – and their families – that has made Florida the model for other states. Thanks a million for all you do to protect our bases and improve the quality of life for all our service members and their families. The work you continue do every single day truly makes a difference.

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February 7, 2018

*FDA Vision: To maintain and enhance the position and reputation of Florida as the most military-friendly state in the nation.*

### NEWS

**Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Quarterly Meeting** – FDA held its quarterly conference call meeting on January 30, 2018. Of interest was the upcoming BOEM public meeting in Tallahassee FL on February 8, 2018 at the Four Points by Sheraton on Tennessee St from 3:00PM – 7:00PM ET. Kellie Jo Kilberg, Bruce Grant and Terry McCaffrey will be attending and talking points have already been shared with interested FDA members. Additionally, FDA meeting agenda items included FDA input to the Task Force strategic plan, the open Task Force grant application window, and the recent Governor’s Base Commander meeting in Orlando.

**Military Friendly Legislation Moving in the Legislature** – Last week, the House Subcommittee on Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs favorably passed HB 29 from Representative Ponder (see current version at <http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=62435&SessionId=86>) that includes several items of interest to military and veterans such as “revises licensure eligibility requirements, waiver of certain licensure fees, and pre-licensure course requirements for certain military members, their spouses and veterans; designates "Medal of Honor Day"; establishes educational leadership certification requirements for certain individuals” according to the House summary. The Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security Committee favorably forwarded its companion bill (SB1884 - available at <http://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2018/01884>) sponsored by Senator Doug Broxson.

**New Edition of Florida Veterans’ Benefits Guide Released** - The 2018 edition of the Florida Veterans’ Benefits Guide is now available. The annual guide helps connect Florida’s more than 1.5 million veterans and their families with earned federal and state benefits, services and support. It also contains useful phone numbers and website addresses for additional information. An online version is available on the website of the Florida Department of Veterans’ Affairs at [www.FloridaVets.org](http://www.FloridaVets.org). In addition, 100,000 copies of the 28-page, full color guide have been printed, courtesy of the Florida Veterans Foundation. Guides are available at no charge through local county veteran service offices and FDVA Field Services Offices. To request a printed copy, please call (850) 487-1533.

**Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) to Hold Florida Offshore Drilling Public Meeting** – BOEM is holding a series of public meetings across the country using an open-house format, so participants can arrive any time during the scheduled meeting time. At the meetings, participants can ask questions, share information, talk with the team members one-on-one, and learn more about the National OCS Program. They also encourage participants to submit written comments to inform BOEM of specific issues, impacting factors, environmental resources, alternatives to the proposed action, and mitigation measures to consider in its analyses. For those unable to attend one of the scheduled meetings, BOEM is offering a Virtual Meeting Room at: <https://www.boem.gov/National-Program-Virtual-Room/> where participants can visit the same sta-

tions available at the open house meetings. There they are able to review and download the same handouts and posters offered at the meetings and provide comments. BOEM will hold their Florida session in Tallahassee on February 8, 2018 from 3-7 PM at the Four Points Sheraton Downtown Hotel, 316 West Tennessee Street. This is more a "listening session" than a public hearing. There will be stations set up with staff from BOEM to answer questions. You'll be able to submit comments online or at the meeting.

**AmericaServes** – America Serves is the country's first coordinated system of public, private, and non-profit organizations working together to serve veterans, service members, and their families. Their vision is that every service member, Veteran, and their family can easily access the full range of comprehensive services required to achieve their unique goals, and to provide a first-class service experience to match service member and veterans' first class military service. It is part of the **Institute for Veterans and Military Families [IVMF]** out of Syracuse University and serves as the nation's catalyst for at-scale, innovation and expertise in community settings to deliver sustainable solutions to the challenges confronting our members of the all-volunteer armed forces, veterans, and their families. Their community toolkit is at: <https://americaserves.org/what-we-do/support/coordination-center-toolkit/>. More information can be found at their web site: <https://americaserves.org/>.

**New DOD Initiative “Know Your Military” Launched February 1st** -- DOD's digital initiative to improve the public's understanding of the armed forces with the theme, “We Are Connected,” has recently launched. Recent surveys demonstrate the divide between the military and the public is growing, reports **DOD News**. In 1995, 40 percent of young adults had a direct connection to a service member or a veteran in their families; today that figure is about 15 percent. The link to this site is: <http://knowyourmilitary.osd.mil/>.

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**Association of Defense Communities (ADC) Installation Innovation Forum** – ADC will be holding their annual Installation Innovation Forum February 12-14, 2018 in San Diego. For more information on this event, see: <https://installationinnovation.org/>.



**From ADC:**

**TRUMP TO REQUEST BIG JUMP IN DEFENSE BUDGET:** Defense spending would rise 7 percent over the department's budget request last year to \$716 billion under the Trump administration's proposal for FY 2019, reports the Washington Post. The new budget request, scheduled to be released Feb. 12, would be 13 percent higher than DOD's FY 2017 allocation, the last full-year budget approved by Congress for the department. The \$716 billion proposal, which covers both the base budget and the overseas operations account, is intended to serve as a target for lawmakers as they consider relaxing the statutory spending caps, according to a senior government official.

The FY 2019 request would make clear that President Trump is delivering on his campaign pledge to build up the armed forces, but allowing concerns about a growing deficit to take a backseat. The size of the proposed increase would make it unrealistic that the administration would be successful in finding offsetting cuts in domestic programs, said Todd Harrison, director of defense budget analysis at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.



### NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Thank you to everyone who participated in our conference call last week. We appreciate your time and sharing of ideas/best practices. It's through this sharing that we can leverage and maximize resources and programs. It's important that we have an innovative approach in addressing opportunities and challenges for our installations and missions.

Partnerships are critical to achieving future goals and solving Installation Management challenges that can affect readiness. Areas to consider when you are meeting with members from your local communities and region: Enhance installation resiliency; Identify innovative water and energy solutions; Optimize excess capacity; Leverage partner resources to fill shortages; Facilitate incorporations; and Improve the lives of our active military members and their families.

We are currently putting together the agenda for our March meeting in Jacksonville/Orange Park. Please let me know if you have topic you would like to discuss.

Until next time, reach out and share our story. The new Florida Defense Factbook is out. It is online and in print. It's a great way to tell this important story with facts. Go forth and share.

**-- Kellie Jo Kilberg**

## 2018 FDA CALENDAR:

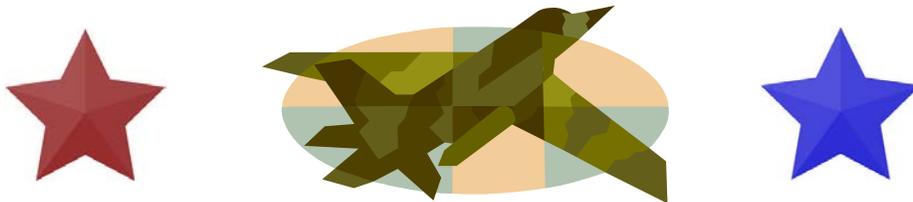
Wednesday, March 21st

FDA Meeting in Jacksonville, Florida

### QUOTATION OF THE DAY:

“If you as a leader allow people to halfway do their jobs and don’t demand excellence as a prerequisite to keeping their job, you will create a culture of mediocrity. If you allow people to misbehave, underachieve, have a bad attitude, gossip, and generally avoid excellence, please don’t expect to attract and keep good talent. Please don’t expect to have an incredible culture.”

– Dave Ramsey in EntreLeadership



### News from the Bases

#### Eglin AFB—

##### **Gulf Power: Solar project on track**

<http://www.nwfdailynews.com/news/20180130/gulf-power-solar-project-on-track>

Northwest Florida Daily News © January 30, 2018

EGLIN AFB — One year after Gulf Power joined with Eglin Air Force Base and Naval Air Station Pensacola to install the first panels on the largest solar arrays in Florida, the utility company is on its way to providing solar-generated electricity to 18,000 homes in Northwest Florida.

The Gulf Coast Solar Center comprises some 1.5 million solar panels installed on the Eglin reservation and at two airfields at NAS Pensacola. The three installations were tied into the electrical power grid last spring.

“In the months since the three fields went online, they’ve been harnessing enough sun energy to be on track to meet our generating expectations to power roughly 18,000 homes annually across Northwest Florida,” Gulf Power spokesman Rick DelaHaya said in a news release.....



## MacDill AFB—

### Lethal 'Warthog' warplanes visit MacDill

<http://www.fox13news.com/news/local-news/lethal-warthog-warplanes-visit-macdill>

Fox 13 News © January 30, 2018

By Lloyd Sowers

Some unusual and lethal warplanes are visiting MacDill Air Force Base. They are called "Warthogs" but their official designation is A-10 Thunderbolt. They were legendary tank killers in the Gulf War. Then it looked like they would be retired, but not now.....



## Patrick AFB —

### 920th Rescue Wing honored in Germany for July rescue mission

<https://www.militarytimes.com/news/your-air-force/2018/01/30/920th-rescue-wing-honored-in-germany-for-july-rescue-mission/>

Military Times © January 30, 2018

By: Nicole Bauke

The 920th Rescue Wing out of Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, was awarded the German Medal of Honor for Rescue and Distress for saving two German citizens off the coast of Florida last July, according to a news release. The award was presented during a special ceremony in Germany. **The medal is the German Maritime Search and Rescue Service's highest recognition award for individuals, crews, or organizations that help rescue Germans, or to German crews that participate in difficult or challenging rescue missions.....**



*The 920th Rescue Wing out of Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., received the German Medal of Honor for Rescue and Distress after saving two German citizens off the coast of Florida July 7-8. The Germans' vessel caught fire approximately 500 nautical miles off the east coast of southern Florida. (Master Sgt. Mark Borosch/Air Force)*

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## Tyndall AFB —

Governor Scott helped celebrate Tyndall Air Force Base being selected as the preferred alternative for the MQ-9 Reaper Program. Once again, we would like to congratulate Tom Neubauer, Glen McDonald and other members in the Bay Defense Alliance for their success with this task!



## NSA Panama City -

Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Division's Diver Augmented Vision Display (DAVD) prototype continues to prove successful with each in-water dive and is gaining a lot of U.S. Navy Fleet attention. This week, NSWC PCD hosted Commander, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command based out of Little Creek, Virginia. We also hosted Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command, based out of the Washington Navy Yard. News images are now available at: <https://www.dvidshub.net/unit/NSWC-PCD#.VzH3AP72aEJ>

## Jacksonville—

### Florida's Two Senators Urge White House to Send a Nuclear Powered Aircraft Carrier to Mayport

<http://sunshinestatenews.com/story/floridas-two-senators-urge-white-house-send-nuclear-powered-aircraft-carrier-mayport>

Sunshine State News © January 27, 2018

By Kevin Derby

This week, Florida's two U.S. senators--Democrat Bill Nelson and Republican Marco Rubio--called on the Trump administration to bring a nuclear powered aircraft carrier to Mayport on the First Coast. Nelson and Rubio wrote the president on the matter in a letter sent out on Thursday.

"The security, availability, and redundancy of our aircraft carrier fleet is critical to our national security in light of the increased global security threats," Nelson and Rubio wrote. "The U.S. Navy has a long history of homeporting aircraft at least one aircraft carrier at Naval Station Mayport. Since the 2007 de

commissioning of the conventionally powered U.S.S. John F. Kennedy, no aircraft carrier has been homeported at Mayport. In 2009, the US Navy officially announced its decision to homeport a CVN at Mayport, and the DOD's 2010 Quadrennial Defense review supported the Navy's decision.....



## Spotlight on Camp Blanding

Camp Blanding Joint Training Center (CBJTC) near Starke, is the National Guard's premier training site in North Florida. The 73,000-acre post provides resources to enhance joint, interagency, intergovernmental, and multinational training in support of our nation, state and communities. As a key stakeholder in the region, CBJTC continues to grow new partnerships and enhance existing ones.

Quality customer service is provided to a wide range of customers spanning the Joint, Interagency, Intergovernmental and Multinational (JIIM) Spectrum. This diverse customer base keeps CBJTC relevant while providing various revenue streams to sustain its capabilities. The application of state and federal funds provides continual improvements for existing services, creates opportunities for the development of new ranges, and supports construction of facilities to better meet the needs of our customers.

Camp Blanding remains committed to and capable of supporting JIIM organizations desiring to train both federal and state missions.



Named after former Chief of the National Guard Bureau and Florida Guardsman, Army Lt. Gen. Albert Hazen Blanding, the post has been an important training site for our military members since World War II. In January 2015, CBJTC celebrated its 75th Anniversary recognizing its past importance as a mobilization station as well as highlighting its future relevance in the current Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous (VUCA) operating environment.

Camp Blanding aspires to be the premier domestic and combat training facility in the southeastern U.S with a focus on Unified Land Operations up to brigade size elements. It continually seeks opportunities

to offer training for the "whole of government" approach while showcasing its capabilities as a state-of-the-art, year-round training venue.

## History

Camp Blanding has had an interesting history. It was originally designated as a Naval Air Station in the later part of the 1930's because it is located on Lake Kingsley. The site the Navy really wanted was on the St. James River in Jacksonville, but the land was already designated for the Florida National Guard use. The two forces engaged in talks and a land-swap was arranged. At that time the National Guard Officers Association of Florida recommended the camp be named in honor of Lieutenant General Albert H. Blanding. Blanding was a Florida native who commanded the 2nd Florida Brigade during the Mexican Border War in 1916-17.

In 1940 the regular Army leased Camp Blanding as a training center. It became an induction center for soldiers, an infantry replacement training center and for a period of time, it was also a German prisoner of war detainee camp that held 2000 Germans. During World War II Camp Blanding had grown so much it was equal in size to the fourth largest city in Florida and was one of the largest training centers in the United States. After the war, the camp downsized and land was given back to Florida for use as a guard training site. From the end of the war until 1970 when efforts to upgrade the post began, there was little use made of Camp Blanding. In 1981 the Department of Defense designated the camp as a class A military installation and Camp Blanding has been building and growing ever since.



**Col. Daniel Johnson, Commander, CBJTC**





**FLORIDA NATIONAL GUARD LEADERSHIP**

**MG Michael Calhoun**  
The Adjutant General

**BG Michael Canzoneri**  
Asst. Adjutant General  
Army

**BG Paul Chauncey III**  
Asst. Adjutant General  
Army (M-Day)

**BG Brian Simpler**  
Asst. Adjutant General  
Air



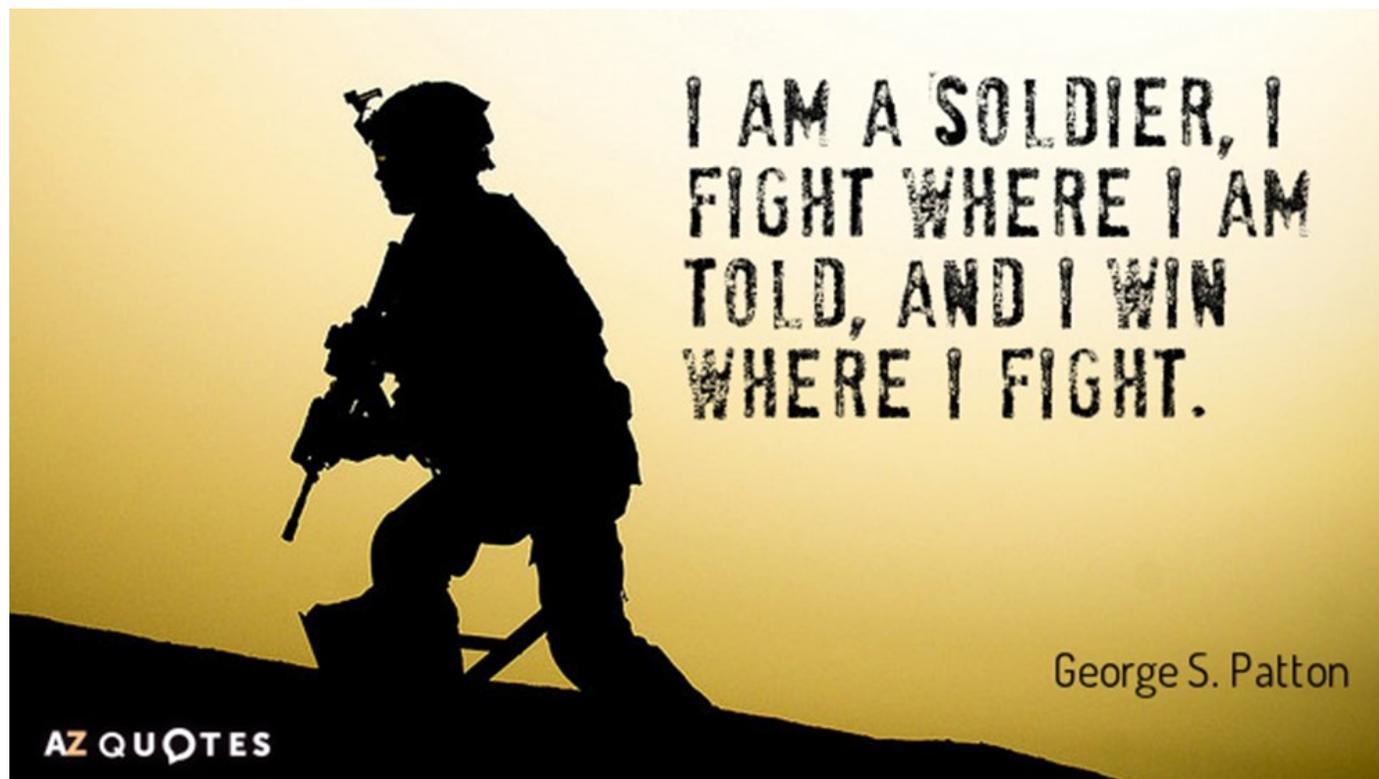
# Did You Know?

## Army National Guard Facts

1. Each member of the National Guard is sworn to uphold two constitutions: federal and state.
2. The term "national guard" was popularized by Marquis de Lafayette to describe each state's militia. It didn't become an official term until 1916.
3. 50,000 members of the National Guard were called to take on various missions during the 9/11 attacks in 2001.
4. Only two presidents have served in the National Guard in its modern structure: Harry S. Truman and George W. Bush.
5. The National Guard is older than the Army. Militias were used as early as 1636 to protect British colonies. The U.S. Army wasn't formed until the beginning of the Revolutionary War.
6. American Samoa is the only territory of the U.S. to not have a National Guard unit.
7. National Guard units were called Minutemen during the American Revolution due to their rapid response ability.
8. The most senior member of each state National Guard unit is the Adjutant General. Some states elect the Adjutant General, while others have their Governor appoint someone to the position.
9. The National Guard formed one of the first all African American units in U.S. military history, the 54th Massachusetts Volunteers. Their creation was met with mixed reactions, but the unit serves to this day and the first African American to receive a Medal of Honor, William Harvey Carney, hailed from it.
10. The National Guard is second only to the U.S. Army in terms of number of members.



## Poster of the Day:



### NOTES FROM THE STAFF

FDA Members ---Thanks for all you do to support Florida's military installations and missions on a daily basis on your communities. Your efforts -- work worth doing -- are the heart and soul of the state's commitment to the dedicated men and women of our armed forces. Your actions enhance the quality of life for our military and families and truly make a difference. The relationships you continue to build with base commanders and military personnel are invaluable to strengthening the installation and the community. It is because of this that Florida leads the way for other states in fostering strong, vibrant defense communities that truly embrace our military.

### Florida Defense Alliance Leadership

Chair -- Kellie Jo Kilberg

Vice Chair -- VACANT

Mission Sustainment Working Group Chair -- Jeff Fanto

Family Support Working Group Chair -- Rita Smith

Executive Board: Jonathan Borgert, Jennifer Codo-Salisbury and Tim Jones



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## Florida Defense Alliance Newsletter

February 21, 2018

*FDA Vision: To maintain and enhance the position and reputation of Florida as the most military-friendly state in the nation.*

### NEWS

**Northwest Florida Fly-in** – The annual panhandle area trip to Washington DC was held February 5-7, 2018. There were over 25 local defense leaders from the NW Florida area attending this great event. This trip was highlighted by meetings with Congressman Matt Gaetz and senior Defense Department officials including Asst. Secretary of Defense Lucien Niemeyer.

**Association of Defense Communities (ADC) Installation Innovation Forum Conference** – ADC held their “Installation Innovation Forum” conference Feb 12-14 in San Diego CA. Members of the Florida Defense Alliance, local defense communities in Florida and staff joined more than 650 defense supporters, base commanders and federal leaders to discuss how to better support our military installations and missions all over the country. Assistant Secretary of Defense Lucien Niemeyer led discussions on his priorities for installations, energy and facilities. He stated that on the top of his list is ensuring our ranges for testing and training remain viable to ensure combat capability of our forces. Florida was well-represented at this conference.

**FY19 Defense Grant Programs (DRG and DIG) Announced** – The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) is seeking application proposals from eligible applicants for the Florida Defense Reinvestment Grant (DRG) Program and the Florida Defense Infrastructure Grant (DIG) Program for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Application proposals will be accepted by DEO until March 13, 2018 at 3:00 PM EST. For more details on the proposal process and requirements of the grant programs, please visit <http://www.floridajobs.org/military-community-programs>.

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**Legacy DIG Grants Set to Expire by June 30, 2018** -- Defense Infrastructure Grants prior to FY 16 continue to be managed at Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI). Back in 2016, all these grants were notified that they would be closed out in 2018. **Hence, most grants are set to expire no later than June 30, 2018.** Please work closely with our new EFI Grants Manager to ensure that these grant funds are fully utilized for the needed infrastructure and land acquisition projects before they expire. The new Grants Manager at EFI is Michelle

Boylan. She can be reached at (407) 956-5636. Her email is [mboylan@enterpriseflorida.com](mailto:mboylan@enterpriseflorida.com). Please send her the required quarterly reports and reach out to her for any issues regarding these grants.

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#### **From ADC:**

**BUDGET GROWTH FLATTENS OUT FOLLOWING BIG BUMP:** Last week's two-year spending deal will inject an extra \$165 billion in DOD's fiscal 2018 and 2019 base budgets, amounting to almost 10 percent growth in the department's topline over FY 2017. Growth in the Pentagon's future years defense program (FYDP) would be much more modest, however, with some accounts projected to decline slightly through FY 2023, reports CQ.

The FY 2019 budget request that the administration released Monday proposes a \$686 billion topline for defense, including the uncapped overseas contingency operations account. From FY 2020 through FY 2023, that topline is projected to rise from \$701 billion to \$742 billion to keep up with inflation, Comptroller David Norquist told reporters.

The modest growth reflected in the FYDP would appear to fall short of the robust 3 to 5 percent annual growth in defense spending that Defense Secretary Jim Mattis has called for. Allocated toward the right places, though, key investments in the 2019 budget can help fulfill Mattis' priorities of lethality and readiness, said Katherine Blakeley, a research fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments.

#### **President's FY 19 Budget**

**PENTAGON LEAVES BRAC REQUEST OUT OF BUDGET PROPOSAL:** For the first time in six years, the Defense Department is not asking lawmakers for permission to launch a new round of base closures as part of its annual budget request. The move comes as Congress has vociferously rejected past requests for a host of reasons, including the 2005 round's failure to meet its cost and savings estimates and concerns that DOD's studies of excess capacity don't account for the need to expand the military's force structure. "We've asked for it a number of times in the past without much success," Comptroller David Norquist said at the Pentagon's budget briefing Monday.

Instead of pursuing a BRAC round, he said officials would follow two other alternatives. "One is working with Congress to find common areas where we can make reforms and changes that don't create the same types of obstacles," Norquist said. Secondly, the department is undergoing an audit of its financial statement



that includes a look at real property and an effort to improve the accuracy of the data behind it.

“And there is a view of being able to take advantage of the data coming out of that process to help us make better decision-making on real property,” he said.

Norquist did not mention, however, a bullet point on one of his presentation’s slides which stressed the need for the department to shed unneeded capacity. “[The FY 2019 budget request] concentrates efforts on ensuring the basing infrastructure is ideally sized to increase the lethality of U.S. forces while minimizing the cost of maintaining unneeded capacity, which diverts resources from critical readiness and modernization requirements,” it stated.



### **2018 FDA CALENDAR:**

**Wednesday, March 21st**      FDA Meeting in Jacksonville, Florida  
Please RSVP by March 7, 2018 if you plan to attend!

**FDA Website:** [www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/](http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/)

### **QUOTATIONS OF THE DAY from General H. Norman Schwarzkopf**

*“Leadership is a potent combination of strategy and character. But if you must be without one, be without the strategy.”*

*“It doesn't take a hero to order men into battle. It takes a hero to be one of those men who goes into battle.”*

*“The truth of the matter is that you always know the right thing to do. The hard part is doing it.”*



# Pictures from the NW Florida Defense Coalition Washington D.C. Fly-In Courtesy of Mr. Peter King



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# Pictures from the ADC Installation Innovation Forum

Courtesy of Ms. Debi Graham



## News from the Bases

### **BRAC—**

#### **DoD skips BRAC request in 2019 budget**

By Scott Maucione, February 13, 2018

<https://federalnewsradio.com/defense/2018/02/dod-skips-brac-request-in-2019-budget/>

After years of pleading with Congress to close down excess bases in the United States to save money, the Defense Department is backing off its request for 2019.

For the first time in half a decade, the Pentagon isn't asking Congress to close some of the 22 percent excess infrastructure it is paying to keep open. DoD estimates it would save about \$2 billion a year if it could conduct another round of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC).

Congress has not been particularly amenable to another round since the last round in 2005.....

## **The Trump Military Buildup Has Begun with DoD's Proposed Budget**

By JEFF SCHOGOL, February 12, 2018

<https://taskandpurpose.com/the-trump-military-buildup-has-begun-with-dods-proposed-budget/>

For years, the U.S. military has had to do more with less, but the Defense Department's proposed budget for fiscal 2019 would add nearly 26,000 service members across the active-duty force, National Guard and reserves.

The Army would see the biggest jump, growing by 11,500 active-duty soldiers, 500 National Guardsmen and 500 reservists, budget documents show. The Navy would grow by 7,500 active-duty sailors and 100 reservists; the Air Force would add 4,000 active-duty airmen, 500 reservists and 200 National Guardsmen; and the Marine Corps would increase by 1,100 active-duty Marines, officials said.

The plus-up reflects the National Security Strategy's requirements that the Defense Department reverse the post-Iraq and Afghanistan drawdowns that led to the U.S. military in 2016 being the smallest it had been before World War II, said Defense Department Comptroller David Norquist.....

## **Jacksonville—**

### **Navy aviators set to start controlling unmanned aircraft from Jacksonville**

By Joe Daraskevich, February 11, 2018

<http://www.jacksonville.com/news/20180211/navy-aviators-set-to-start-controlling-unmanned-aircraft-from-jacksonville>

Since the dawn of aviation, pilots have been able to rely on the simple method of looking through an aircraft's window to determine the weather ahead.

That's no longer an option for a relatively new squadron at Jacksonville Naval Air Station.

This year a small group of aviation pioneers are ready to take the controls of drones as long as F-16s with wingspans the size of Boeing 757s as the future of maritime intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance is expanding.



The first 20 crew members of Unmanned Patrol Squadron 19 (VUP-19) have passed through the training program and are now instructing others.....

## SOUTHCOM —

### **SOUTHCOM Tidd Wants More Surveillance, Coast Guard Cutters to Stem Illegal Trafficking**

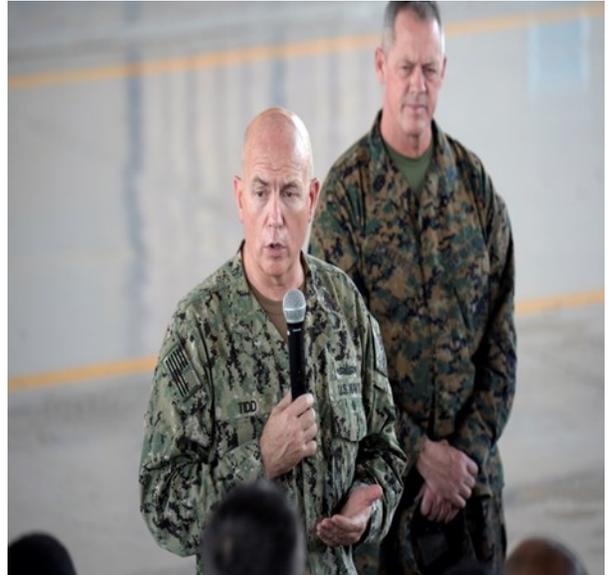
<https://news.usni.org/2018/02/16/southcom-tidd-wants-surveillance-coast-guard-cutters-stem-illegal-trafficking>

By: John Grady

USNI News © February 16, 2018

The Southern Command's top officer told the Senate Armed Services Committee he is receiving only a fraction of the intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance resources he needs to stem the flow of illegal rugs, people and money into the United States.

Adm. Kurt Tidd, testifying Thursday, added that lack of ISR translates into interdicting only 25 percent of the known movement of narcotics.



*U.S. Navy Adm. Kurt W. Tidd, commander of U.S. Southern Command, speaks with service members on Nov. 22, 2017. US Army Photo*



## **Spotlight on Team Orlando**



Naval Support Activity (NSA) Orlando opened in 1988 as the home of the Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division (NAWCTSD) Orlando. NAWCTSD Orlando is the Navy's principal center for modeling, simulation, and training systems technologies. The Center provides training systems development for a wide spectrum of military programs, including aircraft, surface ships, submarines, and other specialized requirements.

Today, NSA Orlando provides support to all Department of Defense activities in Central Florida, most of which support military training and simulation missions. It has added the U.S. Army's Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training, and Instrumentation, the Army's equivalent to NAWCTSD Orlando, as a major tenant unit.

Other major supported organizations adjacent to NSA Orlando include the U.S. Marine Corps' Program Manager for Training Systems; the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command's SFC Paul

Ray Smith Simulation & Training Technology Center; the Orlando office of the U.S. Air Force Agency for Modeling and Simulation; the U.S. Navy Human Performance Center Orlando; the United States Joint Forces Command's Joint Development Integration Facility and Joint Training Integration and Evaluation Center, and the Joint Advanced Distributed Learning Co-Laboratory.

A major factor in the success of Team Orlando is not only the cooperation between all of the services, but the collaboration between the military/government agencies academia (University of Central Florida) and industry (represented on the Team Orlando Board by the National Center for Simulation). Finally, Central Florida government is represented by the Orlando Economic Partnership and the technology community provides support through the Florida High Tech Corridor Council.

Team Orlando is housed on NSA Orlando and includes all the military services and other federal partners engaged in Modeling, Simulation and Training (MS&T). Additionally, there are more than 1,000 Florida companies & organizations involved in MS&T. This sector directly employs more than 27,000 Floridians with average annual salaries of approximately \$70,000. MS&T contributes almost \$5 billion to the Florida economy and provides in excess of 60,000 jobs.

### **Mission**

Provide consistent, effective and efficient shore installation support services to all tenant DoD agencies enabling their mission accomplishment in a joint services environment.

### **Population Served**

The combined government end-strength of the base and its tenants currently comprise approximately 120 Active-Duty military and 2,200 civil service serving on or near NSA Orlando. We also serve a community of approximately 350 military family members, 3,200 Joint Services Reserves, and 48,000 military retirees in the Central Florida area.

### **Key Tenants**

- Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division (NAWC TSD)
- Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast (NAVFAC SE)
- US Army Program Executive Office, for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation
- US Marine Corps' Program Manager for Training Systems
- US Army Research, Development and Engineering Command SFC Paul Ray Smith Simulation & Training Technology Center
- US Air Force Agency for Modeling and Simulation Orlando office
- United States Joint Forces Command Joint Development Integration
- Facility and Joint Training Integration and Evaluation Center and the Joint Advanced Distributed Learning Co-Laboratory



## Location

NSA Orlando is located on the eastside of Orlando's city limits in Orange County, in the Central Florida Research Park adjacent to the University of Central Florida. Orlando is one of the world's fastest-growing cities. It is among Florida's major cities and has one of the nation's lowest unemployment rates. Orlando is a center for digital media and bio medicine. The City has the 9th busiest airport in the U.S. and is warm and sunny all year round. Orlando is the county seat for Orange County, Florida and is considered a relatively high cost of living area. Orlando is also the home of Walt Disney World, EPCOT, Universal Studios, and Sea World which are located just 35 miles Southwest of NSA Orlando.

## History

The installation initially opened in 1988 as a Warfare Center within the Naval Air Systems Command and in October of 2003 was officially re-designated as Naval Support Activity (NSA) Orlando. Today NSA Orlando is the home of several United States Armed Forces military training and simulation commands. NSA Orlando occupies 45 acres within the Central Florida Research Park.



**Commander – NSA Orlando  
Captain Erik Etz**

Captain Erik 'Rock' Etz was commissioned in 1990 and designated a Naval Aviator in 1993. He flew the F/A-18C Hornet and completed tours in the Mediterranean deployment on USS America, flying missions in support of United Nations Operations Deliberate Force, Deny Flight, and Decisive Edge in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Operation Southern Watch in Iraq. Captain Etz graduated from the US Navy Test Pilot and was then assigned to Naval Strike Aircraft Test Squadron, Patuxent River, Maryland certification. Captain Etz returned to the fleet in December 2000 as senior Landing Signal Officer and Safety Officer on the staff of Commander, Carrier Air Wing Nine and then deployed onboard USS Stennis to the North Arabian Sea for seven months. Under his guidance, CVW-9 amassed over 10,000 arrested landings during combat operations. Captain Etz served in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Captain Etz served again at NAS Patuxent River, Maryland and later joined VFA-113 in December 2006 as the Executive Officer. In May 2008, Captain Etz assumed command of VFA-113 supporting coalition forces in Afghanistan on two deployments in 2008 and 2009. He later served as the Deputy Lead for the F-35 Mission Systems Integrated Product Team. Prior to assuming command of NAWCTSD, Captain Etz served as the Executive Officer from June 2014 until April 2016.



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## Did You Know?

### US Air Force -- MQ-9 Reaper – Coming to Tyndall AFB

The MQ-9 Reaper is an armed, multi-mission, medium-altitude, long-endurance remotely piloted aircraft that is employed primarily against dynamic execution targets and secondarily as an intelligence collection asset. Given its significant loiter time, wide-range sensors, multi-mode communications suite, and precision weapons -- it provides a unique capability to perform strike, coordination, and reconnaissance against high-value, fleeting, and time-sensitive targets.



Reapers can also perform the following missions and tasks: intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, close air support, combat search and rescue, precision strike, buddy-lase, convoy/raid overwatch, target development, and terminal air guidance. The MQ-9's capabilities make it uniquely qualified to conduct irregular warfare operations in support of combatant commander objectives.

The remotely piloted aircraft can be disassembled and loaded into a single container for deployment worldwide. The entire system can be transported in the C-130 Hercules, or larger aircraft. The MQ-9 aircraft operates from standard U.S. airfields with clear line-of-sight to the ground data terminal antenna, which provides line-of-sight communications for takeoff and landing. The PPSL provides over-the-horizon communications for the aircraft and sensors.

**Thrust:** 900 shaft horsepower maximum

**Wingspan:** 66 feet (20.1 meters)

**Length:** 36 feet (11 meters)

**Height:** 12.5 feet (3.8 meters)

**Weight:** 4,900 pounds (2,223 kilograms) empty

**Maximum takeoff weight:** 10,500 pounds (4,760 kilograms)

**Fuel capacity:** 4,000 pounds (602 gallons)

**Payload:** 3,750 pounds (1,701 kilograms)

**Speed:** cruise speed around 230 mph (200 knots)

**Range:** 1,150 miles (1,000 nautical miles)

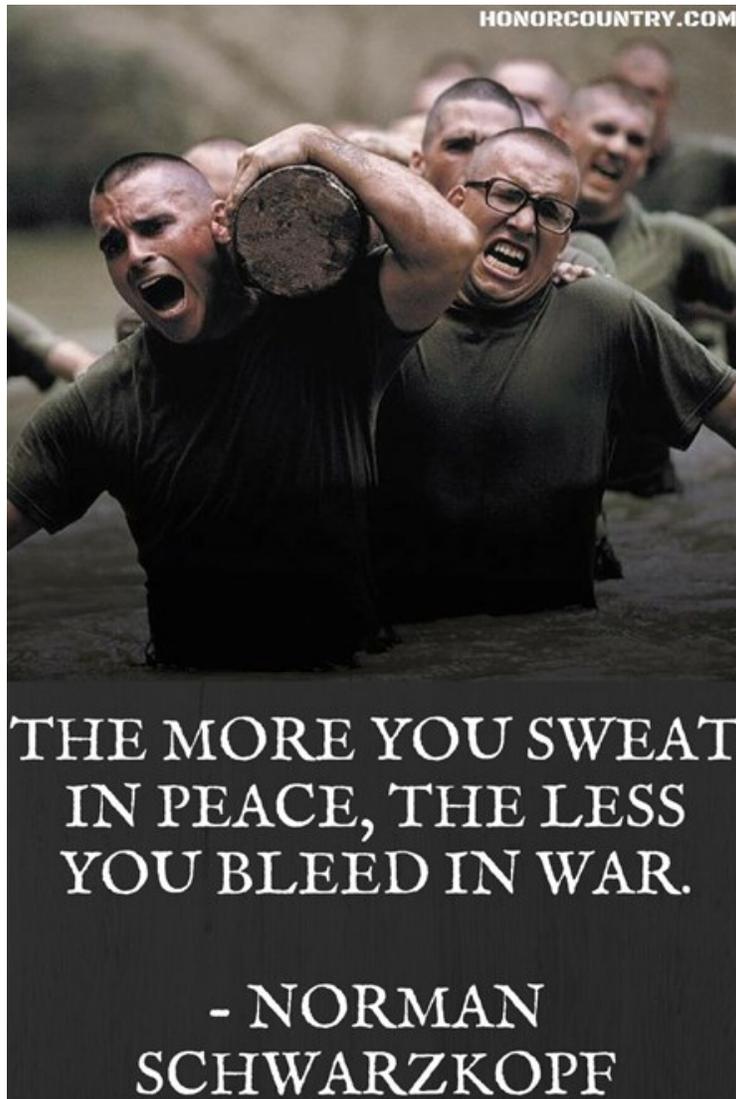
**Armament:** combination of AGM-114 Hellfire missiles, GBU-12 Paveway II and GBU-38 Joint Direct Attack Munitions

**Crew (remote):** two (pilot and sensor operator)

**Unit cost:** \$64.2 million (includes four aircraft, sensors, GCSs, and Comm.) (fiscal 2006 dollars)

**Inventory:** total force, 93

## Poster of the Day:



### WHY -- FLORIDA DEFENSE ALLIANCE:

#### Purpose

Enterprise Florida, Incorporated 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 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.



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**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 to ensure the readiness of the Armed Forces conducting 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 organization, and other interested parties who come together in order to protect, promote and enhance military value of Florida installations and missions. FDA will establish working groups, as required.



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**NOTES FROM THE STAFF**  
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We look forward to seeing you in Jacksonville for the FDA meeting on Wednesday, March 21st. Staff sincerely appreciates the dedication and commitment of all Florida Defense Alliance members across the state. You do a great job on a daily basis supporting our military and working with Base Commanders and staffs to improve the military value of Florida's bases. In so doing, you are doing a wonderful job of keeping Florida the most military friendly state in the nation!

**Florida Defense Alliance Leadership**

**Chair** – Kellie Jo Kilberg

**Vice Chair** – VACANT

**Mission Sustainment Working Group Chair** – Jeff Fanto

**Family Support Working Group Chair** – Rita Smith

**Executive Board:** Jonathan Borgert, Jennifer Codo-Salisbury and Tim Jones





# ENTERPRISE FLORIDA

## Florida Defense Alliance Newsletter

March 7, 2018

*FDA Vision: To maintain and enhance the position and reputation of Florida as the most military-friendly state in the nation.*

### NEWS

**FY19 Defense Grant Programs (DRG and DIG) Open for Applications until March 13th** – The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) is seeking application proposals from eligible applicants for the Florida Defense Reinvestment Grant (DRG) Program and the Florida Defense Infrastructure Grant (DIG) Program for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Application proposals will be accepted by DEO until March 13, 2018 at 3:00 PM EST. For more details on the proposal process and requirements of the grant programs, please visit <http://www.floridajobs.org/military-community-programs>

**Legacy DIG Grants Set to Expire by June 30, 2018** -- Defense Infrastructure Grants prior to FY 16 continue to be managed at Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI). Back in 2016, all these grants were notified that they would be closed out in 2018. **Hence, most grants are set to expire no later than June 30, 2018.** Please work closely with our new EFI Grants Manager to ensure that these grant funds are fully utilized for the needed infrastructure and land acquisition projects before they expire. If DIG recipients want to apply for a grant extension, please send the request with justification to the EFI Grants Manager Michelle Boylan. Please ensure you detail the reason for the extension and show connection to other open DIG so there is context to the extension request.

**ADC Award Nominations Extended Until March 8<sup>th</sup>** - ADC has opened the nominations process for the 2018 Defense Community Awards, a way to highlight the accomplishments of outstanding defense community leaders in front of key decision-makers from Congress and DOD. ADC will present this year's awards at a luncheon during the 2018 Defense Communities National Summit, June 18-20 in Washington. Awards honor community or state, military, base redevelopment and congressional leaders whose accomplishments demonstrate vision, innovation and excellence. Specific categories are: Community or State Leadership, Military Leadership, and Congressional Leadership. This program is an opportunity to share the stories of outstanding defense community leaders and for them to be acknowledged for the hard work they put into supporting defense communities and our nation's military. Award criteria and other information available on the ADC website and deadline for nominations is now March 8th.

**2 Year Budget Deal** – The President and the Congress have agreed on a budget deal spanning 2 years. The agreement stipulates a top line for defense and no-defense spending numbers through FY 19. However, the details of the defense budget are still being developed. Installations could possibly see some funding for unfunded projects in late August as DOD moves to spend FY 18 funds prior to the end of the fiscal year.

**BRAC** -- During the Northwest Florida Defense Coalition Fly-In to Washington, DC, Assistant Secretary of Defense Lucian Niemeyer announced that the DoD would not pursue authorization for a Base Realignment and Closure Round in fiscal year 2019. Instead, he will spend the next six months collecting data on un-

derutilized facilities to reshape the argument for restructuring and reshaping military installations to improve military readiness and lethality. His focus priorities are on installation energy security, intergovernmental services contracts, and military test and training range investment and modernization. On cyber and UAS, Secretary Niemeyer bemoaned to lack of comprehensive DOD long range plans. He asked, “Does cyber even need to be on bases?”

**President’s 2019 Budget -- Fiscal Year 2019 Military Construction Request for Florida**

Total President’s Budget request for the State of Florida is \$177, 423 million. Included are these projects:

Base	Project	Funding (millions)
Mayport LCS	Operational Training Facility	\$29,110.00
Mayport LCS	Support Facility	\$82,350.00
Eglin AFB	F-35A Integrated Trg Center Academics Bldg	\$34,863.00
Eglin AFB	F-35A Student Dormitory II	\$28,000.00
MacDill AFB	KC135 Beddown Flight Simulator Training	\$3,100,0.00

**Oil Drilling in the Gulf --** At the Northwest Florida Defense Coalition Fly-In, Secretary Niemeyer spoke to the group about the ongoing process and engagement between DoD and the Department of Interior. Data is still being collected and discussions continue on the MML and drilling exclusion zones. A required DoD report on MML is due to Congress in March.

**Service Secretaries Letter Reinforces Importance of FDA --** Service secretaries say quality of schools, reciprocity of licenses should be considered in future basing decisions. A letter signed by all three military service secretaries outlining ways state leadership can better support service members was sent to the National Governors Association on Friday, Feb. 23. The letter encouraged state leadership to look at the quality of schools near bases and if reciprocity of professional licenses is available for military families. The letter can be found at: <https://media.defense.gov/2018/Feb/23/2001881660/-1/-1/1/Military-Family-School-Consideration-and-Professional-Licensure-Reciprocity.PDF>

**Homestead ARB Need for Fuel Hydrant System –** Given the tremendous ramp space at HARB, it an ideal contingency base for a number of COCOM’s, including SOUTHCOM, USTRANSCOM, and SOCOM. In order to be a contingency base, they really need to have a fuel hydrant system that is operational. This need has been highlighted in the Task Force Strategic Plan since 2014 and continues to be a focus for the Task Force and the Principi Group.

**Climate Change and DoD Installations –** A new report from the Center for Climate and Security entitled “Military Expert Panel Report, Sea Level Rise and the U.S. Military’s Mission” states that climate change and sea level rise are a current and future threat to coastal installations and provides examples and recommendations. According to Dan Cohen from ADC, “The panel calls for DOD to integrate climate impact scenarios into its long-range plans for upgrading its infrastructure to mitigate flood risks. As the military develops plans for dealing with climate-related effects at installations, it also should include neighboring communities in its planning efforts.” For more, view the entire report at [https://climateandsecurity.files.wordpress.com/2018/02/military-expert-panel-report\\_sea-level-rise-and-the-us-militarys-mission\\_2nd-edition\\_02\\_2018.pdf](https://climateandsecurity.files.wordpress.com/2018/02/military-expert-panel-report_sea-level-rise-and-the-us-militarys-mission_2nd-edition_02_2018.pdf).



**2018 REPI Report Released** – DOD’s annual REPI report to Congress was just released. The Report summarizes and reviews the achievements of the Program through Fiscal Year 2017: in its 15-year lifespan, the REPI Program has protected 516,413 acres in 93 locations across 31 states. This report highlights Avon Park Air Force Range REPI success. The Report is also available for download at <http://www.repi.mil/Resources/Reports-and-Fact-Sheets/>. In conjunction with the release of this year’s Report, DOD has updated the REPI fact sheets on their website through Fiscal Year 2017. These include updated project and state fact sheets as well as updates to other REPI-related resources. To learn more about the REPI Program, please visit [www.REPI.mil](http://www.REPI.mil).

**Florida Legislative Update** – The Florida Legislative Session ends Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. At this writing, it appears that HB 29 and HB 75 are poised to pass. HB 29 revises licensure requirements for veterans, military members and spouses. HB 75 provides waiver for certain student fees not currently covered under the military’s tuition assistance program.

**From ADC:**

## **Quality-of-Life Issues May Affect Future Basing Decisions, Services Tell Governors**

Officials may consider the quality of local schools and the ability for military spouses to transfer professional credentials following a transfer when deciding where to locate military missions, the three service secretaries told the National Governors Association in a letter sent Friday. “We will encourage leadership to consider the quality of schools near bases and whether reciprocity of professional licenses is available for military families when evaluating future basing or mission alternatives,” stated the letter signed by Army Secretary Mark Esper, Navy Secretary Richard Spencer and Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson.

The secretaries also highlighted a related issue in the letter — the extent to which school systems ease the burden of transition for military children regarding transferring credits and joining sports teams and clubs after the start of the school year. “Some school systems recognize this and accommodate military families during transfers. These schools should be commended and emulated,” they wrote.

The letter comes as the nation’s governors opened their winter meeting Saturday in Washington. It noted that the drawbacks to military service most commonly cited by families include students’ difficulty assimilating into local school systems following a duty station transfer, the quality of schools available, and the ability of spouses to obtain jobs and sustain careers. Eliminating barriers for spouses to transfer professional licenses, for example, would improve military families’ quality of life, according to the secretaries.

“We realize improving schools and changing laws or regulations regarding professional licensure will take time. Over the long term, however, leaders who want to make a difference for the military and our missions will make the most impact if we focus on what matters. Reciprocity on licensure and the quality of education matter,” the letter concludes.



## Senate Bill Would Encourage Companies to Hire Military Spouses

Posted on Mar 01, 2018 01:49 am

New legislation aimed at addressing military spouse unemployment would provide businesses a federal tax credit for hiring military spouses as well as make child care more affordable for military families. The bill would extend the applicability of the Work Opportunity Tax Credit, which offers employers a credit of up to \$9,600 for hiring certain categories of veterans, to military spouses. The bill — introduced by Sens. Tim Kaine (D-Va.), John Boozman (R-Ark.) and Jon Tester (D-Mont.) — also would allow service members to take advantage of flexible spending accounts to spend pre-tax dollars on child care costs.

The measure is the second Kaine introduced last month to promote the hiring of military spouses. The earlier bill would require DOD to would explore a variety of options for supporting the career goals of military spouses. That proposal likely will be rolled into the fiscal 2019 defense authorization bill, but Kaine's new bill must instead move through the Finance Committee, reports Military.com.

## DOD Can't Ignore Opportunities to Cut Infrastructure Costs, Reed Says

Posted on Mar 02, 2018 12:48 am

The Pentagon still needs to look for way to economize on its infrastructure spending even though it didn't request a new BRAC round as part of its fiscal 2019 budget request, Sen. Jack Reed (D-R.I.), ranking member on the Senate Armed Services Committee, told reporters Thursday. If there are facilities DOD can consolidate, for example, it should do so on its own, he said. Reed said he would seriously consider a new BRAC round if the department proposed it, despite it being an election year, reported Politico.

### Semi- Annual Meeting **DRAFT** Agenda

Courtyard Marriott Jacksonville Orange Park

Orange Park, Florida

(As of: March 6, 2018)

**Thank you to our Refreshment Sponsor:  
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**March 21, 2018**

**0800-1700 EST**

0800-0815	<b>Welcome Remarks/Introductions</b>	Kellie Jo Kilberg
0815-0855	<b>Washington DC Update</b>	Secretary Tony Principi General David Huntoon
0855-0930	<b>Rising Sea/Water Level</b>	Courtney Barker
0930-0945	<b>Break</b>	



0945-1100	<b>Florida Ranges Panel</b> Jim Heald, InDyne/DSI Christopher Moore, GDIT Buck MacLaughlin, Avon Park National Center for Simulation	Terry McCaffrey
1100-1130	<b>CyberSpace/CyberSecurity</b>	TBA
1130-1145	<b>FDSTF Update/Strategic Plan</b>	Terry McCaffrey
1145-1300	<b>Lunch</b>	
1300-1445	<b>Working Groups Meet</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mission Sustainment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Energy Resiliency BCM Meeting Survey Outcomes</li> <li>* Encroachment</li> <li>* MML/Oil Drilling Ban</li> <li>* Florida Ranges</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Family Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Building Healthy Military Communities</li> <li>* Military to Mariner Initiative - Chuck Nygaard</li> <li>* FDVA Update – Steve Murray</li> <li>* Best Practices</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Jeff Fanto  Rita Smith
1445-1500	<b>ADC San Diego Best Practices Lessons</b>	
1500-1545	<b>Working Groups' Report / FDA Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mission Sustainment</li> <li>• Family Support</li> </ul>	Jeff Fanto Rita Smith
1545-1645	<b>Economic Development Community Significant Current Initiative Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northwest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Escambia, Santa Rosa, Walton, Okaloosa and Bay Counties</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Northeast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Duval and Clay Counties</li> </ul> </li> <li>• East Central Florida <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Brevard and Orange Counties</li> </ul> </li> <li>• West Central Florida <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Highlands, Polk, Tampa and Pinellas Counties</li> </ul> </li> <li>• South Florida <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Local Defense Partners
1645-1655	<b>Next Meeting Planning</b> There will be an FDA teleconference on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 0900 EST. The next in-person FDA meeting is Wednesday, November 14, 2018, Cocoa Beach, Florida	Kellie Jo Kilberg
1655-1700	<b>Closing Comments/Adjourn</b>	Kellie Jo Kilberg
1830-2030	<b>FDA / Florida Defense Support Task Force No-Host Dinner – Hilltop Club &amp; Restaurant</b> 2030 Wells Road, Orange Park, FL 32073	





## **NOTES FROM THE CHAIR**

Smart basing, infrastructure reset and internal BRACs – what does this all mean? There are too many high priorities for readiness and too few dollars to address facilities’ needs. It is true the defense budget is higher; however, it’s a timing issue due to the continuing resolutions and the lack of consistency with a real budget to make long-term strategic decisions and investments. Partnerships are key as local partners create innovative strategies to reduce installations costs. It’s important to continue to share our Florida story on our partnerships’ successes as well as areas where we are struggling to make it happen. Some partnership projects may take years to succeed. One such project, Naval Air Station Whiting Field’s Outlying Landing Field 8 and Escambia County Land Swamp, was featured at the ADC Installation Innovation Forum in San Diego. This project took almost 15 years. But through vision and partnerships, the Navy has enhanced training capabilities and the community has an economic development opportunity. Our partnerships take a combination of resources we leverage and maximize to get the biggest bang for the dollars invested. You never know from where that next idea to address innovative solutions and opportunities will come.

I hope you will join us at our next FDA meeting on Wednesday, March 21st in Orange Park, Florida. One of our speakers will be discussing rising seas, a topic that has been making headlines over the last month. Further, we will have a panel on the Florida Ranges, how integrated they are and how we can collaborate to increase the military value of our assets. It is amazing when you see our ranges in 3-D and how unique Florida ranges (land, air, water and virtual) are for research, test and training engagement. The perfect fit for next generation weapons, aviation and ships.

Each of you play an important role in making Florida the most military friendly state in the nation. However, what is more important, is the role you play in leveraging and maximizing resources to give our military service members the support they need. Thank you for your time, wisdom and partnership.

Until next time, reach out to your commanders, ask them their vision for their installation and their top three priorities. Then share with your community leaders to see where the next innovative partnership will be created.

**-- Kellie Jo Kilberg**

## 2018 FDA CALENDAR:

**Wednesday, March 21st**      FDA Meeting in Jacksonville, Florida  
Please RSVP by March 7, 2018 if you plan to attend!

FDA Website: [www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/](http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/)

### QUOTATIONS OF THE DAY United States Navy

**President Theodore Roosevelt**, 2 December 1902, second annual message to Congress.  
*"A powerful Navy we have always regarded as our proper and natural means of defense; and it has always been of defense that we have thought, never of aggression or of conquest. But who shall tell us now what sort of Navy to build? We shall take leave to be strong upon the seas, in the future as in the past; and there will be no thought of offense or provocation in that. Our ships are our natural bulwarks."*

**Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz**, 17 March 1945.

*"For in this modern world, the instruments of warfare are not solely for waging war. Far more importantly, they are the means for controlling peace. Naval officers must therefore understand not only how to fight a war, but how to use the tremendous power which they operate to sustain a world of liberty and justice, without unleashing the powerful instruments of destruction and chaos that they have at their command."*

## News from the Bases

### Florida National Guard—

#### Florida National Guardsmen Showcase Their Training and Equipment at the Annual National Guard Appreciation Day at the Capitol

By ILT Sonia Dixon

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/267944/florida-national-guardsmen-showcase-their-training-and-equipment-annual-national-guard-appreciation-day-capitol>

Each year, Florida Guardsmen from across the state gather at the state's Capitol to engage with elected officials and the community. Their goal during the day-long event is to inform the public on how the military



supports the state and nation. More than 140 Florida Guardsmen supported this year's event at its usual location in the Capitol's courtyard near the end of the state's legislative session Monday.

"It gives a lot of people the opportunity to see things that they would not normally get to see," said Senior Master Sgt. Alison Blitch, a member of the 125th Fighter Wing, whose unit displayed a Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Response Trailer and a Mobile Emergency Operations Center.

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Photo By Sgt. Garrett Savage | Child poses for a picture wearing a helmet from an Explosive Ordnance Disposal soldier.

## Patrick AFB—

### Industry Day Brings High-Tech Companies to Air Force Technical Applications Center

By Susan A. Romano, AFTAC Public Affairs // February 28, 2018

<http://spacecoastdaily.com/2018/02/industry-day-brings-high-tech-companies-to-air-force-technical-applications-center/>

The Air Force Technical Applications Center hosted a Nuclear Treaty Monitoring Industry Day recently to give high-tech companies an opportunity to network with center scientists, engineers and technicians and share ideas about the capabilities contractors can offer that affect AFTAC's mission areas. Held at Patrick AFB's Shark Center, more than three dozen agencies attended to discuss topic areas ranging from geophysics and seismology to directed energy weapons and air and space operations.

AFTAC is the sole organization in the Department of Defense responsible for monitoring nuclear treaties, and operates the largest sensor network in the U.S. Air Force. The center also maintains the U.S. Atomic Energy Detection System – a global network of precision nuclear event detection equipment that can detect disturbances underground, underwater, in space, or in the atmosphere.....



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*Maj. Kelly Greiner, program manager for Nuclear ISR Field Systems and Industry Day's event coordinator, discusses network opportunities with Seni Aguiar (left), and Michael Ballard at Industry Day Feb. 9, 2018, hosted by the Air Force Technical Applications Center, Patrick AFB, Fla. Ballard, president and founder of TechRev, brought Aguiar, his operations manager, to the event to learn more about partnerships with the Department of Defense's sole nuclear treaty monitoring center. (U.S. Air Force photo by Susan A. Romano)*

## **NAS Whiting Field —**

### **T-6s to return to flight operations**

By James Neal | CNHI News Oklahoma

Feb 27, 2018 Updated Feb 28, 2018

[http://www.stwnewspress.com/oklahoma/news/t--s-to-return-to-flight-operations/article\\_8c514bd3-e84e-5bbf-84e7-d04be5c89760.html](http://www.stwnewspress.com/oklahoma/news/t--s-to-return-to-flight-operations/article_8c514bd3-e84e-5bbf-84e7-d04be5c89760.html)

T-6 training aircraft will resume flight operations at Vance Air Force Base and two other bases Wednesday, after a month of investigation into hypoxia-like incidents in the aircraft, according to an Air Force press release. The aircraft we placed on an "operational pause" Feb. 1 after several unexplained physiological events (UPEs) in late January at Vance Air Force Base, Columbus AFB in Mississippi and Sheppard AFB in Texas.....

# Spotlight on Naval Air Station Jacksonville

Naval Air Station Jacksonville is one of the Navy's finest and fastest growing installations and is the recipient of the 2012 Presidential Excellence Award and 2013 Commander, Navy Installations Command Excellence Award. They are the largest Navy base in the Southeast Region and third in the nation. As a master air and industrial base, Naval Air Station Jacksonville supports U.S. and allied forces specializing in anti-submarine warfare and training of the best aviators in the world.



## History –

During World War I, the area now occupied by NAS Jacksonville, often referred to colloquially as "NAS Jax", was named *Camp Joseph E. Johnston*, and was commissioned on October 15, 1917. The United States Army trained quartermasters and the center included more than 600 buildings; by 1918 Camp Johnston was the largest of all Quartermaster mobilization and training camps. The second largest rifle range in the U.S. was constructed there, but the camp was decommissioned on May 16, 1919. The Florida National Guard began using the site in 1928 and it was renamed *Camp J. Clifford R. Foster*. In 1939 a group of 10 ex-service men traveled to Washington at their own expense to talk the Navy, who was looking for a new base, to come and look at the old National Guard base, they did and liked what they saw. Most of their names are lost to history. Only two are known: Charles Bennett and Ira Lane. On October 15, 1940, Naval Air Station Jacksonville was officially commissioned, and became the first part of the Jacksonville Navy complex that would eventually include NAS Cecil Field and Naval Station Mayport, as well as numerous naval auxiliary air stations and outlying fields in NW Florida.

## NAS Jacksonville has the following tenant commands:

- Commander, Navy Region Southeast
- Naval Hospital Jacksonville: Hospital and Branch Health Clinic
- Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training Unit Jax
- Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Eleven
- Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility Jacksonville
- Fleet Logistics Center Jax
- Fleet Readiness Center Southeast
- Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Weapons School (MPRWS)
- Navy Drug Screening Lab Jax
- Region Legal Service Office
- Jacksonville University Navy ROTC
- Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station Jax
- Document Automation Printing Service
- Personnel Support Detachment Jax
- Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast
- Navy Entomology Center of Excellence
- Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 14
- Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 202
- Navy Band Southeast
- Navy Munition Command Det Jax
- Transient Personnel Unit Jax





**Commander – Captain Sean P. Haley**

Captain Sean Patrick Haley graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1992. Haley's first operational assignment was with HSL-48 "Vipers" in Mayport. He deployed with detachments aboard USS San Jacinto (CG 56) and USS Normandy (CG 60). In 1999, Haley reported to the "Airwolves" of HSL-40 as a SH-60B instructor pilot. He later served with the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center at NAS Fallon, Nevada and with the HSL-48 for duties as the squadron SWTI. In September 2003, Haley began a tour with the "Grandmasters" of HSL-46 on board USS Spruance (DD 963) and later completed a deployment to the Arabian Gulf with the USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) Carrier Strike Group. From November 2005 until March 2008, Haley served as an action officer in the Joint Operations Division (JOD), Current Operations Directorate (J-3), of the Joint Staff, in Washington, D.C. In November 2008, he reported to HSL-44 as executive officer and assumed command of the world famous "Swamp Foxes" in March 2010. While in command, the squadron relocated to NAS Jacksonville and transitioned to the MH-60R; achieving fully operational certification six months ahead of schedule. From July 2011 until April 2013, Haley was assigned as the sensors, ASW, aviation and directed energy branch head in the Surface Warfare Directorate (N96) on the OPNAV staff. In May 2013, he transferred to the OPNAV Air Warfare Directorate (N98) where he served as the multi-mission branch head and MH-60R requirements officer until his detachment in January 2015. In February 2015, Haley reported to NAS Jacksonville, Florida, as executive officer. He became the 47th commanding officer on Aug. 18, 2016.



## About Commander, Navy Region Southeast

Commander, Navy Region Southeast (CNRSE) manages and oversees shore installation management support and execution for 18 installations within the Southeastern United States, including Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.



**Rear Admiral Bette Bolivar**

Rear Adm. Bolivar is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and holds a Master of Science in management from Troy State University.

At sea, Bolivar served in various leadership positions aboard USS Reclaimer (ARS 42), USS Grasp (ARS 51), USS Grapple (ARS 53) and USS Recovery (ARS 43). She served as commanding officer of USS Salvor (ARS 52). Bolivar's other operational assignments include commanding officer of Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit 1, and officer in charge of the Counter Radio-Controlled Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Electronic Warfare program while deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom's counter IED task force, Task Force Paladin.

Bolivar also served on the staffs of Commander Naval Surface Forces Atlantic and Explosive Ordnance Group 2. Bolivar served in various leadership assignments as executive officer of Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, operations officer and military professor at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, and as the commanding officer of Naval Weapons Station Yorktown and Navy Munitions Command CONUS East Division. Bolivar served as the chief of staff for Commander Navy Installations Command, then as commander, Navy Region Northwest. Bolivar's last tour was as commander Joint Region Marianas, where she also served as the U.S. Pacific Command/Defense Representative Guam-Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands-Federated States of Micronesia-Republic of Palau; Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Marianas; and Commander, Task Force West. Bolivar assumed command of Navy Region Southeast in February 2017.



## Did You Know?

### P-8 Poseidon Stationed at NAS Jacksonville

The **Boeing P-8 Poseidon** is a military aircraft developed for the United States Navy (USN). The aircraft has been developed by Boeing Defense, Space & Security, modified from the 737-800ERX. The P-8 conducts anti-submarine warfare (ASW), anti-surface warfare (ASUW), and shipping interdiction, along with an early warning self-protection (EWSP) ability, otherwise known as electronic support measures (ESM).<sup>[8]</sup> This involves carrying torpedoes, depth charges, Harpoon anti-ship missiles, and other weapons. It is able to drop and monitor sonobuoys. It is designed to operate in conjunction with the Northrop Grumman MQ-4C Triton Broad Area Maritime Surveillance unmanned aerial vehicle.

The P-8 is operated by the U.S. Navy, the Indian Navy (as the **P-8I Neptune**), and the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). The aircraft has been ordered by the UK's Royal Air Force (RAF), and the Royal Norwegian Air Force (RNoAF).

Armament: Torpedoes, cruise missiles, bombs, mines Propulsion: Two high-bypass CFM56 turbofan engines Airspeed: 490 knots Range: 1,200 nautical miles radius with four hours on station. Crew: Nine

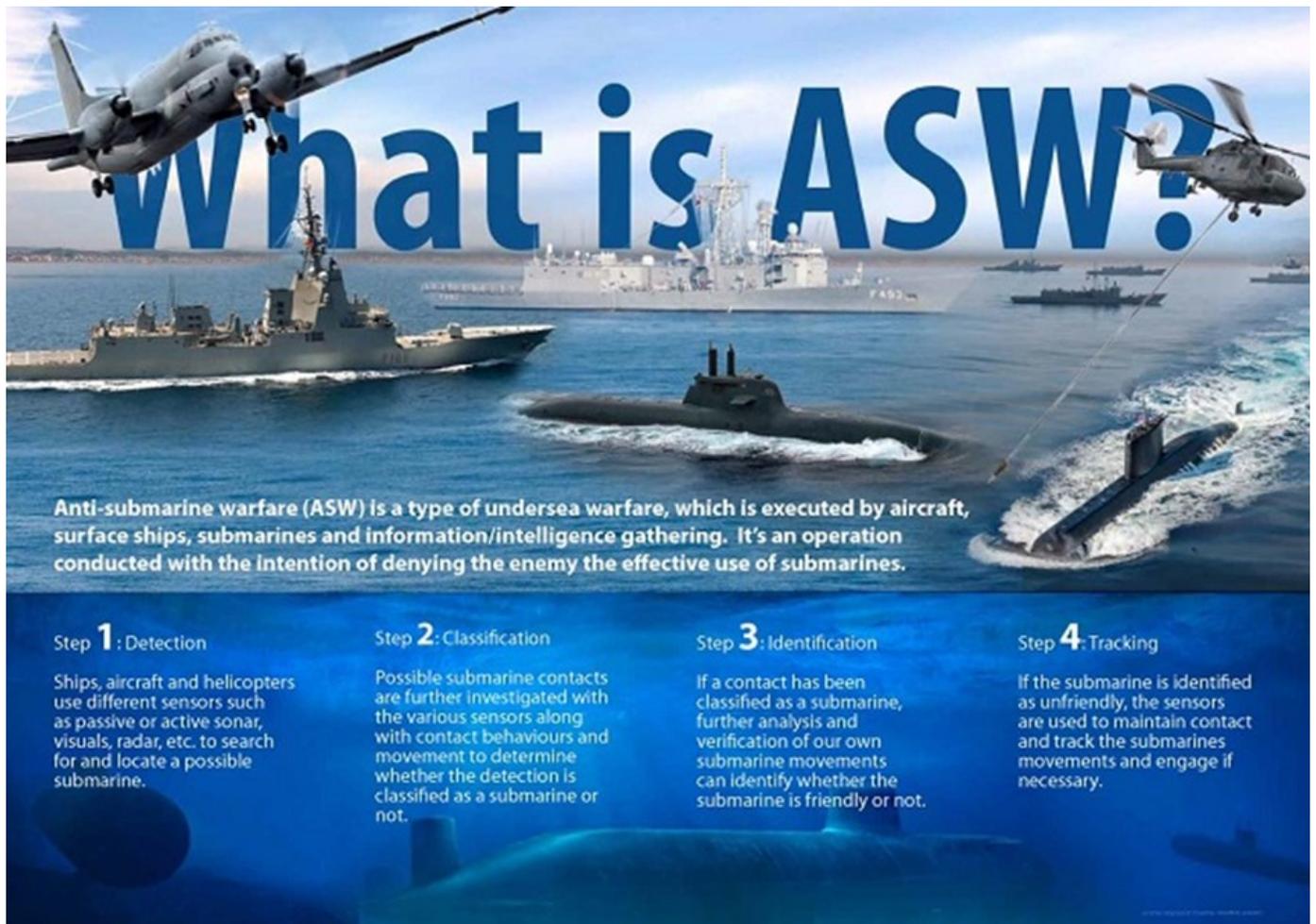
A militarized version of the Boeing 737 commercial aircraft, the P-8A Poseidon replaced the U.S. Navy's ageing P-3 Orion fleet as the service's front-line anti-submarine warfare aircraft.

The P-8A has an active multi-static and passive acoustic sensor system, inverse synthetic aperture radar, new electronic support measures system, new electro-optical/infrared sensor and a digital magnetic anomaly detector.

Its nine-person crew includes a dual-pilot cockpit and five mission crew (plus relief pilot and in-flight technician). The P-8A has workstations with universal multi-function displays, and ready accommodation for additional workstations and workload sharing. The Poseidon is armed with an internal five-station weapons bay, four wing pylons, two centerline pylons, all supported by digital stores management allowing for carriage of joint missiles, torpedoes and mines. Boeing was awarded the contract to develop the P-8A on June 14, 2004. The P-8A will be a derivative of a modified Boeing 737-800ERX airliner, bringing together a reliable airframe and high-bypass turbo fan jet engine with a fully connected, state-of-the-art open architecture mission system.



## Posters of the Day:



# what is ASW?

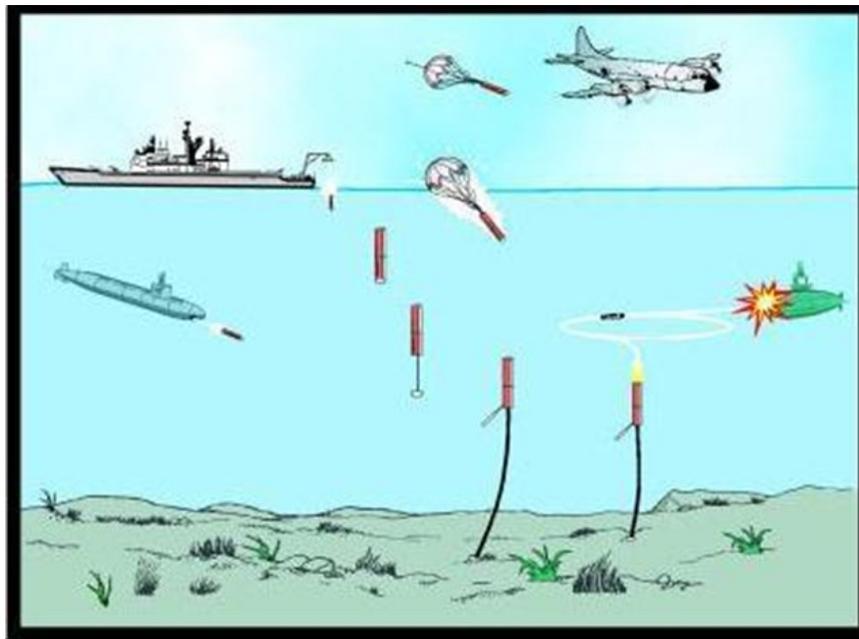
**Anti-submarine warfare (ASW) is a type of undersea warfare, which is executed by aircraft, surface ships, submarines and information/intelligence gathering. It's an operation conducted with the intention of denying the enemy the effective use of submarines.**

**Step 1: Detection**  
Ships, aircraft and helicopters use different sensors such as passive or active sonar, visuals, radar, etc. to search for and locate a possible submarine.

**Step 2: Classification**  
Possible submarine contacts are further investigated with the various sensors along with contact behaviours and movement to determine whether the detection is classified as a submarine or not.

**Step 3: Identification**  
If a contact has been classified as a submarine, further analysis and verification of our own submarine movements can identify whether the submarine is friendly or not.

**Step 4: Tracking**  
If the submarine is identified as unfriendly, the sensors are used to maintain contact and track the submarines movements and engage if necessary.



**NOTES FROM THE STAFF**

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming FDA meeting in Jacksonville on March 21st. Highlight of this meeting will be a panel on the Gulf of Mexico Range Complex. We have a great state defense alliance! Communities around the state welcome our service members and go the extra mile to our nation's military and their families are well-cared for in our communities. This is a tribute to all of you who work this so diligently every day. Staff wants to thank all the dedicated members of the Florida Defense Alliance. You continue to do an outstanding job on a daily basis supporting our military and keeping Florida as the most military friendly state in the nation!

**Florida Defense Alliance Leadership**

**Chair** – Kellie Jo Kilberg

**Vice Chair** – VACANT

**Mission Sustainment Working Group Chair** – Jeff Fanto

**Family Support Working Group Chair** – Rita Smith

**Executive Board:** Jonathan Borgert, Jennifer Codo-Salisbury and Tim Jones





# Florida Defense Alliance Newsletter

March 28, 2018

*FDA Vision: To maintain and enhance the position and reputation of Florida as the most military-friendly state in the nation.*

## NEWS

**Governor Signs Budget** -- Last week, Governor Scott signed the Securing Florida's Future budget which invests **\$180 million** in total funding to support active military, veterans and their families. This includes:

- More than **\$17 million** for Florida's military presence and families, which funds the state's support of military research and development;
- Nearly **\$2.5 million** to support veterans looking to obtain employment, start their own businesses and make Florida their home;
- **\$1 million for Building Homes for Heroes** to build and modify homes for veterans who were severely injured while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan; and
- **\$250,000 for K9s for Warriors** to support the training of additional service dogs to continue its great work helping our nation's heroes.

**Florida Defense Support Task Force Approves Updated Strategic Plan** – The Florida Defense Support Task Force last week approved an updated Strategic Plan. This plan outlines the vision, principles and long term goals for the state's military installations. It provides a guide for moving forward to strengthen Florida bases and bring additional missions. It can be found at: <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/FDSTF-Strategic-Plan-2018-2023.pdf>

**Florida Legislative Session Concluded March 11 -- Military Friendly Legislation Passed:**

**HB 29 – Military and Veterans Affairs** -- The bill eases professional licensing fees and requirements for certain military members, veterans, and their spouses. The bill 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. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**HB 75 – Postsecondary Fee Waivers** -- The bill authorizes FCS institutions to waive any portion of specified fees that are not covered under the DOD Military Tuition Assistance (MTA) so that 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. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**SB 100 -- Identification Card and Driver License Fees for Veterans** -- SB 100 eliminates 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 bill also expands the forms of identification that a veteran may present. This bill also 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. Note: Not yet signed by Governor. Effective date: July 1, 2018.

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**HB 333 -- Temporary Employment or Appointment of Officers** -- This bill 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 4-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. Effective date: July 1, 2018.

**HB 1173 – Lands Used for Governmental Purposes** — This bill provides for acquisition, lease, & conveyance of lands used to buffer military installations and moves the Military Base Protection Program (MBPP) for non-conservation lands into a different statute. It authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (Board of Trustees) to lease or convey acquired military buffer land to a military installation at less than appraised value or to private entities at rates determined by competitive bid, which may be less than appraised or market value, for certain operations. Effective Date: upon becoming a law. Note: Not yet signed by Governor.

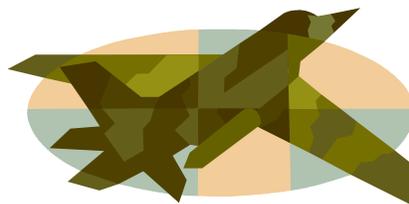
**HB 1217 – Deployed Parent Custody and Visitation** -- Creates the "Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act" which complies with and mirrors federal law of the same name. This bill provides protections for deployed servicemembers in regard to custody of children. It requires parents to communicate about custody and visitation issues as soon as possible after a servicemember 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 caretaking authority to a nonparent with whom the child has a close positive relationship of substantial duration and depth. Effective Date: July 1, 2018.

Adopted by the Legislature

**HB 319 and SB 550 – Gulf of Mexico Range Complex Resolutions** -- These resolutions that assert the State of Florida maintain a united front in supporting an extension of the current moratorium on drilling in the Gulf of Mexico east of the Military Mission Line. They support an indefinite extension of the restriction, specified in the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006, oil and gas leasing in all areas east of the Military Mission Line established at 86°41' W. longitude and indefinite extension of the Act's ban oil and gas leasing within 125 miles of the Florida coastline in the Eastern Planning Area and in a portion of the Central Planning Area.

**Budget: Florida Defense Support Task Force Budget for FY 2018 - 2019 -- \$2,000,000:  
Defense Grants Budget FY 18 - 19: Defense Infrastructure -- \$1,600,000 Defense Reinvestment --- \$850,000 Military Base Protection -- \$150,000**

**New Army's "Futures Command"** – Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy sent a letter to Secretary of the Army, Mark Esper, last week to recommend Orlando as the best location for the Army's newest command HQ. It has been reported that the Pentagon is considering 30 cities in deciding where to lease office space for the future site of the command. That list will be narrowed to 10 and then finally to four finalists.



## Summary of January 25th Base Commander Meeting (Provided by the Florida National Guard):

### **Patrick AFB:**

#### ***Partnership Initiatives –***

- The 45th Space Wing (45SW) is working to change legislative jurisdiction of lands at Patrick Air Force Base (PAFB), Malabar Transmitter Annex and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station (CCAFS) in order to make legal authority more clear and flexible for law enforcement. The recommendation is to change PAFB and CCAFS jurisdictions to "concurrent," and to change Malabar Transmitter Annex jurisdiction to "proprietary."
- Once coordination is complete through military approval channels, the request will be sent to Governor Scott's office to achieve "concurrent" and "proprietary" jurisdictions for the appropriate lands.

### **Tyndall AFB:**

#### ***Encroachment/Land Use –***

- In 2013, Air Force Materiel Command started an eight-year effort to enhance ranges for Long-Range Standoff Weapons (LRSOWs).
- An Executive Committee decided no single solution currently existed and recommended enhancements to the Gulf Test Range, among other ranges, and that this should be briefed to Air Staff, Test Resource Management, and Office of the Secretary of Defense. The committee is currently determining requirements and concept validation.
- Tyndall AFB will provide an update to Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) to allow FDSTF to assist in the range enhancement efforts.

### **MacDill AFB:**

#### ***Encroachment/Land Use –***

- The developer of the "Florida Rock" parcel in the Accident Potential Zone 1 has abandoned plans to construct a grocery store, restaurant and bank. The parcel is now for sale and Governor Scott recommends MacDill Air Force Base pursue the purchase of the parcel.

### **Pensacola AFB:**

#### ***Quality of Life/Family Support –***

- Pensacola AFB will work with DOE on zoning policies and "school choice" options based on revisions to F.S. 1002.31(2)(c) that would allow military dependents choice regardless of capacity limits or size restriction would be helpful except in the occurrence where military families arrive outside the normal choice window.

From ADC:

### **House, Senate Bills Would Offer School Choice to Military Kids**

<https://www.defensecommunities.org/blog/congress-dod/house-senate-bills-would-offer-school-choice-to-military-kids/>

GOP Sens. Ben Sasse (Neb.) and Tim Scott (S.C.) have introduced a measure to provide military families the option of establishing education savings accounts to pursue alternative educational opportunities. The Military Education Savings Account Act, companion legislation to a bill recently introduced by Rep. Jim Banks (R-Ind.), would amend Title VII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act to create an opt-in for military families to redirect a portion of their Impact Aid allocations into an account to pay for private school



tuition, textbooks, tutoring, online courses and other educational expenses, according to a press release. “We want our men and women in uniform to focus on their job and what they do, not be focused on whether or not their kids might have a good school option when they move to the next base. At the end of the day, it’s a readiness issue,” Banks told the Washington Free Beacon.

## **Pentagon Spending to Reach Historic Levels**

The fiscal 2018 omnibus spending bill unveiled Wednesday includes \$654 billion for DOD, representing a \$61 billion increase over FY 2017 and the largest year-over-year increase in defense funding in 15 years. The department’s \$589.5 billion base budget would be its largest since the end of World War II, Todd Harrison, director of defense budget analysis at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, told CQ. Adding in the department’s \$65.2 billion allocation for its overseas contingency operations account would make the defense budget the highest it has ever been in inflation-adjusted terms, with the exception of FY 2010, when the armed forces were at the height of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

## **Six-Month Wait Is Over! Congress Passes FY’18 Spending Package**

*Posted on Mar 23, 2018 05:20 am*

The \$1.3 trillion omnibus spending bill for fiscal 2018 is headed to President Trump, who is expected to sign it before the end of the day, after the Senate early Friday approved the measure by a 65-32 vote. The president’s signature will allow DOD and the rest of the federal government to operate under a full-year spending bill for the first time since last fall when Congress passed the first of five continuing resolutions. Final passage came after Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) allowed a vote on the omnibus without making senators wait for the cloture process to come to an end early Saturday, reported CQ. As a result, the government was able to avoid a short shutdown as the current stopgap expires at midnight Friday. The House approved the omnibus on a 256-167 vote on Thursday.



### **NOTES FROM THE CHAIR**

A big “thank you” to our presenters and to those of you who attended the FDA meeting last week in Orange Park. I know it’s never easy to take time away from work and family to travel to meetings and I’m very grateful for each of you. Our FDA agenda was packed full of information at all levels from local, regional, statewide and national. Take time to view the PowerPoint presentations located on our website at <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/FDA-Presentations-2018.pdf>.

The Florida Range Network panel shared how important our ranges are to the National Military Defense Strategy. The Gulf Range Complex is a foundational piece of the network; however, every range and installation in the state interacts within the network from air, water, land and sub-surface integrating live, virtual and constructive testing and training. Size does matter in the future for our military.

## **NOTES FROM THE CHAIR (continued)**

Emerging technologies such as hypersonics, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> generation fighters and weapons, as well as advanced sub-surface systems such as manned, unmanned and autonomous underwater vehicles will require enlarged testing and training footprints. Oil exploration and/or platforms placed in the eastern Gulf could jeopardize military missions and severely reduce Florida's appeal to keep military installations in the sunshine state. Key for further investment in this one-of-a-kind range network will be the extension of the moratorium ban on oil exploration/drilling east of the military mission line (MML) beyond 2022. If you are interested in serving on the Florida Range Network Working Group, please email me at [kjkilberg@hotmail.com](mailto:kjkilberg@hotmail.com). It is important we build a comprehensive story with data including all ranges and services needs to share with DoD leadership, our congressional delegation, our state and local elected officials, partners and stakeholders.

Another presentation was from the City Manager of Satellite Beach which covered sea level rise policy and the mapping of critical/aging infrastructure. As we look to the future, we will need to address sea level rise in hazard modeling. Interesting point of discussion, the lifespan of storm water pipes are not lasting as long as originally planned due to saltwater intrusion. It will take creative solutions to fund these community challenges.

The FBI representative shared an update on cyber security. I will share the website resources with you in the next newsletter.

Our two working groups had productive discussions. Mission Sustainment continued to look at energy resiliency/security at our installations. Jeff Fantos will be scheduling a conference call with the installations energy contacts to take a deeper dive into the energy needs of our installations. If you are interested in serving on the Energy Resiliency/Security Working Group, please email me. Family Support Working Group looked at the radKIDS Program and Child Abuse, an update on Building Healthy Military Communities and the Military to Mariner Initiative. An outcome of these meetings is connecting people and organizations to more resources, connections and best practices.

Each of you make a difference in your communities, for your installations and for our military members, their families and the retired and veteran service members. Thank you for caring and sharing your time and knowledge. We are grateful to have so many believe in making our communities and Florida the most military friendly state in the nation. It's an ongoing mission to stay engaged and innovative in addressing the challenges and opportunities of our military installations and missions. We are blessed here in Florida with an attitude of gratitude to our military communities. Until next time, take a moment and thank a Vietnam War Veteran. March 29<sup>th</sup> is Vietnam Veterans Day in Florida where nearly 500,000 Vietnam Veterans call home.

**-- Kellie Jo Kilberg**

## FDA CALENDAR:

**Thursday, May 10th      FDA Conference Call Meeting      9:00 AM EDT**  
**Call In Number: (800) 501-8979 Access Code: 1869945**

**FDA Website: [www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/](http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/)**

### QUOTATIONS OF THE DAY

**Stephen Covey**

*“The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.”*

*“The key is not to prioritize what's on your schedule, but to schedule your priorities.”*

*“Listen with the intent to understand, not the intent to reply.”*

*“There are three constants in life... change, choice and principles.”*



### News from the Bases

#### **U.S. Coast Guard—**

##### **Atlantic Commander Schultz Picked to Lead the Coast Guard**

<https://www.hstoday.us/federal-pages/dhs/uscg/atlantic-commander-schultz-picked-lead-coast-guard/>

March 8, 2018 [Bridget Johnson](#)

President Trump has nominated Vice Admiral Karl L. Schultz to serve as the 26th commandant of the Coast Guard, drawing praise and “complete confidence” from Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen.

Schultz assumed command of the Coast Guard Atlantic Area (LANTAREA) in August 2016, overseeing operations in five USCG districts and 40 states. He also serves as commander of Defense Force East, provides

Coast Guard mission support to the Department of Defense and combatant commanders, and directs DHS Joint Task Force East with a focus on southern border security.

The vice admiral was previously director of operations at U.S. Southern Command. He also served as commander of the Eleventh Coast Guard District on the West Coast and was director of Governmental and Public Affairs at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington.....



President Trump and Texas Gov. Greg Abbot are briefed by Coast Guard Atlantic Area Commander Vice Admiral Karl Schultz during a Hurricane Harvey response update in Corpus Christi, Texas, on Aug. 29, 2017. (Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Patrick Kelley)

## Hurlburt Field—

### 24th SOW gets new commander

By [Jim Thompson](#), Posted Mar 8, 2018 at 5:23 PM, Updated Mar 8, 2018 at 5:23 PM  
<http://www.nwfdailynews.com/news/20180308/24th-sow-gets-new-commander>

**HURLBURT FIELD** – The Air Force’s only Special Tactics wing, a precision-strike and personnel recovery ground force, is under new command.

Col. Claude K. Tudor Jr., most recently the acting director for clandestine operations in the Department of Defense at the Pentagon, took command Thursday of the 24th Special Operations Wing at Hurlburt Field.

The 24th SOW had been commanded since July 2016 by Col. Michael E. Martin, now a brigadier general-select. Martin will go to Arlington, Virginia, where he will serve as director of the Air Force’s Integrated Resilience Office.

“Claude, you’ve got a hungry, ready-for-action wing that’s ready to get after it,” Martin told Tudor during the change-of-command ceremony.

The 24th SOW, established in 2012 as the Air Force’s first Special Tactics wing, has become the most highly decorated group of airmen since the Vietnam War. Medals earned by 24th SOW airmen include dozens of Bronze Stars, three Silver Stars and one Air Force Cross.....



**Colonel Claude K. Tudor, Jr.**

## Eglin-Hurlburt Community Great American Defense Community Tower

In 2016, the Eglin AFB and Hurlburt Field communities, located in Okaloosa County, FL, received the great honor of being designated as an inaugural Great American Defense Community (GADC) by the National Association of Defense Communities. The communities around these airfields have been integrated with the military and have supported the mission and the airmen and their families for decades. The Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County nominated the Eglin-Hurlburt community for consideration as a designee of this prestigious award. With demonstrated long-standing and unwavering support and innovative initiatives benefiting military personnel and families, the Eglin-Hurlburt Community received the Great American Defense Community designation. Therefore, it was no surprise coming from such a patriotic community that Okaloosa County had a creative concept of painting the awarded GADC logo shield on a planned water tower construction. And they did.



With the largest installation in the Department of Defense, Eglin Air Force Base, with ten auxiliary fields and 51 unique test sites, the military presence has historically been the bedrock and the primary economic driver of the community. As a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC), Okaloosa County was the recipient of the Air Force's F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Initial Training Program and the Army's 7<sup>th</sup> Special Groups Group (Airborne); whose cantonment site, consisting of over 5.3 million square feet of new facilities and 3,000 personnel, was constructed on the north end of Eglin's land reservation just south of the City of Crestview.

Through the EDC's commitment to support the advancement of innovative collaborations supporting both local military installations and communities, the Council formulated the Tri-County Community Partnership Initiative (TCPI) in 2013 to support this mission and to serve as an intermediary to help foster parameters for enhanced partnerships. Through the TCPI, the region and the state of Florida have the opportunity to build and institutionalize an infrastructure that will strengthen Eglin Air Force Base and Hurlburt Field's roles and positions within the Department of Defense (DoD) and Air Force.

The mission of the TCPI is to bring together these collaborative efforts under a definable, sustainable banner with adequate support and involvement for the preservation, sustainment and enhancement of the local military installations, missions and tenant units. An established tool supporting installation and community partnerships is a provision in the 2013 National Defense Authorization Act, Section 331. Additional tools can include Enhanced Use Leases (EUL), Memorandums of Agreement (MOA), and Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) partnerships.

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Excited and proud about their community's new GADC designation, brainstorming discussions incurred at a Spring 2016 TCPI meeting—the community driven P4 partnership collaboration venue—among officials from Eglin AFB, Hurlburt Field, local government, Okaloosa County Public Works, the Economic Development Council and the community on ways to display the GADC logo. During those discussions, it was suggested that there couldn't possibly be a better way to boldly display the GADC logo than on the new Okaloosa County water tank to then be viewed by both residents and tourists driving in and around Okaloosa County along Hwy 85 North. It is said that timing is everything and at that point in time design of a new elevated tank had just been completed and contractor procurement was about to begin. After coordination amongst the Okaloosa County Water & Sewer Director, the County Administrator, and TCPI leadership, approval was

granted by the Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners in June 2016 to place the GADC logo on the new tank; at over 100 feet up in the air and measuring 27 feet tall and 15 feet wide!

Construction of the 750,000-gallon pedestal spheroid tank began in August 2016 and the entire project, including associated site work and pipeline, was completed in March 2018. Coordinated fabrication was completed by Phoenix Fabricators & Erectors (tank construction), George Kountoupes Painting Co (painting), Poly Inc. (engineering), and County crews (surveying, pipeline, and other site work). The tank provides increased storage and reliability for potable water and fire suppression systems that serve the Bob Sikes Airport, Okaloosa County Industrial Air Park and the surrounding areas. The Bob Sikes Airport and the Industrial Park primarily support DoD-related industries; the Air Force and Navy utilize this airport for extensive flight training purposes on instrument landing systems as well as modification services.

Locally this water tank is known as “Blueberry Tank” due to its location along “Blueberry Curve” on Highway 85 just north of Crestview, the county’s Capital. The project as a whole was completed under the budget of \$2.75M. Funding was provided by Okaloosa County Water & Sewer and a grant from Northwest Florida Water Management District. In summary, numerous entities – local government, state government, federal government, private sector engineers, and private sector contractors – have worked together on this tremendously successful project. The Great American Defense Community logo now stands tall and proud, thanking those that serve, high among blue skies and sunshine in North Okaloosa County, Florida.

## **MacDill AFB —**

### **SOCOM's new mission is countering WMD threats**

Matthew Cox, [Military.com](http://www.military.com), Mar. 02, 05:14 PM

<http://www.warethemighty.com/news/socoms-new-mission-is-countering-wmd-threats>

U.S. Special Operations Command may now lead the effort to stop terrorists from obtaining mass-casualty weapons, such as dirty bombs, but experts in the SOF community warn that operators **can't** do it alone.

U.S. Strategic Command recently passed the leadership role in counter-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction mission to SOCOM, a move that has SOF leaders scrambling to figure out where it fits into this complex mission.

Michal Lumpkin, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict, said he worries that SOCOM will try to take on too much of the mission.

**Special Operations personnel are known for being “solution people,” he said. “They solve problems. They fill gaps, seams, and voids.”**

**“But every gap, seam, and void is not theirs to fill, so the interagency has to do their part,” Lumpkin told an audience Feb. 28, 2018, at National Defense Industrial Association’s 29th Annual Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict Symposium. “So, one of the things that I always fear is we would maybe get out in front of the headlights farther and faster than we should and accept too much of the mission.”**

Lumpkin took part in a counter-proliferation panel discussion, where all the panelists agreed that chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons are quickly becoming one of the top threats to the United States and its allies.



## Tyndall AFB –

### Flyover Coming to U.S. Highway 98 at Tyndall Air Force Base Main Entrance

<http://www.mypanhandle.com/news/flyover-coming-to-us-highway-98-at-tyndall-air-force-base-main-entrance/1053448731>

By: Kirsten Mitchell

Thousands of people drive through Tyndall Air Force Base daily. That's why the Florida Department of Transportation is trying to improve traffic flow on U.S. Highway 98.

A 19 million dollar state funded project will transform a mile long portion of 98. Included in the project is a flyover at the base's main entrance intersection where traffic on 98 will move above Tyndall traffic below.

"The purpose of the flyover is to remove the traffic light, you can have continuous traffic moving east and west on U.S. 98 and this also allows the base to facilitate their needs in the north and south parts of the base," said Florida Department of Transportation Public Information Director Ian Satter.....



## Spotlight on Homestead Air Reserve Base



Homestead Air Reserve Base (ARB) is a United States Air Force base located east of and adjacent to Homestead, Florida.

The host unit at Homestead is the 482d Fighter Wing (482 FW) assigned to the Air Force Reserve Command's Tenth Air Force. The 482 FW is a fully combat-ready unit capable of providing F-16C/D multi-purpose fighter aircraft, along with mission ready pilots and support personnel, for short-notice worldwide deployment. The



wing has more than 1,500 members, including approximately 1,200 reservists, of which 250 are full-time reservists (Air Reserve Technicians), in addition to 300 full-time civilians.

Homestead ARB was established in 1942 as Homestead Army Airfield (AAF). After a period of dormancy following World War II, the installation was reactivated in 1954 under control of Strategic Air Command and was re-designated as Homestead Air Force Base in 1955. During this time, missions supported included the B-47 Stratojet Bombers and KC-97 Stratotankers. Significant events during this time included the Cuban Missile Crisis. In 1968 the installation transitioned to Tactical Air Command control and among other aircraft, began supporting the F-4 Phantom. After its destruction by Hurricane Andrew in August 1992, the base was taken off active status with the Regular Air Force and rebuilt, and officially re-designated as Homestead Air Reserve Station on March 31, 1994 with the County having ownership of the airfield.

The first test for the new station came in September 1994 when a multi-service group assembled at the base in preparation for an invasion of Haiti. The newly designated station continued to be a forward joint service operating location for events surrounding Operation Uphold Democracy/Restore Freedom in Haiti. That year also marked the beginning of another major role in the region as Homestead became a forward supply stop for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The station was also a staging area for masses of Cuban immigrants receiving paroles into the United States.

In February 1995, the station faced its next serious threat from the Base Realignment and Closure Committee, which sought to close the ravaged base. The civilian community, including state and federal government leaders, rallied in support of the station, and launched a fight for the station's survival and the return of fighter operations to South Florida. The BRAC ultimately withdrew Homestead AFB from the closure list on June 22, 1995. Finally, after taking back ownership of the airfield, the installation was re-designated as Homestead Air Reserve Base on June 23, 2003.

Today, the 482nd FW, the host unit of Homestead ARB, continues to support contingency and training operations of U.S. Southern Command and a number of tenant units, including Headquarters Special Operations Command South, the U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Safety and Security Team, and an air and maritime unit of U.S. Customs and Border Protection. In addition, Homestead ARB is home to the most active NORAD alert site in the continental United States, operated by a detachment of F-15 fighter interceptors from the 125th FW of the Florida Air National Guard.

As we look toward the future, the 482nd FW continues to provide the Department of Defense with an efficient, cost-effective air reserve base on the rim of the Caribbean Basin. Its strategic presence at the southernmost tip of the continental United States provides an invaluable platform from which to launch its full range of capabilities. Poised to protect and defend, readiness is its primary mission. Whether responding to real-world contingencies and tasks in support of homeland defense or performing its on-going mission of training America's finest citizen Airmen, the 482nd FW consistently lives its vision of service before self, integrity first, and excellence in all we do.

#### **482d Fighter Wing Mission:**

**Provide decisive combat power and agile support by leveraging our unique team capabilities while developing Airmen, supporting their families, and participating in our community.**

#### **482d Fighter Wing Vision:**

**Dedicated Citizen Airmen providing premier global combat dominance and regional humanitarian support to the joint war fighter.**





**Commander –  
Colonel David P. Garfield**

Colonel David P. Garfield is Commander, 482nd Fighter Wing, Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla. As Wing Commander, he is directly responsible for overall management of the installation, to include a squadron of 29 F-16C/D aircraft. His leadership span of control encompasses over 2,500 Airmen, including 165 active duty Air Force active association personnel; more than 1,700 traditional reservists, over 280 Air Reserve Technicians and over 280 full-time civilians. Additionally, he oversees the seamless integration of 11 tenant units to include the Florida Air National Guard, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Coast Guard Maritime Safety and Security Team, Headquarters Special Operations Command South and a geographically separated Detachment of 35 Airmen at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.

Colonel Garfield graduated from Embry- Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla., in 1989. He was a distinguished graduate of ROTC and commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force in 1989. He earned his pilot wings in 1991 at Williams Air Force Base, Ariz. He served on active duty from 1990 to 1999 and joined the Air Force Reserve in 1999. His past assignments include serving as a T-38 instructor pilot and flight examiner at both Williams AFB, Ariz., and Columbus AFB, Miss., F-16 pilot and Flight Commander at Shaw AFB, S.C., Director of Operations at the 457th Fighter Squadron, 301st Fighter Wing, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas. He served as Commander, 944th Operations Group, 944th Fighter Wing, Luke AFB, AZ. Prior to his current assignment, he served as Deputy Inspector General, Team Chief, for the Office of the Inspector General, Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia.





## Did You Know?

### The Difference Between the Army National Guard and Reserve



The most important thing to remember when comparing the National Guard and Army Reserve is that the National Guard is a "dual service," with both state and federal control, whereas the Army Reserve is strictly under the control of the federal government.



The Reserves are always under presidential control. The National Guard, on the other hand, are far more state-by-state controlled. Although both are ultimately financed by the US government, National Guard is controlled mostly by separate states. Therefore, although both groups can be called up for active duty by

the president, the National Guard can also be called up by the governor of the state. It is illegal for army reservists to enforce state laws, however it is completely legal for the National Guard to do so.

**Army National Guard.** The 354,200 members of the Army National Guard provide significant forces for national defense. These include:

- Eight division headquarters;
- Six general officer–level operational commands (including sustainment as well as air and missile defense);
- 126 operational brigades and groups, including 28 Brigade Combat Teams (BCTs) (a mix of Infantry, Armor, and Stryker BCTs);
- 48 multi-functional support brigades (including combat aviation, surveillance, and sustainment brigades);
- 48 functional support brigades and groups (including military police, engineer, and regional support); and
- Two Special Forces Groups.

**Army Reserve.** Unlike the Army National Guard, the Army Reserve has no combat units of its own. The Army Reserve constitutes some 20 percent of the Total Army force. Its 205,000 soldiers and 12,600 civilians provide 75 percent of key support units and capabilities such as logistics, medical, engineering, military information support, and civil affairs. It also includes structures such as voluntary public–private partnerships that amplify the total force’s capabilities, as well as certain unique capabilities not found elsewhere in the military such as chemical companies able to detect biological weapons.

### The Difference Between the Air Force National Guard and Reserve



Air Force Reserve troops are under command of the United States Air Force Command. Air Force Reserve troops are prohibited from being used as domestic law enforcement under the Posse Comitatus Act. Each state has their own Air National Guard, and technically it is the state's military, not the federal military.



The Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard are the two components of the Air Force which make up the Total Force. From a daily operational viewpoint, there are distinct differences between the ANG, established in 1903 by the "Militia Act" and the AF Federal Reserve, established in 1948 by Congress.

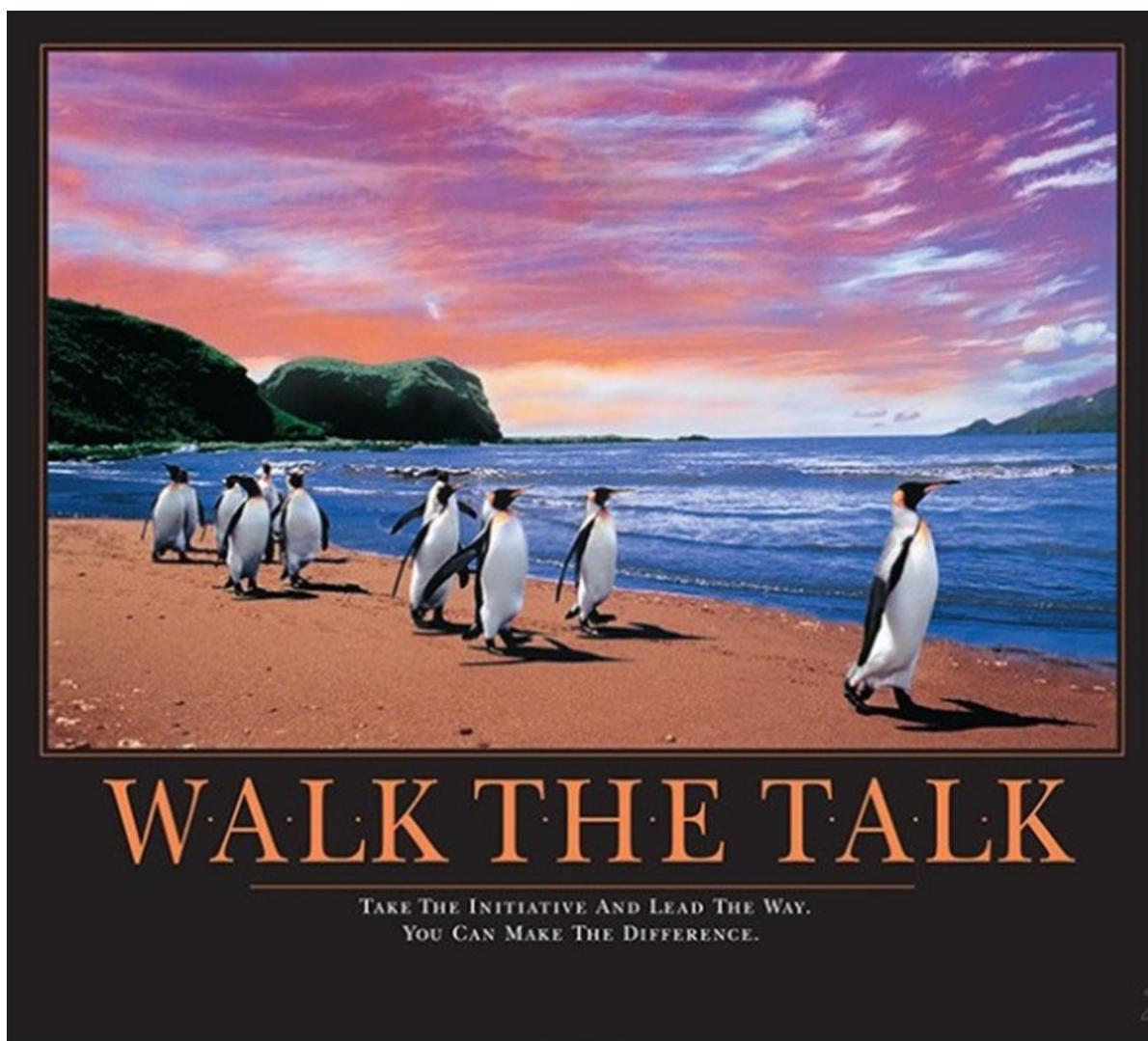
**Air National Guard.** The 105,400 Air National Guard members in 50 states, three territories and the District of Columbia provide 89 Wings and 188 geographically separated units. Their 1,145 aircraft constitute nearly 31 percent of the Air Force’s total strike fighter capability, 38 percent of the Air Force’s total airlift capability, and 40 percent of the Air Force’s total air refueling tanker fleet.

**Air Force Reserve.** The 70,000 airmen of the Air Force Reserve, organized into the Air Force Reserve Command, operate the full range of Air Force aircraft and other equipment in support of all Air Force missions. Specifically: They support nuclear deterrence operations, air, space and cyberspace superiority, command

and control, global integrated intelligence surveillance reconnaissance, global precision attack, special operations, rapid global mobility and personnel recovery. They also perform space operations, aircraft flight testing, aerial port operations, civil engineer, security forces, military training, communications, mobility support, transportation and services missions.

This Reserve component flies and maintains “fighter, bomber, airlift, aerial refueling, aerial spray, personnel recovery, weather, airborne warning and control, and reconnaissance aircraft.”

## Poster of the Day:



**NOTES FROM THE STAFF**

Thanks to all the FDA members who traveled to NE Florida last week. We had a terrific FDA meeting in Jacksonville on March 21st! The clear highlight of this meeting was the panel on the Gulf of Mexico Range Complex. FDA members received presentations on sea level rise and cyber security and later split up into working groups. The meeting just confirmed that we have a great state defense alliance! Communities around the state welcome our service members and go the extra mile to our nation's military and their families are well-cared for in our communities. This is a tribute to all of you who work this so diligently every day. Staff wants to thank all the dedicated members of the Florida Defense Alliance. You continue to do an outstanding job on a daily basis supporting our military and keeping Florida as the most military friendly state in the nation!

**Florida Defense Alliance Leadership**

**Chair** – Kellie Jo Kilberg

**Vice Chair** – VACANT

**Mission Sustainment Working Group Chair** – Jeff Fanto

**Family Support Working Group Chair** – Rita Smith

**Executive Board:** Jonathan Borgert, Jennifer Codo-Salisbury and Tim Jones

**Photos from the March 21st FDA Meeting in Jacksonville**

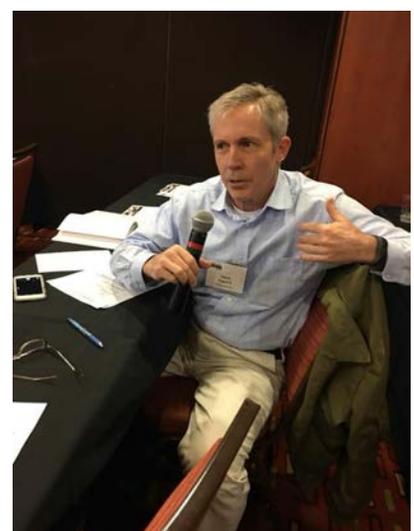
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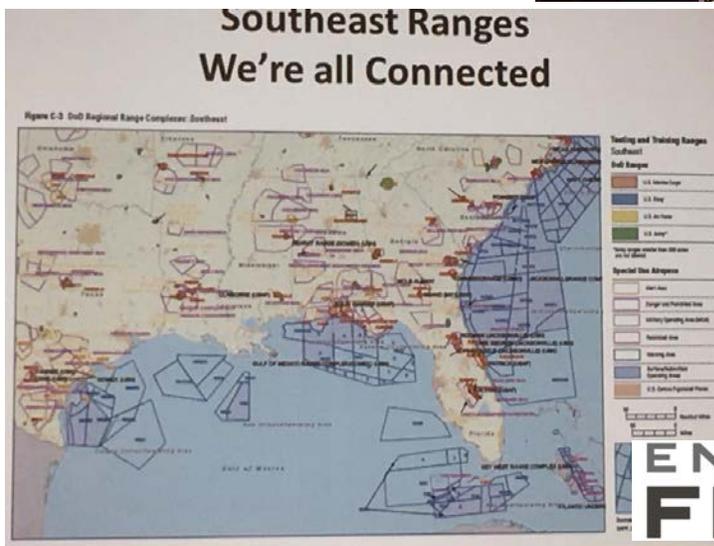
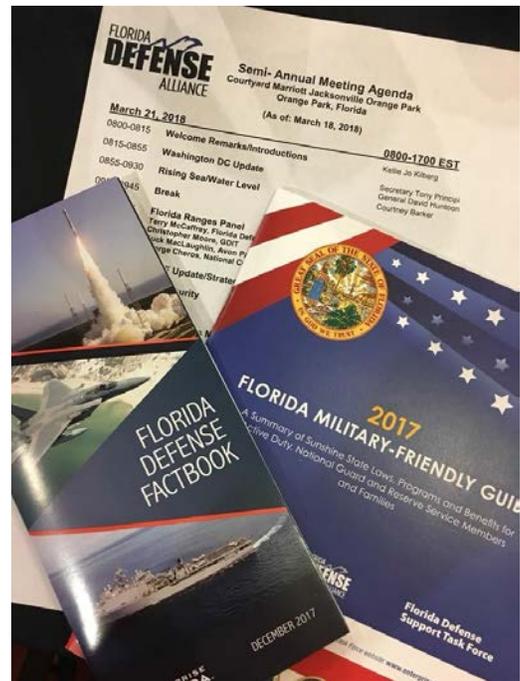
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# Florida Defense Alliance Newsletter

April 11, 2018

*FDA Vision: To maintain and enhance the position and reputation of Florida as the most military-friendly state in the nation.*

## NEWS

**Governor Scott Signs Military Friendly Legislation**— Governor Scott conducted a ceremonial signing of two bills (HB 29 and HB 75, explained below) in Ft. Walton Beach last week that help keep Florida the most military friendly state in the country.

**HB 29 – Military and Veterans Affairs** -- The bill eases professional licensing fees and requirements for certain military members, veterans, and their spouses. The bill 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. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**HB 75 – Postsecondary Fee Waivers** -- The bill authorizes FCS institutions to waive any portion of specified fees that are not covered under the DOD Military Tuition Assistance (MTA) so that 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. Effective Date: July 1, 2018

**OPPAGA Review of FDA, Task Force and Defense Grants** – The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) is currently conducting a review of FDA, Task Force and Defense Grants for the fiscal years 2014-2015, 2015-2016, and 2016-2017. During their review, OPPAGA will be calling FDA members, grant recipients, base representatives and a host of other stakeholders in the military and defense community to collect information and make evaluations on the programs and judge their effectiveness and value to the state’s taxpayers.

**Florida receives HARB Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Notification** – The Air Force Civil Engineering Center notified Governor Scott that they are preparing an EIS for Homestead ARB for possible F-35 beddown / operations via a letter dated Mar 22, 2018. The USAF mentioned they will be hosting a public meeting for HARB on 17 April 2018, at the William F. Dickenson Community Center, 1601 N. Krome Ave., Homestead, FL 33030. Additional information on the EIS and beddown could be found at <http://www.afrc-f35a-beddown.com/> or in the *Federal Registry* at <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/03/22/2018-05807/notice-of-intent-to-prepare-an-environmental-impact-statement-for-the-air-force-reserve-command>.

**2018 REPI Report Released** – According to an article from Dan Cohen, “DOD’s Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration program — a critical tool for combating encroachment that can limit or restrict military training, testing and operations — has protected 516,413 acres in 93 locations across 31 states. Those efforts have relied on \$452 million in REPI funds, \$316 million in funding from the military services and

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\$716 million from non-DOD partners, according to its 2018 Report to Congress.” Florida has benefited from REPI over the years as well. The charts on the last 2 pages of this report show a strong showing for Florida! See entire REPI report at: [http://www.repi.mil/Portals/44/Documents/Reports\\_to\\_Congress/REPI2018RTC.pdf](http://www.repi.mil/Portals/44/Documents/Reports_to_Congress/REPI2018RTC.pdf)

**Association of Defense Communities (ADC) Washington Summit Registration is Open** – For FDA members who are interested in attending the ADC Defense Communities National Summit in Washington DC, registration is now open at an “Early Bird” discounted rate. The theme of this year’s Summit is “Strengthening America’s Defense Infrastructure”. The Summit will take place at the Washington Hilton, located at 1919 Connecticut Avenue from June 18-20, 2018. ADC has secured a block of rooms for the discounted rate of \$249. To make your reservation call the hotel at (202) 483-3000 and mention the ADC Defense Communities National Summit or click on this link to register as well as make your accommodations at <https://www.adcsummit.org/#register>. Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson is already confirmed as a speaker.

**FDA Newsletter Correction** – In the last issue, we mistakenly labeled Naval Air Station Pensacola as “Pensacola AFB”. We all know that Pensacola is the Cradle of Naval Aviation and home to the world famous Blue Angels.

**From ADC:**

## **Omnibus Includes \$235M to Upgrade, Replace Dilapidated Schools on Bases**

*Posted on Mar 28, 2018 03:05 am*

Lawmakers included \$235 million in the fiscal 2018 omnibus spending bill signed into law last week to construct, renovate or expand elementary and secondary public schools on military installations. The funding represents the latest tranche of funding Congress has allocated since FY 2011 to DOD’s Public Schools on Military Installations program for repairing or replacing schools having the most serious capacity or condition deficiencies. The program is administered by the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA). A local educational agency or state is required to provide matching funds to receive a DOD grant under the program, according to the measure. ... **Meanwhile, the omnibus includes \$57.8 million for OEA’s various grant programs supporting communities and states** addressing BRAC and mission changes, defense industry cut-backs and compatible land use issues. The allocation matches the administration’s FY 2018 budget request and is roughly in line with the agency’s baseline funding over the past decade. ... **Congress also included language in the \$1.3 trillion spending package barring any of the funds from being used “to propose, plan for or execute” a new BRAC round.** With lawmakers already prohibiting the Pentagon from launching a round of base closures in the defense authorization bill, the provision is superfluous but not unexpected as it has been included in past appropriations bills.



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## **FY'18 Omnibus Offers Relief for Facilities Sustainment**

*Posted on Apr 05, 2018 03:15 am*

The services are receiving a 58 percent jump in funding to maintain and repair their infrastructure under the fiscal 2018 omnibus spending bill signed into law last month, but significant progress in addressing DOD's backlog in outstanding facility needs still is decades away. Relative increases in facility sustainment, restoration and modernization funding vary widely by service, with the Air Force's FSRM account doubling to \$3.4 billion compared to FY 2017. The other services' year-over-year increases are as follows:

- Army — 56 percent increase to \$3.5 billion;
- Navy — 26 percent increase to \$2.1 billion; and
- Marine Corps — 29 percent increase to \$0.8 billion.

The FY 2018 omnibus also surpassed the department's budget request by \$470 million. Each service's FSRM account, with the exception of the Air Force, would rise further under DOD's FY 2019 budget request.

Even with the proposed increases for next year, the services are not on a path to make a substantial dent in their growing backlog of facility needs, reports [Federal News Radio](#). The Navy's FY 2019 request, for example, would reduce its \$14.3 billion backlog in facilities maintenance by only \$300 million. The services acknowledge they still are accepting risk in their infrastructure requirements. The Air Force's FY 2019 request for \$2.9 billion for FSRM is lower than its 2018 request. In budget documents, officials said the request reflected "refocusing funding to other readiness priorities. ... This funding level continues to increase the multi-billion dollar FSRM project backlog, increases long-term facilities costs and increases risk of not meeting unanticipated readiness enabling requirements."

## **At 15-Year Mark, REPI Program Continues to Promote Partnerships to Sustain Military Readiness**

Over its 15-year lifespan, DOD's Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration program — a critical tool for combating encroachment that can limit or restrict military training, testing and operations — has protected 516,413 acres in 93 locations across 31 states. Those efforts have relied on \$452 million in REPI funds, \$316 million in funding from the military services and \$716 million from non-DOD partners, according to its 2018 Report to Congress.

Several new federal initiatives started in 2017 are helping to support the program's goals of protecting the military's test and training capabilities and spurring innovative land conservation practices while leveraging contributions from non-DOD partners. The Agriculture Department's Natural Resources Conservation Service awarded \$6.6 million under its Regional Conservation Partnership Program to projects supporting farmers' and landowners' conservation efforts associated with five installations with ongoing REPI partnerships — Camp Ripley, Minn.; Camp Shelby, Miss.; Fort Benning, Ga.; Fort Campbell, Ky.; and Fort Stewart, Ga. Agriculture is one of the best neighbors for installations and ranges as it minimizes the most common causes of encroachment, according to the report.

The REPI program also began working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and four southeastern states to promote off-base conservation measures that could prevent the need to list the gopher tortoise under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The gopher tortoise is found in the longleaf pine ecosystem and on multiple military installations. Another goal of the pilot initiative is to provide a substantial degree of regulatory

predictability in the event the gopher tortoise is listed under the ESA. “This first-of-its-kind model can be employed to proactively address other at-risk species at military installations around the United States whose listing could impact mission flexibility,” the report states.

# 2018 APRIL MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD



April 1st marks the first day of the Month of the Military Child! This month, we recognize the children of our Airmen who play such an important role in our community. We thank you for your sacrifice and courage.

## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

### **Don't Predict the Future of Our Defense Installations and Missions; Prepare for It**

As I was doing some light economic reading over the weekend, I realized we are trying to predict what our military installations and missions will need from our communities. However, just as farmers in the early 1900s couldn't have predicted how upcoming technology would change their livelihood, we don't have a clear picture of how the digital technology revolution will impact our defense communities. Our military research/test labs and defense companies will bring innovations to the future that we can barely imagine today. Technology isn't cheap. The next generation of weapons and munitions require a larger footprint.

In addition, according to the Florida Chamber Foundation's Chief Economist Dr. Jerry Parrish, Florida had 88,500 net new people, in one year, move to Florida from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and

## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR (continued)

Pennsylvania alone. Our current population is more than 21 million. In 2017, 430,000 new residents moved to Florida; an additional 6 million people will call Florida home by 2030; and we have had record numbers of tourists visiting Florida.

What does this mean for our military communities? It means we need to be more engaged inside and outside our communities to share our stories of what the military installations/missions and defense sector roles are in our communities, the state and how it fits into the Military National Defense Strategy.

Our FDA Florida Ranges Network Committee becomes more important as we work with our communities, state and federal agencies and elected officials to educate them on this unique asset and how we need to work together to promote and enhance the Florida Ranges Network as well as protect the ranges at all levels (land, air, sea, sub-surface, frequency) from encroachment and the impacts from population growth. Thank you to Carrie Kyzar, Ecology and Environment, Inc. for agreeing to be the chairman of the committee. Look for a meeting notice for a conference call in late April.

April is the month of the military child. This awareness month was established in the 1980s to recognize the strength and resiliency of military kids. There are more than 1.7 million military children worldwide. These kids navigate multiple moves and schools as well as repeated deployments of their parents. We salute their unique contributions, sacrifices and bravery on the Homefront as part of the military family. What are your communities doing for the military kids and families? Are you working with your school systems on smooth transitions and the ability for these kids to participate in school activities? Check in and see what is going on and where your community may assist.

Until next time, reach out to your civic groups to share our military/defense story; say thank you and shake the hands of our active and retired military members and veterans as well as their spouses and family; and finally, spend time with those individuals who are running for elected office this year to inform them of the importance of our \$81 billion impact sector to the state and the unique assets of the Florida Ranges Network.

**Kellie Jo Kilberg**



## FDA CALENDAR:

**Thursday, May 10th      FDA Conference Call Meeting      9:00 AM EDT**  
**Call In Number: (800) 501-8979      Access Code: 1869945**

**FDA Website: [www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/](http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/)**

### QUOTATIONS OF THE DAY From Elon Musk

*“When something is important enough, you do it even if the odds are not in your favor.”*

*“Persistence is very important. You should not give up unless you are forced to give up.”*

*“I think it is possible for ordinary people to choose to be extraordinary.”*



### News from the Bases

#### MacDill AFB—

#### 927th ARW welcomes newest commander

<http://www.927arw.afrc.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/1457544/927th-arw-welcomes-newest-commander/>

By Staff Sgt. Xavier Lockley, 927th Air Refueling Wing / Published March 05, 2018

Members of 927th Air Refueling Wing and civic leaders from throughout Tampa Bay, gathered as Col. Douglas Stouffer, 927 ARW commander, assumed command of the wing during an Assumption of Command ceremony held at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, March 4, 2018.



Air Force Maj. Gen Randall Ogden, 4th Air Force commander presided over the ceremony and shared his appreciation of the members of the 927<sup>th</sup> and thanked them for their dedication and sacrifices to complete the mission.

“You all are the backbone of this mission,” said Ogden. “Without your sacrifices, and dedication we wouldn’t be a successful unit. We understand that your dedication requires time away from families and your civilian jobs but we appreciate all that you do for the wing and for this grateful nation.”

The 927th Air Refueling Wing is one of more than 33 organizations that call MacDill Air Force Base home and serves as mission partners with the 6th Air Mobility Wing. The 927th is also home to two squadrons providing reserve specific missions at MacDill, the 45th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron and the 927th Aeromedical Staging Squadron.....

## Eglin AFB—

Bernard Johnson, Gulf Power Company Central District Manager, joined a team of 15 Gulf Power employees for an Environmental Stewardship workday on Eglin Air Force Base Reservation on March 29th. The team joined Eglin’s Natural Resource office and volunteer airmen to install silt screening around 60 acres of woodlands to prepare it for 250 gopher tortoises that are being rescued from a construction site in Central Florida. A Gulf Power-supported grant is helping to pay for the rescue operation.



# Spotlight on Patrick Air Force Base

Patrick Air Force Base is located between Satellite Beach and Cocoa Beach, in Brevard County, Florida. It was named in honor of Major General Mason Patrick, USAAC. An Air Force Space Command (AFSPC) base, it is home to the 45th Space Wing (45 SW). In addition to its "host wing" responsibilities at Patrick AFB, the 45 SW controls and operates Cape Canaveral Air Force Station (CCAFS) and the Eastern Range. It was originally opened and operated from 1940-1947 as Naval Air Station Banana River, a U.S. Navy airfield. It was then deactivated as a naval installation in 1947 and placed in caretaker status until it was transferred to the Air Force in late 1948.

Total employment is 10,400. There are 13,099 military, dependents, civilian employees and contractors on base.

There are currently four active launch complexes on the Eastern Range; Launch Complex 37 for ULA Delta; Launch Complex 40 for SpaceX Falcon 9; Launch Complex 41 for ULA Atlas; Launch Complex 36 for Blue Origin, who is in a contract with Space Florida, and Launch Complex 18 is reserved for Moon Express. The Navy continues to launch Trident II (D5) Missiles underwater from the OHIO Class of nuclear-propelled TRIDENT submarines. The 45th Space Wing supported 23 successful major launches in 2016 and anticipates more than 30 launches in 2017 with a drive to achieve 48 launches in one year by 2021.

## Tenants/Mission Partners

The 45th Space Wing has more than 30 major mission partners and tenants at Patrick AFB and Cape Canaveral AFS, including:

- Defense Equality Opportunity Management Institute
- Air Force Technical Applications Center
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- Naval Ordnance Test Unit
- 920th Rescue Wing, Air Force Reserve Command
- Joint STARS Test Force
- Department of State INL Air Wing
- Air Force Office of Special Investigations
- 333rd Recruiting Squadron
- American Red Cross



## The History and Heritage of the 45th Space Wing: Patrick Air Force Base and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station

The 45th Space Wing's evolution into the World's Premier Gateway to Space and the Spaceport of the Future on Florida's Space Coast began in the 1940s when what's now known as the Eastern Range was used as a home for Army missile testing. The 45th Bombardment Group (Light) was activated from January 1941 until December 1942 to conduct patrols and search missions off the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts. On Aug. 26, 1950, the Air Force's long-range proving ground base in Cocoa Beach, Fla., was named Patrick Air Force Base in honor of the late Maj. Gen. Mason M. Patrick, who retired as chief of the Air Corps, Dec. 12, 1927.

Permanent launch complexes were built in the 1950s and 1960s on the range.

First launched in 1959, the Titan family of boosters served for nearly 50 years putting satellites and astronauts into orbit. Since the 1960's the Eastern Range also supported the Navy's launches of sea-based deterrent missile systems from the Atlantic Ocean. On Oct. 1, 1979, Patrick Air Force Base and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station were consolidated under the Eastern Space and Missile Center (ESMC) to assume responsibility over all activities at the range.

In the 1980s, Air Force Space Command was formed and assumed launch responsibility for all Atlas E, Atlas II, Delta II, Titan II and Titan IV assets and missions. A new operational wing, the 45th Space Wing, was established in 1991 to oversee Eastern Test Range operations. Under the new designation, the 45th Space Wing's first launch was NASA's Space Shuttle Atlantis on Nov. 24, 1991.

On March 28, 1996, the first launch of the Global Positioning System replenishment satellite, Navigation System Timing and Ranging II-25, lifted off from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. This system changed the way members travel from point A to point B, while increasing the accuracy and efficiency of daily operations.

On May 22, 2012, the 45th Space Wing supported the first SpaceX Falcon 9 launch on its NASA commercial resupply mission to the International Space Station. SpaceX's Dragon became the first private spacecraft in history to visit the station.



**Commander, Brigadier General  
Wayne R. Monteith**

Brig. Gen. Wayne R. Monteith is the Commander of the 45th Space Wing, and Director of Eastern Range at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. He leads more than 13,000 military, DOD civilian and contractor personnel responsible for the processing and launching of U.S. government and commercial satellites from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla. General Monteith is also the final approval authority for all launches on the Eastern Range, a 15-million-square-mile area which supports an average of 20 launches per year aboard Delta, Atlas, Falcon, Navy and emerging launch vehicles. Additionally, he manages wing launch and range infrastructure supporting NASA, commercial and missile test missions.

Prior to assuming his position, General Monteith served as the Senior Military Assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force.

General Monteith has served as a Peacekeeper intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) combat crew member, senior ICBM standardization and evaluation crew commander, ICBM instructor, chief ICBM flight testing, and command lead for a major space acquisition program. He commanded the Air Force's only ICBM combat crew training squadron and the 50th Space Wing where he led more than 5,300 military, DOD civilian and contractor personnel serving at 14 operating locations worldwide in support of more than 170 communications, navigation, weather and surveillance satellites with their associated systems valued at more than \$66 billion. General Monteith has also served in various special duty capacities including MAJCOM, COCOM, HQ Air Force and OSD staff positions. He earned the Master Missile Operations designation and is a Command Space Professional.



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## Did You Know?



SpaceX is a private company founded in 2002 by CEO and Lead Designer Elon Musk. The company has more than 5,000 employees at its headquarters in Hawthorne, California; launch facilities at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida, Kennedy Space Center, Florida, and Vandenberg Air Force Base, California; a rocket-development facility in McGregor, Texas; and offices in Houston, Texas; Chantilly, Virginia; and Washington, DC. SpaceX has suppliers in all 50 states.

SpaceX designs, manufactures and launches advanced rockets and spacecraft. The company was founded in 2002 to revolutionize space technology, with the ultimate goal of enabling people to live on other planets.

SpaceX has gained worldwide attention for a series of historic milestones. It is the only private company ever to return a spacecraft from low-Earth orbit, which it first accomplished in December 2010. The company made history again in May 2012 when its Dragon spacecraft delivered cargo to and from the International Space Station — a challenging feat previously accomplished only by governments. Since then Dragon has delivered cargo to and from the space station multiple times, providing regular cargo resupply missions for NASA.

In 2017, SpaceX successfully achieved the first reflight of an orbital class rocket – a historic milestone on the road to full and rapid rocket reusability.



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On April 8, 2016, the Falcon 9 rocket launched the Dragon spacecraft to the International Space Station, and the first stage returned and landed on the "Of Course I Still Love You" droneship.

SpaceX is flying numerous cargo resupply missions to the International Space Station, for a total of at least 20 flights under the Commercial Resupply Services contract. In 2016, NASA awarded SpaceX a second version of that contract that will cover a minimum of 6 additional flights from 2019 onward. Dragon was designed from the outset to carry astronauts to space, and as early as 2018, SpaceX will carry crew as part of NASA's Commercial Crew Program. As one of the world's fastest growing provider of launch services, SpaceX has secured over 100 missions to its manifest, representing over \$12 billion in contracts. These include commercial satellite launches as well as NASA and other US Government missions.

Currently under development is the Falcon Heavy, which will be the world's most powerful rocket. All the while, SpaceX continues to work toward one of its key goals—developing fully and rapidly reusable rockets, a feat that will transform space exploration by delivering highly reliable vehicles at radically reduced costs.

## Poster of the Day:



**NOTES FROM THE STAFF**

Thanks to all members working so hard on a daily basis to help our military members and their families stationed in Florida. It is your efforts that serve to forge those close relationships with the bases and their leadership that make both the bases and communities stronger. We sincerely appreciate all you do to protect and preserve Florida's military installations. It is a privilege to work beside wonderful, dedicated FDA members throughout this state.

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# Florida Defense Alliance Newsletter

May 2, 2018

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## NEWS

**Bay County Alliance President Recognized by ADC** – The Association of Defense Communities announced their annual award winners today and among them is our own **Mr. Tom Neubauer** who was selected for the Community Leadership Award for his work with the Bay Defense Alliance. According to their release, the Community Leadership Award “recognizes an individual whose outstanding leadership helps build a military-community partnership to enhance the mission of an active installation. A nominee may be an elected or appointed (non-military) official at the state, regional or local level, a volunteer, or the chief executive officer of a local redevelopment authority (or equivalent organization).” The release also mentioned that the “winners will be recognized during the 2018 Defense Communities National Summit, June 18-20, in Washington, D.C.” For the full release, go to <https://us4.campaign-archive.com/?e=28cebe069c&u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=92610df175>.

**Army Releases List of Cities for “Futures Command”**– According to an article by Dan Cohen at ADC, the Army released its short list that did not include any Florida locations. According to Cohen, “The Army has named 15 cities as candidates to host the headquarters for its new Futures Command — Atlanta, Austin, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, New York City, Philadelphia, Raleigh, N.C., San Diego, San Francisco or Seattle. “We want this headquarters to be located near leading academic and commercial institutions to harness the best talent possible in emerging technology and innovation,” Undersecretary Ryan McCarthy told the leadership of the House Armed Services Committee in an April 17 letter, reported Defense News. Officials previously said the command, dedicated to the service’s modernization priorities, would not be located on an Army post.”

**Navy Region SE Commander Speaks on Economic Impact of Military in Florida** – Rear Admiral Babette “Bette” Bolivar, commander of Navy Region Southeast, spoke to the Economic Club of Florida in Tallahassee.” The article noted that “The Sunshine State is a hotbed of military activity and in turn, defense spending takes up a decent-sized portion of the state’s economic tally, according to one of the Navy’s top-ranking members.” Article is at: <http://floridapolitics.com/archives/260837-economic-impact-of-defense-in-florida-its-big-naval-regional-commander-says>.

**GAO Publishes Report on Privatized Military Housing** – The Government Accountability Office (GAO) published a report on Military Housing Privatization. According to Dan Cohen at ADC, “Developers of privatized housing projects face a range of issues that could affect their financial condition and future sustainment, including changes in the number of personnel at an installation, the need to maintain aging infrastructure and unforeseen project expenses.” See report at: <https://www.gao.gov/assets/700/690621.pdf>

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**New Discussions on BRAC and Other DoD Cuts** – Although some are saying BRAC is the best way to save the most money, this week there has been a lot of discussion in Congress that seems to be leaning toward an end to BRAC as we know it and entering a new era of defense programs or authorities that will allow the service to shed excess capacity without BRAC. This includes a suggestion from HASC Chair Thornberry to get rid of DoD organizations and programs that support communities after a BRAC. ADCs Dan Cohen noted in his article entitled “*With No BRAC in Sight, OEA Unneeded, Thornberry Indicates*”, that Chairman Thornberry stated “Thirteen years after the last BRAC round, we should ask if OEA has done its work and can be closed”. Since his initial comments that would shutter several DoD offices, other legislators have spoken up for OEA. According to Dan Cohen’s article “*Leaders on Senate Panel Recognize OEA’s Critical Role*”, he notes that “The chairman and ranking member of the Senate Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee both expressed their support for the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) during a hearing Thursday on the administration’s fiscal 2019 budget request for military construction.”

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**From ADC:**

### **BRAC Round Could Help Foster Growth of Unmanned Systems, Niemeyer Says**

*Posted on Apr 30, 2018 03:30 am*

Since being sworn in as assistant secretary of defense for energy, installations and environment last year, Lucian Niemeyer has said DOD needs to conduct a new round of base closures not simply to reduce its spending on unneeded infrastructure but also as a way to ensure new missions are based in locations that are best suited to support them. So it was hardly surprising that Niemeyer pointed to the potential benefit offered by a new BRAC round when North Dakota Sen. John Hoeven (R) asked him last week about the most significant infrastructure challenges to increasing the number of flights of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) in the United States and the size of the UAS fleet.

“I would say making sure we’ve got a basing strategy in place,” he responded during a hearing led by the Senate Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee. Many of DOD’s unmanned aircraft are overseas and the department doesn’t have a plan in place for basing them if they no longer were needed to support ongoing conflicts, he said. “I think we still have work to do around the country where best to place those and what locations would best support their continued training and development to the next generation of capabilities for that system.”

A BRAC round would provide DOD leaders the opportunity to assess how they could best support the development of UAS, Niemeyer added. “I would love to be able to take a look at the entire enterprise for un



manned systems through a process where I could pick those locations that are most ideally suited for us to be able to support those systems long term. Right now for us the Base Realignment and Closure process allows that enterprise look at emerging technologies like that and where best to place them,” he said.

Another challenge to expanding testing and training of UAS is the number of locations with restricted airspace, Niemeyer told Hoeven. That limitation could be eased when the Federal Aviation Administration releases an updated plan to open up the national airspace to unmanned systems.

## **With No BRAC in Sight, OEA Unneeded, Thornberry Indicates**

*Posted on Apr 25, 2018 05:15 am*

In an op-ed published Tuesday in Military Times, House Armed Services Chairman Mac Thornberry (R-Texas) explains his proposal to eliminate the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) as part of an effort to streamline overhead by noting that the Pentagon hasn’t conducted a BRAC round in over a decade. “The Office of Economic Assistance [sic] is charged with helping communities affected by base closures, which hasn’t happened since 2005,” Thornberry writes. He makes no mention of the agency’s multitude of programs aimed at active-base communities or its defense industry adjustment efforts.

“Thirteen years after the last BRAC round, we should ask if OEA has done its work and can be closed,” Thornberry adds.

During a live conversation on Facebook on Tuesday with Citizens Against Government Waste President Tom Schatz, Thornberry said OEA and the six other defense support agencies he proposes eliminating are redundant: “I think most of them are duplicative, they slow down decision-making; and if there are central functions, they can be transferred to other places.”

In the op-ed, he characterizes the seven agencies as “largely analog agencies struggling to operate in a digital world.” The solution is to assign the newly created DOD chief management officer (CMO) direct authority over the fourth estate. “The CMO will be empowered to rationalize redundant functions like logistics, human resources, real estate management and services contracting. The CMO will be asked to reduce the overall size of these functions by 25 percent in two years,” Thornberry states.

His proposal does offer the Pentagon an opportunity to provide input to lawmakers. “To guard against unintended consequences, DOD is given one legislative cycle to come back to Congress and suggest changes,” Thornberry states. He plans to attach his proposal to the fiscal 2019 defense authorization bill, which the Armed Services Committee will mark up May 9.

## **Leaders on Senate Panel Recognize OEA’s Critical Role**

*Posted on Apr 27, 2018 05:15 am*

The chairman and ranking member of the Senate Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee both expressed their support for the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) during a hearing Thursday on the administration’s fiscal 2019 budget request for military construction. Their remarks followed in the wake of a proposal by House Armed Services Chair Mac Thornberry (R-Texas) to eliminate OEA and six other defense support agencies as part of a broader initiative to trim spending on Pentagon overhead by 25 percent.



At the outset of questioning the witnesses, Chairman John Boozman (R-Ark.) told Lucian Niemeyer, assistant secretary of defense for energy, installations and environment, he was pleased to see that his prepared testimony included language highlighting the role played by OEA. "OEA's work is important in the state of Arkansas. And we are currently engaged with OEA on several joint land use studies for installations. I believe maintaining support for this office is crucial and I'm glad you view their work in collaboration with local communities as important and essential as I do," Boozman said.

Niemeyer's written testimony touched on the agency's role in preserving DOD's testing and training ranges, strengthening defense supply chains and promoting alliances between installations and their surrounding communities. "Maintaining support for this office is crucial to the continued ability of our installations to safely and securely operate while responding to fluctuations in military activities, and keeping faith with our service members and families by addressing quality of life issues in local defense communities," he stated. At the conclusion of the hearing, ranking member Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii) said he wanted "to echo the chairman's enthusiasm" for OEA. "From the policymakers' perspective, I think it's at least pretty nearly unanimous," Schatz said. A webcast of the hearing can be found on [the committee's website](#).

## **FDA CALENDAR:**

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**Thursday, August 23rd**

**FDA Conference Call Meeting**

**9:00 AM EDT**

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**FDA Website: [www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/](http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/)**

## **QUOTATIONS OF THE DAY**

"There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer." -- Gen. James H. Doolittle

"No man is entitled to the blessings of freedom unless he be vigilant in its preservation."  
-- Gen. Douglas MacArthur

"This will remain the land of the free so long as it is the home of the brave."  
-- Elmer Davis

"Word to the Nation: Guard zealously your right to serve in the Armed Forces, for without them, there will be no other rights to guard." -- President John F. Kennedy



# News from the Bases

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## NS Mayport—

### Florida's Senators, John Rutherford Want Navy to Keep Ships at Mayport for Maintenance

<http://sunshinestatenews.com/story/floridas-senators-john-rutherford-want-navy-keep-ships-mayport-maintenance>

Sunshine State News © April 30, 2018  
By Kevin Derby  
April 30, 2018

Florida's two U.S. senators--Democrat Bill Nelson and Republican Marco Rubio--and U.S. Rep, John Rutherford, R-Fla., are pressing the Navy secretary on why some ships are not having their maintenance done at Mayport on the First Coast.



On Friday, the two senators and Rutherford wrote U.S. Navy Sec. Richard Spencer on the matter, insisting the Navy was not following the law as it maintained three patrol crafts and displaced sailors and their families.

"We write to you today concerning recent decisions to remove ships from their homeport for ship maintenance that is scheduled to take less than 10 months, even though it is not necessary to do so," the senators and Rutherford wrote. "In the past year, policy changes implemented by the

Navy's Southeast Regional Maintenance Center (SERMC) have led three (3) Patrol Craft (PC) ships (USS Zephyr, USS Shamal, USS Tornado) and their sailors to be removed from their homeport of Naval Station Mayport for a Docking Phased Maintenance Availability (DPMA).....

## Eglin AFB—

Changes coming to Armament Museum

<http://www.nwfdailynews.com/news/20180428/changes-coming-to-armament-museum>

Northwest Florida Daily News © April 28, 2018

By Jim Thompson

EGLIN AFB — The Air Force Armament Museum is continuing its move back to the future. Last year, the museum unveiled a touch-screen kiosk system to deepen visitors' understanding of its static aircraft and munitions displays. By June of this year, the museum hopes to unveil its first digitally interactive exhibit, an upgrade to its existing Medal of Honor exhibit. By the end of the year, visitors should be able to interactively explore World War I at the Armament Museum, according to director David Fitzpatrick.

Current plans also call for the Armament Museum to add interactive capabilities to its World War II section by the end of 2019, Fitzpatrick said, with similar upgrades to its Vietnam-era exhibits coming after that. For the longer term, according to Fitzpatrick, the museum is considering adding a "modern conflict" section, beginning with Desert Storm and continuing into the present-day conflicts involving American troops in the Middle East.....



## Spotlight on Hurlburt Field

**Hurlburt Field** is a United States Air Force installation located in Okaloosa County, Florida, immediately west of the Town of Mary Esther. It is part of the greater Eglin Air Force Base reservation, and is home to Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC), the 1st Special Operations Wing (1 SOW), the 24th Special Operations Wing, the USAF Special Operations School (USAFSOS) and the Air Combat Command's (ACC) 505th Command and Control Wing. The installation is nearly 6,700 acres and with a total population of approximately 21,500 inclusive of active duty, reserve, family members, civilians and contractors.

Hurlburt Field is the home of the 1st Special Operations Wing, one of four Air Force active duty special operations wings and falls under the Air Force Special Operations Command. The 1st SOW is a pivotal component of AFSOC's ability to provide airpower to conduct special operations missions worldwide. The primary mission of the 1st SOW is to rapidly plan and execute specialized and contingency operations in support of national priorities. The wing's core missions include close air support, precision aerospace firepower, specialized aero

space mobility, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) operations, and agile combat support. The 1<sup>st</sup> SOW is known as “the 4<sup>th</sup> largest wing in the Air Force and the most deployed installation.”

The 24th Special Operations Wing is one of three Air Force active duty special operations wings assigned to Air Force Special Operations Command. The 24 SOW is the only Special Tactics wing in the Air Force. The primary mission of the 24 SOW is to provide Special Tactics forces for rapid global employment to enable air-power success. The 24 SOW is U.S. Special Operation Command’s tactical air and ground integration force, and the Air Force’s special operations ground force to enable global access, precision strike, personnel recovery operations and battlefield surgery. Core capabilities encompass: airfield reconnaissance, assessment, and control; personnel recovery; joint terminal attack control and environmental reconnaissance.



### History

Hurlburt began as a small training field for the much larger Eglin Field. It was initially designated Eglin Auxiliary Field No. 9, and later as Eglin AFB Auxiliary Field 9/Hurlburt Field when the U.S. Air Force became an independent service, before being administratively separated from the rest of the Eglin AFB complex in the 1950s. However, once separated, the facility retained its history and kept all building numbers the same; i.e., all start with a "9". The installation was named by then-Eglin Field base commander Brigadier General Grandison Gardner for First Lieutenant Donald Wilson Hurlburt (1919–1943), who was killed in an aircraft crash at the main base, then known as Eglin Field, in 1943.

The facility had previously been named the Eglin-Hurlburt Airdrome until 1943; Hurlburt Field, March 1944; Eglin Auxiliary Field No. 9, October 1944; with the current name official on January 13, 1948. The base commander of Eglin Main was also responsible for Hurlburt, 1942–1946, but when the base reactivated on February 1, 1955, it gained a separate commander.

**Col. Thomas B. Palenske** is the Commander of the 1st Special Operations Wing and Installation Commander, Hurlburt Field, Fla. As the 1st SOW commander, he is responsible for preparing Air Force special operations forces for missions worldwide in support of Army, Navy, Marine and allied special operations forces and USAF counterparts. The wing's mission includes infiltration, resupply, air refueling, and precision fire support, employing over 70 aircraft including the AC-130U/J, MC-130H, CV-22B, U-28A and PC-12. These capabilities support a variety of special operations missions including direct action, unconventional warfare, special reconnaissance, counterterrorism, personnel recovery, psychological operations and information operations.



**Commander – Colonel Thomas B. Palenske**





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## Did You Know?

### May is National Military Appreciation Month

#### National Military Appreciation Month 2018

National Military Appreciation Month (NMAM) is celebrated every May and is a declaration that encourages U.S. citizens to observe the month in a symbol of unity. NMAM honors the current and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces, including those who have died in the pursuit of freedom. The month of May is characterized by six national observances which highlight the contributions of those who have served.



#### The 6 National Observances during National Military Appreciation Month

##### Loyalty Day

Date: Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

About: Loyalty Day kicks off our Nation's month-long celebration of military appreciation. It is a day set aside for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States, and to reflect on the proud heritage of our American freedom.

##### Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW)

Date: Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Celebrated the first full week in May.

About: A time set aside to honor the men and women who serve our nation as federal, state, county and local government employees and ensure that our government is the best in the world.

##### Victory in Europe Day AKA V-E Day or VE Day

Date: Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

About: May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1945 is the day when Germans throughout Europe unconditionally surrendered to the Allies. This day marked the end of World War II in Europe.

##### Military Spouse Appreciation Day

Date: Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Traditionally set for the Friday before Mother's Day.

About: A day to honor military spouses with appropriate ceremonies and activities. Recognizes the important role our military families play in keeping our Armed Forces strong and our country safe.

##### Armed Forces Day

Date: Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Celebrated the third Saturday in May every year.

About: A single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country. This day honors everyone serving in the U.S. Military branches; Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy. There is also Armed Forces Week which typically leads up to Armed Forces Day, although it is not an official observance, many activities are planned nonetheless during the week.

## **Memorial Day**

Date: Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. A Federal holiday observed on the last Monday in May.

About: A remembrance of our veterans. Commemorates the men and women who died while in military service.

## **History of NMAM**

In 1999 Senator John McCain introduced legislation to designate the month of May as National Military Appreciation Month. Both the Senate and House of Representatives adopted resolutions calling for Americans to recognize and honor U.S. Service Members during NMAM. These proclamations also urge the President to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe NMAM.

## **Posters of the Day:**





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**NOTES FROM THE STAFF**  
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Last year at this time, the Florida Legislature was seriously considering eliminating Enterprise Florida and the Florida Defense Alliance. Fortunately, that did not happen. Florida recognizes the importance of the military and defense sector to the state. Moreover, Florida's leaders appreciate the great work done by FDA members every day in conjunction with the military bases throughout the state. Staff would like to thank you for all your hard work on behalf of our state's military personnel and their families. The things you do every day truly make a difference. Keep up the great work!

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## NEWS

**2015 Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR) Report on Defense Incentives** – In 2015, EDR, in conjunction with OPPAGA, conducted a review of 3 years (2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014) of defense grants. The grant programs evaluated included DRG, DIG, MBP and Task Force grants. As EDR prepared for its next 3 year review, they made available their 2015 report. EDR’s charter is to evaluate the economic benefits/return on investment of each program report. The report can be found at: <http://edr.state.fl.us/Content/returnoninvestment/AnalysisofDefenseSpaceIncentives.pdf>

**Zinke Reiterates that Florida is “Off the Table”, but Industry Still Pushing for Access** – According to an article in the Tampa Bay Times, Secretary of the Department of Interior (DOI) Ryan Zinke told the Senate Appropriations Committee that “I’m committed to ... no new oil and gas platforms off the coast of Florida. They are still in the process legally, but I’m committed to that.” According to the article, Governor “Scott recently told the Tampa Bay Times that he’s spoken directly with President Trump (who’s said to be unhappy with the way Zinke handled the situation) and gotten assurances that Florida will not be part of a final plan.” So far, no one has explained what “Florida is off the table” means, which leaves many wondering what will occur since the DOI continue to plan for new lease sales east of the Military Mission Line (MML) as soon as the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) moratorium on exploration and drilling expires in 2022. In another article from *The Hill*, it was reported that “In a report sent this week to pair of House committees, the Defense Department’s Undersecretary for Research and Engineering Michael Griffin called the eastern Gulf “irreplaceable,” and said that any drilling there would need significant restrictions in order to not disturb military operations.” At the same time, the oil industry seems thrilled that DoD has not definitively pushed for an extension of GOMESA and seems to always leave an opening for drilling by use of language such as “significant restrictions would be needed” rather than just leaving it as “incompatible” that led to GOMESA in 2006. Immediately after Zinke’s remarks and release of the DoD report, the National Ocean Industries Association released a statement that pushes cooperative access to the area east of the MML hoping that “critical military operations and essential energy development can co-exist and thrive in the eastern Gulf of Mexico as well.”

**CM Gaetz and CW Murphy on FY 19 NDAA Mark Up** -- Last week, the House Armed Services Committee marked up the FY19 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Both Rep. Matt Gaetz and Rep. Stephanie Murphy, authored numerous provisions in the NDAA to: 1) secure numerous provisions including an amendment for SPACE-A travel benefits for veterans with service-related disabilities, and a \$41.9 million increase in funding to military test ranges, including the Gulf Test Range. and 2) support departing service members as they transition to civilian life; to enable more small businesses to obtain low-interest loans; to

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strengthen Orlando’s modeling, simulation, and training community and its cyber community; to protect Israel against rocket and missile threats; and to enhance the Department of Defense’s efforts to combat the opioid epidemic. The Committee approved the bill last week with strong bipartisan support. More information at: <https://murphy.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=743>  
<https://gaetz.house.gov/media/press-releases/winning-florida-congressman-matt-gaetz-secures-419-million-test-range>

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### **Florida delegation holds hearing on oil drilling**

<https://www.news4jax.com/news/florida/florida-delegation-holds-hearing-on-oil-drilling>

News Service of Florida © May 14, 2018

Visit Florida President Ken Lawson and Brig. Gen. Evan Dertien, commander of the 96th Test Wing at Eglin Air Force Base, are among scheduled panelists for a Florida congressional delegation hearing Thursday on drilling off the state’s coasts.

Also scheduled to appear during the hearing in Washington are Mark Alderson, executive director of the Sarasota Bay National Estuary Program, and Ken Milito, director of upstream and industry operations for the American Petroleum Institute.

The hearing comes amid continued debate over plans by President Donald Trump’s administration to allow oil and gas drilling in federal waters off various parts of the country.

U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke appeared in January in Tallahassee and said drilling would not occur off Florida’s coasts.

He repeated his stance last Thursday before the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee.

However, the administration’s stance has continued to draw questions as the waters off Florida’s coast haven’t officially been removed from the proposal.

The issue involves waters beyond the nation’s outer continental shelf --- a jurisdictional term describing submerged lands 10.36 statutory miles off Florida’s West Coast and three nautical miles off the East Coast.

Thursday’s one-hour hearing in the Rayburn House Office Building is set to begin at 8:30 a.m.



**From ADC:**

## **Measuring Effectiveness of Base Closure Could Support DOD's Case for New Rounds, GAO Concludes**

*Posted on May 03, 2018 03:33 am*

The Pentagon's case for conducting a new round of base closures could be stronger if it had measured whether the goals of the 2005 round of base closures — reducing excess infrastructure, transforming the military and promoting jointness — were achieved, according to a recent report by the Government Accountability Office (GAO). Instead officials from DOD and the services tracked their progress completing the BRAC Commission's recommendations by the September 2011 statutory deadline and measured the cost savings associated with them. The congressional watchdog agency found that the department did not have the necessary data to calculate how much excess infrastructure was disposed of during the 2005 round.

With no way to evaluate whether the last BRAC round achieved its goals, DOD cannot demonstrate whether the services' realignment and closure actions improved their efficiency and effectiveness, preventing it from showing Congress that the benefits of a future BRAC round would outweigh the upfront implementation costs, the agency said.

In March 2013, GAO recommended that “in the event of any future BRAC round, DOD identify appropriate measures of effectiveness and develop a plan to demonstrate the extent to which the department achieved the results intended from the implementation of the BRAC round.” But DOD opposed the recommendation, stating that military value should be the primary driver for BRAC. In the new report, GAO calls for Congress to “consider, in any future BRAC authorization, a requirement for DOD to identify appropriate measures of effectiveness and to track the achievement of its goals.”

DOD opposed that recommendation as well, stating it would “subvert the statutory requirement that military value be the priority consideration,” according to the report. Its recommendation does not, however, undermine the department's reliance on military value as the primary selection criteria for its candidate BRAC recommendations, GAO notes.

“If Congress would like to increase its oversight for any future BRAC round, requiring DOD to identify appropriate measures of effectiveness and track achievement of its goals would provide it with improved visibility over the expected outcome,” the agency states.

## **Lawmakers May Consider BRAC-Lite Proposal**

*Posted on May 04, 2018 04:05 am*

A plan permitting the Defense Department to shutter small bases or “tangential facilities,” provided the affected communities do not oppose the move, may be introduced as an amendment to the fiscal 2019 defense authorization bill, Rep. Rob Wittman (R-Va.) said at a Navy League luncheon in Norfolk Thursday. “They would have to say that it's excess inventory and we don't need it,” he said. “And the localities would have to say that it's OK to do that.”

Wittman, who chairs the House Armed Services' Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee, said he would favor the proposal as “it brings everybody to the table to discuss excess capacity.” The Pentagon needs to shed unneeded facilities, he added. “[However] if we get rid of facilities in strategically centered locations



— that is, population centers — you will never ever get them back.”

Craig Quigley, executive director of the Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance, said the new approach shouldn't threaten any local facilities, reported the *Virginian-Pilot*. “Conceptually, it's hard to argue with that idea of the military and host community both thinking a facility should close,” Quigley said. “From a Hampton Roads perspective, I'm hard pressed to think of an example of this.”

## **Authority for Closing Smaller Facilities included in Chairman's Mark of NDAA**

*Posted on May 07, 2018 03:57 am*

A new authority permitting the Defense Department to close or realign small installations outside of the BRAC process, with the consent of state and local officials, is included in House Armed Services Chair Mac Thornberry's portion of the fiscal 2019 defense authorization bill. “The chairman's proposal recognizes that there are small installations around the country that have outlasted their purpose and their continued operation places an undue burden on the taxpayers and on the local community,” according to a [summary](#) released Friday. *On Base* reported last week that the authority would be introduced as an amendment to the defense policy bill. The text of the chairman's mark will be released today, ahead of the committee's markup scheduled for Wednesday.

The proposal does not authorize a new round of base closures as Thornberry remains concerned that DOD “does not have a full and accurate accounting of its real property or a realistic assessment of its excess capacity,” according to the summary. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis told lawmakers he does not believe the department's existing assessment of its excess infrastructure is accurate, it adds.

The chairman's mark also includes Thornberry's plan to cut overall spending on DOD's support activities — primarily civilian resources management, logistics management, services contracting and real estate management — by 25 percent by FY 2021. A summary of the chairman's mark issued by the committee's Democrats indicates that Thornberry's initial proposal to eliminate seven defense support agencies, including the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), has been modified, however. That summary lists two agencies that would be eliminated entirely — Washington Headquarters Service and the Test Resource Management Center. Funding would be cut by a total of \$442.5 million from 11 other activities and agencies, including OEA.

The Democrats' summary says the spending reductions, which “are not justified by underlying analysis,” could harm military readiness, quality of life for personnel and efforts to eliminate wasteful spending. Cuts to OEA could affect support and grant programs for defense communities, it states.

## **High Hurdle Would Lie in Path of New Authority for Closing, Realigning Installations**

*Posted on May 08, 2018 04:00 am*

The process for closing or realigning an installation under a new authority included in House Armed Services Chair Mac Thornberry's portion of the [fiscal 2019 defense authorization bill](#) would need to start with a recommendation to the department from a governor that a facility in the state be downsized, a precondition that would preclude DOD from taking advantage of the authority in most cases. The governor's notice would need to include statements of support from local governments that would be affected as well as a detailed plan for reusing or redeveloping the property.



If the Pentagon accepts a governor's recommendation to close or realign an installation, it would need to inform the congressional defense committees when it submits the annual budget. That report would need to include:

- the reasons the defense secretary believes "it is in the interest of the United States" to accept the governor's recommendation;
- a plan describing the required work, cost and timing for all actions needed to carry out the realignment or closure, including new construction or renovation of existing facilities; and
- a certification that the savings generated by the action will exceed the implementation costs within five years after the move is completed, an estimate of the annual recurring savings and the amount of time needed for the savings to exceed the implementation costs.

DOD would need to wait 90 days after it informs Congress to begin carrying out the closure or realignment. The provision also limits the department to spending \$2 billion through FY 2029 for carrying out all closures and realignments for which it relies on the authority. Costs would include planning and design, construction, operations and maintenance, and environmental restoration, among other items. The authority would terminate at the end of FY 2029.

The provision for closing or realigning an installation outside of the normal BRAC process, Section 2702, would apply to any size facility, despite a description in the committee's summary released last week indicating the authority would apply to small installations.

## **Executive Order to Spur Federal Hiring of Military Spouses**

*Posted on May 10, 2018 03:14 am*

Federal agencies will be directed to increase their hiring of military spouses, under an executive order President Trump signed Wednesday at a White House event with First Lady Melania Trump and military spouses and mothers. A U.S. Chamber of Commerce survey estimated the unemployment rate for military spouses was 16 percent in 2017; overall unemployment in the United States was 3.9 percent as of April, reported [Stars and Stripes](#). "We are going to change that, and we are going to change it as quickly as we can," the president said. "It will go fast."

In addition to encouraging agencies to apply more liberally a federal law that gives preference to military spouses for government jobs, it directs the Office of Personnel Management to increase awareness of the hiring preference and train agencies about how to employ it. It also calls for the federal government to better track how many military spouses it hires. "As a federal government, if we are going to be working with our private sector and asking for others to hire military spouses, we need to lead by example," said Jennifer Korn, a special assistant to the president.

### **NOTES FROM THE CHAIR**

May is Military Appreciation Month. Many of our communities are hosting events to recognize active duty military men and women, their spouses and their kids. With the realities of the events in the world, it is nice to have that moment to simply say thank you and enjoy our neighbors. We know that tomorrow those same men and women in uniform will do everything in their powers to keep us safe and ensure our freedoms. If you live close to a military family, check in on them and see if there is anything you can do to assist; especially if a family member is deployed.

## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR (continued)

A big thank you to Rita Smith, chairman of the Family Support Working Group, for leading the working group the last two years. We are grateful for her leadership energy to reengaged group and developed new focus for the group. We look forward to having her stay involved in this important group.

As we head into summer, now is the time to be informing/educating those individuals who are running for an elected office. We have many complex issues when the military is involved. Do not wait until the election is over to begin the process. From encroachment at all levels to education to housing to transportation to spousal employment, the issues cover many topics. Take time to share the information on this \$81 billion industry and the unique military assets we have in the state.

And finally, thank current legislators for their support this past year.

Until next time, thank you for your time and wisdom in supporting our military communities.

**Kellie Jo Kilberg**

## **FDA CALENDAR:**

**Thursday, August 23rd FDA Conference Call Meeting**

**9:00 AM EDT**

**Call In Number: (800) 501-8979 Access Code: 1869945**

**FDA Website: [www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/](http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/)**

## **QUOTATIONS OF THE DAY**

“These fallen heroes represent the character of a nation who has a long history of patriotism and honor - and a nation who has fought many battles to keep our country free from threats of terror.” ---- Michael N. Castle

“Memorial Day isn't just about honoring veterans, its honoring those who lost their lives. Veterans had the fortune of coming home. For us, that's a reminder of when we come home we still have a responsibility to serve. It's a continuation of service that honors our country and those who fell defending it. “ --- Pete Hegseth

# News from the Bases

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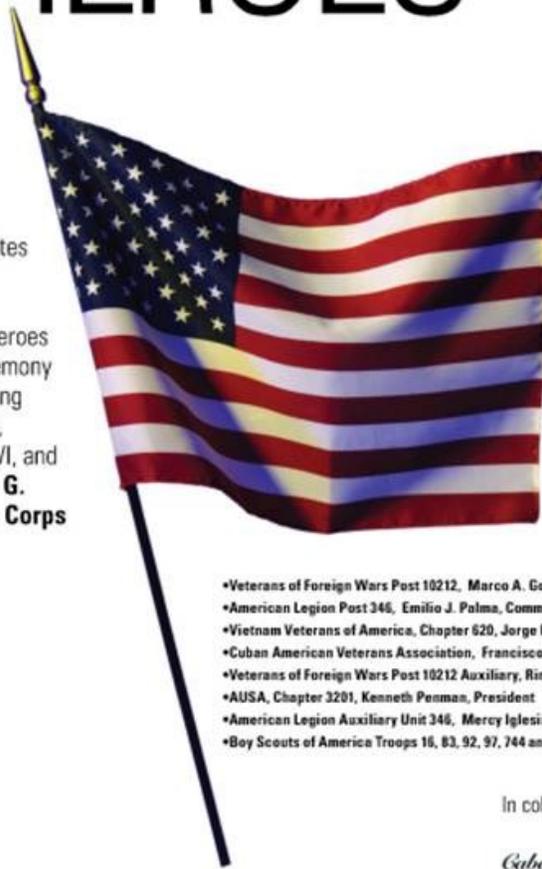
# REMEMBERING OUR HEROES

Join Our Military and  
Veterans at a Special  
Memorial Day Service

The Chamber's Memorial Day  
Observance Ceremony commemorates  
U.S. entrance into World War I.

Those wishing to honor our fallen heroes  
are invited to a Wreath Laying Ceremony  
featuring presentations by the singing  
Miamians, a parade of color guards,  
narration of US engagement in WWI, and  
special remarks by **MajGen David G.  
Bellon, Commander, US Marine Corps  
Forces, South.**

Light refreshments, courtesy of  
Woodlawn Park Cemetery, will be  
served following the ceremony.



- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10212, Marco A. Gorin, Commander
- American Legion Post 346, Emilio J. Palma, Commander
- Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 620, Jorge L. Montes, President
- Cuban American Veterans Association, Francisco Penela, President
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10212 Auxiliary, Rina Vega, President 4
- AUSA, Chapter 3201, Kenneth Penman, President
- American Legion Auxiliary Unit 346, Mercy Iglesias, President
- Boy Scouts of America Troops 16, 83, 92, 97, 744 and 575

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10:00 a.m. Program

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## MacDill AFB—

**Tampa teen wins high honor as U.S. Air Force's Military Child of the Year**

**Eve Glenn is Robinson High School's valedictorian**

By Sean Daly | Updated May 9, 2018, 6:27 a.m. EDT

Part of the reason Eve Glenn is the Air Force's Military Child of the Year is because she is a math whiz. Look at the big numbers behind her success.

Her father is a project manager in the U.S. Air Force, moving his family between Colorado, Germany and Florida. It is a constant tour that has seen Eve attend 11 different schools.

Her final stop before college is Tampa's Robinson High School. At just 16 years old, the senior is the school's valedictorian.

In between her straight-A studies, mentoring students in STEM subjects, her cheerleading passion, competitive Irish dancing and working out, Glenn has amassed close to 2,000 hours of volunteering to help families in need.

"With enough effort you can make something good into something great," Glenn says.

Her constant upbeat attitude has kept her globe-trotting as an adventure instead of a lesson in loneliness and alienation.

"Just being able to have an impact for however long I'm somewhere constantly drives me," says Glenn, who recently traveled to Washington to accept her award.

## 2018 MacDill AirFest Offers App With Maps And Show Info

By Bobbie O'Brien

<http://wusfnews.wusf.usf.edu/post/2018-macdill-airfest-offers-app-maps-and-show-info>

The U.S. Navy Blue Angels will streak across Tampa Bay skies this weekend as the Goodyear Blimp motors along at a slower pace for the 2018 AirFest. Admission is free to the public, along with free parking, at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa.



## The U.S. Navy Blue Angels



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To make it easier to plan your visit, MacDill crews created an AirFest App or a visitor's guide that people can download to get information about transportation, parking, show schedules and ground displays.....

## Eglin AFB—

### Florida remains off table for Trump oil drilling plan, Zinke says

By Alex Leary

Tampa Bay Times © May 10, 2018

<http://www.tampabay.com/florida-politics/buzz/2018/05/10/florida-remains-off-table-for-trump-oil-drilling-plan-zinke-says/>

WASHINGTON – Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke maintained Thursday that Florida remains exempt from the Trump administration's plan to open up coastal waters to oil drilling — a move that continues to infuriate officials in other states.

"You have to admit it, it looked very political, right, meeting with the governor," Maryland Sen. Chris Van Hollen told Zinke at a Senate Appropriations Committee hearing.

Van Hollen asked the secretary if the Florida carve-out is still in effect.

**"Yes," Zinke replied. "I'm committed to ... no new oil and gas platforms off the coast of Florida. They are still in the process legally, but I'm committed to that." .....**

### Pentagon warns against offshore drilling in eastern Gulf of Mexico

<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/387161-pentagon-warns-against-offshore-drilling-in-eastern-gulf-of-mexico>

By Timothy Cama

The Hill © May 10, 2018

Offshore oil and natural gas drilling in the eastern part of the Gulf of Mexico would likely be incompatible with military training and testing, the Pentagon is warning lawmakers.

**In a report sent this week to a pair of House committees, the Defense Department's Undersecretary for Research and Engineering Michael Griffin called the eastern Gulf "irreplaceable," and said that any drilling there would need significant restrictions in order to not disturb military operations.**

**The Navy and Air Force use the eastern Gulf to test laser weapons, long-range strike weapons, new vessels and mine warfare, among other activities, and drilling rigs could hamper operations.....**

### **With Older F-35s 'On Life Support,' Wing Struggles to Train Pilots**

<https://www.military.com/dodbuzz/2018/05/07/older-f-35s-life-support-wing-struggles-train-pilots.html>

By Oriana Pawlyk

May 8, 2018 © Military.com



EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. -- One of the busiest F-35 Joint Strike Fighter training units is hoping the U.S. Air Force can help relieve some of the pressures of training student pilots with ineffective resources.

The 33rd Fighter Wing, the leading training wing for F-35 student pilots, hopes it will receive additional F-35A aircraft, along with considerable upgrades to its existing fleet, to keep up with training demands, said Col. Paul Moga, commander of the 33rd Fighter Wing here.....



*Contracted Logistics Maintenance personnel from Lockheed Martin at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., stop the pilot on the taxiway during the return of his flight in preparation to verify the F-35A's brake temperatures are within safe limits to recover the aircraft March 13, 2012. (U.S. Air Force/ Maj. Karen Roganov) Military.com 7 May*

## Hurlburt Field —

### Special Operators Predict AC-130J Will Be 'Most Requested' Aircraft

<https://www.military.com/dodbuzz/2018/05/09/special-operators-predict-ac-130j-will-be-most-requested-aircraft.html>

Military.com© May 9, 2018

By Oriana Pawlyk



*The Air Force's latest AC-130J Ghost Rider gunship sits on the flightline at Hurlburt Field, Fla. (Oriana Pawlyk/Military.com)*

"That's the sound America makes when she's angry."

That's how Col. Tom Palenske, commander of the 1st Special Operations Wing, characterized the AC-130 gunship after two aircraft fired hundreds of rounds from their 40mm and 105mm cannons and 25mm Gatling gun in the skies above A-77, a range specially made for target practice.

Palenske, also the installation commander here, says crews can't wait for the next best thing: the AC-130J Ghost Rider.

"It's going to be awesome. It's our big gun truck. It's going to have more powerful engines, a more efficient fuel rate, and also has a more precise fuel capability so you know exactly how much gas you've got on board," he said.....



## Spotlight on the United States Coast Guard



The Coast Guard is one of the oldest organizations of the federal government. Established in 1790, the Coast Guard served as the nation's only armed force on the sea until Congress launched the Navy Department eight years later. Since then, the Coast Guard has protected the United States throughout its long history and served proudly in every one of the nation's conflicts.

The Coast Guard is both a federal law enforcement agency and a military force, and therefore is a faithful protector of the United States in peacetime and war. In times of peace, the Coast Guard operates as part of the Department of Homeland Security, enforcing the nation's laws at sea, protecting the marine environment, guarding the nation's vast coastline and ports, and performing vital life saving missions. In times of war, or at the direction of the President, the Coast Guard serves under the Department of the Navy, defending the nation against terrorism and foreign threats.

The Coast Guard is a unique branch of the military responsible for saving lives, protecting the environment, and defending America's coastlines and waterways. All of this is done through 11 official missions, which include Port and Waterway Security, Drug Interdiction, Aids to Navigation, Search and Rescue, Living Marine Resources, Marine Safety, Defense Readiness, Migrant Interdiction, Marine Environmental Protection, Ice Operations, and Law Enforcement.

As the principal Federal agency responsible for maritime safety, security, and environmental stewardship in U.S. ports and waterways, the Coast Guard protects and defends more than 100,000 miles of U.S. coastline and inland waterways, and safeguards an Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) encompassing 4.5 million square miles stretching from North of the Arctic Circle to South of the equator, from Puerto Rico to Guam, encompassing nine time zones – the largest EEZ in the world.

As one of the five Armed Services of the United States, the Coast Guard is the only military branch within the Department of Homeland Security. In addition to its role as an Armed Service, the Coast Guard is a first responder and humanitarian service that provides aid to people in distress or impacted by natural and man-made disasters whether at sea or ashore. The Coast Guard is a member of the Intelligence Community, and is a law



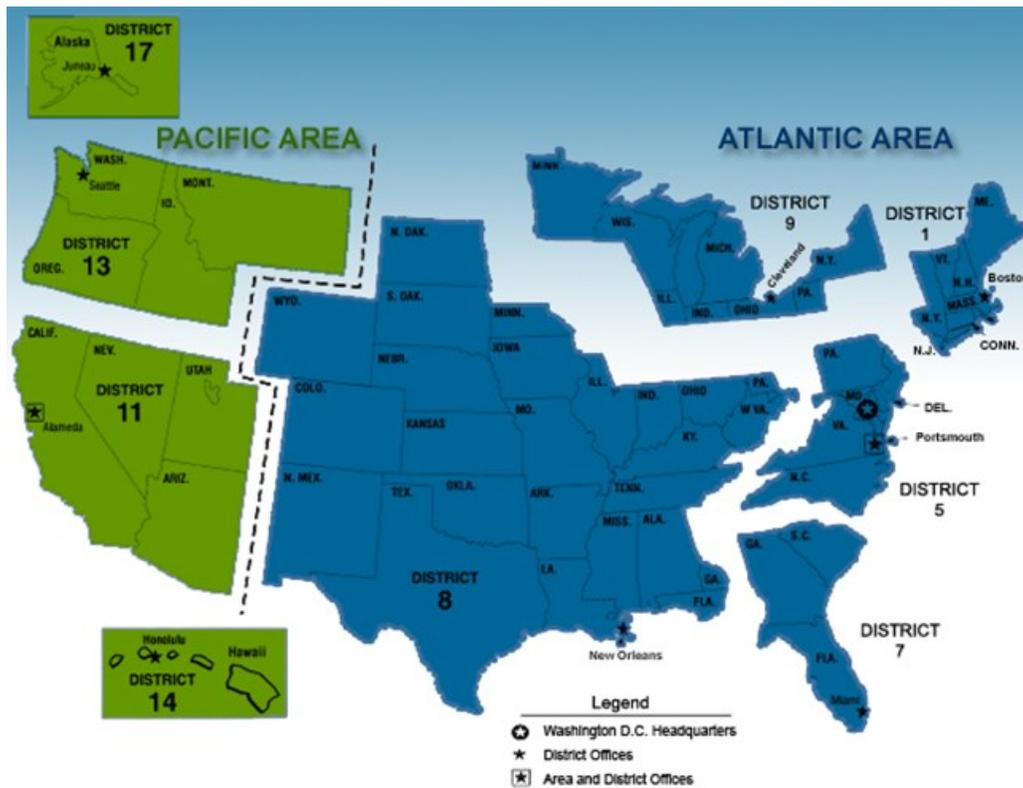
enforcement and regulatory agency with broad legal authorities associated with maritime transportation, hazardous materials shipping, bridge administration, oil spill response, pilotage, and vessel construction and operation.

The over 56,000 members of the Coast Guard operate a multi-mission, interoperable fleet of 243 Cutters, 201 fixed and rotary-wing aircraft, and over 1,600 boats. Operational control of surface and air assets is vested in two Coast Guard geographical Areas (Pacific and Atlantic), nine Coast Guard Districts, and 35 Sectors located at strategic ports throughout the country. Six Mission Support Logistics and Service Centers provide services for operational assets and shore facilities. Coast Guard program oversight, policy development, and personnel administration are carried out at Coast Guard Headquarters located on the St. Elizabeth's campus in Washington, DC.

**On an average day, the Coast Guard:**

**Conducts 45** search and rescue cases; **saves 10** lives; **saves over \$1.2M** in property; **seizes 874** pounds of cocaine and **214** pounds of marijuana; **conducts 57** waterborne patrols of critical maritime infrastructure; **interdicts 17** illegal migrants; **escorts 5** high-capacity passenger vessels; **conducts 24** security boardings in and around U.S. ports; **screens 360** merchant vessels for potential security threats prior to arrival in U.S. ports; **conducts 14** fisheries conservation boardings; **services 82** buoys and fixed aids to navigation; **investigates 35** pollution incidents; **completes 26** safety examinations on foreign vessels; **conducts 105** marine inspections; **investigates 14** marine casualties involving commercial vessels; **facilitates** movement of **\$8.7B** worth of goods and commodities through the Nation's Maritime Transportation System.

**USCG Districts of the United States**



## U.S. Coast Guard Units in the State of Florida (17)

Seventh Coast Guard District Headquarters Office, Miami, FL

Coast Guard Air Station Miami

Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater

Coast Guard Marine Safety Office / Marine Safety Unit Tampa

Coast Guard Civil Engineering Unit Miami

Coast Guard Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron (HITRON) Jacksonville

Coast Guard Station St. Petersburg

Coast Guard Station Ft. Myers Beach

Coast Guard Station Ft. Pierce

Coast Guard Station Islamorada

Coast Guard Station Lake Worth Inlet

Coast Guard Station Marathon

Coast Guard Station Ft. Lauderdale

Coast Guard Station Ponce De Leon Inlet, New Smyrna Beach

Coast Guard Station Port Canaveral

Coast Guard Station Sand Key, Clearwater

Coast Guard Station Key West



# Did You Know?

## Memorial Day – May 28, 2018

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces. The holiday got started on May 30, 1868 as Decoration Day, when Union General John A. Logan and the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans founded in Decatur, Illinois, established it as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the Union war dead with flowers. Twenty years later, the name was changed to Memorial Day. By the 20th century, competing Union and Confederate holiday traditions, celebrated on different days, had merged, and Memorial Day eventually extended to honor all Americans who died while in the military service.

On May 11, 1950, Congress passed a resolution requesting that the President issue a proclamation calling on Americans to observe each Memorial Day as a day of prayer for permanent peace and designating a period on that day when the people of the United States might unite in prayer. President Richard M. Nixon declared Memorial Day a federal holiday in 1971. Memorial Day is now observed on the last Monday of May. It is an occasion to honor the men and women who died in all wars.

### Remembering Those Who Served

It is customary to mark Memorial Day by visiting graveyards and war monuments. One of the biggest Memorial Day traditions is for the President or Vice President to give a speech and lay a wreath on soldiers' graves in the largest national cemetery, Arlington National Cemetery, in Virginia. Most towns have local Memorial Day celebrations. Here are some ways you can honor the men and women who serve our country:

- Put flags or flowers on the graves of men and women who served in wars.
- Fly the U.S. flag at half-staff until noon.
- Visit monuments dedicated to soldiers, sailors and marines.
- Participate in a National Moment of Remembrance at 3 p.m. local time.
- March in a parade.

**Memorial Day is not to be confused with Veterans Day; Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who *died* while serving, while Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans.**



**Posters of the Day:**



**NOTES FROM THE STAFF**

Tremendous thanks to all the great volunteers in the Florida Defense Alliance. Through your hard work and dedication, Florida has become a model for support of the military. In defense communities across the state, you have set the standard for being military-friendly. You constantly embrace our service members and their families and integrate them into the tapestry of the larger civilian community. It is these personal relationships that our military members remember years after leaving their assignments in Florida. During this month when we remember our military, staff thanks you for all you do for our men and women in uniform and their families in the Sunshine State.



**Florida Defense Alliance Leadership**

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**Executive Board:** Jonathan Borgert, Jennifer Codo-Salisbury and Tim Jones





# Florida Defense Alliance Newsletter

May 30, 2018

*FDA Vision: To maintain and enhance the position and reputation of Florida as the most military-friendly state in the nation.*

## NEWS

**Governor Scott Announces Award of \$3.5 million in Defense Grants for FY 18-19** – On May 21, 2018, Governor Scott announced that nearly \$3.5 million will be awarded to support community projects at military installations across the state. The grants are posted on the DEO web site at: <http://floridajobs.org/military-community-programs>

Florida Defense Reinvestment Grant Program Fiscal Year 2018-2019	
Applicant	Award Amount
Bay Defense Alliance, Inc.	\$110,137.50
City of Jacksonville	\$90,000.00
Clay County Economic Development Corporation	\$56,000.00
Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast	\$93,711.00
Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County FL	\$112,500.00
Greater Pensacola Chamber	\$95,000.00
Miami-Dade Beacon Council, Inc.	\$66,000.00
Orlando Economic Partnership, Inc.	\$66,082.50
Santa Rosa County	\$29,169.00
Tampa Bay Defense Alliance, Inc.	\$56,100.00
Walton County Chamber of Commerce	\$75,300.00
<b>Total Defense Reinvestment Grant Award Fiscal Year 2018-2019</b>	<b>\$850,000.00</b>

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Florida Defense Infrastructure Grant Program Fiscal Year 2018-2019	
Applicant	Award Amount
Bay County	\$348,935.59
City of Jacksonville	\$500,000.00
Clay County Development Authority	\$500,000.00
Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast	\$500,000.00
Escambia County	\$375,532.21
Santa Rosa County	\$375,532.20
<b>Total Defense Infrastructure Grant Awards Fiscal Year 2018-2019</b>	<b>\$2,600,000.00</b>

**Next Governor's Base Commanders Meeting Set for USSOUTHCOM on July 23<sup>rd</sup>** – The Florida National Guard has announced that the next Governor's Base Commanders Meeting will be held on July 23, 2018 at USSOUTHCOM in Doral.

**Florida CODEL Hearing in DC on Drilling** – The Florida delegation met on Thursday, May 17, 2018, to discuss the issues surrounding drilling in waters off the Florida Coast. The meeting was spurred by continued inconsistent statements and actions coming out of the Department of Interior who has told Governor Scott that “Florida is off the Table” but has not changed any planning to open up lease sales in the eastern Gulf of Mexico as soon as the original 2006 Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) restriction ends in 2022. Visit Florida President Ken Lawson and Brig. Gen. Evan Dertien, commander of the 96th Test Wing at Eglin Air Force Base, participated in the Florida congressional delegation hearing Thursday on drilling off the state's coasts.

**OSD Releases Report on Gulf Range Usage** – Undersecretary of Defense Michael Griffin released a report (sent to all FDA members on May 16th) to Rep Thornberry at the HASC and Rep Robert Bishop at the Committee on Natural Resources on May 9, 2018. The report states that “The eastern Gulf of Mexico (EGOMEX) is an irreplaceable national asset used by the Department of Defense (DoD) to develop and maintain the readiness of our armed forces and is critical to achieving the objectives contained in the 2018 National Defense Strategy.” Although the report states multiple times that oil drilling or exploration would severely impact current and future missions, it leaves the door open to new leasing activities by stating that “If oil and gas development were to extend east over the MML, without sufficient surface limiting stipulations and/or oil and gas activity restrictions mutually agreed upon by the DoD and the Department of the Interior (DoI), military flexibility in the region would be lost and test activities severely affected.”

**Florida Named Best State for Military Retirement** – Florida was named the best state for military retirement in a 2018 study conducted by “WalletHub”. The study which “uses a data set of 27 key metrics, ranging from veterans per capita to number of VA health facilities to job opportunities for veterans” found Florida as number one followed by Virginia, New Hampshire, Alabama and South Carolina in the top five.



The worst location according to the report was Washington D.C. To review the entire study results go to <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-states-for-military-retirees/3915/>.

**House of Representatives Passes 2019 NDAA** – On May 24, 2018, the House passed the FY 19 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) by a vote of 351-66. The NDAA now moves to the Senate.

**Part of Army Futures Command (Cross Functional Team) Coming to Orlando** – Secretary of the Army Esper recently approved locations for each of the eight Cross Functional Team (CFT) headquarters that will report up to Army Futures Command. The Synthetic Training Environment CFT will collocate with PEO-STRI in Orlando.

**National Defense Industry Association (NDIA) Beginning a Chapter in Jacksonville** – NDIA is beginning a chapter in Jacksonville and will meet in the middle of June in Jacksonville. Staff has been asked to provide an overview of Florida’s Military and Defense programs and the Task Force Strategic Plan. The meeting will be held on June 13 from 1:00-5:00 pm at The River Club in Jacksonville. Currently other speakers expected to attend include Dr. Brett Ulander, NDIA FC Chapter President, Gen Craig McKinley, National Chair of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and Past President and CEO of NDIA, and Frank Michael, NDIA Senior Vice President, Programs and Membership. For more information, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/ndia-first-coast-chapter-15258435583>.

**Energy Conference** –The U.S. Department of Energy's Southeast Combined Heat and Power Technical Assistance Partnership (CHP TAP) is convening a workshop titled: Florida Energy Resilience through CHP and Microgrids on **June 7th** in **Gainesville**. The topic of energy resilience is one that we are all mindful of, especially in the wake of Hurricanes Irma and Maria and their devastating impact on the state. Ms. Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chair, is planning to attend. Go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/florida-energy-resilience-through-combined-heat-power-and-microgrids-workshop-tickets-44849642488> for more info on the conference.

**Association of Defense Communities (ADC) Washington Summit**– The summit will take place at the Washington Hilton, located at 1919 Connecticut Avenue from June 18-20, 2018. The theme of this year’s Summit is “Strengthening America’s Defense Infrastructure”. Keynote speakers include Sen. James Inhofe (R-Okla.); Lucian Niemeyer, assistant secretary of defense for energy, installations and environment; and Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson. ADC has secured a block of rooms for the discounted rate of \$249. To make your reservation call the hotel at (202) 483-3000 and mention the ADC Defense Communities National Summit or click on this link to register as well as make your accommodations at <https://www.adcsummit.org/#register>. Additionally, ADC will once again provide the opportunity to meet one-on-one with DOD/Service leaders and OEA. At the request of our DOD partners, ADC is enhancing how these meetings are schedule. ADC will now be coordinating all meeting requests through the *ADC Connect* mobile app. Simply open the app, select “2018 Summit Meeting Request” and complete the online form. This request will be provided to the requested party and you will be contacted to schedule a meeting.



**From ADC:**

## **Lawmakers Look to Add Policy Restrictions to NDAA on the House Floor**

*Posted on May 18, 2018 04:30 am*

With the FY 2019 defense authorization bill set to be debated on the House floor next week, members are preparing to introduce amendments to the policy bill addressing a range of issues. Florida's congressional delegation is considering proposing language to extend a moratorium on drilling activity in the eastern Gulf of Mexico that expires in 2022, reports CQ. The effort follows last week's release of a DOD report concluding that oil and gas drilling in the eastern Gulf is incompatible with the military's training and testing activities there. "Simply stated, if oil and gas development were to extend east of the [military mission line], without sufficient surface limiting stipulations and/or oil and gas activity restrictions mutually agreed by the DOD and DOI, military flexibility in the region would be lost and test and training activities would be severely affected," the report stated. Florida officials previously obtained a pledge from Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to exclude the state from a plan he announced in January to permit drilling in most U.S. continental shelf-waters. ... Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-Va.) said he would introduce a provision to block the federal government from using excess space at military installations to house minors apprehended crossing the Mexican border if they were forcibly separated from their parents, reports the Hill. Yesterday *On Base* reported that the Health and Human Services Department will visit four military installations — Fort Bliss, Goodfellow AFB and Dyess AFB in Texas, and Little Rock AFB in Arkansas — over the next week to assess their suitability for housing children.

## **Trump Administration Chooses Not to Support School Choice Proposal**

A legislative proposal to allow military families to set up education savings accounts to pay for private school tuition, textbooks, tutoring, online courses and other educational expenses will not receive the backing of the Trump administration, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos told lawmakers Tuesday. The proposal from Rep. Jim Banks (R-Ind.) has quickly gained momentum in the House, picking up 70 co-sponsors. But DeVos told the House Education and the Workforce Committee that even though she supports the goal of expanding educational options for military families, "the vehicle of using an Impact Aid funding stream is not one that I support and that the administration supports." The measure would provide either \$4,500 or \$2,500 to military families, and would be funded by reallocating their Impact Aid contributions.

In questioning from Banks, who recently was added to the panel, DeVos said military families shouldn't have to decide between serving their country and obtaining a good education for their children, reported **the 74**. "We need to be sensitive to military families' needs, and we have to, I think, support the fact that we have invested much into these individuals to help them become highly trained and capable ... To lose individuals prematurely because they are not able to make education choices for their children that work for their children I think is just a travesty," said the secretary, an ardent backer of school choice.

Banks also offered **H.R. 5199** as an amendment to the defense authorization bill the chamber is debating this week, but the Rules Committee did not include it in a package of amendments that would go to the floor.

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## FAA Restricts UAS Flights over Four Bases

Posted on May 24, 2018 02:58 am

The FAA is restricting the airspace up to 400 feet over four installations in response to an apparent uptick in drone sightings by pilots, reports [Military.com](http://Military.com). The restrictions go into effect June 1 for Naval Support Activity Monterey, Calif.; Naval Air Station Kingsville, Texas; and Naval Support Activity Orlando, Fla. Existing restrictions were extended around Naval Support Activity South Potomac, Indian Head, Md. The measure is intended to “address the potential threat posed by malicious drone operations by establishing unmanned aircraft system specific airspace restrictions over select, national security sensitive locations,” according to an FAA notice.

### NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

As I'm writing this note it is Memorial Day. A day we pause to reflect, recognize and honor those men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Tropical Storm Alberto decided to show up on Monday so many of the memorials and presentations were cancelled. The presentations may have been cancelled; however, many individuals and families still went to the cemeteries to pay their respects to their love ones.

On this day of the unofficial start to summer, it's raining outside so I have had time to reflect and think about family and friends that have lost a husband, wife, brother, sister, son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter. I pray for my cousin who has been called back up in the Air Force for a six-month tour. We live in interesting times where there are individuals who do not understand or have no connections to anyone who is in the military. They don't know any one who has lost a family member or friend who has made the ultimate sacrifice serving something far beyond themselves. Too many take this freedom for granted.

So, as we head into summer, we celebrate the commitment and courage of those we lost and honor them by living our own lives to the fullest each day. I thank each of you for the time, wisdom and resources you share with the Florida Defense Alliance. You and your organizations make a difference in the lives of our active military men and women, retired, veterans and their families.

Until next time, stay focused and flexible as we ride the wave of uncertainty coming from Washington DC. Be innovative in your partnerships as we address the opportunities to assist our military installations, missions and our communities. And remember – “all gave some – some gave all.”

**Kellie Jo Kilberg**

## **FDA CALENDAR:**

**Thursday, August 23rd FDA Conference Call Meeting**

**9:00 AM EDT**

**Call In Number: (800) 501-8979 Access Code: 1869945**

**FDA Website: [www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/](http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/)**

### **QUOTATION OF THE DAY**

“No good decision was ever made in a swivel chair.” --- General George S. Patton

## **News from the Bases**

### **Gulf Range/Oil Drilling—**

#### **Florida Delegation Holds Hearing on Oil Drilling**

By [NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA](#) • 5-15-2018

[HTTP://HEALTH.WUSE.USF.EDU/POST/FLORIDA-DELEGATION-HOLDS-HEARING-OIL-DRILLING#STREAM/0](http://health.wuse.usf.edu/post/florida-delegation-holds-hearing-oil-drilling#stream/0)

Visit Florida President Ken Lawson and Brig. Gen. Evan Dertien, commander of the 96th Test Wing at Eglin Air Force Base, are among scheduled panelists for a Florida congressional delegation hearing Thursday on drilling off the state’s coasts.

Also scheduled to appear during the hearing in Washington are Mark Alderson, executive director of the Sarasota Bay National Estuary Program, and Ken Milito, director of upstream and industry operations for the American Petroleum Institute.

The hearing comes amid continued debate over plans by President Donald Trump’s administration to allow oil and gas drilling in federal waters off various parts of the country.....



## **Florida congressional delegation gives thumbs-down to offshore drilling**

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/politics-government/congress/article211341194.html>

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By Tony Pugh

Florida's congressional delegation, citing the state's vibrant tourism industry, delivered a unanimous, bipartisan and stern message of opposition to offshore energy exploration during a hearing on Capitol Hill on Thursday.

Congressional Republicans and Democrats took turns blasting the idea of putting fossil-fuel development near the state's 825 miles of pristine beaches in order to boost energy production and oil company profits.

"Why should Florida suffer so they can make more money?" said Rep. Francis Rooney, R-Naples.....

## **Florida Delegation Playing Hardball to Extend Offshore Drilling Moratorium: Sunshine State Democrats and Republicans may target NDAA**

<http://www.rollcall.com/news/politics/florida-offshore-drilling-ndaa>

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By Jeremy Dillon

Emboldened by a Defense Department report that expressed worries about unfettered offshore drilling in the eastern Gulf of Mexico, Florida's House delegation is preparing to throw its weight around to win a multiyear extension of a moratorium off its coasts.

The bipartisan commitment from the third largest congressional delegation, reached last week, may affect the \$708.1 billion defense authorization bill that is being considered by the Rules Committee Monday and Tuesday ahead of a vote as soon as Wednesday.....

**FDSTF—**

Task force OKs \$1.3 million in grants to advance military

<http://floridapolitics.com/archives/263969-task-force-oks-grants>

By Michael Moline

Florida Politics © May 17, 2018

A state task force on Thursday approved grants worth nearly \$1.33 million for projects designed to support military installations and preserve Florida's reputation as the most



military-friendly state.

They included land and easement buys neighboring the Avon Park Air Force Range and Camp Blanding; development of a Bay County innovation center to advance amphibious warfare; and support for efforts to lure the MQ-9 Reaper drone wing to Tyndall Air Force Base, also in Bay County.

The programs are designed to help the state adjust as advances in technology revolutionize defense strategy, potentially rendering the military programs that comprise the **state's second**-biggest economic driver obsolete.

"Our operations here are being devalued," said Sen. Doug Broxson, the Pensacola Republican who chairs the Florida Defense Support Task Force.....

## **Jacksonville—**

### **CONGRESS / BUDGET:**

14. Navy Ships Sent Elsewhere For Repairs Leads To Salvo From Florida Politicians  
(FLORIDA TIMES-UNION 20 MAY 18) ... Joe Daraskevich

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — From routine maintenance to engine overhauls, plenty of companies in Northeast Florida are ready to offer the necessary services when the military needs work done. So when that work goes elsewhere, it's no surprise politicians get involved.

It starts when a hot topic — say, ship repair — drops on the plate of a senator or congressman. But then the process often plays out like a game of tag: Here's a letter from Florida. Tag, you're it. Now it's your turn to send a letter back to us.

Recently the Navy decided to send three ships based at Naval Station Mayport to other places for maintenance. That prompted a letter from U.S. senators Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) and U.S. Rep. John Rutherford (R-Jacksonville) because, according to them, the work could have been done here so the sailors could be with their families and the ship repair facilities could stay busy.

When the lawmakers learned the patrol craft ships USS Zephyr, USS Shamal and USS Tornado were getting maintenance work done somewhere else it was time to start the process. On April 26, they sent a letter to Secretary of the Navy Richard V. Spencer.

"The Jacksonville ship repair industrial base has weathered years of reduced ship counts and it seems counter intuitive to exacerbate the situation by removing ships from the home port when competition exists," the letter said.

The letter said moving the ships to other locations for maintenance appears to be against the law based on Title 10 of the U.S. Code as it relates to maintenance contracts of Navy vessels.

That specific section of the law states the secretary of the Navy needs to determine if there is adequate competition in the vessel's home port before soliciting a contract in other places. If there is adequate competition, the secretary is supposed to first offer the contract to the repair facilities in the area, according to the law.



"These moves appear to be a potential violation of law and are detrimental to the quality of the life of the sailors and their families," the letter to the secretary said. "After overseas deployments and training exercises away from their families, sailors rely upon the period in home port as a time to reconnect."

The letter pointed out policy changes at the Navy's Southeast Regional Maintenance Center are what led to the ships going to other places for the work. It also said when the proper amount of competition in the area was established, the regional maintenance center changed the period of maintenance from less than 10 months to more than 10 months — a move that altered the vessel's short-term maintenance status.

"Our office recently spoke with the Jacksonville Area Ship Repair Association, along with other stakeholders, to discuss the history of these patrol craft maintenance contracts," said Olivia Perez-Cubas of Rubio's office. She said BAE Systems Jacksonville Ship Repair, General Dynamics NASSCO-Mayport and North Florida Shipyards Inc. are all capable ship repair facilities in the area that could have completed the work, but they were skipped over for contracts at facilities outside Northeast Florida.

The Times-Union reached out to all three facilities asking for comment and heard back only from BAE. Todd Hooks is the general manager of BAE Systems Jacksonville Ship Repair, and he's also the president of the Jacksonville Area Ship Repair Association.

Karl D. Johnson, a spokesman for BAE, said he could get in touch with Hooks to possibly comment on how the whole situation involving the legislators got started, but he wanted to hear the response from the secretary of the Navy before he weighed in on how the process began.

All three legislators were still waiting for that response Friday. It had not arrived by the end of business, said staff members from the offices.

"Once a letter is received, normal operating procedure is there are five days to respond," said Lt. Joshua Kelsey, deputy public affairs officer for the secretary of the Navy.

He said Spencer reads every letter he receives, and members of his staff immediately start looking into information on the topic so they can respond as soon as possible.

"It's his response, and he signs it," Kelsey said.

But although those five days to respond are normal procedure, it doesn't mean he has to give his final response to the letter within that time. If for some reason there is an example that needs more than five days, Spencer can send an interim response to give him more time to look into the issue, Kelsey said. The letter on the Mayport ship repairs was one of those cases.

Kelsey said an interim response was given May 4, which is sufficient based on the five-day time frame for a response because that clock starts when the letter is received, not when the letter is dated. He said the final response was sent Wednesday.

"We typically consider the responses private correspondence, but you may be able to get it from a member of the delegation's staff," Kelsey said in an email.

Those staff members hadn't heard anything by Friday, and the ship repair facilities will have to wait even longer to find out why the work was sent elsewhere.

<https://www.stripes.com/news/navy/navy-ships-sent-elsewhere-for-repairs-leads-to-salvo-from-florida-politicians-1.528160>



## South Florida Defense Alliance —

Dear South Florida Military Community and Supporters,

Please join the South Florida Defense Alliance and the Beacon Council for an important event to discuss how South Florida *is and can do more business with the military*.

This year's event will be unique by bringing together two important industries in South Florida, Aviation and Healthcare & Life Sciences, with senior leaders and acquisition managers of the Department of Defense. We will be discussing the many opportunities available to South Florida companies to be a part of the growing DOD research & development and acquisition budget.

The symposium will be held on Thursday, June 7, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Florida International University Graham Center.

Please register [here](#)

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## MacDill AFB—

### Iron Man: USSOCOM one year from putting someone into powered exoskeleton

By Jen Judson

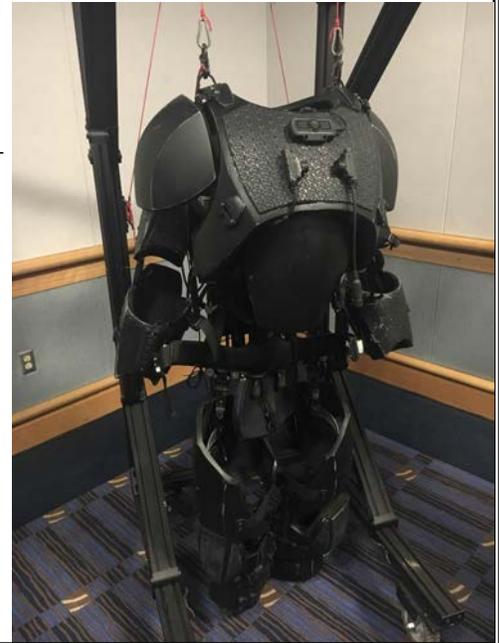
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TAMPA BAY, Fla. — For years, U.S. Special Operations Command has been working on a suit for special operators that would essentially provide power and resiliency beyond normal human capability and it appears the project is one year away from a major milestone.

“We knew going into this that it was going to be a real challenge,” Jim Smith, USSOCOM’s acquisition chief told an audience at the Special Operations Forces Industry Conference (SOFIC) May 22. “You put a world-class athlete into a powered exoskeleton, that is going to be a difficult challenge and we are realizing a lot of those challenges.”

But USSOCOM is making progress and Smith added, “right around this time next year, we will put an operator into a powered exoskeleton and lead the Department of Defense on learning what that really means for operations and what is in the art of the possible.”

The Tactical Assault Light Operator Suit, as USSOCOM formally calls it, is a complex system comprised of an intricate arrangement of state-of-the-art technologies that doesn’t look much different from the Iron Man suit found in comic books and movies. ....



*U.S. Special Operations Command has a team developing an Iron-Man-like suit for special operators. The suit pictured here was taken in 2017, but was on display in the same spot at the SOFIC conference in Tampa Bay, Florida, in May 2018, quite unchanged. The design is simply to show what a suit could look like at the end of the road, but is not intended to look like what will ultimately be built. (Photo by Jen Judson/Defense News staff)*

### Shopping Tampa for Ukraine commandos: Bomb-sniffers, drones and laser-proof sniper scopes

By Howard Altman, Times Staff Writer

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[http://www.tbo.com/news/military/war/Shopping-Tampa-for-Ukraine-commandos-Bomb-sniffers-drones-and-laser-proof-sniper-scopes\\_168475501](http://www.tbo.com/news/military/war/Shopping-Tampa-for-Ukraine-commandos-Bomb-sniffers-drones-and-laser-proof-sniper-scopes_168475501)

TAMPA — Like a homeowner combing Home Depot for his latest project, Roman Mashovets spent a good part of Tuesday wandering the floor at the Tampa Convention Center.

But instead of nails and plywood, Mashovets — a former Ukraine special operations forces officer — was looking for things like drones, night vision scopes and robots that can remove unexploded land mines.

Mashovets, 41, founder of a non-governmental organization working with Ukraine's nascent special operations command, is one of about 11,000 people visiting Tampa for the 2018 Special Operations Forces Industry Conference at the convention center.

Put on by U.S. Special Operations Command and the National Defense Industrial Association, SOFIC is a chance for defense contractors to show their wares to military forces from across the globe. About 425 companies are packed into about 100,000 square feet.

The conference also enables those with an interest in commando work to discuss SOCom's needs and the industry's solutions. SOCom, with headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base, spends billions of dollars each year on special operations needs. ....



*Roman Mashovets, a former Ukraine commando who now runs an organization that works with the country's special operations command, examines night vision scopes made by Flir during the annual SOFIC conference at the Tampa Convention Center. [HOWARD ALTMAN | Times]*

## Special Ops teams 'invade' Tampa for demonstration

By: Josh Cascio, FOX 13 News

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**TAMPA (FOX 13)** - Tampa was invaded today, and it's not Gasparilla pirates. Instead, some of the world's most elite warfighters put on a demonstration of their abilities as part of a military conference downtown.

The Special Operations Forces Industry Conference is taking place this week at the Tampa Convention Center. It's a chance for military thinkers and vendors to meet with each other and talk equipment, tactics, and



politics.

Back in 2016, Mayor Bob Buckhorn was ‘rescued’ as part of the demonstration, famously firing blanks from a .50-caliber machine gun aboard his rescue boat.

Today’s demonstration was similar to that one, with the mayor reprising his role and helicopters and ships speeding through downtown outside the convention center.



## Spotlight on the Florida National Guard

The Florida National Guard consists of the Florida Army National Guard and the Florida Air National Guard. The Florida Army National guard is composed of approximately 10,000 soldiers while the Air Guard is composed of approximately 2,000 airmen.

### Florida Department of Military Affairs

The Florida Department of Military Affairs (DMA) provides management oversight and administrative support to the Florida National Guard (FLNG).

Directly responsive to the Governor of Florida, the Department operates within the policy guidance and fiscal framework of both federal and state authorities. The Department manages a force of nearly 12,000 National Guard members, including over 2,300 full-time federal personnel, and more than 450 state employees. Together, the DMA and the FLNG are committed to serving the vital interests of the nation, the state of Florida, and its communities.

The Adjutant General, as head of the department, is specifically tasked with (1) the readiness of the Florida National Guard, (2) its response in times of natural disaster, and (3) assistance to Floridians at risk.





Tracing its heritage back to 1565, the year the Spanish founders of St. Augustine organized their first company of citizen-soldiers, the Florida National Guard's militia heritage extends back into our communities more than 450 years. Whether it was a call to arms during our nation's conflicts, or a cry for help during a natural disaster, the Guard has been there for Florida.

Today Florida National Guard Soldiers and Airmen remain engaged in overseas contingency operations, are vigilant in preparations to respond to domestic emergencies, and are committed to serving Florida's citizens and communities.

### **Mission**

To provide ready military units and personnel to support national security objectives; to protect our citizens; and to support programs and initiatives which add value to our state and nation.

### **Vision**

The nation's premier National Guard, embodying a winning spirit, living our core values, committed to serving Florida's citizens, and ready to meet the nation's call.

### **Our Values - P.R.I.D.E.**

- Professionalism (Duty, Service Before Self )
- Respect (Diversity)
- Integrity (Loyalty, Integrity First, Honor)
- Discipline (Personal Courage, Selfless Service)
- Excellence (Excellence in All We Do)

### **Florida Army National Guard**



### **State Mission**

When Army National Guard units are not mobilized or under federal control, they report to the governor through the state Adjutant General. Each of the 54 National Guard organizations is supervised by the



adjutant general of the state or territory. Under state law, the Army National Guard provides protection of life, property and preserves peace, order and public safety. These missions are accomplished through emergency relief support during natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes and forest fires; search and rescue operations; support to civil defense authorities; maintenance of vital public services and counterdrug operations.

### **Federal Mission**

The Army National Guard's federal mission is to maintain well-trained, well-equipped combat units available for prompt mobilization during federal military operations. During peacetime, these combat-ready units and support units are assigned to one of four Florida National Guard major commands to carry out missions compatible with training, mobilization readiness, humanitarian and contingency operations such as Operations Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq.

While the Army National Guard provides almost half of the Army's combat units, the National guard also contains communications engineer, logistics, military police, signal, and other combat support organizations capable of deploying to military operations around the globe. In addition, the Florida Army National Guard has deployed units to provide airspace security for the National Capital Region since 2003.

## **Florida Air National Guard**



### **State Mission**

When Air National Guard units are not mobilized or under federal control, they report to the governor of their respective state, territory (Puerto Rico, Guam, Virgin Islands) or the commanding general of the District of Colum-

bia National Guard. Each of the 54 National Guard organizations is supervised by the adjutant general of the state or territory. Under state law, the Air National Guard provides protection of life, property and preserves peace, order and public safety. These missions are accomplished through emergency relief support during natural disasters such as floods, earthquakes and forest fires; search and rescue operations; support to civil defense authorities; maintenance of vital public services and counterdrug operations.

### **Federal Mission**

The Air National Guard's federal mission is to maintain well-trained, well-equipped units available for prompt mobilization during war and provide assistance during national emergencies (such as natural disasters or civil disturbances). During peacetime, the combat-ready units and support units are assigned to most Air Force major commands to carry out missions compatible with training, mobilization readiness, humanitarian and contingency operations such as Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. Air National Guard units may be activated in a number of ways as prescribed by public law. Most of the laws may be found in Title 10 of the U.S.

Code.

The Air National Guard provides almost half of the Air Force's tactical airlift support, combat communications functions, aeromedical evacuations and aerial refueling. In addition, the Air National Guard has total responsibility for air defense of the entire United States.

### Leaders of the Florida National Guard:



**The Adjutant General,  
Major General  
Michael A. Calhoun**



**Assistant Adjutant General,  
Army, Brigadier General  
Michael A. Canzoneri**



**Assistant Adjutant General,  
Air, Brigadier General  
Brian Simpler**

## Did You Know?

### Military Trivia Quiz

1. What does the military nickname "G.I." stand for?  
A) Government Identity B) Gentleman Inducted C) Government Issue D) Gallant Individual
2. Which Military Institute adopted this following the graduation of the class of 1926?  
"Shoot Straight, ride hard, dance well, and so live that you can look any man straight in the eye and tell him to go to hell."  
A) The Citadel B) Annapolis C) Air Force Academy D) West Point
3. "BAH" stands for:  
A) Basic Allowance for Housing B) Base Armory Headquarters  
C) Biological Arms Handling D) Bar opens at Two



4. The "Soldier and Sailor's Civil Relief Act of 1940:"

- A) Provides basic protection against lawsuits while on active duty.
- B) Provides for limits on how long a person can be deployed.
- C) Allows only unmarried people to be drafted.
- D) Provides job training after military service.

5. An Army "Private First Class" is the same as an:

- A) E-2 B) E-3 C) E-4 D) E-5

6. On Average, which Military Service ties with the Coast Guard for having the Fastest Promotion Rate to the Rank of E-9?

- A) Army
- B) Navy
- C) Air Force
- D) Marines

7. What does ASVAB stand for?

- A) American Service Vocational Aptitude Battery
- B) Armed Services Volunteer American Battery
- C) Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery
- D) Armed Services Vocation Assessment Battery

8. How Many Days of Leave (Vacation Time) Does a Person in the Lowest Enlisted Grade (E-1) Earn Each Year?

- A) 7 Days
- B) 14 Days
- C) 21 Days
- C) 30 Days

9. In Department of Defense (DOD) Jargon, what does the term "F - Hour" signify:

- A) The Time of an Announcement to Mobilize Reserve Units
- B) The Time a Unit will be Deployed
- C) The Time Attack Aircrafts will Take off (Launch)
- D) The Time a Unit is Sent to the Field

10. Other than the Air Force, Which Military Service Requires the Highest General ASVAB (Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery) Test Score in order to Join?

- A) Army
- B) Marine Corps
- C) Coast Guard
- D) Navy

11. In the Enlistment Oath, Who Do Military Enlisted Personnel Swear to Obey the Orders of?
- A) The President & Officers
  - B) The President & the Secretary of Defense
  - C) The Secretary of Defense & Officers
  - D) The President, Secretary of Defense, & Officers
12. Where Does the Army's Infamous 61 Day Ranger School Begin? (The Course Consists of Instruction at Several Places)
- A) Fort Bragg, N.C.
  - B) Eglin AFB, FL
  - C) Dahlonoga, GA
  - D) Fort Benning, GA
13. Which U.S. Military Service has the most 4-Star Generals?
- A) Army
  - B) Navy
  - C) Air Force
  - D) Marines
14. What does the Acronym "M.A.S.H." Stand For?
- A) Military Assistance Support Headquarters
  - B) Military Army Surgical Hospital
  - C) Mobile Army Surgical Hospital
  - D) Doesn't Actually Stand for Anything
15. According to the DOD, what equals in rank to a Navy/Coast Guard "Commander" in the other services:
- A) Major
  - B) Lieutenant Colonel
  - C) Colonel
  - D) Brigadier General
16. In the Famous U.S. Marine Corps "This is my Rifle" Creed, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sentence of the Creed Reads:
- A) There are many like it, but this one is mine.
  - B) My rifle is my best friend.
  - C) My rifle, without me, is useless.
  - D) My rifle is human, even as I, because it is my life.
17. What is the Maximum Number of Dependents (under the age of 18) that one is allowed to have in order to enlist in the U.S. Armed Forces?
- A) One
  - B) Two
  - C) Five
  - D) No Maximum



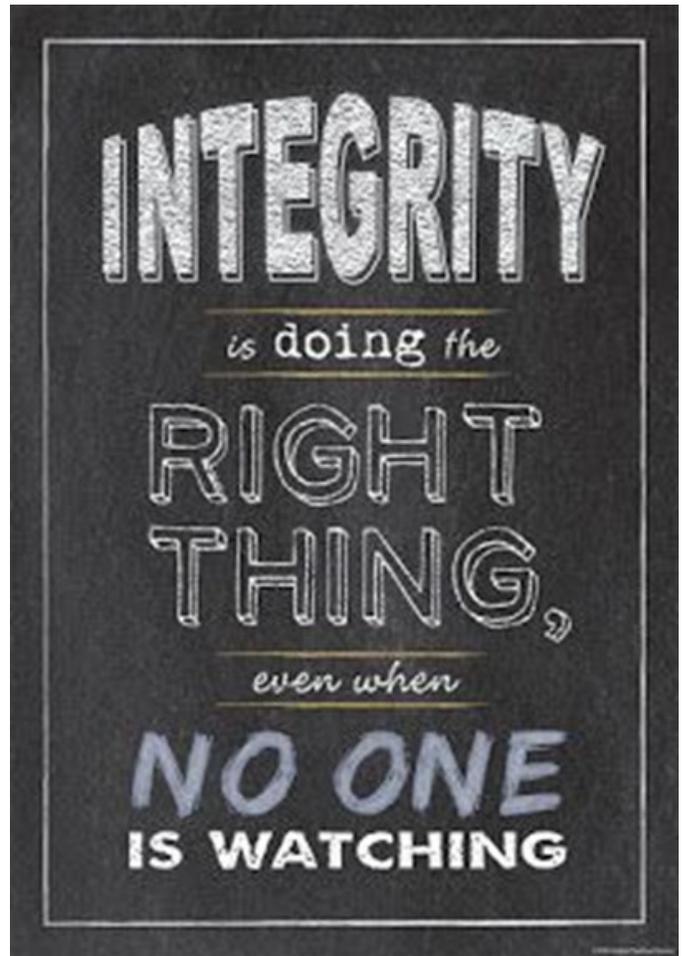
18. What branch of the Service did the Army give birth to in 1947?  
A) Air Force B) Navy C) Marines D) Coast Guard
19. "Semper Paratus" is the official song of the:  
A) Army B) Navy C) Marines D) Coast Guard
20. Whose picture is on the Purple Heart medal?  
A) President Lincoln  
B) An unidentified soldier  
C) President Washington  
D) The First Secretary of Defense
21. What is the oldest American military uniform item in continuous use?  
A) The Army Private's Cap  
B) The Good Conduct Medal Ribbon  
C) General's Star  
D) The gold buttons on the Marine Corps Dress Blue Uniform
22. How many people have won the Congressional Medal of Honor twice?  
A) 0 B) 1 C) 9 D) 19

ANSWERS:

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|------|-------|-------|
| 1. C | 10. B | 18. A |
| 2. D | 11. A | 19. D |
| 3. A | 12. D | 20. C |
| 4. A | 13. C | 21. D |
| 5. B | 14. C | 22. C |
| 6. B | 15. B |       |
| 7. C | 16. A |       |



## Posters of the Day:



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**NOTES FROM THE STAFF**  
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## Florida Defense Alliance Newsletter

June 8, 2018

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### NEWS

**New Reaper Squadron Headed to Hurlburt Field** –Another new air squadron is headed to the panhandle. The Air Force has indicated it will house the new special operations command MQ9 Reaper Squadron at Hurlburt Field. This squadron will most likely look to compliment the Reaper mission on the way to Tyndall Air Force Base. That mission is expected to bring nearly 2,000 jobs to the area. Air Force officials are currently conducting an environmental impact study with plans to start construction in 2020.

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**Next Governor's Base Commanders Meeting Set for USSOUTHCOM on July 23<sup>rd</sup>** – The Florida National Guard has announced that the next Governor's Base Commanders Meeting will be held on July 23, 2018 at USSOUTHCOM in Doral.

**Energy Conference** –The U.S. Department of Energy's Southeast Combined Heat and Power Technical Assistance Partnership (CHP TAP) is convening a workshop titled: Florida Energy Resilience through CHP and Microgrids on **June 7th** in **Gainesville**. The topic of energy resilience is one that we are all mindful of, especially in the wake of Hurricanes Irma and Maria and their devastating impact on the state. Ms. Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chair, is planning to attend. Go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/florida-energy-resilience-through-combined-heat-power-and-microgrids-workshop-tickets-44849642488> for more info on the conference.

**Association of Defense Communities (ADC) Washington Summit Registration is Open** – For Task Force or FDA members who are interested in attending the ADC Defense Communities National Summit in Washington DC, registration is now open. The theme of this year's Summit is "Strengthening America's Defense Infrastructure". Keynote speakers include Sen. James Inhofe (R-Okla.); Lucian Niemeyer, assistant secretary of defense for energy, installations and environment; Navy Secretary Richard V. Spencer, and Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson. The Summit will take place at the Washington Hilton, located at 1919 Connecticut

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Avenue from June 18-20, 2018. ADC has secured a block of rooms for the discounted rate of \$249. To make your reservation call the hotel at (202) 483-3000 and mention the ADC Defense Communities National Summit or click on this link to register as well as make your accommodations at <https://www.adcsummit.org/#register>. According to the latest ADC e-mail, “Given interest in this event, availability of rooms in the block is very limited. If rooms are not available, the Courtyard by Marriott Washington DC/DuPont Circle and Churchill Hotel are located adjacent to the Hilton and currently have availability.”

**From ADC:**

## **Senate Panel Recommends Small Increase for Milcon Spending**

*Posted on Jun 06, 2018 04:47 am*

Spending on military construction and family housing programs would rise by \$228 million to \$10.3 billion, under the draft fiscal 2019 spending bill the Senate Military Construction-VA Appropriations Subcommittee approved Tuesday. The panel’s recommendation roughly matches the overall funding level for milcon in the bill the House Appropriations Committee advanced last month. The measure will be considered by the full Senate Appropriations Committee on Thursday, when the text of the bill will be released. The legislation would fund 169 milcon projects and provide \$1.6 billion for construction, operation and maintenance of family housing, according to a committee summary. The bill includes \$498 million for unspecified milcon projects for the services to fund their highest priority unfunded projects, according to a summary issued by the committee’s Democrats.

“While the Department of Defense did not take advantage of additional headroom provided by the 2018 budget deal to aggressively work to buy back years of using these accounts as bill payers — to the detriment of our service members and their families — this bill is an important step forward,” the Democrats’ summary stated.

The House is scheduled to take up a three-bill “minibus” package this week that will include the FY 2019 military construction spending title.

## **Senate Version of Defense Bill includes Authority for Off-Base Infrastructure Projects**

*Posted on Jun 07, 2018 04:30 am*

The Senate Armed Services Committee included language in its annual policy bill that would establish a DOD program to provide funding to state and local governments for off-base infrastructure projects, matching similar language in the House version of the fiscal 2019 defense authorization bill. Both versions would authorize a program for the department to award grants to address deficiencies in community infrastructure if the assistance will enhance the military value, resilience or military family quality of life at an installation.

There are several differences between the two versions, though. The Senate provision, section 2834, would create a pilot program that runs out Sept. 30, 2023; the House’s Defense Community Infrastructure Program would be permanent. And while the House version would require participants to contribute at least 20 percent of the total project cost, the Senate language calls for a state or local government to contribute at least 30 percent. Both versions would allow DOD to waive the cost-share requirement for rural communities, with the Senate provision also allowing the requirement to be waived “for reasons related to national security.”



The Senate Armed Services Committee approved S. 2987 on May 23, but the bill text was not released until Wednesday. The House passed its version of the authorization bill on May 24. The Senate began debating S. 2987 on Wednesday. Once the chamber approves the measure, a conference committee would reconcile differences between the two bills, including the competing provisions establishing a defense community infrastructure program.

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### **QUOTATION OF THE DAY**

*“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again. Who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause. Who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly. So that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.”*

*— Theodore Roosevelt*

## **News from the Bases**

**Eglin AFB—**

### **7th Group soldier named Best Warrior**

By Jim Thompson

Posted Jun 4, 2018 at 4:54 PM; Updated Jun 5, 2018 at 5:08 PM

<http://www.nwfdailynews.com/news/20180604/7th-group-soldier-named-best-warrior>

EGLIN AFB — A 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) soldier has been recognized as the best among his peers in all 11 groups of the Army’s 1st Special Operations Command (Airborne).



The soldier, an NCO whose name cannot be released due to security concerns connected with his current duties, competed last month against hundreds of other Special Forces troops in the annual Best Warrior competition at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. It was his first experience with Best Warrior, he said.

The four-day event included physical fitness tests, military skills tests such as marksmanship and hand-to-hand combat, and even an academic component, as soldiers were tested on their knowledge of Army history and current events, among other subjects. Competitors also faced an oral examination board.

The 7th Group soldier admitted that the academic aspects of the competition tripped him up more than a little bit.....



A 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) soldier, whose identity is obscured here for security reasons, competes in the Best Warrior competition. The soldier went on to win the competition, which included hundreds of Special Forces troops. [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO/ U.S. ARMY]

## Jacksonville—

### John Rutherford touts defense bill as a win for Northeast Florida

By A.G. GANCARSKI

<http://floridapolitics.com/archives/264593-john-rutherford-touts-defense-bill-as-a-win-for-northeast-florida>

Rep. **John Rutherford** enters Memorial Day weekend with some convincing wins for the defense industry in Northeast Florida, via the National Defense Authorization Act.

The bill passed the House 351-66, and awaits Senate review. Assuming the appropriations stay where they are, Rutherford is lauding some key points for the Jacksonville area.

“I am especially proud to see the bill included many major wins for Northeast Florida. This includes \$111 million for military construction at Naval Station Mayport, three Littoral Combat Ships, as well as strong support for the E-2D Advanced Hawkeye, P-8A Poseidon, A-29, and MQ-4C Triton. It also reflects Congress’s commitment to the ship building and repair industry, which is critical to the First Coast economy. I was proud to fight for these programs, and I will continue to do so as we consider the Fiscal Year 2019 appropriations bills,” Rutherford asserted.....



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## Camp Blanding—

### Camp Blanding named top installation for conservation

Courtesy Story, Florida National Guard Public Affairs Office - 05.30.2018

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/278888/camp-blanding-named-top-installation-conservation>

The Military Conservation Partner Award is given annually to highlight the policies and work of the military installation that is best able to balance conservation and habitat development with their military training. This year, CBJTC was showcased as the most environmentally friendly installation for its work conserving and rehabilitating the Red-Cockaded Woodpecker, a bird native to the American Southeast considered to be endangered by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

While military training and habitat conservation may seem incompatible, preservation groups and post operations have come together to develop a mutually cooperative and fulfilling partnership.....

## Hurlburt Field —

### Drone squadron coming to Hurlburt

<http://www.nwfdailynews.com/news/20180530/drone-squadron-coming-to-hurlburt>

Northwest Florida Daily News © May 30, 2018

By Jim Thompson

A drone squadron is coming to Hurlburt Field, making it the second Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) installation to host a drone unit, according to the Air Force's public affairs office.

AFSOC's active-duty MQ-9 Reaper drone personnel have previously been assigned only to New Mexico's Cannon Air Force Base. The Hurlburt squadron is expected to be in place in late 2019, bringing an additional 60 personnel to the base, according to Air Force spokeswoman Laura McAndrews.....

## MacDill AFB—

### Howard Altman: New base commander at sultry MacDill helped run South Pole airlifts

[http://www.tampabay.com/news/military/macdill/Howard-Altman-New-base-commander-at-sultry-MacDill-helped-run-South-Pole-airlifts\\_168705106](http://www.tampabay.com/news/military/macdill/Howard-Altman-New-base-commander-at-sultry-MacDill-helped-run-South-Pole-airlifts_168705106)

By Howard Altman

Tampa Bay Times © May 31, 2018

One of the most frustrating aspects of covering the military is how often change takes place. Just when you start to get to someone, boom, they move on.



The latest case in point is Air Force Col. April Vogel, commander of the 6th Air Mobility Wing at MacDill Air Force Base and the installation commander. Sometime toward the end of June, there will be a change of command ceremony at MacDill and Vogel will leave, to be replaced by another Air Force colonel.

Now, I will have to break in Air Force Col. Stephen P. Snelson. For Snelson, MacDill will mark quite a change from his current job, in both aircraft and climate.

Currently stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington State, Snelson is vice commander of the 62nd Airlift Wing, which flies the C-17 Globemaster III cargo jets. In addition to moving troops and cargo around the world, the wing works with Operation Deep Freeze, providing airlift support for the National Science Foundation's U.S. Antarctic Program.....



**Commander – Colonel  
Stephen P. Snelson**

## Tyndall AFB—

### **Panama City Congressman looks to fund F-22 upgrades**

The News Herald © May 24, 2018

<http://www.newsherald.com/news/20180524/panama-city-congressman-looks-to-fund-f-22-upgrades>

Panama City Congressman Neal Dunn is looking to fund upgrades for the F-22 wing at Tyndall Air Force Base. Dunn, R-Panama City, included an amendment to “modernize the F-22 training wing” to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2019 passed by the House, according to a news release from his office.

“Dr. Dunn’s amendment accelerates upgrades of the F-22 training aircraft to combat-ready F-22s as a priority of Congress as it appropriates funding based on the NDAA. Modernization of the F-22 aircraft will allow airmen at Tyndall to train on the aircraft they’ll actually fly in combat,” the news release stated. “This improves their military readiness, and will increase availability of combat-ready F-22 squadrons that can be called upon to support national defense.”.....

## Pensacola—

US Coast Guard Cutter  
'Decisive' relocates to NAS  
Pensacola

<http://weartv.com/news/local/us-coast-guard-cutter-decisive-relocates-to-nas-pensacola>

WEAR TV © May 31, 2018

by Renee Beninate



Dozens of bystanders watched as the US Coast Guard Cutter 'Decisive' make its new home at NAS Pensacola. A crew of nearly eighty men and women originally set sail from Pascagoula, Miss. "For the Coast Guard this is a big win and a big move for us, to come to a facility like this Navy base that has a lot of support for our people," said US Coast Guard Commander Blake Novak.

The ship is one of four 210-foot cutters expected to change duty stations to NAS Pensacola.....

## Spotlight on United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM)



When they say "special operations", they are not kidding: these people are special. From an operational standpoint, physiological standpoint, they can do things that nobody else can do.

- Dennis Grahn, Senior Research Scientist, Stanford University, in the National Geographic's TV documentary *Fight Masters: Special Forces*

The **United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM or SOCOM)** is the Unified Combatant Command charged with overseeing the various Special Operations Component Commands of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force of the United States Armed Forces. The command is part of the Department of Defense and is the only Unified Combatant Command legislated into being by the U.S. Congress. USSOCOM is headquartered at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida.

The idea of an American unified special operations command had its origins in the aftermath of Operation Eagle Claw, the disastrous attempted rescue of hostages at the American embassy in Iran in 1980. The ensuing investigation, chaired by Admiral James L. Holloway III, the retired Chief of Naval Operations, cited lack of command and control and inter-service coordination as significant factors in the failure of the mission. Since its activation on 16 April 1987, U.S. Special Operations Command has participated in many operations, from the 1989 invasion of Panama to the ongoing Global War on Terrorism.

USSOCOM conducts several covert and clandestine missions, such as direct action, special reconnaissance,

counter-terrorism, foreign internal defense, unconventional warfare, psychological warfare, civil affairs, and counter-narcotics operations. Each branch has a Special Operations Command that is unique and capable of running its own operations, but when the different special operations forces need to work together for an operation, USSOCOM becomes the joint component command of the operation, instead of a SOC of a specific branch.



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**General  
Raymond A. Thomas III  
Commander, U.S. Special  
Operations Command**

General Raymond A. Thomas III currently serves as the 11<sup>th</sup> Commander of U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM). Prior to assuming command of USSOCOM, General Thomas served as Commander, Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC), Fort Bragg, NC.

General Thomas' other assignments as a general officer include: Associate Director for Military Affairs at the Central Intelligence Agency; Commanding General, NATO Special Operations Component Command-Afghanistan; Deputy Commanding General, JSOC; Deputy Director for Special Operations, The Joint Staff in the Pentagon; Assistant Division Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Armor Division in Iraq; and Assistant Commanding General, JSOC.

Prior to being promoted to brigadier general, General Thomas also served as the JSOC Chief of Staff and Director of Operations. His other formative and key, joint and special operations, assignments include: Commander, Joint Task Force-Bravo, Soto Cano, Honduras; Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment, Savannah, GA; and Commander, B Squadron, 1<sup>st</sup> Special Forces Operational Detachment-Delta, Fort Bragg, NC. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA., and the Naval Command and Staff College, Newport, RI.

General Thomas is a native of Philadelphia, PA. He attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY, and was commissioned an infantry second lieutenant upon graduation in 1980.

## Did You Know?

### Flag Day & Army Birthday

Each year on June 14, we commemorate the birthday of the Stars and Stripes as our nation's official banner, which was adopted by the Second Continental Congress in 1777. But, it also marks the historical birthday of the United

States Army. How fitting that on a day where we recognize and boldly display our pride in our country, with the raising of this glorious symbol of hope, we also get to celebrate the brave servicemen and women working tirelessly to defend it.

Just a year before the Declaration of Independence was signed, the Continental Congress passed this resolution in 1775:

Resolved, that six companies of expert riflemen, be immediately raised in Pennsylvania, two in Maryland, and two in Virginia;. [and] that each company, as soon as completed [sic], shall march



and join the army near Boston, to be there employed as light infantry, under command of the chief Officer in that army.

Thus, the Continental Army was born, becoming the first and, 242 years later, the oldest national institution. Currently, more than one million American soldiers serve in the Army, including those on active duty, in the Army Reserve, and in the National Guard.

As it goes with special occasions, the day will include Army Balls at military bases across the country and, of course, cake. Here's a list of some of those local events in various communities in the South. Beyond the celebratory "hooah" and traditional ceremonies, we should all take a moment to not only recognize the U.S. flag, but also those courageous men and women who have dedicated their lives to saluting it, serving it, and, in some cases, dying for it to protect our freedom and liberty.

## Poster of the Day:



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## NEWS

**Senate Passes NDAA. Still awaiting Conference with House** – Last week the Senate passed the NDAA with \$716 billion price tag. The NDAA must go to conference with the House version to resolve differences and is expected to be finally passed by September. The Senate version of the 2019 NDAA supports over \$187 million in military construction for Florida:

### **Navy**

- Mayport LCS Support Facility \$82,350,000
- Mayport LCS Operational Training Facility Addition \$29,110,000
- NAS Whiting Field Air Traffic Control Tower (North Field) \$10,000,000

### **Air Force**

- Eglin AFB F-35A Student Dormitory II \$28,000,000
- Eglin AFB F-35A Integrated Training Center Academics Building \$34,863,000
- MacDill AFB KC135 Beddown Add Flight Simulator Training \$3,100,000

**President Announces Formation of a New Space Corps** – On June 18, President Donald Trump ordered the Pentagon to begin establishing a new “Space Force,” a process that could add a sixth military service to the Defense Department.

**New Army Futures Command Location Down to Five** – The Army has narrowed the site selection for Army Futures Command down to five finalists: Boston, Raleigh, Philadelphia, Austin and Minneapolis. A final decision is expected by June 30.

**Draft 2018 Military Friendly Guide** – The new draft Military Friendly Guide is complete and will be sent for printing on July 1, 2018. We will send these out to both installations and communities across the state. The electronic version will be posted to the FDA and FDSTF web sites.

**NDIA Meeting Held in Jacksonville** – A new chapter of the National Defense Industry Association (NDIA) is starting in Jacksonville and held their kickoff meeting on Wednesday, 13 June 2018. The meeting included attendance from other chapters around the state as well as NDIA National representatives who discussed the organizations mission and goals as well as how to organize and gain new members. Terry McCaffrey from the EFI Staff provided a presentation on Florida’s military and defense programs as well as the Task Force Strategic Plan to inform business leaders on the State’s efforts to support installations around the state.

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### **Tom Neubauer Receives ADC**

**Community Leadership Award** – Last week at the ADC National Summit in Washington, DC, Congressman Neil Dunn, on behalf of ADC, presented Mr. Tom Neubauer with the Community Leadership Award for his work with the Bay Defense Alliance. This award “recognizes an individual whose outstanding leadership helps build a military-community partnership to enhance the mission of an active installation. ADC featured Tom Neubauer in its magazine. The article is on page 44 of the magazine at: <https://www.defensecommunities.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/ADC-Magazine-June-2018.pdf>



**ADC Recognizes Tampa as Great American Defense Community** – At the ADC National Summit last week, Tampa was recognized as a Great American Defense Community. The video link highlighting this award is at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ID0cUageQbE&feature=youtu.be>

**From ADC:**

### **BRAC Hiatus Won't Extend Indefinitely**

*Posted on Jun 21, 2018 03:45 am*

Washington, D.C. — With the Trump administration's decision not to request additional base closures with this year's budget submission, the Pentagon's uphill battle to demonstrate the benefits of a new BRAC round to lawmakers has been placed on the back burner, but the discussion can be expected to return to Capitol Hill eventually. At some point, DOD will need to rebalance its infrastructure, Todd Harrison, director of defense budget analysis at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, told the audience Wednesday at the 2018 Defense Communities National Summit. “[That] will have to occur through a BRAC,” Harrison said.

That time likely could come when lawmakers realize the rising defense budget is not translating into a significantly larger force structure. The need to curb spending as the nation's debt grows could provide a strong push in that direction as well. “Then BRAC will come back up,” Harrison said.

An additional factor at play is the dispute between the Pentagon and Congress over DOD's estimate of its excess capacity. Lawmakers, along with a recent Government Accountability Office report, have called for a more precise estimate of the military's unused capacity. In response, defense officials point out that is only possible when Congress authorizes a new BRAC round. Both sides have a point in this standoff, but lawmakers will be hesitant to jump into a new round in the absence of better data, said Mackenzie Eaglen, resident fellow at the American Enterprise Institute.

“It certainly helps forestall the next BRAC round,” Eaglen said.

## **Installation Officials Offer Insight on What Else Communities Can Do to Support Military Readiness**

*Posted on Jun 19, 2018 02:00 am*

Washington, D.C. — While much of the opening day of the 2018 Defense Communities National Summit focused on recognizing the contributions communities make on behalf of the missions and personnel at

neighboring installations, keynote speakers highlighted additional actions local leaders can take to support military readiness. Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson urged community officials to take a public stance when a dispute involving an installation and the community arises; for example, if residents were to complain about noise from military aircraft or traffic at a gate backing up onto local roads. When such a conflict surfaces, it's important for community members to explain why "the sound of freedom" is important, Wilson said. Rather than base officials calling in to radio shows to explain the requirements of a military mission, listeners need to hear community representatives make the case for a particular sacrifice on the part of residents. "You need to make the call," she said. "These things matter."

Meanwhile, Lucian Niemeyer, assistant secretary of defense for energy, installations and environment, urged community leaders to consider projects outside the gates that support installation readiness, including efforts to enhance energy and water resilience or resolve environmental concerns. Local commanders already have a lot on their plate, Niemeyer said.

Phyllis Bayer, assistant secretary of the Navy for energy, installations and environment, advised community leaders to come forward with prospective ideas for partnering or for introducing smart cities technologies that could benefit a local base.

Wilson also cited two specific issues communities can address to support military families. The first is focusing on the quality of public schools, an overriding concern as military families move frequently. The other issue is easing the way for military spouses to continue their careers by ensuring their states offer reciprocity for spouses' professional licenses. "[It's] a very big deal," she said. In February, all three service secretaries wrote the National Governors Association to underscore the importance of the two issues.

## **Senate Committee Sours on Prospect of New BRAC**

*Posted on Jun 18, 2018 01:40 am*

The Defense Department is not ready for a new round of base closures as far as the Senate Armed Services Committee is concerned. DOD's effort to transform the military, foster jointness and shed excess capacity during the 2005 round resulted in about 20 communities experiencing significant mission growth. In response, those communities made substantial investments in infrastructure and services to accommodate the expected influx of new personnel. "The committee believes that the Department of Defense must keep the promises that it made during the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure in regards to its current property, facilities and training spaces, as our military and associated communities are growing and modernizing based on these 2005 metrics," according to the committee report accompanying the Senate version of the fiscal 2019 defense authorization bill.

The report indicates DOD needs to do a better job aligning its goals from BRAC 2005 with its infrastructure; one way to do that is by ensuring it adequately maintains its existing facilities. "The department must also continue improving existing infrastructure and pursuing military construction projects that effectively meet



the demands of our future force, as opposed to asking this committee for a future complete overhaul of its posture at home,” it states.

The panel concludes by noting that a provision in the bill, S. 2987, prohibits the department from conducting a new BRAC round.

## **NOTES FROM THE CHAIR**

Last week at the ADC Summit in Washington DC, we celebrated with the Tampa Bay Defense Alliance and the Tampa Chamber of Commerce as the Tampa Bay Area was recognized as a “Great American Defense Community.” Congratulations to the Tampa Bay Defense Alliance team for leading your community to be forward thinking in addressing the opportunities and challenges for MacDill Air Force Base, its commands and missions. The Tampa Bay area is Florida’s second Great American Defense Community. The Eglin-Hurlburt Community in Okaloosa/Walton was a member of the charter class of 2016. You can view the Great American Defense Communities Class of 2018 video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ID0cUageQbE&feature=youtu.be>

We also celebrated Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance President, for being recognized with the ADC Community Leadership Award. Congressman Dunn attended the luncheon to present Tom with his award. In addition to Tom’s leadership and support for the military in Bay County, he is vice chair of the Florida Defense Support Task Force. I appreciate Tom’s engagement in the Florida Defense Alliance over the years.



Several of the sessions at the summit focused on installation resiliency from energy, water to communications. The

FDA has been tracking and sharing best practices regarding the topic. Tim Jones, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance and FDA Executive Board member attended the Florida Energy Resiliency Workshop in Gainesville. As we prepare for our next FDA meeting in November, it is important we understand the resources in here in Florida we can leverage for our installations.

In closing, BRAC is not being discussed this year in Congress, however now is the time to be on our toes working together in our communities addressing the opportunities and challenges of our installations and missions. The message was clear at the summit. There may be more money in the defense budget; but, that does not mean a big build-up in our military strength. The services will be looking for ways to reduce cost and leverage resources. Our state and our communities need to step up and offer innovative solutions through partnerships and resources.

Until next time, enjoy these days of summer and the sound of freedom in our backyards.

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### QUOTATIONS OF THE DAY

*“The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things.”* – President Ronald Reagan

*“It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.”* – President Harry S Truman

### News from the Bases

#### Miami—

#### Seeking Nominees for Military Advocate of the Year:

To complement the eight awards to recognize our outstanding service-members in South Florida, the Military Affairs Committee of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for **Military Advocate of the Year**.

This award that we introduced last year, recognizes an individual who has *significantly contributed to strengthening the bond between our local community, military, and veterans and has greatly assisted our local military and veteran organizations in achieving their goals*. We are seeking a local community member who has made a noteworthy community impact through their leadership and involvement in efforts supporting the military and veterans in South Florida. Selections are primarily based on accomplishments during 2017-2018, but will also consider the nominee’s history of achievement and service to championing the causes of our military and veterans in South Florida.

Please submit nominations by **June 28th** using the attached form to Geraldine Gonzalez at the Chamber of Commerce.



## Camp Blanding —

### Massive Camp Blanding search ends with missing soldier found dead

<http://www.jacksonville.com/news/20180622/massive-camp-blanding-search-ends-with-missing-soldier-found-dead>

Florida Times-Union © June 22, 2018

By Dan Scanlan

A massive search for missing National Guard soldier Cayln McLemore over about 1,000 acres of Camp Blanding's woods and swamp ended Friday evening with the discovery of his dead body. He had been missing since Wednesday morning while partaking in a routine training class at the base near Starke.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office said he was found in the woods and that the cause of death hasn't been determined.

Roughly 450 military, police and civilian searchers on foot, horseback, helicopter and other vehicles covered the area coordinated by the Clay County Sheriff's Office looking for the Alabama Army Reserve soldier.....

## Pensacola —

Coast Guard equipping ships with drones to aide in drug traffick-  
ing battle

<http://weartv.com/news/local/coast-guard-equipping-ships-with-drones-to-aide-in-drug-trafficking-battle>

WEAR TV © June 22, 2018

by Hannah Mackenzie

PENSACOLA, Fla. (WEAR) — There's big news for the U.S. Coast Guard. Every ship in the National Security Cutter Fleet will soon be equipped with an unmanned aircraft - drones.

In 2017, the Scan-Eagle Unmanned Aircraft aided in the interdiction of \$1.5 billion worth of cocaine and heroin off the coast of Central and South America.

"A lot of cities are struggling with drugs, and the primary use of this is to keep drugs off our streets," explained William Sasser.....



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# Spotlight on Pinecastle Bombing Range



**Location** --The Navy's Pinecastle Impact (Bombing) Range is located in the Ocala National Forest near Orlando, Florida.

The Pinecastle Bombing Range is an un-fenced 5,760-acre area, with the eastern edge of the range located about 2 miles west of State Road 19 and the Camp Ocala campgrounds, and one-half mile west of the Farles Lake campground. F-18 jet fighters and other aircraft take off from Jacksonville Naval Air Station, fly low over the Forest, and drop their bombs in the middle 450 acres of the range.

## History

The Pinecastle Range is located in the Ocala National Forest and has served the Navy since 1951. It is as an integral component of the training program to certify combat squadrons for deployment. The range provides realistic training in the air-to-ground delivery of ordnance.

In 2002, the Navy proposed to renew its authorization with the U.S. Forest Service to use the Pinecastle Range. An environmental study, called an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), was prepared to examine the potential impacts of continuing training operations at the Pinecastle Range.

A Record of Decision (ROD) was issued for continued operations at the range, and the U.S. Forest Service issued a Special Use Permit. This permit and its associated Operating Plan included mitigation measures that were implemented to enhance public safety and conserve the environment. The Navy continues to operate under the conditions of the Special Use Permit and Operating Plan.

## Mission

The Pinecastle Range provides critical support for Navy operational readiness training. The Pinecastle Range supports military units by permitting training through the delivery of air-to-ground explosive ordnance, non-explosive ordnance, and air-to-ground gunnery. The Pinecastle Range is critical to pre-deployment mission training for the nation's military forces.

The Navy's Pinecastle Impact Range is the only place on the East Coast where the Navy can do live impact training. The Navy drops nearly 20,000 bombs a year at the site, a few hundred of which are live. The Navy has used nearly 6,000 acres of the 382,000-acre forest for target practice for 50 years under a special use permit from the US Forest Service.

## Existing Training Operations

The Range supports its users by permitting strike warfare training through the delivery of air-to-ground explosive and non-explosive ordnance and air-to-ground gunnery (strafing). Strike warfare addresses combat (or interdiction) activities by air and surface forces against hostile land-based forces and assets. Other existing training and testing activities conducted at the PRC are further described by range:

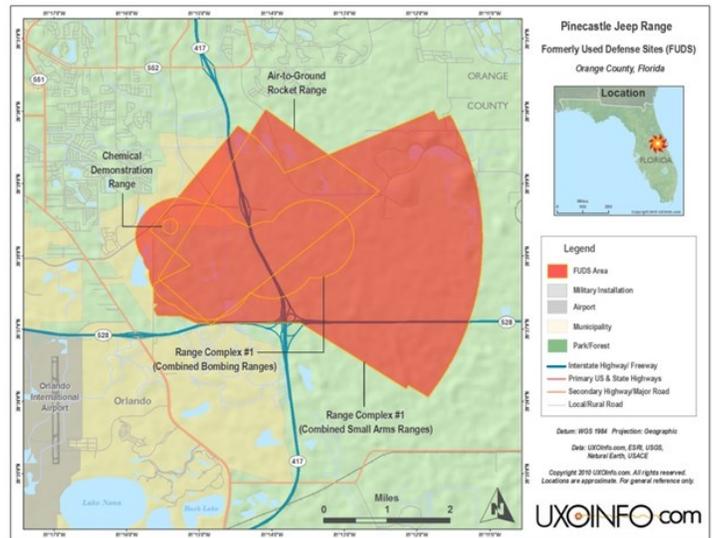
**Pincastle Range:** Pincastle Range and its associated airspace are used for live ordnance training (including air-to-ground bombing), lasing, and strafing. Pincastle Range consists of two high-explosive ordnance target areas, eight inert ordnance target areas, a strafe pit with three different target areas, and a laser target that can be scored (Navy 2017c). Overall, Pincastle Range has 17 unique targets or target areas. In addition, the USDA Forest Service helicopter base is within Pincastle Range. This helicopter base is used by the USDA Forest Service and the Navy. Under the Navy-USDA Forest Service Annual Operating Plan, when air-delivered ordnance training is scheduled at the range under authorized conditions, an air support helicopter is dispatched to suppress any wildfires. Aerial lasing operations occur at the Pincastle Range and are directed only at certified laser targets on the ground. These operations only include laser targeting; weaponized lasers are not used. Lasing can occur in combination with bombing operations or alone. Laser operations at the PRC are conducted in accordance with applicable procedures (Navy 2012).

**Lake George Range:** Lake George Range is used for sea search-and-rescue training and mine warfare exercises in Lake George. In the late 1960s, Lake George became the only electronic warfare range on the East Coast with approved use of flares for small missile simulation. Temporary Electronic Warfare equipment (i.e., man-portable air-defense systems and mobile threat emitters) can be installed to support flare operations (Navy 2012). Electronic warfare is intended to deny the enemy the ability to effectively use electronic equipment to see, communicate, and control the battlespace.

**Rodman Range:** Rodman Range is used for helicopter operations and search and rescue training. The range consists mainly of a 600-foot-diameter cleared area with a central target. The target is equipped with a lighting system to accommodate night ordnance training (Navy 2012). Helicopter training operations can include training in a variety of aviation tasks including low-level flight and hoisting operations that involve lowering a crew member by winch for search and rescue training. In addition to air-to-ground training, the PRC also supports various training activities that may incorporate a ground-based element supporting the mission. These scenarios are pre-coordinated events with the Range Department and, after conducting a Range Safety Brief, may be allowed to operate downrange in different locations throughout the PRC.

## Range Safety Development

- One of the measures the Navy has implemented to ensure public safety is the Range Air Installations Compatible Use Zones (RAICUZ) Program. Even though greater than 99% of munitions hit their intended target, there is an extremely remote probability of a mechanical or system error resulting in an off-range impact. The RAICUZ Program classifies range lands adjacent to the range into Range Compatibility Zones (RCZs) and provides land-use recommendations for these areas.



- Since the 2002 final EIS, the Navy has incorporated SAFE-RANGE and Weapons Danger Zone Tool, more technologically advanced modeling systems, for establishing RCZs. The new modeling systems produce more accurate information, which is used by the Navy to ensure public safety in the Ocala National Forest.



## Did You Know?

### United Services Organization (USO)

The USO strengthens America's military service members by keeping them connected to family, home and country, throughout their service to the nation.

For over 75 years, the USO has been the nation's leading organization to serve the men and women in the U.S. military, and their families, throughout their time in uniform. From the moment they join, through their assignments and deployments, and as they transition back to their communities, the USO is always by their side.

Today's USO continuously adapts to the needs of our men and women in uniform and their families, so they can focus on their very important mission. The USO operates centers at or near military installations across the United States and throughout the world, including in combat zones, and even un-staffed USO service sites in places too dangerous for anyone but combat troops to occupy.

USO airport centers throughout the country offer around-the clock hospitality for traveling service members and their families. USO tours bring America and its celebrities to service members who are assigned

far from home, to entertain them and convey the support of the nation. And their many specialized programs offer a continuum support to service members throughout their journey of service, from the first time they don the uniform until they last time they take it off.



The USO is not part of the federal government. A congressionally chartered, private organization, the USO relies on the generosity of individuals, organizations and corporations to support its activities, and is powered by a family of volunteers to accomplish our mission of connection.

### **History**

Just prior to the onset of America's involvement in World War II in 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt sought to unite several service associations into one organization to lift the morale of our military and nourish support on the home front. Those entities – the Salvation Army, Young Men's Christian Association, Young Women's Christian Association, National Catholic Community Services, National Travelers Aid Association and the National Jewish Welfare Board - became the United Service Organizations or, the USO.

Today, the USO has continued to support our nation's military and their families for over seven decades as they defend our country and its freedoms. By providing support to our servicemen and women as they perform their most challenging duties around the world, our credo is to be always by their side. The reach of the USO's 160 centers extends to countries on every continent except Antarctica, operated by thousands of staff and volunteers whose goals are to match our service members' vigilance and provide best-in-class service to those who sacrifice so much for America.

### **Leadership**

Led by CEO and President Dr. J.D. Crouch II, the USO's staff and thousands of dedicated volunteers operate more than 160 centers worldwide. This team, along with the USO Board of Governors, brings knowledge and expertise essential to the USO's ability to deliver high-quality programs and services to our men and women in uniform, wherever they serve.

### **USO Congressional Caucus**

The USO Congressional Caucus was formed in 2003 to enhance the outreach efforts of the American people to U.S. service members and their families, providing another critical link between service members and their representatives. Bipartisan and bicameral, the caucus brings together members of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives who have a mutually shared interest in supporting and improving the lives of our service members and their families.

With more than 200 members, the USO Congressional Caucus unites our leaders and helps strengthen the bridge that supports our military by keeping America's service members connected to family, home and country.

The USO Congressional Caucus is led by Rep. Tim Walz (DFL-MN), who serves as Honorary Co-Chair. Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI), Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-TX) and Rep. Adam Smith (D-WA) serve as Co-Chairs.



**NOTES FROM THE STAFF**

The Florida Defense Alliance had a great presence at the ADC Conference June 18-20th! The members in attendance heard presentations from the Secretary of the Air Force, DOD staffers and members of Congress about military and defense issues and the possibility of BRAC. Tampa was recognized as a Great American Defense Community and Tom Neubauer from Bay County received an award for Community Leadership. We networked with other states and found that Florida remains the leader among the states in support of its military installations and missions. The relationships FDA builds in communities around the state truly make a difference. Thanks for all you are doing for our military and family members in Florida!

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**Photos from the Florida Energy Resiliency Workshop  
Courtesy of Tim Jones**





# Florida Defense Alliance Newsletter

July 11, 2018

*FDA Vision: To maintain and enhance the position and reputation of Florida as the most military-friendly state in the nation.*

## NEWS

**Rep. Jay Trumbull Appointed New Chair for the Florida Defense Support Task Force** – The Speaker of the Florida House has appointed Rep. Trumbull from Panama City as the new Chair for the Florida Defense Support Task Force effective July 1, 2018. Chair Trumbull will serve as the Chair for the next year.

**Congressman Rutherford Gets Seat on Military Construction / Veteran Affairs** – Rep. John Rutherford has been appointed to the Military Construction / Veteran Affairs Subcommittee in the House. The committee oversees defense spending on installations and veteran's issues.

**Congressman Murphy to Sit on NDAA Conference Committee** – Congresswoman Stephanie Murphy from Orlando was appointed by House leadership to the conference committee for the FY19 NDAA. She is the first freshman Democratic Member of the House Armed Services Committee to serve on the NDAA conference committee in 18 years.

**Defense Budget --** According to the budget agreement passed in March, total defense spending will be \$716 billion in FY 2019. For the first time in years, as the congressional defense committees head into their annual process of marking up the defense bills, level of funding is not an open question.

The House on Thursday, June 28, easily passed a fiscal 2019 defense spending bill which would provide \$606.5 billion for base defense and intelligence programs and \$68.1 billion for the overseas contingency operations account, a total that is \$20 billion above the current year's allocation. The measure covers an increase in active-duty end strength of 15,600 across the four services. The base budget figure would represent a historic high in defense spending since World War II, after adjusting for inflation and excluding past spending on the recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

On Wednesday the chamber adopted an amendment by Rob Wittman (R-Va.) and Joe Courtney (D-Conn.) to permit the Navy to contract for construction of two new aircraft carriers next year instead of one, a move that could eventually save taxpayers as much as \$2.5 billion, reported Defense News. On Thursday, though, the chamber rebuffed an amendment from the two lawmakers to shift more than \$1 billion from other defense programs to the Virginia-class submarine program in an effort to accelerate the rate at which the Navy acquires new submarines. DOD opposed reallocating the funds, saying it would reduce planned purchases of other types of ships next year while raising shipbuilding costs over time. Earlier Thursday the Senate Appropriations Committee advanced its own defense spending bill, which would provide almost precisely the same total amount of money, \$675 billion.

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**MOU Between DOI and DOD on Endangered Species Act Signed June 25, 2018**– The purpose of this MOU is to establish a mutually beneficial partnership to develop and promote effective ecosystem and species conservation and recovery initiative that will reduce or eliminate the need for Federal protection and regulation under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and provide for increased flexibility for military mission activities. This recently signed (June 25th) memo seems to signal a shift in priority away from overly environmental-friendly concerns to the promotion of military readiness.

### **News About Military Friendly Legislation Taking Effect –**

#### **Veterans and spouses will see eased licensing requirements under new Florida law**

<https://www.pnj.com/story/news/military/2018/06/29/veterans-spouses-see-eased-licensing-requirements-under-new-florida-law/743583002/>

Pensacola News-Journal © June 29, 2018

By Melissa Nelson Gabriel

A Florida law that takes effect on Sunday will make it easier for veterans and their spouses to practice a variety of professions in Florida including dentistry, funeral services and education.

The law waives some professional licensing requirements and expedites others.

Florida Sen. Doug Broxson, R-Gulf Breeze, was a sponsor of the legislation that created the new law. Broxson said the changes are part of a series of steps taken by the Florida Legislature in recent years intended to help veterans and their families.

"Every year for about the last six years we have tried to add to our reputation as being the No. 1 state that is friendly to active-duty military and veterans," he said. "Most of (the new) changes are not enormous but they should help some people."

Changes in the new law include:

- Allowing a military spouse with an active dentist license in another state to qualify for expedited Florida licensing.
- Waiving renewal fees for military members, veterans and their spouses for professional licenses regulated by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.
- Waiving application, assessment and renewal fees for veterans and their spouses who apply to become mortgage loan originators.
- Requiring the state Board of Funeral, Cemetery and Consumer Services to recognize applicable military-issued credentials for purposes of obtaining embalmer, funeral director or direct disposer licenses.
- Waiving the initial Florida Teacher Certification Examination fees for veterans and their spouses.
- Allowing veterans who served as military officers for at least three years to have an expedited path to becoming a school principal. The bill allows districts to issue a three-year temporary certificate in educational leadership if the veterans earns a passing score on the Florida Educational Leadership Exam and is employed full time in a position in which a Florida Educators Certificate is required. This will allow the veteran to enter a principal training program.....



## From ADC:

Recent Reports made available at the ADC National Summit in Washington:

ADC - Defense Infrastructure Report – Not yet posted on the ADC web site.

ADC - “Beyond BRAC” -- [https://www.defensecommunities.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/BAH-Report-ADC\\_web.pdf](https://www.defensecommunities.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/BAH-Report-ADC_web.pdf)

## **Pentagon Should Consider Establishing Office to Focus on Energy Resilience Projects, Senate Committee Says**

Posted on Jul 05, 2018 03:40 am

DOD should work with the military services and defense agencies to study the viability of creating a central office dedicated to developing and implementing energy resilience projects, the Senate Armed Services Committee says in its committee report which accompanies the fiscal 2019 defense authorization bill.

The committee says it is encouraged by the progress DOD has made to promote energy resilience at its installations with limited resources and personnel in light of the risk vulnerabilities to energy supplied to military installations pose to national security. “[However,] senior department officials continue to express concern to the committee on the ability of the department to keep pace with these threats and accelerate energy resilience project development due to resource constraints, the inability to retain and recruit qualified energy and technical professionals, and potential flexibility in existing authorities,” the report states. The report also emphasizes the committee’s support for the department’s reliance on third-party financing to pursue energy resilience by upgrading infrastructure, distribution systems, equipment, fuel and energy generation facilities.

The committee directs the department to consider in its study:

- a review of lessons learned from the services’ existing energy project execution offices;
- personnel skills, manning and resources needed to establish the office;
- the appropriate organizational reporting structure for such an office;
- strategy, mission and performance goals the office would pursue, including the scope of projects considered and funding strategy considerations;
- recruitment, retention and training strategy; and
- legislative authorities and other recommendations related to the establishment of an office to accelerate energy resilience project development.

The defense secretary is directed to brief the committee on the results of the review by March 1, 2019.

## **NAS Pensacola Would Improve Public Access under Policy Bill Amendment**

Posted on Jul 06, 2018 02:00 am

The Navy would be required to prepare a plan to provide greater public access to the National Naval Aviation Museum and Barrancas National Cemetery at Naval Air Station Pensacola, under an



amendment added to the Senate version of the fiscal 2019 defense authorization bill before the chamber passed the measure last month. In February 2016 the installation began barring the general public from using its main gate off Navy Boulevard to bring the base in line with DOD security standards. The move forced most visitors to make a 10- to 15-minute drive to the west gate off Blue Angel Parkway, reported the Pensacola News Journal. "This amendment will help provide easier access for members of the public looking to visit this great museum, while at the same time providing the security necessary to keep all of our brave servicemen and women at NAS Pensacola safe," Florida Sen. Bill Nelson (D), who offered the amendment, said in a written statement.

## **FDA CALENDAR:**

**Thursday, August 23rd FDA Conference Call Meeting**

**9:00 AM EDT**

**Call In Number: (800) 501-8979 Access Code: 1869945**

**FDA Website: [www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/](http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/)**

### **NOTES FROM THE CHAIR**

It's the "dog days of summer." With vacations in high gear, have your programs taken a back seat? Who is keeping everything on track. American Express Open Forum came out with the following data regarding the "dog days of summer." There is 20% decline in workplace productivity and 13% time increase in project completion. You may ask, why does this matter? Most of our community military groups/alliances are volunteer based organizations. There may be one or 2 staff that work to keep programs going. So, if work productivity declines in the summer, imagine the number of volunteer hours that also decline. Unfortunately, the Pentagon keeps going and decisions are being made about our installations and missions. Many of our communities have advocates in Washington DC keeping their ears low to the ground to stay up to date on the latest news or possible movement. What are you doing in your communities to keep your volunteers inspired to stay connected? Where are you sharing your installation/missions stories? Our battles are never ending.

During the ADC Summit, Secretary of the Air Force, Heather Wilson, discussed the importance of good schools for military families and employment for military spouses. The summer months are the perfect time to reach out to your school superintendent, the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission representative and the Military Family Readiness director in your area. Review the programs to assist military families with integration into your school district. Now is the time to address challenges and opportunities as well as to research if there is legislation needed in the 2019 legislative session.

Next, reach out and meet with your CareerSource Military Family Employment Advocacy team, Chambers of Commerce and other community organizations that assist military spouses with employment opportunities. Make sure everyone is up-to-date on legislation regarding regulations for professional licensure and reciprocity on licensure. Again, are we missing an occupation that should be included on the list. Take the “dog days of summer” to reach out and reconnect with these two groups before school is back in session and it’s harder to organize the meetings.

Take time now to begin the discussions for legislation. Ask questions of those running for elected office and share your community’s military installations and missions impact. Make sure they informed and supportive. Reach across county lines to share your stories.

Enjoy these “dog days of summer;” however, don’t lose your momentum. Until next time, take this opportunity to be strategic with your time and meetings.

**Kellie Jo Kilberg**

## QUOTATION OF THE DAY

*“Rely on your own strength of body and soul. Take for your star self-reliance, faith, honesty and industry. Don't take too much advice — keep at the helm and steer your own ship, and remember that the great art of commanding is to take a fair share of the work. Fire above the mark you intend to hit. Energy, invincible determination with the right motive, are the levers that move the world.”*

----- **Noah Porter**

## News from the Bases

### NAS Whiting Field —

#### Whiting Field marks 75 years of helping naval aviators soar

<https://www.pnj.com/story/news/military/2018/06/28/whiting-field-75th-anniversary-milton-naval-aviation-station-marks-75-years-helping-naval-aviators-s/685991002/>

Pensacola News-Journal © June 28, 2018

By Melissa Nelson Gabriel

Lt. Phillip Wood looked every bit the tough Marine while wearing his formal dress uniform on a recent afternoon. It was as if he had just walked out of a recruiting commercial — if not for the broad smile on his face and the beaming family members gathered behind him. Wood and 15 other graduates of advanced flight training at Whiting Field Naval Air Station had just received their coveted gold flight wings.....



## MacDill AFB —

### Col. Stephen P. Snelson to lead 6th Air Mobility Wing at MacDill Air Force Base

<https://www.wfla.com/news/hillsborough-county/col-stephen-p-snelson-to-lead-6th-air-mobility-wing-at-macdill-air-force-base/1273432369>

WFLA © June 29, 2018

By: WFLA Web Staff

MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (WFLA) - Col. April D. Vogel handed over command of the 6th Air Mobility Wing to Col. Stephen P. Snelson at MacDill Air Force Base on Friday morning.

Snelson comes to MacDill from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington where he was the vice commander of the 62nd Airlift Wing. Snelson has a Master's Degree in Aeronautical Science and a Bachelor's Degree in Aerospace Engineering.

He is also a pilot with more than 3,000 flying hours in the T-37, T-1, KC-135, KC-10 and C-17 aircraft. Snelson will be available for brief questions following the change of command.

Vogel will continue her career with two roles: the Assistant Adjutant General-Air, Maryland Air National Guard and the Air National Guard Advisor to SAF/IA.

## Eglin AFB —

### Eglin AFB in line for millions in military funding

Northwest Florida Daily News © July 5, 2018

<http://www.nwfdailynews.com/news/20180705/eglin-afb-in-line-for-millions-in-military-funding>

By Jim Thompson

Military funding and policy bills that recently passed the U.S. Senate include more than \$60 million in proposed funding for an F-35 fighter jet instructional facility and a dormitory for F-35 student pilots and maintenance personnel at Eglin Air Force Base.

The proposed outlay represents just part of the funding that would be coming to Eglin in connection with current defense spending bills, according to recent news releases from the office of Florida Republican Sen. Marco Rubio.....



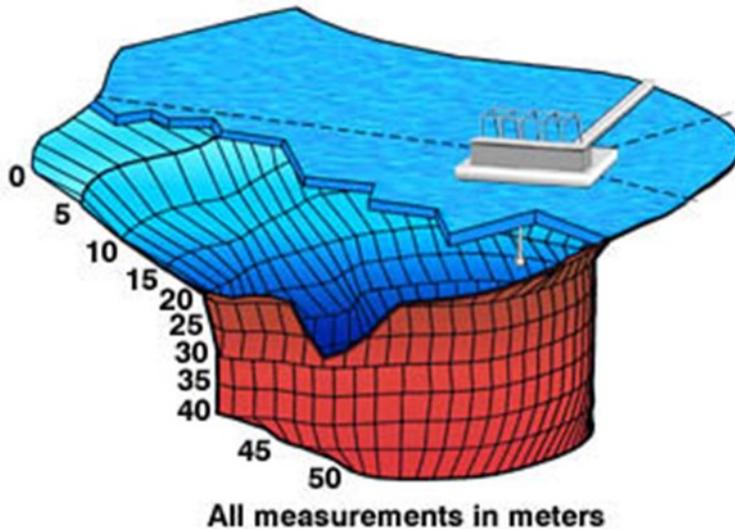
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## Spotlight on Bugg Spring

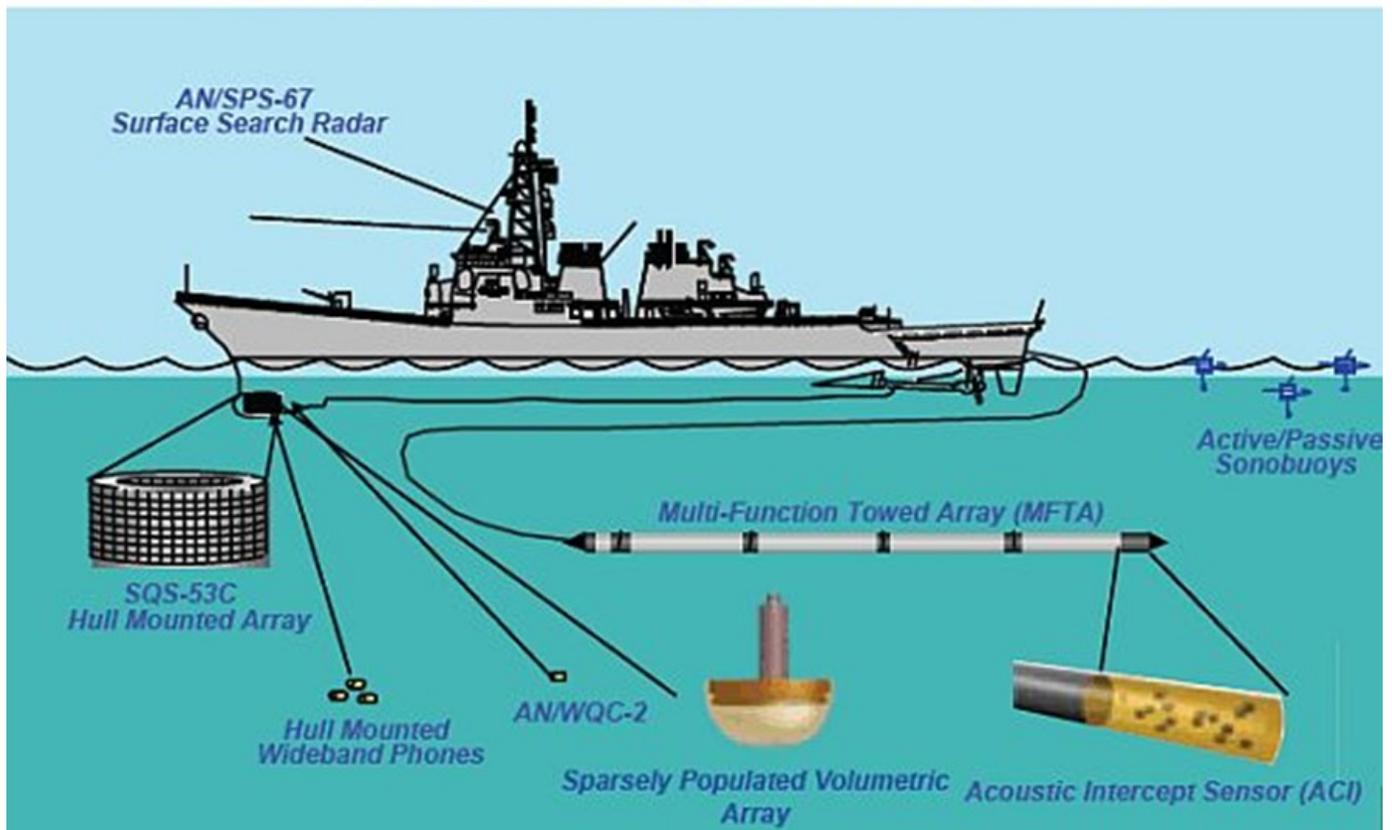
**Bugg Spring** is a second magnitude spring near Okahumpka in Lake County, Florida. The spring has a 400 feet wide pool with little vegetation which goes down to 170 to 175 feet. Its outflow runs north as Bugg Spring Run into the Helena Run from Lake Denham and into Lake Harris.

The surrounding land was once home to a Native Seminole village prior to the Civil War. After the war, the surrounding land was the home of Confederate States Army Colonel J. J. Dickison. The 69-acre property was then purchased by the Branham's in 1923 who began leasing a portion of it to the Navy in 1956. On December 30, 2011 the entire property was sold to the Navy.

The spring is on the property of a facility of the Underwater Sound Reference Division of the Naval Undersea Warfare Center and is not accessible. It is mostly surrounded by swampland with sandhills to the south.



# AN/SQQ-89A(V)15 Sensor Suite



Bugg Spring is without question a unique facility. It is the one location in the United States where all U.S. Navy submarine and surface ship tactical towed array sonars are calibrated prior to ship deployments. This facility provides the following unique capabilities:

1. Very low ambient noise especially in low frequencies.
2. Season independent isothermal (72 F) vertical temperature profile.
3. Low contamination from biological scatterers.

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## NOTES FROM THE STAFF

It is great to see FDA members around working side by side with bases on issues both care deeply about. FDA continues to help Base Commanders work on both local and state issues impacting service members and their families. Please stay in close contact with your bases and ensure you understand their issues and concerns – especially in preparation for the next Governor’s Base Commander meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Your relationship with base personnel is vital to improving the quality of life of all those military personnel and their families stationed in Florida.

## Poster of the Day:



# STRENGTH

"If you are going to win any battle, you have to do one thing. You have to make the mind run the body. Never let the body tell the mind what to do... the body is never tired if the mind is not tired."

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### **NEWS**

**2018 Florida Military Friendly Guide** – The new Military Friendly Guide has been published and mailed out directly from the publisher to many large installations. The remaining mailing and local distribution has been completed in order to provide broad circulation of this important information. The new guide is now available on both Task Force and FDA websites at: <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/Florida-Military-Friendly-Guide-2018.pdf>.

**Florida Defense Support Task Force 2019-2020 Grant Application to be Released Early August** -- The next grant application cycle for Task Force grants begins on Friday, August 3, 2018 and runs through Thursday, August 31, 2018. The new application will be completed completely on-line and prior versions of the application will not be accepted. Within budget constraints, the FDSTF may fund projects that can be leveraged to promote, preserve, or enhance military missions and installations in Florida.

**Governor's Base Commanders Meeting** – The Governor's Base Commanders meeting was held at U.S. Army Garrison-Miami (SOUTHCOM) in Doral, FL on Monday 23 July 2018 from 0800 to 1100. The Base Commanders were all complimentary and appreciative of the efforts of their community partners, the Task Force and DEO. At every meeting, I brief the commanders – focused on the new/incoming commanders – on the role of the FDA in working out issues to help keep the base free from encroachment and improving the quality of life for their families. This meeting was very likely the last meeting under Governor Scott.

**New Ambassador to Florida Reserves Named** – LTC (ret) Roger Trout has been appointed as the new Ambassador to the US Reserves in Florida (see attached appointment letter). According to the US Army Reserve website, "Army Reserve Ambassador Roger Trout is a retired Army Reserve Lieutenant Colonel who commanded at the platoon, company and battalion levels. He also retired from the ExxonMobil Corporation, most recently having served as the Director of Financial Systems. He is active in his community, most notably within the Employer Support of ESGR, where he has served for more than twelve years and received numerous awards for training and he served on the ESGR Board of Directors. ARA Trout earned his bachelors degree in business administration from Delaware Valley University. He is married and has two sons and twelve grandchildren." See more at <http://www.usar.army.mil/Featured/Ambassador-Program/Find-an-Ambassador/Article-View/Article/1452269/roger-l-trout/>

**Attorney General Bondi and Commissioner Putnam Join FTC and Other States to Combat Fraudulent Veterans Charities** -- Attorney General Pam Bondi, Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam, the Federal Trade Commission, charity regulators and state attorneys general from around the country announced **Operation Donate with Honor**. This sweeping new donor education campaign is intended to help

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donors spot and avoid dubious fundraising solicitations that falsely promise donations will go toward helping veterans and service members. The new campaign also highlights several new and recent law enforcement actions involving charity scams in this area undertaken by the FTC and numerous states. Included in the nationwide campaign is a case recently settled by the Florida Attorney General, the FTC and five other state attorneys general, against Help the Vets, Inc., a sham veterans' charity in Orlando, Fla., and its founder, Neil Paulson, Sr. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services assisted with the investigation. Any service member, veteran or military family member who encounters a scam should reach out directly to the Florida Attorney General's Office through the Military Veterans Assistance Program. MVAP can be accessed at [MyFloridaLegal.com/MVAP](http://MyFloridaLegal.com/MVAP).

**From ADC:**

## **Conferees Embrace New Authority for Off-Base Infrastructure Projects**

*Posted on Jul 25, 2018 03:59 am*

A new authority allowing DOD to provide funding to state and local governments for off-base infrastructure projects has been included in the **final version of the fiscal 2019 defense authorization bill**. House and Senate negotiators had to make several tweaks, though, as they reconciled competing versions of the new authority for the department to award grants to address deficiencies in community infrastructure if the assistance will enhance the military value, resilience or military family quality of life at an installation.

The final language sunsets the Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program after 10 years, a compromise between the five-year limit the Senate would have placed on it and the House's intention to create a permanent program. The final provision adopts the Senate requirement for state and local participants to contribute at least 30 percent of the total project cost; the House had proposed a 20 percent cost share for participants. The cost-share requirement can be waived, however, for rural communities or "for reasons related to national security," under the compromise language.

A transportation project, a school, hospital, police, fire, emergency response or other community support facility, or a waste, wastewater, telecommunications, electric, gas or other utility infrastructure project would be eligible for the program, according to section 2861.

In the **joint explanatory statement** accompanying the conference report, lawmakers underscored the value of the new authority: "The conferees note the importance of the communities that surround and support U.S. military installations and believe that this program can be of tremendous benefit to both the surrounding community and respective installations."

Lawmakers reached agreement on the conference report Monday. The House is expected to vote on the legislation this week, and the Senate possibly in August.

### **QUOTATION OF THE DAY**

**"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved."**

**---Helen Keller**



## **FDA CALENDAR:**

**Thursday, August 23rd FDA Conference Call Meeting**

**9:00 AM EDT**

**Call In Number: (800) 501-8979 Access Code: 1869945**

**FDA Website: [www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/](http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/)**



### **News from the Bases**

#### **Licensure Reciprocity –**

##### **New rules allow spouses of military to practice law in Florida**

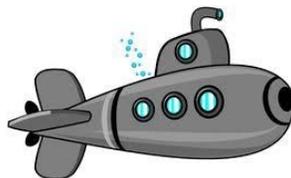
Florida Supreme Court, News Service of Florida, 7-19-2018

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/business/os-military-members-practice-law-20180719-story.html>

The state Supreme Court on Thursday approved rules designed to help the spouses of military members practice law in Florida. The rules, proposed by The Florida Bar, are geared to help lawyers who are licensed in other states but whose military spouses are stationed in Florida.

They set up a process that includes allowing military spouses to practice law in Florida for up to five years without taking the Florida Bar exam. Requirements include graduating from an accredited law school, passing another state's Bar exam and being admitted to practice elsewhere.

“The new rules accommodate the unique mobility requirements of members of the U.S. Armed Services and their families,” the Supreme Court said. “Service members are frequently required to relocate to duty locations around the globe based on the needs of the particular service to which they belong, with little regard to how the relocation may affect the service member’s family.....”



## Licensure reciprocity laws to be considered in future military basing decisions

Samuel Blackstone Journal staff, Jul 9, 2018

[https://rapidcityjournal.com/news/local/licensure-reciprocity-laws-to-be-considered-in-future-military-basing/article\\_5748b8c8-bf95-523e-8522-72fbfa925720.html](https://rapidcityjournal.com/news/local/licensure-reciprocity-laws-to-be-considered-in-future-military-basing/article_5748b8c8-bf95-523e-8522-72fbfa925720.html)

U.S. Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson said the presence of state laws on reciprocity of professional licenses for military families would now be a consideration when evaluating future basing and mission decisions in the Army, Navy and Air Force.

The statement — in a keynote address to the Western Governors Association meeting in Rapid City last month — came four months after Wilson, Secretary of the Navy Richard Spencer and Secretary of the Army Mark Esper sent a letter to the National Governors Association in February encouraging states to consider licensure reciprocity legislation while noting that the quality of local schools near a base would also be a new factor considered in future basing and mission decisions.

Dated Feb. 23, the letter was signed just three days after the South Dakota House of Representatives rejected an interstate compact bill, House Bill 1319, that would have allowed individuals who had been licensed in any profession or occupation in one participating state to receive, upon request within 30 days, a temporary license from another state participating in the compact. For civilians, the temporary license would have lasted 18 months. For military spouses, it would last two years. The intent was to provide enough time for individuals to fulfill the new state's licensing requirements without having to forgo work in the meantime.....

## NAS Pensacola —

### Coast Guard Cutter Dauntless Now Based at NAS Pensacola

<http://sunshinestatenews.com/story/coast-guard-cutter-dauntless-now-based-nas-pensacola>

SUNSHINE STATE NEWS © July 9, 2018

The Dauntless--a Coast Guard cutter--is now calling the Florida Panhandle home.

In June 2017, U.S. Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fla., announced the Dauntless and the Decisive, both 210-foot medium endurance cutters launched in the late 1960s, would be heading to Naval Air Station Pensacola before the end of August 2018. The Decisive was being moved from Pascagoula, Miss., while the Dauntless was based in Galveston, Texas.



Along with the Cypress, which was already based at NAS Pensacola, the two cutters will focus on search and rescue missions, stopping drugs, maritime law enforcement and immigration operations. ....



## Tyndall AFB —

### Tyndall Air Force Base 325th Fighter Wing Receives New Commander

By: Kirsten Mitchell

<https://www.mypanhandle.com/news/tyndall-air-force-base-325th-fighter-wing-receives-new-commander/1301160982>

Tyndall Air Force Base is home to 325th Fighter Wing, the largest F-22 Fighter Wing in the country. Friday, they received a new commander, Colonel Brian Laidlaw. Outgoing commander Colonel Michael Hernandez passed the flag to Colonel Brian Laidlaw signifying the change of commands. Laidlaw previously served as Hernandez's Vice Commander. "He has taken this place in the right direction and I plan to continue the things he already started," said Laidlaw.....



*Left to right) U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Scott J. Zobrist, 9th Air Force commander; Col. Michael Hernandez, outgoing 325th Fighter Wing (FW) commander; and Col. Brian Laidlaw, incoming 325th FW commander; salute the U.S. Flag during the wing change of command ceremony at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, July 13, 2018. Laidlaw served as vice commander under Hernandez prior to assuming command of the wing. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Isaiah J. Soliz)*

## Hurlburt Field —

### 25th IS introduces new commander during Change of Command

Story by Airman 1st Class Dennis Spain, 1st Special Operations Wing Public Affairs

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/284407/25th-introduces-new-commander-during-change-command>

A change of command ceremony is a formal event in which the commander of a unit hands the reins to the next commander. The ceremony follows a step-by-step protocol that honors an age-long tradition, however, a Hurlburt Field intelligence squadron added an unexpected surprise to the script that made this one unique.

Members of the 25th Intelligence Squadron welcomed a new commander during a change of command ceremony, July 2. One very important guest stole the show.

"I need to recognize someone whose selfless actions many years ago helped make today possible," said Lt. Col. Matthew Norton, former commander of the 25th IS. "My father was fortunate enough to be rescued by an Air America pilot in Vietnam. That hero is in the audience today."



That hero was Allen Cates, who contributed to saving Norton's father's life when his plane was shot down over Laos in 1972. Cates said he doesn't need accolades or praise and that he was just doing his job. Norton felt otherwise.

"That job all those years ago created a ripple effect that you should be proud of," Norton said. "If it wasn't for you, I wouldn't be here. I hope I've paid it forward with my career and time as commander."

## NAS Whiting Field—

### Whiting Field Celebrates 75 Years

<http://www.nwfdailynews.com/news/20180716/whiting-field-celebrates-75-years>

Northwest Florida Daily News © July 16, 2018

By Jim Thompson

Whenever you see a Navy, Coast Guard or Marine helicopter overhead, there is one thing you know for sure — its pilot has trained at Whiting Field, the sprawling naval air station headquartered in Santa Rosa County that celebrated its 75th anniversary on Monday.

Regardless of what type of helicopter they end up flying, every one of those pilots gets their initial training at Whiting Field. And the same holds true for the majority of fixed-wing aircraft pilots.



Whether they end up in fighter jets or transport aircraft or refueling tankers, 60 percent of those Navy, Marine and Coast Guard pilot also get their initial training here.....

## NS Mayport—

### New Littoral Combat Ship step closer to coming to Mayport

By Roxy Tyler

<https://www.news4jax.com/news/new-littoral-combat-ship-step-closer-to-coming-to-mayport>

Lockheed Martin said Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) 13, the future USS Wichita, completed acceptance trials in the waters of Lake Michigan. LCS 13 is the seventh Freedom-variant LCS set for delivery to the U.S. Navy later this summer. "LCS 13's accomplishment of passing the trials means the ship is a step closer to joining the fleet and conducting critical maritime operations for the Navy," said Joe DePietro, vice president, small combatants and ship systems at Lockheed Martin. "This ship is agile, powerful and lethal, and the industry team and I are looking forward to her delivery, commissioning and deployment." The trials, conducted July 9-12, included a full-power run, maneuverability testing and air detect-to-engage demonstrations of the ship's



combat system. Major systems and features were demonstrated, including aviation support and small boat launch handling and recovery.....

## Spotlight on ADC The Association of Defense Communities (ADC)



ADC builds resilient communities that support America's military. We are the connection point for leaders from communities, states, the military and industry on community-military issues and installation management to enhance knowledge, information sharing and best practices. With nearly 300 communities, states, regions, and affiliated industry organizations, ADC represents every major defense community/state in the nation.

**Focus Areas** -- Advancing community-military partnerships that promote the value of military installations, and strengthen communities and states through collaborative relationships and sustainable regional planning; supporting communities and states addressing changes in military missions and their impact on local and regional economics; cultivating private sector resources to support military infrastructure, energy security, environmental remediation and conservation; helping communities and states create great places for our service members, their families and veterans to live, work, and play.

**ADC's 2018 Goals** -- Maximize the influence of America's defense communities to advance issues that build strong communities and support the military; be the thought leader among defense communities and within the military installation community by sharing content that is high quality, unique and rooted in the best practices from around the country; and advocate for transitioning communities that have been impacted by closure or realignment to have the tools and support to reach their goals.

### **ADC Members –**

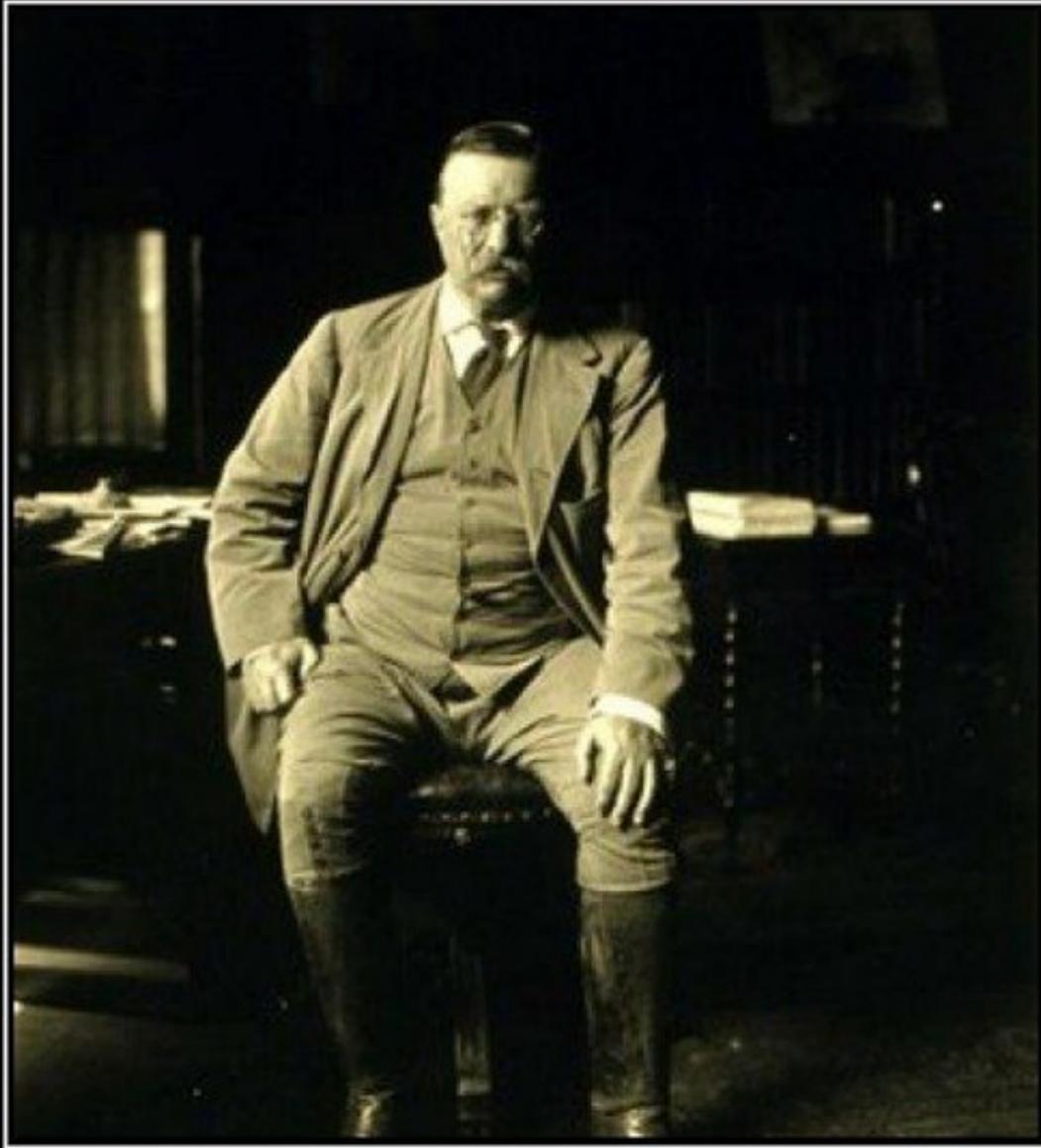
ADC unites the diverse interests of communities, the private sector and the military on issues of mission enhancement/realignment, community-base partnerships, privatization and closure/redevelopment. The association's membership includes:

- 1) Communities with active military installations
- 2) Communities with closed or closing installations who are working to redevelop the military property
- 3) Private sector companies and organizations interested in playing an active role in base redevelopment, military real estate, privatization initiatives, and community-military collaboration
- 4) Representatives of the Department of Defense, and federal and state agencies

**History of ADC** – <https://www.defensecommunities.org/about/about-adc/#1467456649638-07ab3199-b907>



**Poster of the Day:**



# CHARACTER

"Bodily vigor is good, and vigor of intellect even better, but far above is character."

**NOTES FROM THE STAFF**

FDA members should be receiving the 2018 version of the Florida Military-Friendly Guide. These have been mailed out to all installations in Florida and to FDA POC's in every defense community. If you need more, please let us know. These new guides are also posted on the web site. Please continue to stay in close contact with your bases and ensure you understand their issues and concerns. Your relationship with base personnel is vital to improving the quality of life of all those military personnel and their families stationed in Florida.

**Florida Defense Alliance Leadership**

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# Florida Defense Alliance Newsletter

August 8, 2018

*FDA Vision: To maintain and enhance the position and reputation of Florida as the most military-friendly state in the nation.*

## NEWS

**Task Force Grant Application Cycle Now Open** – The next grant application cycle for Task Force grants began on Friday, August 3, 2018 and runs through Thursday, August 31, 2018. The new application will be completed entirely on-line and prior versions of the application will not be accepted. Within budget constraints, the FDSTF may fund projects that can be leveraged to promote, preserve, or enhance military missions and installations in Florida. The Task Force is using a new web-based system this year; previous forms will not be accepted. Please go to <https://www.tfaforms.com/rest/forms/view/4680176> to access the new application. Please contact Marcy Sanders if you have issues with the system.

**Congress Passes 2019 NDAA** – Congress completed passage of the 2019 NDAA that would provide \$717 billion for DOD. Congress passed this defense authorization bill and sent it to the President to sign. The defense appropriation bill, that provides the funding for this bill, is expected to be considered by Congress later this month. In keeping with a bipartisan budget deal reached in the spring, the authorization bill calls for a base defense budget of \$639 billion and an overseas contingency operations funding total of another \$69 billion. This bill authorizes over \$187 million for military construction in Florida. It includes \$31.9 million for Gulf Coast Test and Training Range enhancements, \$34.8 million for an F-35A Integrated Training Center Academics building at Eglin AFB, \$28 million for an F-35A Student Dormitory at Eglin AFB and \$38 million for construction of a Cyberspace Test Facility at Eglin AFB. Additionally, it authorizes almost \$112 million for LCS facilities at NS Mayport, \$10 million for an Air Traffic Control Tower at Whiting Field, and over \$3 million for a KC 135 simulator at MacDill AFB. Finally, this bill contains a provision for funding off-base projects and P\$ ventures that benefit both the base and the community.

**Armed Forces Families Foundation** -- The Armed Forces Families Foundation (AFFF) – located in St. Petersburg, FL -- was founded with the intent to provide and care for those who care for our freedom. All coordination and services are provided for by a dedicated group of passionate volunteers. The AFFF has raised millions of dollars and continues to grow. Over 40 projects have been completed across military bases and touchpoints across the Southeast, varying in scope from the purchase of computer tablets for military base schools, to the construction of brand new playgrounds and pavilions, to the remodeling of waiting rooms and recreational centers and more. More information at: <http://www.armedforcesfamilies.org/>

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## From ADC:

### **Measure Retains New Authority for Closing Installations outside of BRAC**

*Posted on Jul 26, 2018 03:15 am*

It's no surprise that the final version of this year's defense authorization bill doesn't include congressional approval for a new BRAC round, as the Trump administration did not request one in February. The conference report for the fiscal 2019 measure, though, does include a new authority for closing or realigning installations outside of the normal BRAC process if the governor recommends downsizing the facility. The governor's notice would need to include statements of support from local governments that would be affected as well as a detailed plan for reusing the property. As a result of those conditions, it's not clear if the new authority will prove useful to the Pentagon, or even meet the House Armed Services Committee's stated goal of shuttering small installations that have outlasted their usefulness.

If the Pentagon accepts a governor's recommendation to close or realign an installation, it would need to inform Congress when it submits the annual budget. That report would need to include:

- the reasons the defense secretary believes "it is in the interest of the United States" to accept the governor's recommendation;
- a plan describing the required work, cost and timing for all actions needed to carry out the realignment or closure, including new construction or renovation of existing facilities; and
- a certification that the savings generated by the action will exceed the implementation costs within five years after the move is completed, an estimate of the annual recurring savings and the amount of time needed for the savings to exceed the implementation costs.

DOD would need to wait 90 days after it informs Congress to begin carrying out the closure or realignment. Section 2702 also limits the department to spending \$2 billion through FY 2029 for carrying out all closures and realignments for which it relies on the authority. The authority would terminate at the end of FY 2029.

### **Conference Agreement Requires More Detailed Analysis of Excess Capacity**

*Dan Cohen, Posted on Jul 30, 2018 03:00 am*

<https://us4.campaign-archive.com/?e=28cebe069c&u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=a12302d854>

DOD will need to prepare a more detailed analysis of its excess capacity than the last two it has completed since 2016, under language in the conference report to the fiscal 2019 defense authorization bill. The department's most recent analysis, from October 2017, estimated that 19 percent of its infrastructure is excess to its needs; it was based on the requirements to support the force structure from fiscal 2012. A March 2016 analysis, based on the needs of the force structure projected for FY 2019, estimated that 22 percent of the military's infrastructure capacity was excess. Both of those estimates, though, relied on a parametric analysis which compared the target force structure and existing capacity to a 1989 baseline for various installation categories.

The new study, due by February 2020, calls for a different approach to estimate excess capacity. DOD first will need to prepare:

- a force structure plan for each service that is based on an assessment of probable threats to



national security, and end strength levels and major military force units required under the FY 2018 defense authorization bill;

- a “categorical model” of installation capabilities needed to carry out the force structure plans based on the infrastructure, real property and facilities capabilities required and the current military requirements of the major military units.

The second part of Section 2821 calls for DOD to:

- assess the requirements needed to carry out the force structure plans compared to existing infrastructure, real property and facilities capabilities; and
- identify any deficit or surplus in infrastructure for each military department, and for locations within the continental United States.

The language would seem to require the Pentagon to identify specific bases with a deficit or surplus in capacity but outside of a BRAC round, defense officials are unlikely to take that step. Identifying installations with significant excess capacity almost certainly would trigger opposition to a new BRAC from lawmakers representing districts with bases cited in the study, Frederico Bartels, a policy analyst at the Heritage Foundation, said after the House Armed Services Committee approved its version of the measure in May. Such a step also could be expected to dampen the real estate market in communities outside bases with excess capacity, he said.

The Senate is expected to clear the conference report and send it to the president’s desk this week.

## **Lawmakers Reinforce Need to Improve Installations’ Energy Resilience**

*Posted on Aug 02, 2018 03:45 am*

Congress continued its focus on enhancing installations’ energy resilience by emphasizing several new priorities and goals for the military departments in the fiscal 2019 defense authorization bill. The conference report directs DOD to include its energy security and resilience goals, along with a description of its progress meeting those goals, in an existing annual installation energy report. The report should include “the amount of critical energy load, together with the level of availability and reliability by fiscal year the Department of Defense deems necessary to achieve energy security and resilience,” according to section 312. The report should list awarded and planned energy resilience projects, including ones relying on alternative financing.

The provision provides DOD the authority to require the military departments “to perform mission assurance and readiness assessments of energy power systems for mission critical assets and supporting infrastructure, applying uniform mission standards established by the secretary of defense.” DOD also can establish metrics and standards for assessing energy resilience.



## **NOTES FROM THE CHAIR**

Next week in St. Louis, Missouri the Department of Defense will be hosting the Sustaining Military Readiness Conference, 4 days of discussions and workshops that will help shape the future of military readiness. Although, I am unable to attend, I'm looking forward to hearing about outcomes from the conference. Here at the FDA, we have engaged leaders from our local communities and industries; installations, ranges and commands; local, state and federal governments in forming partnerships in supporting military readiness to address emerging challenges and new opportunities to enhance and support our military.

We know how important it is to have flexible and unencumbered air, land, sea, and electromagnetic spectrum resources to support the military's current and future mission requirements. The Florida Ranges Network shows us how complex it is to promote and protect these unique assets for our military as well as educate our communities and elected officials regarding the importance of these environments. There are no easy answers. Staying engaged keeps us informed and part of the conversation when it comes to policies and legislation. Collaboration is key in finding the solutions to our emerging challenges and opportunities.

Another topic is energy resiliency. We began this discussion in March of 2017 with two panel discussions. At our upcoming November meeting, we will be updating the FDA members on new priorities and goals for our installations from the fiscal 2019 defense authorization bill.

The Florida Veteran-Friendly Communities Symposium was held in Orlando last week. The Symposium brought together organizations throughout Florida who provide services to veterans and their families to share best practices, collaborate and establish relationships. The best way to leverage resources and not duplicate services is to collaborate and share best practices. Do a deep dive and ask questions about organizations and their services. Everyone wants to help. Let's make sure we leverage the resources, so we can assist as many as we can. Find the gaps and connect programs to resources.

I hope you will join us for our August 30th Conference Call. If you have any discussions items to add to the agenda, please inform Michelle Griggs at [mgriggs@enterpriseflorida.com](mailto:mgriggs@enterpriseflorida.com). Until next time, share your story in your communities and the surrounding area. It's a good story so share it proudly.

**Kellie Jo Kilberg**



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## FDA CALENDAR:

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### QUOTATION OF THE DAY

“Leadership contains certain elements of good management, but it requires that you inspire, that you build durable trust. For an organization to be not just good but to win, leadership means evoking participation larger than the job description, commitment deeper than any job contract's wording.”

**---General Stanley A. McChrystal**



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ASC 2018 is themed “Multi-Domain Operations: Leveraging the Full Spectrum,” and will take place from September 17-19 at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, MD, located just outside of Washington, DC. As the nation's premier event for defense and aerospace professionals around the world, ASC brings together Air Force senior leaders and experts from government, industry, and academia. From engaging speakers and panels focused on airpower, space, and cyber developments to the technology exposition featuring the latest technology, equipment, and solutions for tomorrow's problems, the conference has something for everyone.

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## News from the Bases

### **MacDill AFB—**

#### **Air Mobility Command announces next two KC-135 simulator relocations**

By Air Mobility Command Public Affairs / Published July 26, 2018

**SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILL. (AFNS) --** The commander of Air Mobility Command selected Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington, and MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, as the relocation sites for the next two KC-135 Stratotanker pilot flight simulators. KC-135 pilot flight simulators, also known as Operations Flight Trainers or OFTs, provide pilots a high-fidelity, full-motion environment, which enables realistic flying training and emergency procedure practice as well as networked distributed mission operations capability.

“We are preparing for future threat environments by creating the right mix of traditional tanker flying and highly realistic tanker simulation training across the mobility air forces,” said Gen. Carlton D. Everhart, AMC commander. “Optimizing simulator capacity and use at these locations provides the greatest operational benefits across the Total Force.”

Congrats to MacDill Air Force Base and the Hillsborough County Public Schools, who've been awarded the 2018 Pete Taylor Partnership of Excellence Award from the Military Child Education Coalition. It's a non-profit focusing on the well-being and needs of the nation's 4 million military and veteran-connected children.

Traveling to Washington, D.C., July 24 to accept the award were Superintendent Jeff Eakins and School Board Chairwoman Sally Harris, along with students and staff from Robinson High School and the Tinker K-8 School at MacDill, and representatives from the base.



The school district and the base, through their partnership with the MacDill Council for Educational Excellence, were recognized in the category of Total Community Partnership for ensuring an inclusive, quality education for all military-connected children, according to a news release.

More than 7,200 military-connected students attend Hillsborough County Public Schools. These children face challenges with all the moving their families must do.

The MacDill Council for Educational Excellence was created in 2011, according to the release, "to better meet the needs of the military children and families we serve. The partnership had led to many changes which positively affect these students and their families, including improvements in policies and procedures, school choice options and the quality of educational offerings and supports."

Contact Howard Altman at [haltman@tampabay.com](mailto:haltman@tampabay.com) or (813) 225-3112. Follow @haltman.

### **Hillsborough could get MacDill AFB passenger ferry**

<https://www.wfla.com/news/hillsborough-county/tampa-could-see-macdill-air-force-base-passenger-ferry/1334221994>

WFLA © July 30, 2018

By: Amanda Ciavarri

Plans are moving forward to bring a passenger ferry route between south Hillsborough County and MacDill Air Force Base.

"One things we've always had going for us is the water, and it is time we start using it," said Steven Bernstein, Chair of Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce. The ferry would be an option for service members and their families. Bernstein believes it would help cut down on congestion in the area, both at the access points to the base and on the Lee Roy Selmon Expressway. "We look at this as a potential solution for congestion issues for .....

## **NAS Pensacola —**

### **Coast Guard expands its mission in Pensacola waters**

<https://www.pnj.com/story/news/2018/07/25/coast-guard-expands-its-mission-pensacola-waters/821974002/>

Pensacola News-Journal © July 25, 2018

By Melissa Nelson Gabriel

When U.S. Coast Guard Cmdr. Ben Keffer introduces himself to people in the Pensacola area, they frequently ask whether he is a pilot. "There is so much flight training in this area and that is usually the first assumption," said Keffer, commanding officer of the Coast Guard Cutter Cypress, a buoy tender based at Pensacola Naval Air Station.....



## Rep. Matt Gaetz Applauds Passage of NDAA Conference Report

<https://www.mypanhandle.com/news/rep-matt-gaetz-applauds-passage-of-ndaa-conference-report/1327133080>

MyPanhandle.com © July 26, 2018

By David Huffman

U.S. Congressman Matt Gaetz (FL-01) today issued the following statement applauding the House of Representatives for passing the FY19 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) conference report. During the development of this legislation in the House, Rep. Gaetz secured numerous provisions, including an amendment for SPACE-A travel benefits for veterans with service-related disabilities.

“Today, the House passed the Conference Report on the National Defense Authorization Act, a critically-important piece of legislation that funds the military of the United States.

Under the NDAA, the men and women who serve our great nation will receive their largest pay raise in nine years. Each Service receives a larger budget, addressing critical issues of military readiness, training, safety, and more.....

Background information on additional provisions Rep. Gaetz added in the FY2019 NDAA:

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- \$31.9 million for Gulf Coast Test and Training Range enhancements.
- \$34.8 million for an F-35A Integrated Training Center Academics building at Eglin AFB.
- \$28.0 million for an F-35A Student Dormitory at Eglin AFB.
- \$38.0 million for construction of a Cyberspace Test Facility at Eglin AFB.
- \$10.0 Million for air control tower construction at Naval Air Station Whiting Field.

## Eglin AFB—

### Eglin may get over \$100 million in new defense bill

<http://www.nwfdailynews.com/news/20180803/eglin-may-get-over-100-million-in-new-defense-bill>

By Jim Thompson

Northwest Florida Daily News © Aug 3, 2018

EGLIN AFB — A defense spending and policy bill now awaiting President Donald Trump’s signature includes more than \$100 million in construction funding for the base. Also locally, the \$717 billion military spending plan for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 includes \$31.9 million for enhancements to the Gulf Coast Test and Training Range, which is heavily used by Eglin Air Force Base and other military installations across Northwest Florida.....



## SOUTHCOM —

### Exercise PANAMAX 2018 Kicks off in Mayport

By U.S. 4th Fleet Public Affairs

<http://www.southcom.mil/MEDIA/NEWS-ARTICLES/Article/1589227/exercise-panamax-2018-kicks-off-in-mayport/>

U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet (USNAVSO/FOURTHFLT) hosts the Combined Force Maritime Component Command (CFMCC) portion of the annual exercise PANAMAX from July 30 through Aug. 10.

Panamax, an annual multinational exercise, develops and sustains relationships that allow partner nation security forces in the region to achieve common goals, increase cooperation, and improve understanding.

PANAMAX began in 2003 with three countries, Chile, Panama and the United States, and originally focused solely on the maritime security of the Panama Canal. Since that time, the exercise has grown to become the region's largest coalition Command Post Exercise, ensuring the defense of the Panama Canal, which is one of the most strategically and economically crucial pieces of infrastructure in the world.....



*Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command/U.S. 4th Fleet, Rear Adm. Sean Buck delivers opening remarks to U.S. and partner nation personnel who comprise the Combined Force Maritime Component Command (CFMCC) portion of exercise PANAMAX 2018. The exercise is focused on the security of the Panama Canal and stability within the U.S. Southern Command area of operations. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Michael Hendricks/Released)*

## NAS Whiting Field—

### Rep. Gaetz hosts Congressional field hearing about protecting Whiting Field

By Lauren Wolfe, Tuesday, July 31st 2018

<http://weartv.com/news/local/rep-gaetz-hosts-congressional-field-hearing-about-protecting-whiting-field>

MILTON, Fla. (WEAR) — Whiting Field is one of the most important components of the Santa Rosa County economy. Congressman Matt Gaetz held a Congressional field hearing on Monday discussing efforts to protect the base from future rounds of base closures and realignments.

Congressman Gaetz said investing in Whiting Field is crucial for both the state and local economies. Many officials attended the hearing, including Senator Doug Broxson, who agreed with Gaetz. "Every base is as important as Whiting. Whiting is important to us, but if you were to take one of these bases out of the economy of any county in Florida it would have a tremendous impact," said Sen. Broxson.

Gaetz said settlement money from the Triumph Gulf Coast grant will help sustain the economy.....

## Spotlight on the Florida Defense Support Task Force

### **History**

Created in 2011 under Florida Statute 288.987, 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 personal representative), four members appointed by the Senate, and four members appointed by 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. The FDSTF replaced the Florida Council on Military Bases and Mission Support which was created under Florida Statute 288.984. The Council has since been deleted from Florida Statute.

### **Mission**

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 received a FY 2018-2019 appropriation of \$2 million to protect, preserve, promote and grow Florida military installations and missions. The Florida Defense Support Task Force web site:

[www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf](http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf)



The Task Force published the 2017 Florida Defense Factbook in December 2017 based on the Economic Impact Analysis Study conducted by Matrix Design Inc. The Factbook can be downloaded from the Task Force web site at: <http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/Florida-Defense-Factbook-2017.pdf>. The Task Force published the 2018 Florida Military Friendly Guide in July 2018 containing a summary of the Florida laws that benefit active duty, National Guard and Reserve service members and their families. The guide can be downloaded from the Task Force web site at: <http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/Florida-Military-Friendly-Guide.pdf>.

### **Members**

Representative Jay Trumbull – Chair – House  
Representative Clay Ingram – House  
Brig Gen (ret) Chip Diehl – House  
**Vacant** – House  
Senator Doug Broxson – Senate  
Tom Neubauer – Vice Chair – Senate  
Lt. Col. (ret) William Dudley – Senate  
Maj Gen (ret) Richard “Beef” Haddad – Senate  
MG Michael Calhoun, FNG – Governor’s Personal Rep.  
Admiral (ret) Mark Fitzgerald – Governor  
Barbara Stewart – Governor  
Amy Gowder – Governor  
Representative Holly Raschein – Governor

**Note: Chair rotates on July 1<sup>st</sup> annually between Senate and House**

### **Task Force Strategic Plan**

The Task Force actions are guided by its Strategic Plan. This plan is a living document and evolves in response to unfolding events. This plan was updated regularly, most recently in March 2018. The most recent version of the strategic plan is posted on the Task Force website. The current version is posted on the web site: <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/FDSTF-Strategic-Plan-2018-2023.pdf>

### **Task Force Meetings**

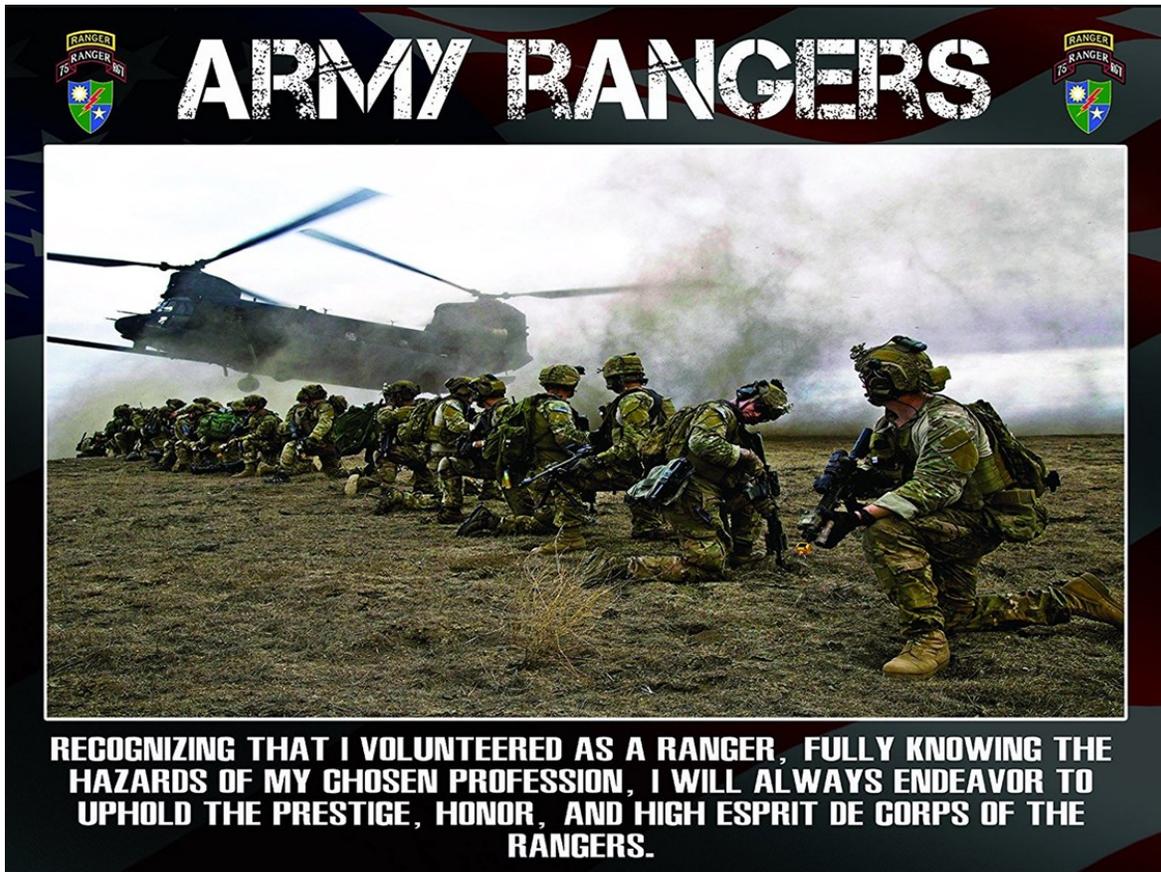
The Florida Defense Support Task Force meets 10 times during the calendar year; six meetings in person and four by conference call. All meeting materials including agenda, presentations and minutes are available on the website at <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf/meetings/>. Minutes from past meetings are posted on the Task Force web site.

### **Focus Areas**

- ◇ Promote and expand the missions of Florida’s military installations and gain missions for Florida’s installations.
- ◇ Prevent encroachment from impacting mission capabilities.
- ◇ Enhance Gulf Range capabilities to support modern weapons test and training and extend the moratorium on exploration/drilling east of MML.
- ◇ Enhance public private partnerships.
- ◇ Assist installations in meeting DOD renewable energy goals.
- ◇ Support military members and families; focus on military child education issues.
- ◇ Improve transportation access to Florida’s military installations.
- ◇ Strengthen state support for military families & veterans with a focus on education, health care, employment & family programs



# Poster of the Day:



## NOTES FROM THE STAFF

FDA Members ---Thanks for all you do working side by side with Base Commanders on both local and state issues impacting service members and their families. Your efforts truly make a difference. Please continue to stay in close contact with your bases and ensure you understand their issues and concerns. Your relationship with base personnel is vital to improving the quality of life of all those military personnel and their families stationed in Florida.

### Florida Defense Alliance Leadership

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Vice Chair – Tim Jones

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Family Support Working Group Chair – VACANT

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# Florida Defense Alliance Newsletter

August 22, 2018

*FDA Vision: To maintain and enhance the position and reputation of Florida as the most military-friendly state in the nation.*

## NEWS

**Tim Jones Steps up to be FDA Vice Chair** – Congratulations to Tim Jones from Tampa who has volunteered to be the Vice Chair of the Florida Defense Alliance. Tim is currently serving as the President of the Tampa Bay Defense Alliance and has been extremely active and involved in supporting FDA activities over the past few years. Tim brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to his new position.

**Defense Support Initiative (DSI) Offshore Drilling Letter** – DSI published a letter that is leading an effort educate and advocate for continued restriction on oil exploration and drilling in the eastern Gulf of Mexico in order to stop encroachment on the military test and training range. According to DSI, “The DSI is spearheading an eastern Gulf community-wide advocacy effort. We are asking our community partners (such as Building Industry Association, Emerald Coast Association of Realtors, Chambers of Commerce, Tourist Development Council, etc.) to compose similar letters from their respective viewpoints. As is noted in the letter, this advocacy outreach pertains to prohibiting drilling in Federal waters east of the Military Mission Line. The DSI will also be partnering with community and business leaders on a separate Amendment 9 advocacy outreach effort in the near future.” Letter is included in the following newspaper article: <http://www.nwfdailynews.com/opinion/20180817/letter-to-editor-we-must-not-allow-drilling>

**Oil Industry Pushing to Gain Support for Off-shore Drilling in Florida** – The Oil Industry is campaigning for support for drilling in the Gulf of Mexico and off Florida’s Atlantic coast. According to an article in *Sunshine State News* on Aug 15, “The American Petroleum Institute (API) brought its “Explore Offshore” efforts to Florida on Wednesday, calling on expanding energy exploration efforts including in the eastern part of the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic seaboard. The national “Explore Offshore” campaign, which was launched in June, is led by former U.S. Veterans Affairs Sec. Jim Nicholson, who led the Republican National Committee (RNC), and former U.S. Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., who ran for the Democratic presidential nomination in the 2016 election cycle.” In Florida, efforts are led by prior Lieutenant Governor Kottkamp. The article states “Noting that oil and natural gas make up most electricity use at the state and national levels, Explore Offshore insisted that energy exploration in the Gulf and off the coast of Florida could lead to more than 56,000 new jobs by 2035 and add \$1 billion annually to the state revenue and \$2.6 billion in private development.” The article does not discuss impact on military and defense test and training or the potential impact to the \$85 billion and 800,000+ jobs that could be affected, especially in the Panhandle. Defense Support Initiative (DSI) has submitted a response to the article available on line.

**President Trump Signed 2019 NDAA** – President Donald J. Trump signed the \$717 Billion FY2019 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) on Monday, 13 Aug 2018, at Fort Drum, New York. According to an article by Ben Werner from USNI News, “This measure continues to rebuild and repair our military

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while making needed reforms in the Pentagon. It takes important steps to confront the aggressive behavior of Russia, China, and others. Most of all, it helps ensure that our troops get what they need to carry out the missions they are assigned,” said a statement released by Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-Texas) chair of the House Armed Services Committee. “It is now essential that we follow this bill with matching appropriations before the beginning of the fiscal year.””

### From ADC:

## **Ultimate Structure of Space Force Still to Be Determined**

*Posted on Aug 13, 2018 01:35 am*

While there still are many questions as to what structure a new Space Force would take following Vice President Mike Pence’s speech Thursday outlining plans to create a sixth branch of the military, the Pentagon laid out the initial steps it would take to carve out a service or department dedicated to space. First, a new unified combat command, U.S. Space Command, led by a four-star general, would be established, according to a DOD report released after Pence’s announcement. Also, some resources from the Air Force’s Space and Missile Systems Center will be shifted to a new Space Development Agency, reported Defense News.



The ultimate shape the Space Force assumes will take at least several years to hash out, and it still is not certain that DOD will end up creating a new service separate from the Air Force. Deputy Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan told reporters the department now will begin to craft a legislative proposal needed to establish the Space Force. “My sense is we’ll put something like that together this year and it will probably look like this: ‘Here are options. You could have something that’s very extensive. You could have something that’s medium [-sized],’” he said.

## **Defense Bill Calls for DOD to Step up Support for Communities Grappling with Contamination**

*Posted on Aug 13, 2018 02:45 am*

DOD should expedite and streamline cleanups of sites with contaminated groundwater resulting from defense activities that are directly impacting civilian access to drinking water, according to a “sense of Congress” included in the [conference report to the fiscal 2019 defense authorization bill](#). The provision, section 317, calls for the department and the military services “to reduce the financial burden on state and local government who are bearing significant costs of cleanup,” as well as to “continue to engage with and help allay local community concerns about the safety of the drinking water.”

While addressing the presence of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in local drinking water supplies stemming from the military’s past use of firefighting foam has become a top environmental priority for DOD over the past several years, the language does not single out that class of

contaminants. A separate provision of the conference report requires the department to outline its plans for cleaning up on- and off-base drinking water supplies contaminated with PFAS after the Environmental Protection Agency establishes a regulatory standard for those chemicals.

Section 317 also calls for the department to “seek opportunities to accelerate environmental restoration efforts where feasible, to include programming additional resources for response actions, investing in technology solutions that may expedite response actions, improving contracting procedures, increasing contracting capacity, and seeking opportunities for partnerships and other cooperative approaches.” The conferees direct the assistant secretary of defense for energy, installations and environment to brief the House and Senate Armed Services committees on initiatives being pursued to accelerate environmental restoration efforts within 120 days after the bill is enacted. The briefing was included in the legislative language in the original House provision but the conferees moved it to the measure’s joint explanatory statement.

## **FDA CALENDAR:**

**DATE CHANGE! \*\*Thursday, August 30th\*\***

**FDA Conference Call Meeting**

**9:00 AM EDT**

**Call In Number: (800) 501-8979 Access Code: 1869945**

**FDA Website: [www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/](http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/)**



## **QUOTATION OF THE DAY**

“The single biggest way to impact an organization is to focus on leadership development. There is almost no limit to the potential of an organization that recruits good people, raises them up as leaders and continually develops them.”

**---John Maxwell**



## **Air Force Community Partnership Program Brownbag Series**

We are happy to announce two new brownbags for August and September 2018. These brownbags are open to everyone. Please join us!

### **Scheduled Brownbag**

#### **AFCP's Enterprise Wide Initiatives—Wednesday, August 29, 2018 (2:00 to 3:00 PM EDT)**

The Air Force has a long history of securing many installation support services from third parties. Similarly, state and local public works departments also provide these same services to their communities. Enterprise Wide Initiatives (EWI) is focusing on three installation support services at our installations: integrated solid waste management, grounds maintenance, and pavement maintenance. This brownbag will address the lessons learned from partnership successes and share some of the obstacles that have been identified while evaluating EWI partnerships. A case study from Altus AFB will be presented to highlight how and why these types of partnerships can be a force multiplier. Installation and community stakeholders, specifically contracting and legal, are encouraged to attend this session.

#### **AFCP Partnerships Serving our Greater Communities— Wednesday, September 19, 2018 (2:00 to 3:00 PM EDT)**

This brownbag will highlight three sustainable partnerships that are serving the needs of our greater military and civilian communities by focusing on the needs of target populations. Learn how each of these partnerships were formed, the challenges that were overcome, and how these partnerships are serving the needs of their communities. The partnerships that will be highlighted are as follows:

- Alzheimer's Association, Military Task Force, Wright-Patterson AFB
- Clergy Summit, Robins AFB
- TBD

### **Instructions To Participate**

**To register for a brownbag and for the latest information on AFCP's brownbag series, go to <https://community.apan.org/wg/airforcepartnerships/p/training>**

- Click on the "Register for Training" button and follow the instructions to register
- You will receive a meeting request, directions to participate, and the slides for the brownbag

To participate in the brownbag:

- **Conference Call Number 641-715-3580, Access Code 919874#**
- Slides will be shown at <https://connect.apan.org/airforcecommunitypartnerships/> (Air Force Community Partnership Program AdobeConnect Meeting Room). Click on the option to enter as a "Guest" and enter your name. You must have a reliable internet connection to utilize this feature.

*Please register to ensure that you receive any notifications and all handouts for each brownbag*

Have an idea for a brownbag topic? Please send your idea in an email addressed to the Air Force

Community Partnership Program at [usaf.pentagon.saf](mailto:usaf.pentagon.saf)

[-ie.mbx.saf-ieim-workflow@mail.mil](mailto:-ie.mbx.saf-ieim-workflow@mail.mil)



# News from the Bases

## NAS Jacksonville —

### Navy to test well water near NAS Jacksonville for chemicals found in firefighting foam

<http://www.jacksonville.com/news/20180807/navy-to-test-well-water-near-nas-jacksonville-for-chemicals-found-in-firefighting-foam>

Florida Times Union © August 7, 2018

By Joe Daraskevich

A hazardous chemical found in firefighting foam commonly used at Navy installations could be contaminating drinking water near Naval Air Station Jacksonville, so officials will begin testing well water near the base starting this month.

The tests will come at no cost to the well owners, and the Navy will provide alternate drinking water for residents if their concentrations exceed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's lifetime health advisory for per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances, according to the base.

It's part of the Navy's ongoing testing of drinking water that is currently taking place at and near Navy installations across the nation.....

## Jacksonville—

### Finding Home: Military Relocation and Retirement on the First Coast

<http://eujacksonville.com/2018/08/09/finding-home-military-relocation-retirement-first-coast/>

By Jennifer Melville August 9, 2018

It's moving season.

Each summer, approximately 200,000 military families relocate from their current duty station to their next set of orders. May 15-August 31 is peak PCS (Permanent Change of Station) season, with 65% of military moves occurring during this timeframe. The local impact is huge. Northeast Florida's military presence is the third largest in the country, with area military installations like Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Naval Station Mayport, Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Naval Aviation Depot Jacksonville, Marine Corps Support Facility Blount Island, and Camp Blanding Joint Training Center. Each year, thousands of military families relocate to our area.....



## Pictures from the Homeless Veteran Stand Down in Jacksonville

Submitted by Caroline Adkins,  
Military Affairs and Veterans  
Department



## MacDill AFB/Tampa Area—

### What's it like for military families who have to move so often? Meet the Snelsons

[https://www.tampabay.com/news/military/macdill/What-s-it-like-for-military-families-who-have-to-move-so-often-Meet-the-Snelsons\\_170720973](https://www.tampabay.com/news/military/macdill/What-s-it-like-for-military-families-who-have-to-move-so-often-Meet-the-Snelsons_170720973)

Alexandra Snelson sat on a brown leather couch between her younger sister and her mother and talked about what it's like to pick up and move again and again as a military child.

In June, she was introduced to her sixth home. She is only 10.



"Well, I do miss my friends, but when you move, you get to meet new friends," said Alexandra, who goes by AJ, and is one of the newest residents of MacDill Air Force Base. "But at least you got to see them for a while and get to hang out with them for a while and it's fun while it lasts."

Her parents, Steve and Catherine Snelson, chuckled at their daughter's philosophical outlook during an interview at MacDill's Harbor Bay visitor center. Like many military families, they take their laughter where they can find it in the face of all the challenges their mobile lifestyle presents — upheaval, interrupted relationships, discarded family treasures, fitting in all over again.....



*An Air Force family, the Snelsons move around a lot so they try to emphasize the positive: new friends, new schools, new places. They're hoping Tampa will rate as their favorite among the half dozen communities where they've lived. From left, Alexandra, 10, parents Catherine and Steve, and Caroline, 7. [OCTAVIO JONES | Times]*

## **MacDill's augmentees: essential for defense**

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/288025/macdills-augmentees-essential-defense>

DVIDS © August 9, 2018

Story by Airman 1st Class Scott Warner 6th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

From the frontline gates to the streets within, security forces Airmen protect and defend a military installation. For MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, the 6th Security Forces Squadron is that defensive force protecting more than 42,000 military personnel, family members, and civilian employees.

However, in an emergency or contingency situation that requires a surge in manpower, MacDill turns to augmentees for additional support. "The 6th Air Mobility Wing augmentee duty (AD) program is designed to identify, place, and train a pool of individuals to temporarily augment 6th AMW squadrons and agencies that will be short of required manpower during exercises, contingencies, wartime, or emergency situations," said Lt. Col. Brandon Leifer, the 6th Air Mobility Wing AD program manager.....



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**On Tuesday, August 7th, Chris Meinhardt briefed the NDIA Tampa Chapter on scope and capabilities of Veterans Florida. This event was attended by FDA Vice Chairman, Tim Jones and Brigadier General Chip Diehl from the Tampa Bay Defense Alliance along with approximately 30 local DoD companies.**



*Chris Meinhardt presenting at the NDIA Tampa Chapter on August 7th.*



*Chris Meinhardt being presented with a gift from NDIA Tampa Chapter President, Jeff Zak.*

## **NS Mayport —**

### **Thousands of sailors, Marines return home to Mayport**

**USS Iwo Jima, New York return from 6 month deployment**

<https://www.news4jax.com/news/military/thousands-of-sailors-marines-return-home-to-mayport>

By Zachery Lashway

More than 4,500 sailors and Marines returned home to Naval Station Mayport on Thursday after a six month deployment overseas.

Families from all over the U.S. traveled to Northeast Florida to greet their loved ones. The USS New York docked Thursday afternoon, while the USS Iwo Jima arrived early in the morning.

Because of foul weather, family members and friends were moved onto the ship to be reunited with their loved ones. They included a grandfather that served in the Korean War, who got up from his wheelchair to welcome his grandson home.....

## NAS Whiting Field—

Whiting Field recognized for energy excellence

<http://www.srpressgazette.com/news/20180810/whiting-field-recognized-for-energy-excellence>

By Julie Ziegenhorn | Naval Air Station Whiting Field Public Affairs Office

Posted Aug 10, 2018

In an announcement Aug. 3, the Secretary of the Navy named Naval Air Station Whiting Field the recipient of the Department of the Navy Energy Excellence Award for 2018 in the Navy Small Shore category.

The annual Department of the Navy's Energy Excellence Awards program promotes excellence in the areas of energy security, new technology, innovation, program management and efficiency across the department. ....

## SOUTHCOM —

**Navy admiral, Mattis aide to be nominated to head US Southern Command**

<https://www.navytimes.com/news/pentagon-congress/2018/08/16/navy-admiral-mattis-aide-to-be-nominated-to-head-us-southern-command/>

By: Aaron Mehta and Robert Burns, The Associated Press

August 16, 2018

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said Thursday that his senior military assistant, Navy Vice Adm. Craig Faller, will be nominated to serve as the next head of U.S. Southern Command.

Mattis made the statement to members of a Chilean government delegation before attending a signing ceremony for an agreement on cyber cooperation with Chilean Defense Minister Alberto Espina.....

## Spotlight on Bay Defense Alliance

In response to the growing emphasis on the downsizing of US military infrastructure and the enactment of federal Base Realignment and Closure legislation calling for closure initiatives, the Bay County BRAC Committee, Inc. was formed. The organization became an independent, not for profit corporation and later changed its name to the Bay Defense Alliance, Inc.



The organization was founded by community leaders involved with the Bay County Chamber of Commerce, the Bay County Economic Development Alliance and other key organizations, and the 30-member board includes



representatives of the Bay County Economic Development Alliance, Bay County Chamber of Commerce and Panama City Beaches Chamber of Commerce.

Since its inception, the mission of the BDA has been to study every aspect of our military installations and work to preserve and enhance their missions and military value. Working closely with our congressional delegation toward this common goal, the BDA has leveraged volunteer hours by former military members, subject matter experts and community leaders for the benefit of Naval Support Activity Panama City and Tyndall Air Force Base.

The Bay Defense Alliance also partners with the Florida Defense Alliance and Florida Defense Support Task Force to ensure Florida earns its reputation as the most defense-friendly state in the nation. The BDA works closely with installation leadership to facilitate the Defense Infrastructure Grant program which provides funding for special projects of mutual benefit to our local bases and the community. To date the Defense Infrastructure Grant Program has brought more than \$5.5 million in grants to Bay County Installations.



The Bay County, Florida community acknowledges the important contributions of Tyndall Air Force Base and Naval Support Activity Panama City to our national defense and appreciates the significant economic impact of these installations on the local economy. Moreover, the military and civilian personnel employed at the bases are a vital members of our community. Certainly, it would be difficult to imagine Bay County, Florida without them.

### Leadership

Tom Neubauer, President

Jerry Smithwick, Vice President

Guy York, Ph.D., Secretary/Treasurer

L.N. Dantzler, President Emeritus

Web Site -- <http://baydefensealliance.org/>



# Posters of the Day:

National Airborne Day -- August 16, 2018



National Airborne Day is observed each year on August 16th. Designated by the United States Congress, National Airborne Day honors the nation's airborne divisions of the Armed Forces. This National Day was created in 2001 by 43rd United States President, George W. Bush.

August 16, 1940, marks the date of the first official Army parachute jump at Ft. Benning, Georgia. The successful jump validated the innovative concept of inserting United States ground combat forces behind a battle line by parachute. These sky soldiers represent some of the most prestigious and effectively trained forces in the United States Army. Can you imagine, this was well before the phrase, "Why would anyone jump out of a perfectly good airplane?"

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# Florida Defense Alliance Newsletter

September 5, 2018

*FDA Vision: To maintain and enhance the position and reputation of Florida as the most military-friendly state in the nation.*

## NEWS

**New Task Force Member Appointed** – The Speaker of the House has appointed Colonel Jim Heald, USAF (Ret) to fill a vacancy on the Florida Defense Support Task Force. Col Heald is from the Eglin AFB area and will be a great asset to the Task Force. His term runs from 27 Aug 2018 – 26 Aug 2022.

**Task Force FY19-20 Grant Application Cycle Extended** – The FY19-20 Florida Defense Support Task Force grant application cycle will remain open through Friday, September 7, 2018. Within budget constraints, the Task Force may fund projects that can be leveraged to promote, preserve, or enhance military missions and installations in Florida. The Task Force is using a new web-based system this year; previous forms will **not be accepted**. Please go to <https://www.tfaforms.com/rest/forms/view/4680176> to access the new application. Please contact Marcy Sanders if you have issues with the new system.

**Two Conferences this Fall Showcase Orlando's Simulation Industry** – There will be two conferences focused on Simulation Industry taking place this fall in the Orlando area. The first is the **Florida Simulation Summit** hosted by Orange County Mayor Teresa Jacobs and the National Center for Simulation on Thursday, September 6, 2018 - 08:00 to 17:00 at the Orange County Convention Center. According to the website, "Now in its fourth year, the Florida Simulation Summit builds upon the work of the Modeling, Simulation and Training (MS&T) Blue Ribbon Commission that I convened in 2013, and it continues to showcase the strong progress, synergy and development of the MS&T industry in Central Florida and statewide. This year's Simulation Summit highlights Digital Twin Technology and the Internet of Things with a focus on virtual system simulations." For information and registration, go to <https://www.simulationinformation.com/events/florida-simulation-summit-2018>. The second conference will be the **Synthetic & Simulation Training Conference** in Orlando November 7-9, 2018 that will take place at the Marriott Orlando, Downtown. According to their website, "The Synthetic and Simulation Training summit will discuss the current and future direction and utilization of virtual training & simulation technologies throughout the Military, Academia, Commercial Aviation, and Gaming sectors to ultimately allow military leaders the ability to plan, prepare, execute, and assess training events through minimal time, money, and people." For more information and to register for this conference, go to <https://synthetictraining.iqpc.com/>

**Senate Passes Minibus Defense Appropriations Bill** – Senators passed an \$857 billion appropriations measure that includes full defense funding for fiscal 2019. The bill includes money for the departments of defense, health and human services, labor and education. The so-called "minibus" of appropriations bills was touted by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., as making America "stronger overseas and right here at home." Of the total, \$675 billion would be set aside for military spending next year, including nearly \$68 billion in overseas contingency funds. The levels are in line with the recently adopted defense authorization bill and the budget deal reached by Democrats and Republicans last spring. This bill now goes to conference with the House.

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**NDAA – Support for Defense Manufacturing Communities** -- FY19 NDAA provision *Support for defense manufacturing communities to support the defense industrial base (sec. 846)* would provide the Secretary of Defense with authority to establish a program to make long-term investments in critical skills, infrastructure, research and development, and small business support in order to strengthen the national security innovation base, working in coordination with the defense manufacturing institutes. The provision harmonizes the activities of the program with other similar programs to avoid duplication. The new provision is tied to **Manufacturing USA**, previous 8 locations. <https://www.manufacturingusa.com/institutes> . The Department of Defense (DoD) Manufacturing USA institutes collectively represent nearly 1,000 organizations including defense and commercial manufacturers of all sizes, start-ups, universities, community colleges, and state or local economic developers in active partnership with the U.S. Federal Government. Since 2012, the DoD has established eight Manufacturing USA institutes, combining \$600 million in federal investment with \$1.2 billion in matching funds from industry, academia and state governments to form centers of excellence promoting U.S. competitiveness.

**NDAA -- Off-Base Infrastructure Projects** -- Conferees embraced a new authority allowing DOD to provide funding to state and local governments for off-base infrastructure projects in the FY19 NDAA. The provision adopts the Senate requirement for state and local participants to contribute at least 30 percent of the total project cost. The cost-share requirement can be waived, however, for rural communities or “for reasons related to national security,” under the compromise language. A transportation project, a school, hospital, police, fire, emergency response or other community support facility, or a waste, wastewater, telecommunications, electric, gas or other utility infrastructure project would be eligible for the program, according to section 2861.

**NDAA -- New Veteran-Friendly Provisions** – The new National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) includes language that allows access to Commissaries and MWR Facilities for more Veterans and their caregivers. These new privileges become effective January 1, 2020.

**DOD ‘Sustaining Readiness’ Conference in St. Louis** -- Leaders from DOD, the services, state and local governments, non-governmental organizations, private organizations, and other federal agencies met in St. Louis for the 2018 Sustaining Military Readiness Conference. The conference provided a forum for DOD and its partners to discuss ways to enhance military readiness at the military’s installations and ranges through partnerships and planning. Florida was represented by some of our folks from Avon Park along with a representative from the Principi Group.

**Advocacy for Florida’s Military Missions and Installations --Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Released** – Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI), on behalf of the Florida Defense Support Task Force, has released a Request for Qualification (RFQ) for Advocacy for Florida’s Military Missions and Installations. EFI is requesting responses for the services of a qualified contractor to assist in aggressively advocating with federal entities to protect, preserve, and expand Florida’s military installations and missions. Responses are due by October 15, 2018. The RFQ is posted to the Florida Defense Support Task Force web site and MyFlorida Marketplace.

[From ADC:](#)

### **Senators Add Community Infrastructure Money to Defense Spending Package**

The Senate on Thursday approved an amendment to a two-bill spending package allocating \$20 million to the new authority allowing DOD to provide funding to state and local governments for off-base



infrastructure projects, bringing the opportunity for communities to obtain funding under the Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program in the new fiscal year one step closer. By Thursday evening, the chamber approved the underlying \$857 billion minibuss made up of the defense and Labor-HHS-Education appropriations measures.

The Senate's approval of the fiscal 2019 defense spending bill in August positions Congress to possibly avoid starting the new fiscal year with a series of continuing resolutions to fund the Pentagon. The path to working out a compromise spending bill with the House that could be sent to the president is uncertain, however. The House passed its FY 2019 defense spending bill in June, but its Labor-HHS-Education measure has not been debated on the floor. One option is for the chambers to hash out a conference report for the defense bill by itself, but that's not the first choice of Senate Appropriations Chairman Richard Shelby (R-Ala.). "We'd like to go to conference as soon as we can with the House with the bills coupled together," Shelby said, reported CQ.

The chairman of the House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee also indicated he would like to see the two spending bills move together as a way to gain House Republicans' support for a large domestic spending measure. Attaching the two, though, likely would complicate the path toward a House-Senate compromise, slowing enactment of the defense title. The good news is there are five weeks before the new fiscal year gets under way.

At this point, passage of the Senate amendment funding the defense community infrastructure initiative represents a significant achievement for ADC, with much of the credit going to Sen. Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), co-chair of the Senate Defense Communities Caucus, and the association's Federal Outreach Advisory Committee.

The provision was included in a package of non-controversial amendments that passed by unanimous consent. Another provision, offered by Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.), would allocate \$45 million to clean PFOA and PFOS contamination at military bases.

The defense spending bill would provide about \$675 billion for military and intelligence programs, including almost \$68 billion for the overseas contingency operations account, matching the topline in the House version. Still, there are considerable differences in funding for individual programs between the two versions that need to be reconciled.

### **NOTES FROM THE CHAIR**

Happy September! We have now entered the active time for hurricanes. As I write this, Tropical Storm Gordon is bringing us rain. This fast-moving storm is a reminder to be prepared for hurricane season.

Thanks to everyone who was on the conference call last week. We welcomed Tim Jones, Cybrix Group/President, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance as the Vice Chair of FDA and Lynn Brannon, Florida State Coordinator for Building Healthy Military Communities as the Family Support Working Group Chairman. We are excited to have these two individuals as part of the leadership team.

The Florida Ranges Network is an important military asset. The Eastern Gulf Test and Training Range (EGTTR) connects test and training capabilities from Northwest Florida to Key West. Eglin AFB utilizes the range as well as other military branches, installations, government agencies, and private companies from around the country. No



## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR (continued)

other area in the country offers the DoD (Department of Defense) a comparable combination of air space, water space (above and sub-surface), and existing infrastructure to support military activities. The Florida Range Network combines all of Florida Ranges from the Atlantic Coast to the Gulf. We, as a state, need to come together to promote and protect this unique asset.

As discussed on the conference call, please send any letters and/or communications regarding offshore drilling to Carrie Kyzar before **Wednesday, September 12, 2018**. The Oil Drilling Campaign Sub-Committee will be having a conference call on **Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 11:30 AM to 12 Noon EDT (10:30 AM to 11:00 AM CDT)**. **The call-in number is (800) 501-8979 and Access Code: 1869945. For more information, you can reach Carrie at:**

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700 South Palafox, Suite 100, Pensacola, FL 32502; Phone: 850-435-8925 x 4308 • Cell: 850-393-1161  
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Also, on the call was Matt Borron from the Association of Defense Communities. Matt gave us an update on the Installation Innovation Forum to be held in Miami in March of 2019. ADC will be highlighting up to six innovative projects that demonstrate state-of-the-art approaches defense communities are using to support installations and military families, sustain military missions and promote defense-based economic development. ADC is currently accepting nominations for the Innovators program through September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Projects should:

- be new and different; they will consider older efforts, but they must not be widely known.
- demonstrate potential to positively impact military value; and
- be concrete and replicable, something ADC members, or at least a segment of defense communities, can implement.

More details, along with the nomination form, can be found on the [IIF2019 website](#).

On September 27-28 in Miami, our partners at the [U.S. Department of Energy Southeast Combined Heat and Power Technical Assistance Partnership](#) are co-hosting an event on Resilient Energy Systems. This partnership provides support by way of education and technical capacity to support critical infrastructure facilities to increase resilience through technologies such as CHP or cogeneration, waste-heat-to-power, CHP with microgrids and district energy applications. I believe you would find this workshop beneficial for your energy initiatives surrounding operations continuity and security. There are a limited number of seats at this event and if you are interested, I encourage you to register at your earliest convenience. Kimberly Conley will help with any questions or concerns you may have. Here is a [link](#) to the EventBrite registration.

Until next time, stay involved and share our state's military story as well as your local story. Reach out to communities and counties across your region and present the data from the Florida Defense Fact Book. Don't assume everyone knows what we know. Reach out to develop partnerships to be innovative in addressing opportunities for the military and our communities. Thank you for being engaged in the FDA. You make a difference!

**Kellie Jo Kilberg**

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### QUOTATION OF THE DAY

“We learn from history that we do not learn from history.”

---Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel



### News from the Bases & Regions

#### Tri-County Defense Support Initiatives —

During the Defense Support Initiatives (DSI) meeting discussions on August 10th, the attached Letter to the Editor was finalized for distribution. It will be provided to the Northwest Florida Daily News, Sunshine State News and other media outlets. The DSI is spearheading an eastern Gulf community-wide advocacy effort. We are asking our community partners (such as Building Industry Association, Emerald Coast Association of Realtors, Chambers of Commerce, Tourist Development Council, etc.) to compose similar letters from their respective viewpoints. As is noted in the letter, this advocacy outreach pertains to prohibiting drilling in Federal waters east of the Military Mission Line. The DSI will also be partnering with community and business leaders on a separate Amendment 9 advocacy outreach effort in the near future.





**THE DEFENSE SUPPORT INITIATIVES COMMITTEE**  
OKALOOSA, SANTA ROSA AND WALTON COUNTIES

August 10, 2018

Jason Blakeney, Editor  
Northwest Florida Daily News

Subject: Eastern Gulf Drilling Threatens National Security

Dear Mr. Blakeney

Drilling in the eastern Gulf of Mexico threatens our national security. Most are unaware that this subject area is a military range essential to our military's success and critically important to delivering the required capabilities to our men & women deployed overseas. The Eastern Gulf Test & Training Range (EGTTR) connects test & training capabilities from NW Florida to Key West. Eglin AFB utilizes the range as well as other military branches, installations, government agencies, and private companies.

The risk of drilling in the eastern Gulf needs to be understood. Proponents of drilling in the eastern Gulf of Mexico (EGOMEX) cite a potential impact of 56,000 jobs and \$2.6 billion in annual revenue. The 2017 Florida Defense Factbook cites Eglin AFB's annual economic impact as over \$9 Billion annually and over 72,000 jobs. This does not include the large technologically based defense industry workforce. Florida's military economic impact is over 801,747 jobs and \$84.9 Billion. This existing economic benefit would be at risk, not to mention our national security, if drilling and related activities were allowed in the EGOMEX.

The Military Mission Line (MML) is a federal moratorium protecting the EGTTR by banning drilling leases in the eastern Gulf. This moratorium expires in 2022 and it needs to be extended. Drilling structures and activities east of the MML would be incompatible with military activities, negatively impact our military's readiness and compromise our nation's military superiority. In 2017, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense stated, "The DoD cannot overstate the vital importance of maintaining this moratorium." A May 2018 Pentagon report, Preserving Military Readiness in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico, states, "The EGOMEX is an irreplaceable national asset. No other area offers the DoD a comparable combination of air space, water space, and existing infrastructure to support military activities."

Energy independence should not cost us our nation's security. As a national asset, it is critically important to preserve the EGTTR—an area of highest military importance requiring the MML to be permanently sustained to protect our nation's security.

It is important that we all contact our legislators to make this happen.

John Wilcox, SES (ret.), PhD  
Chairman, Defense Support Initiatives Committee

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## Tyndall AFB —

### **AFCEC's Airfield Pavement Evaluation Team wins One Air Force Award**

By Veronica Kemeny, Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center / Published August 27, 2018

<https://www.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/1613125/afcecs-airfield-pavement-evaluation-team-wins-one-air-force-award/>

The Air Force Civil Engineer Center's Airfield Pavement Evaluation Team received the General Mark A. Welsh III One Air Force Award for demonstrating improved effectiveness, operational readiness and mission accomplishment through integrated solutions.

This Air Force-level award recognizes mission success achieved by a team of two or more Total Force components. Active-duty, Guard, Reserve, Civil Air Patrol, or Department of Defense civilians from major commands and direct reporting units can be considered for this award.....

## NAS Whiting Field—

### Whiting Field earns Department of Energy Award

<http://www.srpressgazette.com/news/20180822/whiting-field-earns-department-of-energy-award>

By Press Gazette contributor

Press Gazette © August 22, 2018

The Department of Energy recognized NAS Whiting Field of Milton this week for its contributions to energy efficiency, conservation and renewable energy technologies.

**Selected earlier this month as the Department of the Navy's small shore installation Energy Excellence award winner for 2018, NAS Whiting Field's recent Utility Energy Savings Contract was also selected by the Department of Energy as a Federal Energy and Management Program award for 2018. The project was one of only nine selected throughout the entire federal government, and the only Department of Navy project recognized.....**

### Whiting Aviation Park hopes to lure high paying defense contractors to Santa Rosa County

<https://www.pnj.com/story/news/military/2018/08/21/whiting-aviation-park-hopes-lure-defense-contractors-santa-rosa/991373002/>

Pensacola News-Journal © August 21, 2018

By Melissa Nelson Gabriel

Back in 2002, Santa Rosa County Commissioner Don Salter had an interesting meeting with the then-commander of Whiting Field Naval Air Station.

"We had just finished acquiring 267 acres adjacent to the base, and he suggested we try and construct an aviation park along the fence line with base," Salter recalled.



The commander's goal was to lure businesses that could repair and provide parts for the hundreds of training aircraft used by the base.....

## MacDill AFB —

### Marine, former infantry commander, to take helm of US Central Command

[https://www.marinecorpstimes.com/news/your-marine-corps/2018/08/22/marine-former-infantry-commander-to-take-helm-of-us-central-command/?utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=ebb%2023.08.18&utm\\_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief](https://www.marinecorpstimes.com/news/your-marine-corps/2018/08/22/marine-former-infantry-commander-to-take-helm-of-us-central-command/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ebb%2023.08.18&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief)

Marine Corps Times © August 23, 2018

By: Shawn Snow

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Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Kenneth F. McKenzie Jr. has been nominated to take over U.S. Central Command and appointment to a fourth star, according to a Department of Defense Posting on Wednesday.

McKenzie is currently serving as the director, Joint Staff in Washington.

The former Marine infantry commander led Marines in Iraq from 2005-2006, and Afghanistan in 2004, as commander of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, according to his official military bio.....



**Lieutenant General  
Kenneth F. McKenzie, Jr.**

### SOCOM is asking to see all kinds of drones, some for delivering blood to the battlefield

[https://www.tbo.com/news/military/macdill/SOCOM-is-asking-to-see-all-kinds-of-drones-some-for-delivering-blood-to-the-battlefield\\_171382081](https://www.tbo.com/news/military/macdill/SOCOM-is-asking-to-see-all-kinds-of-drones-some-for-delivering-blood-to-the-battlefield_171382081)

Tampa Bay Times © September 4, 2018

By Howard Altman | Times Staff Writer

On a far-flung battlefield, 100 miles from the nearest treatment center, a Navy corpsman signals for a small drone to bring life-saving blood to a wounded commando.

Meanwhile, a tiny drone shaped like a bug spies on enemy leaders. Another small drone swoops in to broadcast messages, in local languages and dialects, explaining why Navy SEALs are there. Elsewhere, swarms of drones, aided by artificial intelligence, challenge enemy forces jamming signals.

Welcome to the future of special operations warfare.....

## Patrick AFB —

### Brig. Gen. Doug Schiess returns to Brevard, assumes command of Air Force's 45th Space Wing

<https://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/2018/08/23/45th-space-wing-host-change-command-ceremony-patrick-air-force-base/1058678002/>

Florida Today © August 23, 2018

By Rick Neale

Six years ago, then-Col. Doug Schiess reported to Cape Canaveral Air Force Station to oversee Eastern Range missile launch operations.

Thursday, he returned to Brevard County as a brigadier general — to lead the entire 45th Space Wing.

Schiess assumed command from retiring Brig. Gen. Wayne Monteith during a ceremony at the Patrick Air Force Base auditorium.....



**New Commander of the  
45th Space Wing  
Brigadier General Doug Schiess**

## Hurlburt Field —

### Hurlburt Field airman posthumously awarded Congressional Medal of Honor

<https://www.pnj.com/story/news/military/2018/08/22/hurlburt-field-airman-john-chapman-posthumously-awarded-medal-honor/1063039002/>

Pensacola News-Journal © August 22, 2018

By Melissa Nelson Gabriel

President Donald Trump on Wednesday awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor to the family of a Northwest Florida airman who died in Afghanistan in 2002.



Trump said Air Force Tech Sgt. John Chapman helped save the lives of 20 service members.

"John Chapman was the first to charge up the mountain toward the enemy," Trump said during the White House ceremony Wednesday afternoon. "Despite facing overwhelming force, John fiercely and bravely battled on for over an hour.".....



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# Spotlight on Defense Support Initiatives

## Mission Statement

To preserve and promote the local military installations, ranges and missions and their positive economic contributions to the tri-county area.

## DSI Objectives

- ★★ Advocate for military installations, ranges and missions
- ★★ Defend the Gulf Test and Training Range
- ★★ Promote joint services and systems
- ★★ Foster enhanced military–community partnerships
- ★★ Monitor local, state and federal impacts



The Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County (EDC) originated the Defense Support Initiatives Committee in 1996 to focus on supporting and maintaining the Eglin Test and Training Complex and existing missions. The DSI representation expanded in 2003 to include Santa Rosa and Walton Counties with the objective of promoting the military's value and contributions to the region's economic vitality. The EDC, through its Defense Support Initiatives Committee, is recognized by the State of Florida as the official representative and lead agency in the Okaloosa County area for base-community initiatives.

## Eglin AFB



Assigned under the 96th Test Wing and Air Force Materiel Command, Eglin AFB spans across three counties and is a joint service installation supporting Air Force, Army and Navy test and training units and hosts major organizations for numerous development programs, operational units, military schools, and various federal agencies. The largest military base in the Department of Defense, Eglin manages the Gulf Test & Training Range.

## Hurlburt Field



Hurlburt Field, Auxiliary Field 9, is headquarters for Air Force Special Operations Command. The command's special operations forces (SOF) are highly trained, rapidly deployable Airmen, conducting global special operations missions ranging from precision application of firepower to infiltration, exfiltration, resupply and refueling of SOF operational elements.

## Duke Field

Duke Field, Auxiliary Field 3, is home to the 919<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Wing (SOW), the only special operations unit in the Air Force Reserve. The 919<sup>th</sup> SOW reports to the Air Force Reserve Command's Tenth Air Force in peacetime, and becomes part of AFSOC at Hurlburt Field if mobilized for conflict.



## Naval Air Station Whiting Field

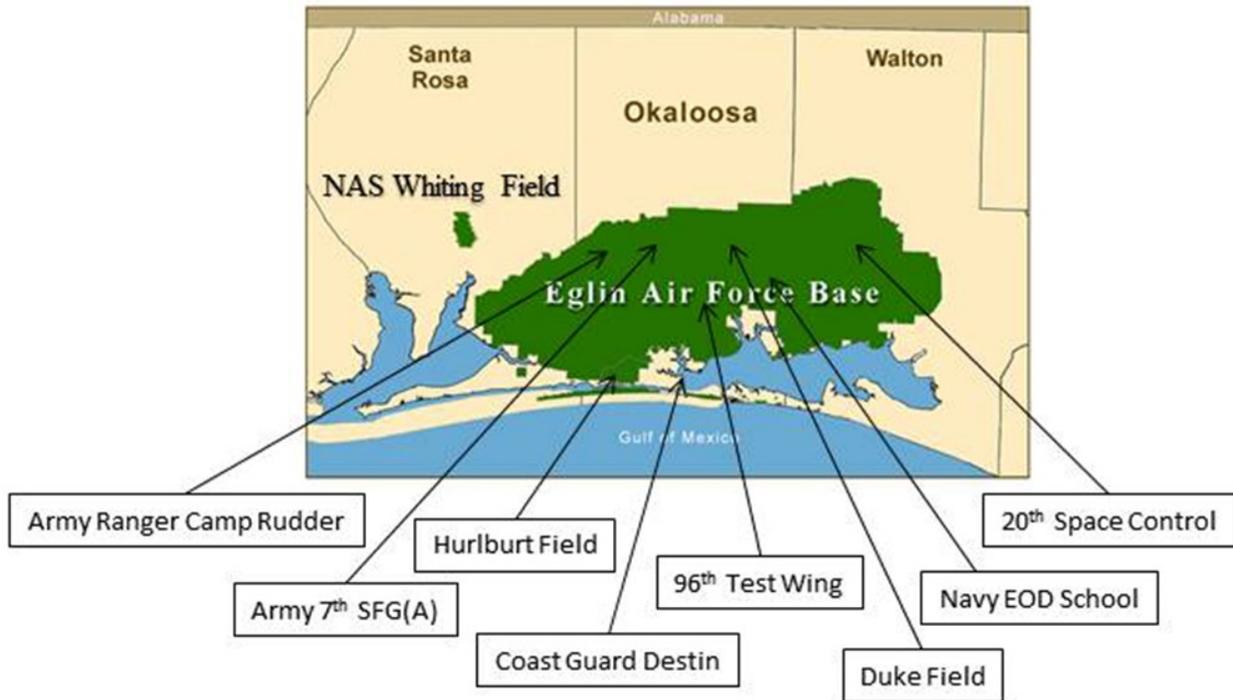


NAS Whiting Field is home to Training Air Wing Five. The complex consists of two primary airfields and 13 Navy Outlying Landing Fields. NASWF trains Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and international student aviators in the primary and intermediate phases of fixed wing aviation, and advanced training for helicopters. NASWF is the busiest Naval air complex in the world.

## Tri-County Economic Impact

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## Defense Support Initiatives Committee



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Economic Impact	\$11.1 Billion
Total Defense Spending	\$4.1 Billion
Jobs	Over 87,900
Source: Florida Defense Fact Book September 2017	



**Eglin Gulf Test & Training Range**  
Live, virtual, and constructive environment to support training, testing exercising and experimentation.

### NOTES FROM THE STAFF

FDA Members ---Thanks for all you do working side by side with Base Commanders on both local and state issues impacting service members and their families. Your efforts truly make a difference. Please continue to stay in close contact with your bases and ensure you understand their issues and concerns. Your relationship with base personnel is vital to improving the quality of life of all those military personnel and their families stationed in Florida.

### Florida Defense Alliance Leadership

**Chair** – Kellie Jo Kilberg

**Vice Chair** – Tim Jones

**Mission Sustainment Working Group Chair** – Jeff Fanto

**Family Support Working Group Chair** – Lynn Brannon

**Executive Board:** Jonathan Borgert, Jennifer Codo-Salisbury and Paul Hirsch



# Florida Defense Alliance Newsletter

September 19, 2018

*FDA Vision: To maintain and enhance the position and reputation of Florida as the most military-friendly state in the nation.*

## **NEWS**

**Senate Passes Defense Appropriations Bill** -- Senators on Tuesday voted 93-7 to pass a sweeping \$854 billion spending bill that includes funding for the Departments of Defense, Health and Human Services, Labor and Education, which make up the lion's share of total government spending.

**Updated FDA Encroachment Paper** – The encroachment paper – Florida's Programs to Mitigate Encroachment to Military Installations-- published last year has been updated with some changes/additions from legislation passed during the 2018 Legislative Session. The updated version is posted at: <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/Florida-Programs-to-Mitigate-Encroachment-to-Military-Installations-FINAL-July-12.pdf>

**Buffering at NAS Whiting Field** – The Trust for Public Land announced that another 800 acres of forestland within the Florida Forever Project Wolfe Creek Forest has been acquired and added to the Blackwater River State Forest. Protecting the property ensures that land adjacent to Naval Air Station (NAS) Whiting Field will not be incompatibly developed in ways that may limit flight operations and vital military training. Funding for the acquisition came from the U.S. Forest Service through the Forest Legacy Program, which is administered through the Florida Forest Service, a division of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the U.S. Navy through the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program.

**Association of Defense Communities (ADC) Call for Innovators** – ADC is asking for innovators to bring ideas to be highlighted at the next Installation Innovation Forum in March 2019 in Miami. According to Matt Borron from ADC, "The future of military installations and defense communities will be defined by partnerships and technology. We've already begun to see this evolution play out across the country as bases turn to an ever broadening scope of industry and community services and capabilities. Each year we see new projects push the boundaries on what types of partnerships and technological innovations are possible. This is the focus of ADC's popular annual event, Installation Innovation Forum. Next March, 600+ community, industry and military leaders from across the country will gather in Miami for the largest professional development event of its kind focus on sharing best practices. A centerpiece of this event will be our Innovators Program, a platform for highlighting the nation's most innovative projects and emerging ideas that are redefining how we manage our military installations and collaborate with communities. This year's program will focus on three categories of projects:

- Today's Innovations - Projects underway or recently implemented that offer ideas that can be replicated today
- Strategy-driven Innovations – With DoD's focus on the new National Defense Strategy, ADC is looking for emerging innovation projects from conceptual to actual that integrate that advance ideas in the NDS.

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- Innovations of the Future – We want to look beyond what is happening today to what will be happening 5, 10, 20 years downline. What are the future innovations that will define our bases in the years ahead.

ADC is accepting initial project nominations through Sept. 28. This short online submission form will get you on our list for consideration and review. Those projects selected will be part of extensive outreach at IIF, as well as in a new ADC publication.” If you are interested in making a submission that highlights Florida, go to <https://installationinnovation.org/innovators-nomination-form/>

**Senate Passes Minibus Appropriations Bill for MILCON and VA --** The Senate on Wednesday overwhelmingly passed a spending package that seals a fiscal 2019 bipartisan funding deal that House and Senate leaders reached earlier to fund the Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as nuclear programs, energy projects, congressional operations and military construction.

**Advocacy Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Released –** The Task Force’s current Advocacy contract expires in February 2019. In order to get the best competition for our next contract, the Task Force has released a Request for Qualifications (DTFRFQ19-001 - attached) to determine what companies may be qualified to support its needs. Responses are due by October 15, 2018. Once we have an opportunity to review, the Task Force plans to begin solicitation in November 2018, conduct selected vender presentations in January 2019, and potentially begin a new contract in March 2019. The RFQ document and other information is hosted on MyFlorida Marketplace and our website at <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf/funding-contracts/>

#### From ADC:

### **Community Adjustment Assistance Expanded to Deal with Threats to Installation Resilience**

*Posted on Sep 14, 2018 04:33 am*

DOD’s Office of Economic Adjustment will have the authority to offer grants to states and local governments for assistance to address threats to military installation resilience which could hinder base operations, under language in the fiscal 2019 defense authorization bill. Section 2805 defines installation resilience as the capability of an installation to adapt to and recover from extreme weather events, or unanticipated changes in environmental conditions which could affect the installation or community resources such as transportation needed to “maintain, improve or rapidly reestablish installation mission assurance and mission essential functions.”

The provision and dozens of others in the newly enacted authorization bill affecting defense communities are summarized in a new ADC report, ***FY 2019 National Defense Authorization Act in Review***. The report covers new statutes involving mission support and partnerships, facilities and installation management, real estate authorities, encroachment, energy and water resilience, and environmental contamination. The report is split into two sections. The first is a compilation of *On Base* stories covering changes most critical to defense communities, including:

- a new authority allowing DOD to provide funding to state and local governments for off-base infrastructure projects
- a new authority for closing or realigning installations outside of the normal BRAC process;
- a requirement for DOD to prepare a more detailed analysis of its excess capacity than the two assessments it has completed since 2016;
- a requirement for DOD to cut spending by defense support agencies on civilian resources management, logistics management, services contracting and real estate management by 25 percent by Jan. 1, 2020; and



- a requirement for DOD to outline its plans for cleaning up on- and off-base drinking water supplies contaminated with PFAS after the Environmental Protection Agency establishes a regulatory standard for that class of chemicals.

## **Funding for New Infrastructure Authority Left out of Conference Agreement**

*Posted on Sep 17, 2018 02:54 am*

ADC's effort to secure a new authority allowing DOD to provide funding to state and local governments for off-base infrastructure projects quickly gained momentum this year, with the House and Senate Armed Services committees each including language establishing a Defense Community Infrastructure Program in their versions of the defense authorization bill. And after the Senate last month approved an amendment allocating \$20 million for the new initiative during consideration of the fiscal 2019 defense spending bill, the possibility that defense communities could obtain infrastructure funding in the coming year appeared favorable. But, alas, plans to take advantage of the new authority will need to be pushed back until at least FY 2020, after conferees negotiating the final version of a two-bill spending package covering the defense and labor-HHS-education titles dropped the \$20 million allocation from the conference agreement reached Thursday.

Given the success enjoyed up until this week by ADC, the association's Federal Outreach Advisory Committee, and the House and Senate Defense Communities Caucuses gaining the support of lawmakers to establish and fund a Defense Community Infrastructure Program, the conference committee's decision comes as a disappointment. Still, ADC and its friends in Congress took a huge step forward this year in seeing the new authority become law, and there's plenty of reason to be optimistic the coalition will secure funding next year for the program.

### **NOTES FROM THE CHAIR**

Last week was the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11, a day I will always remember. And now, it's a day of reflection. A time when our country came together for a common cause. This week, we will recognize the POW/MIAs on Friday. A solemn moment for the families praying for their loved-ones. Last Sunday, at the Jacksonville Jaguars' game, the City of Jacksonville revealed a stadium seat roped off in recognition of our POW/MIAs. What a wonderful tribute and reminder for all of us that have the freedoms we have today.

I am thankful for the men and women who volunteer to serve our great country and for their families who support them. As we move into fall, take a moment to thank our military men, women and their families. Listen to their challenges and opportunities to see if we can find solutions. Be proactive in sharing the Florida story of how we have listened in the past and followed up with legislation to address many of the challenges.

Until next time, let's stay focused in our quest to answer those challenges and find the opportunities for partnerships.

**Kellie Jo Kilberg**



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### QUOTATION OF THE DAY

“If you have integrity, nothing else matters. If you don’t have integrity, nothing else matters.”

---Former Senator Alan K. Simpson



### News from the Bases & Regions

#### Eglin AFB —

#### Air Force's first Invisible Wounds Center opens

By Ilka Cole, Team Eglin Public Affairs / Published September 04, 2018

<https://www.eglin.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/1619478/air-forces-first-invisible-wounds-center-opens/>

#### EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. —

The 96th Medical Group held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the Air Force’s first Invisible Wounds Center Aug. 30.



More than 120 people attended the event and toured the new facility, including the Air Force Surgeon General, Lt. Gen. Dorothy Hogg, the 96th Test Wing installation commander, Brig. Gen. Evan C. Dertien, and members of the local community.

Hogg, the guest speaker for the ribbon cutting ceremony, thanked everyone who helped stand up the center here. She also reaffirmed the Air Force's commitment to providing 'Trusted Care' to our military members.

"Standing up this facility is just the first step of many in our commitment to care for our warriors with invisible wounds," she said. "We owe these brave men and women the very best treatment possible. Today, we make good on that commitment."

The center will serve as a regional treatment center for post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury, associated pain conditions and psychological injuries.....



*Air Force Surgeon General Lt. Gen. Dorothy Hogg, 96th Test Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Evan C. Dertien, 96th Medical Group Commander Col. Pamela Smith, smile as they cut the ribbon during the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Air Force's first Invisible Wounds Center Aug. 30 at the Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. The IWC will serve as a regional treatment center for post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury, associated pain conditions and psychological injuries. (U.S. Air Force photo/Ilka Cole)*

## The 7<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group

September 8, 2018 kicked off the week-long Field of Valor. Col. Patrick T. Colloton spoke during Saturday's FOV ceremony highlighting the 367 flags representing Florida's Fallen Heroes who have died since 9/11. Below are some photos from Saturday's event.





## T-6 hypoxia problem solved, Air Force announces

[https://www.airforcetimes.com/news/your-air-force/2018/09/14/t-6-hypoxia-problem-solved-air-force-announces/?utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=ebb%2017.09.18&utm\\_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief](https://www.airforcetimes.com/news/your-air-force/2018/09/14/t-6-hypoxia-problem-solved-air-force-announces/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ebb%2017.09.18&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief)

Air Force Times © September 14, 2018

**By: Stephen Losey**

The rash of hypoxia-like problems in the Air Force's fleet of T-6 Texan II trainers was primarily caused by fluctuating concentrations of oxygen in the cockpit, the service said Thursday.

Air Education and Training Command said in a release that the Air Force will start putting a series of fixes in place to correct the problems. These fixes will include redesigning the oxygen system in the T-6, adjusting oxygen levels in flight, and increasing maintenance on the On-Board Oxygen Generating System, or OBOGS.

A six-month study conducted by AETC and Air Force Materiel Command, uncovered the problem with varying oxygen concentration levels, which AETC described as the "major factor in unexplained physiological events" affecting T-6 pilots, AETC said. Experts from the Navy and NASA also assisted with the study.....

## Niceville —

### NHS students receive VHP Medal of Honor

<http://niceville.com/niceville-high-school-students-receive-medal/>

The Veterans Heritage Project™ (VHP) connects students with veterans in their communities, offering students the opportunity to immerse in one-on-one personal accounts of heroism and service to our country...

The Niceville High School chapter of the Veterans Heritage Project recently earned the Congressional Honor Citizenship award. The Veterans Heritage Project made the award based on the impactful service to veterans and youth in the states of Florida, Arizona, and Illinois.



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writing and civics, and an appreciation of the freedoms that came through the sacrifices of those who have served our nation.....

## NAS Whiting Field—

### Santa Rosa County receives \$8.5M for aviation park

<https://weartv.com/news/local/santa-rosa-county-receives-85m-for-aviation-park>

Wear-TV © September 14, 2018

by Kristie Henderson

Santa Rosa County will receive \$8.5 million to develop Whiting Aviation Park. That's a planned 269-acre industrial park next to Naval Air Station Whiting Field. Designed to lure aerospace companies to the region, it's expected to create more than 200 high-paying jobs.

The money comes from the BP oil spill approved by Triumph Gulf Coast.



# Spotlight on the West Florida Defense Alliance



## Mission Statement

To actively facilitate community and government support to sustain and enhance current military missions, pursue future missions, and promote the region's contributions to the nation's defense.

The far western region of Florida is home to one of the highest concentrations of active duty and civilian military personnel, veterans, and military retirees in the state of Florida. The region hosts 2 installations, employing 25,000 military, civilian, and private-sector personnel, generating more than \$350 million in defense contracts, and supporting 66,000 veterans, of which 19,000 are military retirees. In all, this military presence generates over \$9 billion in economic impact and supports nearly 76,000 jobs - roughly 40% of the region's economy.

In recognition of the tremendous economic value the military provides our community, the Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce has formally established the West Florida Defense Alliance (WFDA). Housed within the Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce, WFDA will work closely with the Florida Defense Support Task Force, other regional Defense Alliances, and our local community to identify and execute military friendly initiatives to enhance the region's military value and improve the quality of life of our service members, veterans, and military retirees. WFDA will act as the liaison between local installations and the community, and will represent our region's military interests at the state and federal levels.

The West Florida Defense Alliance (WFDA), established in 2018, is the lead organization for all military-related issues throughout the region. While the community has supported the region's military installations for generations, WFDA was created to be a legacy organization that coordinates the community's efforts. WFDA focuses primarily on expanding the military presence in the region by way of mission growth, increasing the value of defense contracts performed, and attracting military retirees and veterans to the area. WFDA is the vehicle with which the community can channel its efforts to accomplish these ends.

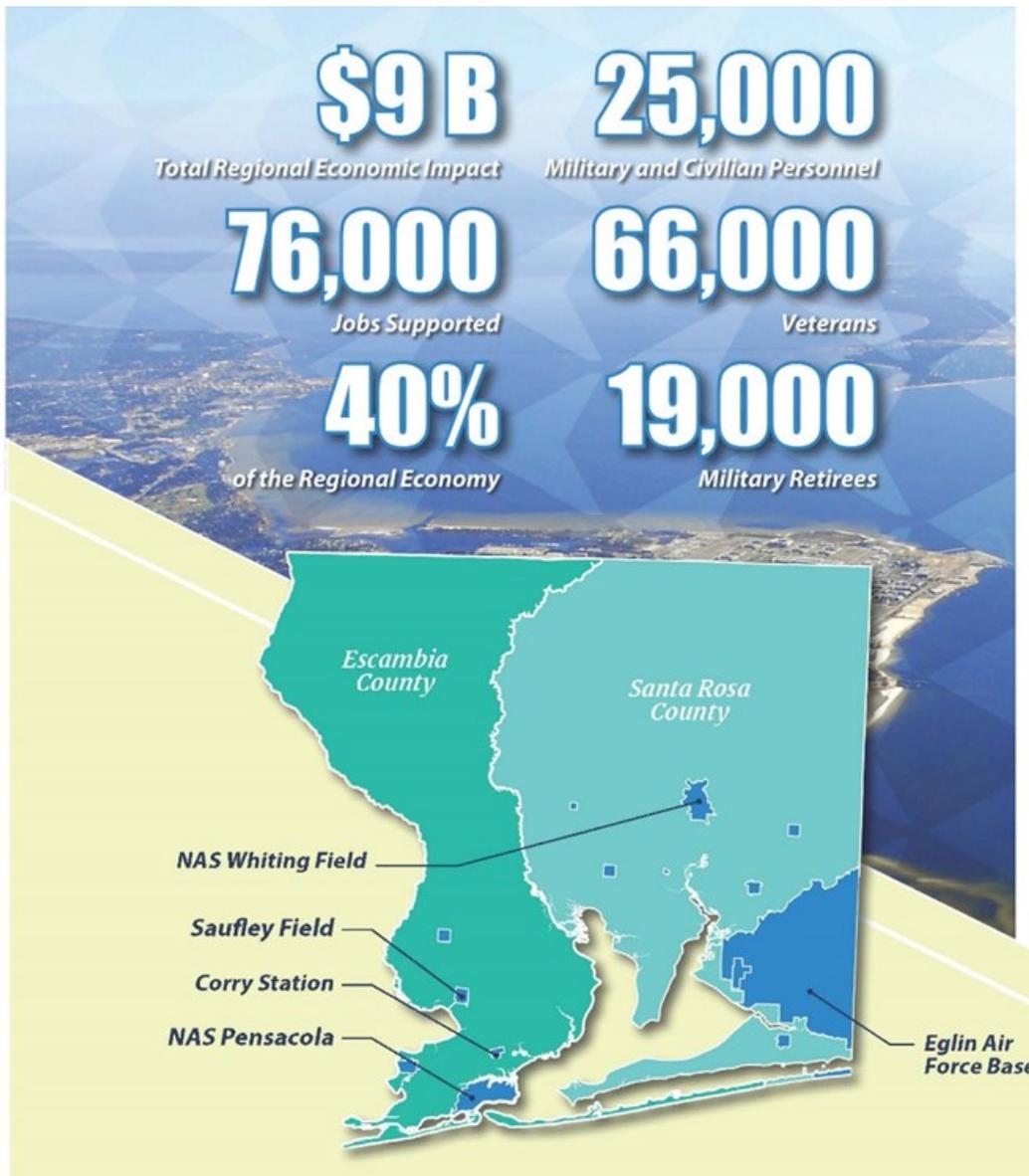


**Chaired by CAPT Keith Hoskins,  
USN (Ret), former Commanding  
Officer of NAS Pensacola**

As of 2016, military spending across Escambia and Santa Rosa counties supports over 76,000 jobs and generates approximately \$9 billion in economic impact; combined, these impacts account for just under 40% of the region's economy.

Since 1998, the state of Florida has supported the legislatively mandated Florida Defense Alliance with the purpose of increasing military value, enhancing base capabilities, and promoting multi-service synergies for Florida's military bases while supporting and enhancing the quality of life for Florida's military families. By forming an official Defense Alliance, the region can better market itself and its efforts to external stakeholders as well as better align itself with state efforts.





**NOTES FROM THE STAFF**

FDA Members ---Thanks for all you do working side by side with Base Commanders on both local and state issues impacting service members and their families. Your efforts truly make a difference. Please continue to stay in close contact with your bases and ensure you understand their issues and concerns. Your relationship with base personnel is vital to improving the quality of life of all those military personnel and their families stationed in Florida.

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# Florida Defense Alliance Newsletter

October 3, 2018

*FDA Vision: To maintain and enhance the position and reputation of Florida as the most military-friendly state in the nation.*

## **NEWS**

**President Trump Signs Defense Appropriations Bill** – Last Friday, President Trump signed the defense appropriations bill that House lawmakers overwhelmingly passed. It is a \$684 billion defense appropriations measure that ends any last-minute drama about a possible government shutdown. The defense appropriations bill has more than \$606 billion in base defense spending and nearly \$68 billion more in overseas contingency funds, in line with White House requests and spending targets outlined in the annual defense authorization bill approved earlier this summer. The measure funds a 2.6 percent pay raise for troops starting next January and a boost in military end strength of 16,400 spread across the active-duty and reserve forces. Operation and maintenance spending totals \$243.2 billion of the defense total, and research and development efforts another \$96.1 billion. Defense health and military family programs would receive \$34.4 billion.

**Camp Blanding Buffered by Land Deal** –The North Florida Land Trust obtained two property easements for conservation totaling 2,551 acres for slightly more than \$8 million in southern Clay County — marking the nonprofit’s largest conservation easement acquisition to date. The two tracts — which measure about 4.2 square miles — will be protected from high density development as well as serve as a buffer to the adjacent Camp Blanding Joint Training Center, which is Florida’s largest National Guard installation. The North Florida Land Trust paid a total \$8,097,000 for the two easements with funds coming through the Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB) program.

**ADC Opens Nominations for Great American Defense Communities** – ADC has opened the nomination period for the 2019 Great American Defense Communities (GADC) program, an initiative that recognizes the unique contributions communities that host military installations make to improve quality of life for service members and their families. Since the program was launched in 2016, it has shined a light on the regions and individuals that are making an exceptional commitment to improving the lives of military members and veterans. The 2019 GADC application can be found on the ADC website. Nominations are due Oct. 26. Email [rsvp@defensecommunities.org](mailto:rsvp@defensecommunities.org) for instructions on joining a webinar on Oct. 3 at 3 p.m. for a walkthrough of the program and nomination process. Communities are selected following a competitive nomination process based on community building and integration, support and collaboration, educational and employment opportunities, and family support. The initiative, now entering its fourth year, is sponsored by USAA. The 2019 class will be announced in November.

**New ADC Publication – FY 2019 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) in Review** – ADC just released a short summary of the 2019 NDAA. It can be downloaded at: [https://www.defensecommunities.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/NDAA-2019-Compendium\\_v2.pdf](https://www.defensecommunities.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/NDAA-2019-Compendium_v2.pdf)

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**OEA Releases Report on Defense Spending by State** – The Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) just released their annual report on defense spending by state. This report reflects data from FY2016. By highlighting states’ reliance on military installations and contractors, the report can be used “to assess potential exposure to fluctuations in defense spending and to target assistance to create more resilient communities and companies,” according to its executive summary. The listing for each state shows the top defense contractors and ranks the top 10 counties by contract spending, personnel spending, and number of active-duty and civilian personnel. The link to report is: <http://oea.gov/resource/defense-spending-state-fiscal-year-2016>

**From ADC:**

**On the Hill: Trump Signs FY’19 Milcon Minibus; Congress May Send White House DOD Spending Bill before Week’s End**

*Posted on Sep 24, 2018 02:07 am*

President Trump on Friday signed the first batch of fiscal 2019 spending bills Congress is planning to send his way by Oct. 1, providing full-year appropriations for the military construction-Veterans Affairs, energy-water and legislative branch titles. The conference report for the three-bill minibus allocates \$10.3 billion for military construction and family housing programs next year, a \$241 million increase over current year spending. The funding falls \$130.6 million below the Pentagon’s FY 2019 budget request, however. ... **Next up is the conference report for a two-bill spending package covering the defense and labor-HHS-education titles.** The House is expected to adopt it this week — after the Senate easily passed the minibus last week — placing its fate in the hands of Trump, who has offered conflicting signals as to whether he will sign it.

**Resilient Infrastructure Needed to Meet Readiness, Lethality Objectives, Analyst States**

*Posted on Sep 26, 2018 05:52 am*

The Army should place an increased emphasis on the energy resilience of its installations as the nation’s homeland faces cyber and other threats from adversaries and a dependence on the commercial grid leaves the service vulnerable to a variety of risks, according to a paper by Daniel Roper, director of national security studies for the Association of the U.S. Army’s Institute of Land Warfare. To overcome these challenges, the Army should develop “a value equation for resiliency efforts that enables key projects to effectively compete for resources and private financing mechanisms,” Roper states.

Roper also recommends adopting approaches for building resiliency associated with operational energy to installations, such as tactical microgrids and vehicle-to-grid. “Advanced power systems align supply with demand, using power available from grids, vehicles, generators and renewables to supply only the power necessary at the point of need,” he writes. Tactical microgrids can relieve pressure on the national grid during a crisis within the homeland and when deployed overseas.

“The U.S. Army — and DOD — must increase focus on energy resilience to remain operationally relevant in the emerging threat environment. Without this foundational critical enabler, it risks the accomplishment of its mission, both domestically and overseas,” Roper concludes.



## FDA CALENDAR:

Wednesday, November 14th

FDA In-Person Meeting

8:00 AM EST

Courtyard By Marriott Cocoa Beach; 3435 N. Atlantic Avenue, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931  
(321) 784-4800

FDA Website: [www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/](http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/)

### QUOTATION OF THE DAY

“Ultimately, leadership is not about glorious crowning acts. It's about keeping your team focused on a goal and motivated to do their best to achieve it, especially when the stakes are high and the consequences really matter. It is about laying the groundwork for others' success, and then standing back and letting them shine.”

---Chris Hadfield



### News from the Bases & Regions

#### NS Mayport —

**Making sure military families in need stationed at Naval Station Mayport don't go hungry**

<https://www.actionnewsjax.com/news/local/making-sure-military-families-in-need-stationed-at-naval-station-mayport-dont-go-hungry/837680485>

Action News Jax © September 20, 2018

By: Amber Krycka

A local group is working with the United Service Organization to make sure military families stationed at Naval Station Mayport don't go hungry.



They protect our country, but often struggle just to buy food.

“You kind of have to stretch, and you really have to budget,” said Amanda Eddy, a military wife.....

## Camp Blanding —

**North Florida Land Trust Marks Largest Conservation Easement Acquisitions to Date: More than 2,500 acres in Clay County will be preserved in perpetuity**

<https://www.floridatrend.com/article/25434/north-florida-land-trust-marks-largest-conservation-easement-acquisitions-to-date>

Florida Trend © September 18, 2018

North Florida Land Trust has acquired two conservation easements in Clay County marking the nonprofit organization’s largest conservation easement acquisitions to date. The two properties totaling approximately 2,551 acres will now be protected from high intensity development and will serve as a buffer for the Camp Blanding Joint Training Center. NFLT works closely with Camp Blanding to identify lands that are both prime for conservation and important to protect the military base from the threat of encroaching development. Funding for the purchases was provided by the Army National Guard.....

## SOUTHCOM—

Southcom Lends Helping Hand Through Humanitarian Assistance Programs

<https://dod.defense.gov/News/Article/Article/1639677/southcom-lends-helping-hand-through-humanitarian-assistance-programs/>

U.S. Southern Command’s **humanitarian assistance program** conducts Defense Department-approved activities within its area of responsibility in conjunction with partner nations to alleviate human suffering, disease, hunger and privation, particularly in regions where those needs may pose major challenges to the civilian populace.....

*(Marine Corps Cpl. Randy O’Connell, left, and a member of the Guatemalan Army Corps of Engineers work together to lay blocks at a construction site in Escuintla, Guatemala, July 19, 2018. Marines with Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force Southern Command worked with the Guatemalan military as part of a U.S. Southern Command humanitarian assistance project coordinated with the government of Guatemala to build temporary housing for people left without homes after a volcano eruption. Marine Corps photo by Gunnery Sgt. Zachary Dyer)*



## NAS Pensacola—

### Pensacola Naval Hospital opens new center for women's health

<https://www.pnj.com/story/news/military/2018/09/19/pensacola-naval-hospital-opens-new-center-womens-health/1339605002/>

Pensacola News-Journal © September 19, 2018

By **Melissa Nelson Gabriel**



*(Photo: Gregg Pachkowski/gregg@pnj.com)*

As part of the Navy's ongoing effort to improve health care for its female sailors and dependent family members, Pensacola Naval Hospital has a new Comprehensive Women's Health Center.

The center, which opened in July, offers a range of gynecological services including contraception, infertility, childbirth classes and breastfeeding classes.

The hospital opened the center after closing its labor and delivery department earlier this year. In announcing the closure, the Navy said labor and delivery services were widely available in the surrounding community and it no longer made sense for the military to provide the service in Pensacola.....

## MacDill AFB—

### Tampa's Cross-Bay Ferry may connect to MacDill Air Force Base

*Pretty cool for the 15,000 people who live or work there.*

<https://www.eltampa.com/music/local/article/21023356/tampas-crossbay-ferry-may-connect-to-macdill-air-force-base>



CLTampa.com © September 20, 2018

BY RAY ROA

As we pointed out last month, the Cross-Bay Ferry is coming back to Tampa Bay. But now it may connect to MacDill Air Force Base, too.

*TBBJ* says that the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners voted 7-0 to approve an eighth modification to the Tampa Bay Passenger Ferry Interim Public Private Partnership Agreement.

Included in the modification is a task to create a ferry route between south Hillsborough County and MacDill Air Force Base with a possible connection to downtown Tampa.....

## Hurlburt Field—

### Hollywood comes to Hurlburt

<http://www.nwfdailynews.com/news/20180921/hollywood-comes-to-hurlburt>

Northwest Florida Daily News © September 21, 2018

They were a long way from the lights and cameras of Hollywood, but there was plenty of action for a group of entertainment professionals who visited Air Force Special Operations Command headquarters recently to learn about the work and lives of Special Operations airmen.

“While at AFSOC they received a base tour, mission briefings and interacted with airmen during training operations,” AFSOC’s Public Affairs Office said in an email. “The group was able to spend time with our 1st Special Operations Wing, 24th Special Operations Wing, and see a ... demonstration from the 492nd Special Operations Wing.” .....

## Space Coast—

### Brevard's business, military communities pledge to support deployed employees

<https://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/local/2018/09/25/brevards-business-military-communities-pledge-support-deployed-employees/1418546002/>

Florida Today © September 25, 2018

By Dave Berman

The Space Coast business and military sectors have joined forces in support of the National Guard and the Reserves.

Representatives of four Brevard County chambers of commerce, the Brevard County Sheriff's Office and local employers attended an event



to pledge employer support for military service in the Guard and Reserve, including for their employees who volunteer in the National Guard and Reserve components.....



## Spotlight on the City of Jacksonville

Jacksonville has the largest military presence and veteran population in the state of Florida. Nearly 1 in 4 have a direct tie to the military. The military has an estimated \$14 billion annual impact on the city. More than 100,000 jobs are created, either directly or indirectly in Jacksonville by our strong military presence.

The City of Jacksonville Military Affairs and Veterans Department (MAVD) is composed of 18 professional who work tirelessly to advocate for veterans. Fifteen of their employees are veterans themselves.

The department focuses on three main areas: veteran services, social services, and outreach/advocacy. First, the department assists Jacksonville's more than 200,000 veterans

with filing claims for VA disability compensation and pension benefits. During Mayor Curry's administration, MAVD has directly served nearly 25,000 area veterans and helped them secure approximately \$80 million in compensation from the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs. Second, MAVD's social services program provides emergency financial assistance to veterans with no-interest loans, grants, and budget counseling. Thanks to the Jacksonville Jaguars Foundation the department is able to assist qualifying veterans in avoiding utility cut off or eviction. Also, MAVD provides services to homeless and at-risk veterans through the Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program. This U.S. Department of Labor program helps homeless veterans get back to work and on the path to self-sufficiency. Finally, MAVD works with city and community leaders, veterans organizations, and the private sector to demonstrate Jacksonville's sincere appreciation for those who serve, have served, and continue to serve through events like: Military Spouse Night Out, Memorial Day Observance, Veterans Day Parade, Purple Heart Day, Homeless Veteran Stand Down, Vetpreneur Summit, Season of Valor and many more. The department aims to protect area bases from encroachment by purchasing development rights, deed restrictions and easements. To date,

MAVD has protected more than 1,100 around area bases. MAVD leverages their generous City of Jacksonville budget with approximately three times that amount in local, state and federal grants. The department currently manages \$1.9 million in local, state and federal grants solely for the benefit of military bases in



Duval County and area veterans.

Jacksonville hosts the second largest Veterans Memorial Wall in the United States. It is the only wall in the nation that honors veterans from all six branches (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine).



**Harrison Conyers,  
City of Jacksonville Military and Veterans  
Affairs Department**



**Bill Spann, Director,  
City of Jacksonville Military and  
Veterans Affairs Department**

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**NOTES FROM THE STAFF**  
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Sincere thanks to all the dedicated members of the Florida Defense Alliance. You all do some great work in your communities on behalf of our service men and women. It is because of you that Florida is the most military friendly state in the nation!

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# Florida Defense Alliance Newsletter

October 17, 2018

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## NEWS

**Hurricane Michael Devastates Tyndall AFB, But It Will be Rebuilt** – Hurricane Michael hit Tyndall AFB last week and has caused immense destruction of the base. With winds of 150+ mph, the hurricane damaged almost every building on the base. The Florida National Guard has almost 4,000 members mobilized to assist in the recovery effort. The news articles below provide more information about Tyndall. Also below is a letter from Florida Congressional members supporting the rebuilding of the base.

**DOD Issues Flyer on Dependent School Enrollment Issue** – DoD has found that family PCS move timing can cause issues for dependents enrolling in schools around the country. According to a DoD flyer that outlines the issue, “About 185 thousand military children move between schools annually, and as a result, may potentially miss their registration date. As a result, they may have to shift their planned courses of study, which may require them to take courses in summer school, or even force them to graduate later than their peers.” Both the FDA and the Task Force are looking at potential legislation for next session that could support military families better in Florida.

**Semi-Annual FDA Meeting Set for November 14, 2018 in Cocoa Beach** – Please sign up with Michelle Griggs if you plan to attend the upcoming FDA meeting in Cocoa Beach. Kellie Jo has a great agenda planned and it looks to be a most engaging and lively meeting.

### From ADC:

#### **Tyndall AFB Update: Officials Grapple with Next Steps; Florida Lawmakers Insist on Full and Rapid Recovery for Base; And More**

*Posted on Oct 15, 2018 03:10 am*

Air Force officials on Friday remained uncertain how long Tyndall AFB would remain closed, after Hurricane Michael’s 150 mph winds swept through the installation last week leaving nearly every building damaged. “One hundred percent of the housing for that base is uninhabitable,” Air Force Gen. Joseph Lengyel, chief of the National Guard Bureau, told reporters in Washington. Tyndall and the surrounding region will require assistance for at least weeks, Lengyel said, with establishing communications beyond the Florida Panhandle one of the base’s first priorities. It also is not clear where the 3,600 airmen and families who live at Tyndall will be assigned, reported Federal News Network. “The initial concern right now is for the families and the people who were displaced from that,” he said. “I don’t think they can live on Tyndall, plus the schools and the rest, so there’s a lot to do with how they begin to mitigate the disaster that happened there.” ... Two days after Hurricane Michael flattened Tyndall AFB, Florida Sens. Marco Rubio (R) and Bill Nelson (D) and

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Rep. Neal Dunn (R) urged the Air Force's senior leaders to expedite the effort to repair and restore operations at the installation. "Each of us stand ready to work with the Air Force to rebuild Tyndall AFB and advocate for the resources needed to do so," states the Oct. 12 letter to Secretary Heather Wilson and Chief of Staff Gen. David Goldfein. "As the Air Force conducts its damage assessment, we request consistent, immediate, and detailed communication of the funding and support needed to repair infrastructure, restore operations and provide for local service members, civilians and their families," the lawmakers say. The letter also highlights Tyndall's primary missions — the Air Force's training wing for the F-22 Raptor, and the air operations center for NORAD and U.S. Northern Command. ... Meanwhile, the cleanup effort began Friday when an engineering unit arrived at Tyndall from Hurlburt Field located 100 miles to the west. The Red Horse Squadron was outfitted with heavy construction equipment, reported Stars and Stripes. On Thursday evening, Air Force special tactics airmen from Hurlburt reopened Tyndall's airfield to allow aircraft to deliver emergency supplies to the area. The first air delivery arrived just after 7 p.m., according to a news release. ... The Air Force acknowledged that several aircraft not evacuated from Tyndall for maintenance or safety reasons may have been damaged, as all of the hangars at the base suffered severe damage. "We anticipate the aircraft parked inside may be damaged as well, but we won't know the extent until our crews can safely enter those hangars and make an assessment," said Air Combat Command spokeswoman Erica Vega. Many of the planes left behind were F-22s, according to a defense official. Photos of the catastrophic damage left in the wake of Hurricane Michael, along with a video of an aerial assessment, can be found on this Stars and Stripes link.

## **Tyndall AFB Update: Chief Engineer Sees Long Road Ahead; Personnel Will Be Allowed to Visit Homes; NSA Panama City Workers Told to Report to NAS Pensacola**

*Posted on Oct 17, 2018 03:45 am*

The Air Force is considering transferring some airmen and their families elsewhere while Tyndall AFB is rebuilt, a spokesman said. "We're going to have to make some serious decisions on which families come back to that base or not," said Brig. Gen. Edward Thomas, director of public affairs. Meanwhile, the service's director of civil engineers compared the storm's devastation to Hurricane Katrina's impact in 2005 on Keesler AFB in Biloxi, Miss. Keesler, located about 230 miles west of Tyndall, took nearly five years to make a full recovery, reported the Washington Post. "You can imagine what kind of effort lays ahead of us," said Brig. Gen. John Allen Jr. ... Tyndall AFB military and civilian personnel, who remain under a mandated evacuation order, are being allowed to inspect their homes and dorms and retrieve their belongings on a limited basis starting today and ending Sunday. Access will be restricted to housing areas and dorms, according to the message to Team Tyndall. Officials warned that the base and the local area remain dangerous. "We are still cleaning roads, power lines and debris. This has been a major undertaking but we are getting better each day. We continue working a long-term plan of action but we simply aren't there yet, as we are concentrating on the short-term, day-to-day recovery actions," they said. ... Civilian and military employees of Naval Support Activity Panama City who evacuated due to Hurricane Michael have been directed to report to Naval Air Station Pensacola next Monday. The support activity sustained significant damage during the storm, and the lack of utilities and essential community services, such as schools and hospitals, is expected to prevent most employees from returning for an extended period of time, according to a Navy press release



# Letter from Florida Congressional Members on Rebuilding of Tyndall AFB -

**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20515

October 12, 2018

The Honorable Heather Wilson  
Secretary of the Air Force  
1665 Air Force Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20330

General David Goldfein, USAF  
Chief of Staff  
1670 Air Force Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20330

Dear Secretary Wilson and General Goldfein:

We write regarding the devastating impacts caused by Hurricane Michael at Tyndall Air Force Base. The base serves a critical role in protecting and promoting U.S. national security interests and it is vital that we rapidly repair infrastructure and restore operations in the wake of the storm.

As the training home of the F-22 Raptor, our nation's premier air-to-air fighter jet, Tyndall AFB ensures our air dominance. The aviators and maintainers stationed at the 325th Fighter Wing are among the best in the world in owning the high ground. Additionally, the 601st Air Operations Center serves as the frontline defense against threats to the homeland and conducts critical relief operations following disasters such as Hurricane Michael. Tyndall is home to these and additional units critical to our national security, and we need them back there as soon as possible.

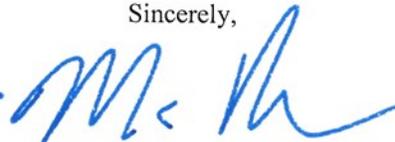
Each of us stand ready to work with the Air Force to rebuild Tyndall AFB and advocate for the resources needed to do so. As the Air Force conducts its damage assessment, we request consistent, immediate, and detailed communication of the funding and support needed to repair infrastructure, restore operations and provide for local service members, civilians and their families. Working together, Tyndall will be rebuilt and return stronger than ever, allowing its tenant units to resume their missions from one of the premier Air Force Bases in the world.

Tyndall AFB is home to some of our nation's most important training and operational missions, not to mention thousands of devoted service members and civilians. We are committed to its full recovery and we look forward to working with you to achieve that goal.

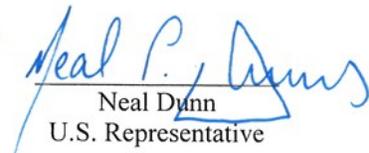
Sincerely,



Bill Nelson  
U.S. Senator



Marco Rubio  
U.S. Senator



Neal Dunn  
U.S. Representative

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## **Military leaders assess Tyndall AFB damage as congressmen push for rebuild**

<https://www.stripes.com/news/military-leaders-assess-tyndall-afb-damage-as-congressmen-push-for-rebuild-1.551961>

By JENNIFER H. SVAN AND MARTIN EGNASH

Air Force leaders are optimistic that Florida's Tyndall Air Force Base can be rebuilt despite the catastrophic hurricane damage it sustained last week.

Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Kaleth Wright surveyed the damage at Tyndall on Sunday, visiting with the 93 airmen who rode out the storm on base.

"I feel pretty good about the future of Tyndall," Wright told reporters. "I know it will be a long, hard road but we have a lot of resilient airmen that are already putting their head down and getting after making it a safe place.".....



## **NAS Pensacola designated as new remote safe haven**

<https://weartv.com/news/local/nas-pensacola-designated-as-new-remote-safe-haven>

WEAR-TV © October 15, 2018

by Kristie Henderson

Commander, Navy Region Southeast, Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar has designated the area within 150 miles of Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida, as the new remote safe haven for Naval Support Activity Panama City personnel and families who evacuated due to Hurricane Michael. The new safe haven becomes effective Friday, Oct. 19.

By that date, installation personnel and families who are currently staying at a safe haven within 150 miles of Naval Construction Battalion Command Gulfport, Mississippi must ensure they are within the new safe haven area. The purpose of the move is to offer access to a greater number of temporary quarters, a larger Fleet and Family Support Center staff and more robust facilities that are available on board NAS Pensacola.....

## **Maj. Ricardo Montana Takes Over 920th Operations Support Squadron At Patrick Air Force Base**

<http://spacecoastdaily.com/2018/10/maj-ricardo-montana-takes-over-920th-operations-support-squadron-at-patrick-air-force-base/>

*By Tech. Sgt. Jared Trimarchi, 920th Rescue Wing*

Change of command ceremonies are part of military tradition, which signify the transfer of leadership from one commander to the next. The 920th Operations Support Squadron hailed their new commander as they sent off Lt. Col. Scott Nichols to the 301st Rescue Squadron. The 920th Operations Group commander, Lt. Col. Michael LoForti, passed the unit's guidon to the new 920th OSS commander, Maj. Ricardo Montana.



Although Montana is the new operations support squadron commander, he is no stranger to the rescue mission since he came from the 308th Rescue Squadron as a combat rescue officer.....

*Lt. Col. Michael LoForti, 920th Operations Group commander, passes the unit's guidon to the new 920th Operations Support Squadron, Maj. Ricardo Montana, during a change of command ceremony at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, Oct. 13, 2018. During the ceremony the squadron's Airmen sent off Lt. Col. Scott Nichols, the previous 920th OSS commander, to the 301st Rescue Squadron. (U.S. Air Force Image by Tech. Sgt. Jared Trimarchi)*

## **Nominee for New Pentagon Sustainment Post Gains Senate Confirmation**

*Posted on Oct 15, 2018 02:30 am*

The Senate on Thursday confirmed Robert McMahon as assistant secretary of defense (ASD) for sustainment, a newly created office that will absorb the individual components of the ASD for energy, installations and environment office. McMahon has been ASD for logistics and materiel readiness. DOD is merging the two offices into the new sustainment office as part of the reorganization plan triggered by the Feb. 1 split of the undersecretary for acquisition, technology and logistics office into two smaller organizations.

At press time, it was not clear how quickly the Pentagon will carry out the planned restructuring. DOD's public affairs office did not respond to questions about the timeline submitted by *On Base*. Last month, Defense News reported that many of the organizational changes stemming from the split of the acquisition, technology and logistics office should be in place by the end of the first quarter of 2019, one year ahead of schedule.

After retiring from the Air Force as a major general, McMahon led the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Partnership, the local support group for Robins AFB, Ga., from September 2012 through May 2014. The Senate also confirmed James Stewart, like McMahon, a retired Air Force major general, as ASD for manpower and reserve affairs.

### **NOTES FROM THE CHAIR**

I was waiting for fall to come. Instead, we received Hurricane Michael. My neighbors to the east have been devastated by the storm. At times it seems overwhelming. All we can do is work one house, one business, one street, or one neighborhood at a time.

Our friends at Tyndall AFB took a direct hit and sustained catastrophic damage. Mother nature came in with her full force. This is not how you want to receive visits from the President, First Lady, Secretary of the Air Force, Chief of Staff of the Air Force and other elected officials. Tyndall has always been a shining star. Tyndall is battered right now and concentrating on the short-term recovery actions. This will be a long recovery. Naval Support Activity Panama City sustained significant damage and civilian/military employees will report to Naval Air Station Pensacola for extended time.

As you carry on with your day, remember there are those with nothing left after the hurricane. Florida is strong. The panhandle is strong. As neighbors and communities come together to assist, we will recovery and come back stronger. We will work with Michelle to let you know how you can assist our military families in need as well as those families in Bay, Calhoun, Jackson, Holmes and Gadson counties.

Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> is our next meeting in Cocoa Beach. I hope you will be able to join us. We have a packed agenda. This will be Jeff Fanto's last meeting as chair of the Mission Sustainment Sub-Committee. If you are interested in serving as chair, please contact me.

If you are into energy resiliency, there is an expo in Fort Walton Beach on November 15th and 16th . The Power Up Energy Expo promotes collaborative partnerships & connects companies with representatives of the Air Force, Navy, Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Energy. The title for the expo is "Energy Resiliency in a Changing Environment". For more information go to [www.powerupenergyexpo.com](http://www.powerupenergyexpo.com).

Until next time, say a prayer for our men and women from Tyndall AFB and Naval Support Activity Station Panama City; the first responders, utility workers and the community members working to assist those in need. And if you can, find a way to donate to one of the many support groups who need resources.

**Kellie Jo Kilberg**



**Semi- Annual Meeting Agenda**  
**Courtyard Marriott Cocoa Beach**  
**Cocoa Beach, Florida**



(As of: October 17, 2018)

**November 14, 2018**

**0800-1700 EST**

0800-0815	<b>Welcome Remarks/Introductions</b>	Kellie Jo Kilberg
0815-0835	<b>Welcome/Space Coast Update</b>	Linda Weatherman
0835-0915	<b>Washington DC Update</b>	General Huntoon
0915-0930	<b>Election and Gulf Range Update</b>	Grey Kiley
0930-0945	<b>Break</b>	
0945-1030	<b>Space Florida Partnerships</b>	TBA
1030-1050	<b>ADC Installation Innovation Forum 2019</b>	Matt Borron
1050-1110	<b>FDSTF Update/Strategic Plan</b>	Terry McCaffrey
1110-1130	<b>Micro-Reactors</b>	Tim Jones
1130-1300	<b>Lunch</b>	
1315-1500	<b>Working Groups Meet</b>	Jeff Fanto Lynn Brannon
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mission Sustainment</li> <li>• Family Support</li> </ul>	
1500-1515	<b>DRG/DIG Grants</b>	Ryan Butler
1515-1530	<b>Tyndall Rebuild Update</b>	TBA
1530-1550	<b>Working Groups' Report / FDA Discussion</b>	Jeff Fanto Lynn Brannon
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mission Sustainment</li> <li>• Family Support</li> </ul>	
1550-1645	<b>Economic Development Community Significant Current Initiative Update</b>	Local Defense Partners
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Florida               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Northwest               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Escambia, Santa Rosa, Walton, Okaloosa, and Bay Counties</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Northeast               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Duval and Clay Counties</li> </ul> </li> <li>• East Central Florida               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Brevard and Orange Counties</li> </ul> </li> <li>• West Central Florida               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Highlands, Polk, Tampa, and Pinellas Counties</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
1645-1655	<b>Next Meeting Planning</b>	Kellie Jo Kilberg
	There will be an FDA teleconference in January 2019 at 0900 EST. The next in-person FDA meeting is Wednesday, May 15, 2019, Tallahassee, Florida	
1655-1700	<b>Closing Comments/Adjourn</b>	Kellie Jo Kilberg
1830-2030	<b>FDA / Florida Defense Support Task Force No-Host Dinner – Brano's Italian Grill</b>	
	<b>3680 N. Atlantic Ave. Cocoa Beach, FL 32931</b>	



## FDA CALENDAR:

Wednesday, November 14th

FDA In-Person Meeting

8:00 AM EST

Courtyard By Marriott Cocoa Beach; 3435 N. Atlantic Avenue, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931  
(321) 784-4800

FDA Website: [www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/](http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/)

### QUOTATIONS OF THE DAY

“While natural disasters capture headlines and national attention short-term, the work of recovery and rebuilding is long-term.”  
---Sylvia Mathews Burwell

“When we rebuild a house, we are rebuilding a home. When we recover from disaster, we are rebuilding lives and livelihoods.”  
---Sri Mulyani Indrawati

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- Panel of Federal Buyers
- Mentor and Networking Beginner Training
- Advanced Training Matchmaking with Fed Agencies, Primes and State Governments.



**WHEN:**

**Miami Hilton Downtown**

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

Registration: 8am - 9am

Matchmaking: 9am to 4pm

## News from the Bases & Regions

### **Tyndall AFB —**

#### **Michael blasted Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida — a key to homeland security**

[Tom Vanden Brook](#), USA TODAY Published 1:35 p.m. ET Oct. 11, 2018 | Updated 4:53 p.m. ET Oct. 11, 2018

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2018/10/11/hurricane-michael-smashed-tyndall-key-air-base-homeland-defense/1601454002/>

**WASHINGTON** — Hurricane Michael smashed through Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida — a key part of the network of bases protecting the continental United States — causing widespread damage that crews were only beginning to assess Thursday.

At landfall Wednesday, the Category 4 storm's winds of more than 150 mph peeled off roofs, tore down trees and power lines and caused "significant structural damage" to buildings on the base, according to the Air Force. The base had been evacuated on Monday, but a small team remained behind. No injuries were reported.

Damage assessments are being made from the air, according to an Air Force statement released Thursday. Power has been cut off to the base, which also lacks water and sewer service. The Air Force is clearing a route to the base to provide security, drinkable water, bathrooms and communication equipment....

#### **Tyndall Air Force Base a 'Complete Loss' Amid Questions About Stealth Fighters**

By [Dave Philipps](#), Oct. 11, 2018

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/11/us/air-force-hurricane-michael-damage.html>

Sitting in the ruined airplane hangars of Tyndall Air Force Base, which was shredded on Wednesday when Hurricane Michael swept across the Florida Panhandle, may be some of the Air Force's most advanced — and most expensive — stealth fighter jets.

Tyndall is home to 55 F-22 stealth fighters, which cost a dizzying \$339 million each. Before the storm, the Air Force sent at least 33 of the fighters to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

Air Force officials have not disclosed the whereabouts of the remaining 22 planes, other than to say that a number of aircraft were left at the base because of maintenance or safety reasons.

An Air Force spokeswoman, Maj. Malinda Singleton, would not confirm that any of the aircraft left behind were F-22s....



## **Tyndall sustains 'direct hit,' 'extensive damage' from hurricane**

By: [Stephen Losey](#), 10-12-2018

<https://www.airforcetimes.com/news/your-air-force/2018/10/11/tyndall-sustains-direct-hit-extensive-damage-from-hurricane/>

Hurricane Michael slammed into Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida as a Category 4 storm on Wednesday, causing extensive damage and leaving the base closed until further notice.

Tyndall said in a release Wednesday evening that the "catastrophic" storm delivered a direct hit to the base, bringing down trees and power lines, ripping roofs off buildings and causing significant structural damage. Michael's winds topped 150 miles per hour. Tyndall is near Panama City, Florida, which bore the brunt of the storm.

No injuries have so far been reported, the base said, but the condition of Tyndall's runway is not yet known.

Air Force spokeswoman Erika Yepsen said in an email Thursday afternoon that Tyndall currently has no power, water or sewer service. The Air Force is working on aerial surveillance of Tyndall to assess the damage, clearing a route to the base, and providing security, potable water, latrines and communication equipment.

Yepsen said all personnel assigned to ride out the storm at Tyndall are accounted for and uninjured. But other airman who are assigned to Tyndall should not plan to return at this time, she said.....

## **Tyndall AFB Update: Officials Grapple with Next Steps; Florida Lawmakers Insist on Full and Rapid Recovery for Base; And More**

Dan Cohen, Posted on Oct 15, 2018 03:10 am

<https://us4.campaign-archive.com/?e=28cebe069c&u=8156c255f5c0e2d33ce307ef7&id=2ef8dbbd08>

Air Force officials on Friday remained uncertain how long Tyndall AFB would remain closed, after Hurricane Michael's 150 mph winds swept through the installation last week leaving nearly every building damaged. "One hundred percent of the housing for that base is uninhabitable," Air Force Gen. Joseph Lengyel, chief of the National Guard Bureau, told reporters in Washington. Tyndall and the surrounding region will require assistance for at least weeks, Lengyel said, with establishing communications beyond the Florida Panhandle one of the base's first priorities. It also is not clear where the 3,600 airmen and families who live at Tyndall will be assigned, reported Federal News Network. "The initial concern right now is for the families and the people who were displaced from that," he said. "I don't think they can live on Tyndall, plus the schools and the rest, so there's a lot to do with how they begin to mitigate the disaster that happened there." ... Two days after Hurricane Michael flattened Tyndall AFB, Florida Sens. Marco Rubio (R) and Bill Nelson (D) and Rep. Neal Dunn (R) urged the Air Force's senior leaders to expedite the effort to repair and restore operations at the installation. "Each of us stand ready to work with the Air Force to rebuild Tyndall AFB and advocate for the resources needed to do so," states the Oct. 12 letter to Secretary Heather Wilson and Chief of Staff Gen. David Goldfein. "As the Air Force conducts its damage assessment, we request consistent, immediate, and detailed communication of the funding and support needed to



repair infrastructure, restore operations and provide for local service members, civilians and their families,” the lawmakers say. The letter also highlights Tyndall’s primary missions — the Air Force’s training wing for the F-22 Raptor, and the air operations center for NORAD and U.S. Northern Command. ... Meanwhile, the cleanup effort began Friday when an engineering unit arrived at Tyndall from Hurlburt Field located 100 miles to the west. The Red Horse Squadron was outfitted with heavy construction equipment, reported Stars and Stripes. On Thursday evening, Air Force special tactics airmen from Hurlburt reopened Tyndall’s airfield to allow aircraft to deliver emergency supplies to the area. The first air delivery arrived just after 7 p.m., according to a news release. ... The Air Force acknowledged that several aircraft not evacuated from Tyndall for maintenance or safety reasons may have been damaged, as all of the hangars at the base suffered severe damage. “We anticipate the aircraft parked inside may be damaged as well, but we won’t know the extent until our crews can safely enter those hangars and make an assessment,” said Air Combat Command spokeswoman Erica Vega. Many of the planes left behind were F-22s, according to a defense official. Photos of the catastrophic damage left in the wake of Hurricane Michael, along with a video of an aerial assessment, can be found on this Stars and Stripes link.

### **Tyndall Air Force Base commander: I'm working to get you back**

WJHG, Posted: Sat 7:36 PM, Oct 13, 2018 | Updated: Sun 7:04 PM, Oct 14, 2018

<https://www.wjhg.com/content/news/Tyndall-Air-Force-Base-commander-Im-working-to-get-you-back-as-quickly-as-I-can-497476621.html>

**BAY COUNTY, Fla. (WJHG)** -- Tyndall Commander Col Brian Laidlaw said he is working as quick as he can to get the Tyndall Air Force Base safe enough for its 11,000 assigned personnel to return.

"I know you have a lot of questions. I have a lot of questions too, I assure you," he said.

Laidlaw said the question he's receiving the most is about when people can return to look at the damage to their homes and dorms. He asked for them to monitor their sources of information for the latest updates.

Two of those sources are <https://www.tyndall.af.mil/Hurricane/> and [the Tyndall Air Force Base Facebook page](#). You also can call 210-565-0102 for assistance.

He said the base is getting as much help as it requested as fast as it can handle it. Teams from throughout the country arrived with extra people and equipment to restore the base.....

## **Eglin AFB —**

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### **Air Force Energy Program**

Mark your calendars! We will host an Energy Action Month Twitter chat on October 30th from 2-3 pm EST with United States Air Force Energy senior leaders.



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OCTOBER 30  
2-3PM EST

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## Camp Blanding—

### From Governor Scott's Hurricane Update (10-12-2018):

- At Governor Scott's direction, the Florida National Guard has authorized the activation of up to 3,500 Soldiers and Airmen to assist with response efforts, with an emphasis on high water and search and rescue operations.
- Through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), the Florida National Guard has coordinated for 17 aviation assets from 9 other states, including 6 CH-47 Chinook helicopters from the New York, Mississippi, Minnesota and Ohio National Guards to augment our aviation capabilities, as well as 11 UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters were also coordinated through the New York, Wisconsin, Colorado, Louisiana, Kansas and Arkansas National Guards.
- The Florida National Guard currently has Soldiers and Airmen on orders, and has been tasked with missions, including (but not limited to) the following:
  - \* Communications support packages have been dispatched to Holmes, Liberty, Jackson and Gadsden counties, with new missions expected to Franklin, Gulf and Washington today.
  - \* Currently staffing 7 shelters (3 in Bay County, 4 in Holmes County) and 11 county Emergency Operations Centers
  - \* Supporting a total of 6 Points of Distribution (PODs) throughout Wakulla (1), Gadsden (1) and Leon (4) counties, with an additional 15 PODs expected today
  - \* Operating at the State Logistics Readiness Center (SLRC) in Orlando and various Logistics Staging Areas (LSAs) to ensure that we are able to get supplies quickly to those who need them
  - \* Supporting Mobile Distribution Convoys, and continuing to conduct reconnaissance, search and rescue, and route clearance missions
  - \* Our aviation assets are actively conducting missions sets including reconnaissance, search and rescue, Governor support, and an air bridge operation to deliver life-saving supplies to affected areas

- \* The 53rd Infantry Brigade Combat team conducted a security mission in support of a Coast Guard helicopter that was experiencing mechanical issues.
- The Florida National Guard has more than 1,000 high water vehicles, 13 helicopters and 16 boats.
- The Florida National Guard is actively engaged in a multi-agency effort to conduct humanitarian and security missions in the Florida Panhandle. Our Soldiers and Airmen are providing critical capabilities to include road clearance, communication systems, and the delivery and distribution of life-saving supplies.

## Spotlight on the Space Coast Defense Alliance

***The EDC of Florida's Space Coast military support through the Space Coast Defense Alliance.***

***Home to: Patrick Air Force Base, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Naval Ordnance Test Unit***

Brevard County Florida, known as the Space Coast, is home to the 45<sup>th</sup> Space Wing at Patrick Air Force Base, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, the Naval Ordnance Test Unit, the 920<sup>th</sup> Rescue Wing and more than 30 major mission partners and tenant units.

The military is a vital asset to Brevard County, beyond the economic impact, the presence of the 45<sup>th</sup> Space Wing provides a cultural impact as well.

As the commercial space industry continues to grow, the partnership between military and civilian groups is essential. The EDC of Florida's Space Coast's Space Coast Defense Alliance (SCDA) has been a key driver in the development of these relationships and ensuring the partnership remains strong as new leadership is assigned to the 45<sup>th</sup> SW.

EDC military advocacy has been a consistent part of their program of work. In 1999 the group formalized the Space Coast Defense Alliance to ensure Brevard's efforts and aligned with State organizations in preparation for a pending BRAC. The SCDA membership includes representatives from a number of organizations throughout Brevard County who work to develop action plans to help secure our military's presence in our community. By engaging with local business leaders and elected officials, we are able to demonstrate the level of support and commitment we hold for the missions of the installations.

The work of the SCDA over the years has remained consistent. While the challenges and conversations may have changed, the focus is to establish relationships with local and national military leadership and elected officials to ensure installations continue to have the support needed by our community leaders.

Over the years, we have developed campaigns and educational materials to increase the awareness of our





military personnel. Early in 2003 the Space Coast Defense Alliance embarked on a robust agenda to educate and inform the community about

the importance of Brevard County's military installations. The campaign included a recognizable logo (We Love our Military on the Space Coast) which can still be seen around the county.

#### **Washington DC Advocacy**

One of our primary advocacy efforts is an Annual Trip to Washington DC with a group

of business and community leaders. Over the years we have increased awareness, advocated for new programs at the local level and secured the advancement of MilCon funding for critical infrastructure needs for both the military missions of launch activities as well as quality of life for family members.

Over the past 15 years, 85 volunteers have made the trip to DC, some several times. These volunteers understand the role community leaders hold when visiting representatives in DC. Our meetings include: Elected Officials, Pentagon Leaders, Federal Agencies and industry representatives. The Pentagon has come to recognize the Space Coast community as an engaged group with a commitment to their local installation leaders.



(Image 2018 Washington DC Community Leaders Trip)

Another priority for the SCDA is ensuring available resources supporting base infrastructure needs are identified. One area of support the committee focuses on is the annual Florida defense grants. Throughout the years SCDA has secured \$5.47 million in Florida Defense grants. Many of these programs have enabled the growth of the commercial space industry at CCAFS and provided a return to the community that will continue far into the future.

The EDC Space Coast Defense Alliance is proud to represent the Space Coast community and ensure our military leaders and local community work together for the success of in support of 100% mission success.



**NOTES FROM THE STAFF**

As the recovery from Hurricane Michael begins, we want to thank our first responders – including the National Guard, power crews, FEMA workers and all those who are working so hard to help those impacted. Our Bay County Defense Alliance members have all been touched by this brutal storm – but even in the midst of their own personal loss, they have shown a true and heartfelt concern for the service members and families of Tyndall. The community strongly supports the rebuilding of Tyndall AFB because of its importance to the national security and its importance to Bay County. Bay County has always treated Tyndall as a true part of the community and would like to see it continue to thrive. This is what makes Florida special and so military friendly. So, thanks to Bay County’s defense community and all the dedicated members of the Florida Defense Alliance. You all do some great work in your communities on behalf of our service men and women. It is because of you that Florida is the most military friendly state in the nation!

**Florida Defense Alliance Leadership**

**Chair** – Kellie Jo Kilberg

**Vice Chair** – Tim Jones

**Mission Sustainment Working Group Chair** – Jeff Fanto

**Family Support Working Group Chair** – Lynn Brannon

**Executive Board:** Jonathan Borgert, Jennifer Codo-Salisbury and Paul Hirsch





# Florida Defense Alliance Newsletter

October 31, 2018

*FDA Vision: To maintain and enhance the position and reputation of Florida as the most military-friendly state in the nation.*

## NEWS

**Governor Scott Visits Tyndall AFB and Sends Letter to President Trump Supporting the Rebuilding Effort**– Governor Scott visited Tyndall AFB and on October 18<sup>th</sup>, sent a letter to President Trump (see below).

**Vice President Pence Visits Tyndall AFB** – On October 25<sup>th</sup>, Vice President Mike Pence visited Tyndall AFB and supported the effort to rebuild the base. He was accompanied by Governor Rick Scott and Congressman Neal Dunn. The most important aspect of his visit was his promise to rebuild Tyndall AFB.

**Florida Defense Support Task Force Visits Tyndall AFB** – Five Task Force members and staff were joined by Congressman Neal Dunn, Senator George Gainer and several members of the local community to meet with base officials and survey the damage at Tyndall AFB caused by Hurricane Michael. Although the devastation in the area is huge, Task Force members were encouraged to see the tenacity of the people working to restore the base. The Wing Commander, Col Brian Laidlaw noted that about 30% of the bases facilities are a total loss, but that after engineering review, the base has fared better than initially thought. Power has been restored to most of the base and missions, especially at 1<sup>st</sup> Air Force, will be back on line before the end of the year according to Brig Gen Francis Ekman. Living in base lodging that survived the hurricane as well as a tent city and eating out of a temporary contracted chow hall, more than 1200 airman are already back on base cleaning up and helping ensure Tyndall will be better than ever as it is restored and rebuilt into a base focused on the future missions that it is already doing. The Task Force offered to entertain out of cycle emergent Grant requests for Tyndall and the Panama City area that will support the timely recovery and rebuilding of the base. The visit included a press event covered by three local press agents.

**Semi-Annual FDA Meeting Set for November 14, 2018 in Cocoa Beach** – Please sign up with Michelle Griggs if you plan to attend the upcoming FDA meeting in Cocoa Beach. Kellie Jo has a great agenda planned and it looks to be a most engaging and lively meeting.

**Association of Defense Communities (ADC) Installation Innovation Forum** – The Installation Innovation Forum will be held from March 4-6, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency in Miami. There will be a panel highlighting military and defense successes in Florida. More information at: <https://installationinnovation.org/>

**Military Friendly Legislation** – We encourage all FDA members to bring ideas for possible military friendly legislation to the November 14<sup>th</sup> FDA meeting in Cocoa Beach. The Florida Defense Alliance membership has been our best source of ideas for legislation since 1998. Please keep those ideas coming.

**Legislative Committee Week Schedule** – Below is the schedule for Legislative Committee Weeks for the Florida Legislature

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**2018 – 2019 INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE**

**December 11\* – 14, 2018**

**January 7 – 11, 2019**

**January 22\* – 25, 2019**

**February 4 – 8, 2019**

**February 11 – 15, 2019**

**February 19\* – 22, 2019**

\*Meetings begin on Tuesday due to Monday holidays

**Letter from Governor Scott to President Trump --**

Dear President Trump:

October 18, 2018

Today, I visited Tyndall Air Force Base (AFB) and witnessed firsthand the devastation brought to this community and critical military asset by Hurricane Michael. As a Navy veteran and the Governor of Florida, I have been clear in my total commitment to the strength of our nation's military. Tyndall serves a critical role in not only the lives of thousands of Floridians, but in the safety, security and strength of the United States of America - it deserves our full and immediate attention following the devastation of Hurricane Michael.

Now that I have visited Tyndall and seen the scope of the work ahead, I am requesting that you direct immediate action to dedicate the needed resources, manpower and funding to return Tyndall AFB to full operations as soon as possible. You have my commitment that the State of Florida will do whatever possible to aid in this important mission.

As I have traveled to communities in every impacted county over the past eight days since Hurricane Michael made landfall, I have been struck by the loss suffered by so many but also moved and amazed by the outpouring of love, support and willingness to carry forward by countless Florida families. Like all Floridians, the servicemen and women and families of Tyndall are strong and resilient.

Mr. President, during my visit the message I received from those who call Tyndall home about their future was clear - the resolve of Tyndall Air Force Base is unwavering and this community will recover, it will rebuild and it will not be beaten.

The recovery of every community impacted by this storm, especially where impacts and damage are most severe, including Tyndall and Bay County, is being expedited so they can get back on their feet. There is nothing more important than returning these communities to normal and restoring operations at Tyndall must be a major part of our joint efforts.



The Honorable Donald J. Trump October  
18, 2018

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Tyndall AFB is proudly home of the 325th Fighter Wing which ensures our military retains total superiority in the skies through vigorous training and maintenance of a fleet of F-22 Raptor fighters. Last year, Tyndall was chosen as the new home of the MQ-9 Reaper Wing, a fleet of unmanned planes, which is projected to bring 1,600 new jobs and more than \$250 million in capital investment to this community over the next five years.

In 2017, Tyndall AFB reported their economic impact was more than \$596 million - a clear indicator of the incredible economic power this installation brings to Bay County and the State of Florida. In fact, last year, Tyndall reported employing more than 26,000 Floridians and serving a population of nearly 3,400 active duty military as well as nearly 9,400 retired military. When I was in the Navy, my wife, Ann, and I were newly married and we didn't have much. We relied on the resources available to us through the military. So many families depend on Tyndall and we must act now to ensure their recovery is not delayed by bureaucracy.

I want to again thank you for visiting Florida this week and for your continued support in providing every resource I have requested in the preparation for, response to and recovery from Hurricane Michael. I know you share my dedication to our nation's military and to the recovery of every family impacted by this storm. I look forward to working together to get Tyndall and every community recovering from Hurricane Michael back up and running very soon.

Sincerely,  
Rick Scott Governor

[From ADC:](#)

**Tyndall AFB Update: Some Operations on Track to Resume by Jan. 1; Base Commander Upbeat following Latest Damage Assessment; Pence Delivers Encouraging Message; Tent City Sprouts Up**

October 26

Several of Tyndall's primary missions could be operating by the beginning of the new year, Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson said Thursday during a visit with Vice President Mike Pence to observe recovery operations. The "schoolhouse," where F-22 pilots from across the country train on flight simulators, should be up and running by Jan. 1. And many of the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing's F-22s will be returning for training to Eglin AFB, located about 80 miles west of Tyndall. "We can't fly aircraft out of Tyndall at the moment," Wilson said, reported [Military.com](#). "But by Thanksgiving, we will have F-22s in the skies over the Panhandle." Wilson also said the Air Force Northern Command Air Operations Center, which is staffed by 800 airmen, would return from Langley AFB, Va. "We want to get back to initial operating capability by the first of January," she said. ... **Col. Brian Laidlaw, commander of the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, said he was encouraged by the results of an**



**ongoing building assessment.** To date, personnel have surveyed 503 buildings, about half the base's total. No more than 30 percent of those buildings are a total loss and many critical areas did not receive as much damage as initially believed, reported the News Herald. "Today we have come so much further than I could have ever imagined when I came out of that ride out shelter that night," Laidlaw said. ... **Pence, meanwhile, affirmed the administration's support for restoring Tyndall.** "President Trump and I are committed to providing the resources necessary to rebuild Tyndall Air Force Base so that it can continue to be a vital and critical part of our national defense," Pence said. Wilson said the Air Force has committed \$100 million to recovery efforts so far. ... **In the two weeks since Hurricane Michael made landfall just miles from Tyndall, hundreds of civil engineering airmen have successfully restored basic necessities to the installation.** A total of 1,000 support personnel from Tyndall and other installations are working to repair base infrastructure and build bare-bones facilities, reports the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Public Affairs.

## **Tyndall AFB Update: Officials Allowing Personnel who Reside Off-Base to Return to Panhandle**

*Posted on Oct 24, 2018 03:00 am*

Tyndall officials lifted the evacuation order for active-duty military and civilian personnel who live off-base, provided the municipality where they reside doesn't have any outstanding restrictions in place. Personnel who return to their permanent residences, however, will no longer be eligible for safe haven allowances, according to a press release. "This is a personal choice," it states. The base's evacuation order remains in effect and it is not open for regular operations. Separately, about 600 airmen are living on Tyndall, working on recovery efforts, reports the 325<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing.

## **Tyndall AFB Update: Task Force Builds Support for Rebuilding Commitment; Governor Urges Trump to Take Immediate Action; A Dozen Coastal Air Bases in Storm-Prone Southern States Leaves Fleets Vulnerable**

*October 22*

In an effort to ensure there is no doubt regarding Florida's resolve to rebuild Tyndall AFB in the wake of the devastation left behind by Hurricane Michael, the Florida Defense Support Task Force is putting together a formal declaration of support from the state's entire congressional delegation, according to a conference call held Thursday. "We need to show that we're proactive here in preventing any disruption of our military commitment," said state Sen.

Doug Broxson (R), a task force member. "We certainly need to let people understand the significance of what we're going through," Broxson said, reported the News Herald. ... On Friday, Gov. Rick Scott (R) said he has requested President Trump pledge to restore Tyndall without delay. "I want to make sure it can fulfill its military mission. I am asking for immediate action to rebuild Tyndall so it can become fully operational," Scott told the Pensacola News Journal. ... With scientists predicting that hurricanes will become more frequent and intense due to climate change, and with



more than a dozen military airfields located along the coast from Texas to Virginia, the Pentagon likely will need to consider mitigation strategies to protect its considerable investment in aircraft. Many of the 17 F-22 stealth fighter jets officials left behind at Tyndall prior to Michael's landfall due to maintenance issues are damaged, although it is not yet clear to what extent. "Tyndall is going to get whacked again sooner or later," David Titley, director of the Center for Solutions to Weather and Climate Risk at Penn State, told the New York Times. "But how often? That's the crux. If the damage becomes more frequent, the military will have to adapt and invest." One approach is spending the extra dollars needed to harden hangars with steel and concrete to withstand winds that surpass the Category 5 threshold, as the Air Force has done at Andersen AFB on Guam.

## **NOTES FROM THE CHAIR**

Last Friday, I was with members of the Florida Defense Support Task Force and Congressman Dunn as we toured Tyndall Air Force Base. With each trip to the areas hit by Hurricane Michael, I'm speechless. It's been three weeks since the eye of the storm went over Tyndall. In those three weeks, the road to recovery at Tyndall has made progress. The story of the commander who rode out the storm with 93 airmen is amazing. And let's not forget Naval Support Activity Panama City.

Yes, the damage is extensive. The men and women of the Air Force and Navy are resilient.

They are strong. They will rebuild. Each day brings new life back to base. Leadership and teamwork are what you see all around the base as they bring missions back online. Tyndall AFB and Naval Support Activity Panama City are better today than they were yesterday. Tomorrow they will be better than today. The road to recovery structurally, physically and mentally will be long.

So, I ask you to take time to pause, to reflect, and to be grateful. Keep reaching out to those living through this disaster. They need to know they are not alone. These are overwhelming times. As we continue on with our lives, many are trying to figure out where they'll put their head down or where they'll eat their next meal.

Thank you is not enough to the Florida National Guard, linemen, utility workers, first responders and other groups who have been working around the clock. As media moves on to the news of the day, this region will still need assistance on this long road of recovery.

In closing, I hope to see you on November 14<sup>th</sup> in Cocoa Beach. We have a full agenda and we need your engagement as we continue to look for ways to be innovative in addressing the opportunities, challenges and needs of our military installations, the active men and women of our military and their families.

**Kellie Jo Kilberg**



**Semi- Annual Meeting Agenda**  
 Courtyard Marriott Cocoa Beach  
 Cocoa Beach, Florida

(As of: October 29, 2018)

**November 14, 2018**

**0800-1700 EST**

0800-0815	<b>Welcome Remarks/Introductions</b>	Kellie Jo Kilberg
0815-0855	<b>Washington DC Update</b>	General Huntoon
0855-0915	<b>Election and Gulf Range Update</b>	Greg Kiley
0915-0945	<b>US Air Force OEA Energy Resiliency Update</b>	Robert Hughes
0945-1000	<b>ADC Installation Innovation Forum 2019</b>	Matt Borrón
1000-1020	<b>Break</b>	
1020-1040	<b>Space Florida Partnership</b>	Jim Kuzma
1040-1055	<b>Legislative Discussion</b>	Bruce Grant
1055-1110	<b>FDSTF Update</b>	Terry McCaffrey
1110-1125	<b>Micro-Reactors</b>	Tim Jones
1125-1145	<b>Military Veterans Assistance Program</b>	Donna Valin
1145-1315	<b>Lunch</b>	
1315-1500	<b>Working Groups Meet</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mission Sustainment</li> <li>• Family Support</li> </ul>	Jeff Fanto Lynn Brannon
1500-1520	<b>DRG/DIG Grants</b>	Ryan Butler
1520-1540	<b>Tyndall Rebuild Update</b>	Tom Neubauer
1540-1600	<b>Working Groups' Report / FDA Discussion</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mission Sustainment</li> <li>• Family Support</li> </ul>	Jeff Fanto Lynn Brannon
1600-1645	<b>Economic Development Community Significant Current Initiative Update</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Florida           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Northwest           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Escambia, Santa Rosa, Walton, Okaloosa, and Bay Counties</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Northeast           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Duval and Clay Counties</li> </ul> </li> <li>• East Central Florida           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Brevard and Orange Counties</li> </ul> </li> <li>• West Central Florida           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Highlands, Polk, Tampa, and Pinellas Counties</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Local Defense Partners
1645-1655	<b>Next Meeting Planning</b>	Kellie Jo Kilberg
	There will be an FDA teleconference on <b>January 00, 2019</b> at 0900 EST. The next in-person FDA meeting is Wednesday, May 15, 2019, Tallahassee, Florida	
1655-1700	<b>Closing Comments/Adjourn</b>	Kellie Jo Kilberg
1830-2030	<b>FDA / Florida Defense Support Task Force No-Host Dinner – Brano's Italian Grill</b> 3680 N. Atlantic Ave. Cocoa Beach, FL 32931	

## FDA CALENDAR:

Wednesday, November 14th

FDA In-Person Meeting

8:00 AM EST

Courtyard By Marriott Cocoa Beach; 3435 N. Atlantic Avenue, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931  
(321) 784-4800

FDA Website: [www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/](http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/)

### QUOTATION OF THE DAY

"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation." -- President George Washington



### News from the Bases & Regions

#### Space Force—

#### Here's The Pentagon's Initial Plan For Creating a Space Force

[https://www.defenseone.com/politics/2018/10/heres-pentagons-initial-plan-creating-space-force/152203/?utm\\_source=Salthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=ebb%2010/23/18&utm\\_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief](https://www.defenseone.com/politics/2018/10/heres-pentagons-initial-plan-creating-space-force/152203/?utm_source=Salthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ebb%2010/23/18&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief)

Defense One © October 23, 2018

BY MARCUS WEISGERBER

The U.S. Space Force will include uniformed service members drawn from the Air Force, Navy and Army — but it is not expected to include the National Reconnaissance Office mission, according an internal draft of the Pentagon's plan to create a sixth branch of the military.



*Defense One* reviewed a copy of the 13-page document, which will be further developed in coming months before the Pentagon sends it to Congress in February along with its 2020 budget request.....

## **Pentagon presents recommendations on Space Force to Trump**

[https://www.defensenews.com/space/2018/10/23/pentagon-presents-recommendations-on-space-force-to-trump/?utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=ebb%2010-24&utm\\_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief](https://www.defensenews.com/space/2018/10/23/pentagon-presents-recommendations-on-space-force-to-trump/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ebb%2010-24&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief)

Defense News © October 23, 2018

By: Valerie Insinna

The National Space Council on Tuesday served up six recommendations to President Donald Trump to enable the creation of a Space Force, moving the birth of a sixth military branch one step closer to fruition.

Vice President Mike Pence, who chairs the council, said he anticipated that President Donald Trump will likely take action on at least some of the recommendations very soon.....

## **Tyndall AFB —**

### **The Florida Defense Support Task Force tours Tyndall to decide how to support base after Hurricane Michael**

<http://www.newsherald.com/news/20181028/florida-defense-support-task-force-tours-tyndall-to-decide-how-to-support-base-after-hurricane-michael>

News Herald © October 28, 2018

By GENEVIEVE SMITH

“It’s going to be the Tyndall we need, not the Tyndall we had,” said Rep. Neal Dunn.

PANAMA CITY — On Friday morning, members of the Florida Defense Support Task Force toured Tyndall Air Force Base to survey the damage cause by Hurricane Michael more than two weeks ago.

Although the Air Force Base sustained considerable damage, officials say Tyndall should be up and running by this coming January.

“What was great was to see the resources that have come to this base,” said Jay Trumbull, state representative and chair for the Florida Defense Support Task Force. “This place is going to be back up and operational in no time.”

Trumbull says although there is a significant need at Tyndall, the need will be met with significant



structural rebuild.

“We are an integral part of homeland security and the safety of our country,” he said. “To be able to preserve that is something that’s really incredible.”

The task force covers installations all over the state of Florida to offer support on a state level as quickly and as positively as possible.

“We are going to rebuild Tyndall, all of Tyndall, all the missions. Nothing goes away,” said Representative Neal Dunn. “That means we’re going to have a brand new Tyndall.” .....



### **Pence: Tyndall training operations will soon resume as recovery continues**

[https://www.airforcetimes.com/news/your-air-force/2018/10/25/pence-tyndall-training-operations-will-soon-resume-as-recovery-continues/?utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=ebb%2026.10.18&utm\\_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief](https://www.airforcetimes.com/news/your-air-force/2018/10/25/pence-tyndall-training-operations-will-soon-resume-as-recovery-continues/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ebb%2026.10.18&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief)

Air Force Times © October 25, 2018

By: Stephen Losey



Vice President Mike Pence on Thursday announced that Tyndall Air Force Base will soon resume some parts of its F-22 training mission, as the installation continues to recover from Hurricane Michael's devastation.

During a visit to Tyndall, along with his wife Karen, Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson and Florida Governor Rick Scott, Pence repeatedly pledged that "We will rebuild Tyndall Air Force Base," most of which was heavily damaged by the Category 4 storm. Pence also said the briefing on Tyndall's status he and Wilson received was "greatly encouraging," and spelled out some early plans to get parts of Tyndall's mission back up and running.....

## **99 percent of Tyndall buildings damaged**

<https://www.nwfdailynews.com/news/20181022/99-percent-of-tyndall-buildings-damaged13>

**By Jim Thompson**

Northwest Florida Daily News © October 22, 2018

TYNDALL AFB — Hundreds of Air Force personnel from across the service — including Eglin Air Force Base and Hurlburt Field — are now at Tyndall Air Force Base to help the facility, decimated nearly two weeks ago by a direct hit from Hurricane Michael, recover from the storm.

"They're working hard, day and night, to make this base better today than it was yesterday," said Col. Brian Laidlaw, commander of Tyndall's 325th Fighter Wing, during a Saturday news conference on the base.....

## **NSA Panama City —**

### **NSA Panama City to open Friday**

<https://www.wjhg.com/content/news/NSA-Panama-City-to-open-498546271.html>

WJHG © October 25, 2018

The Naval Support Activity Panama City has issued a new update about base operations.

NSA-PC will open for all tenant non-essential personnel Friday, October 26. Report times will vary, and it's recommended to visit your command's Facebook page or contact your respective chain of command for reporting date and times.

The Evacuation Order remains in effect for personnel who are still displaced through November 16. Additional updates will be provided prior to declaring an All Clear or end of evacuation orders.....



## Whiting Field—

### Airbus Helicopters as the Future Navy Helicopter Trainer

<https://bulgarianmilitary.com/2018/10/22/the-h135-will-be-showcased-by-airbus-helicopters-as-the-future-navy-helicopter-trainer/>

By Galina Zdravkova

Last week on Friday, 19th October 2018, Airbus Helicopters announced that the company will showcase its H135 as the future helicopter trainer for the U.S. Navy during the Naval Helicopter Association's Fleet Fly-in at Naval Air Station Whiting Field in Pensacola (Florida) from 22 to 26 Oct. 2018, learned BulgarianMilitary.com.

During the October fleet fly-in pilots of Airbus will perform orientation flights with U.S. Navy pilots, as well as with other stakeholders as demonstration of the capabilities of the H135 helicopter.

The H135 training helicopters for the U.S. Navy will be manufactured at the facility of Airbus in Columbus, Mississippi. An interesting fact is that more than 40 percent of the Columbus employees are U.S. military veterans.....



Photo credit: Airbus

## USSOCOMM—

### New USF institute cements ties with SOCom in pursuit of security innovations

Howard Altman

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[https://www.tampabay.com/news/military/macdill/New-USF-institute-cements-ties-with-SOCom-in-pursuit-of-security-innovations\\_172708360](https://www.tampabay.com/news/military/macdill/New-USF-institute-cements-ties-with-SOCom-in-pursuit-of-security-innovations_172708360)

TAMPA — Inside a mesh cage at a University of South Florida engineering lab, ten small drones lift off and hover in unison, the sound of tiny blades whirring like a hive of angry hornets.

They are part of the technology being developed here for hypersonic weapons — a new class of destructive devices that use speed, not explosives, to cause damage.

Experiments like these at USF's Laboratory for Autonomy, Control, Information and Systems have

sparked the interest of U.S. Special Operations Command — the military headquarters based at MacDill Air Force Base that spends billions of dollars each year on goods and services for commandos.

Now, the command and the university are cementing a collaboration that began in 2015 with the creation of a new Institute of Applied Engineering.

Approved by the USF Board of Trustees over the summer, the institute will seek solutions to the nation's security and economic challenges. SOCom hopes the institute will help equip commandos with the latest innovations ...

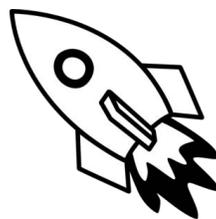


*BRONTE WITTPENN | Times Small drones called CrazyFlies 2.0 are readied for flight as part of swarm research being conducted at USF by doctoral student Jesse Jaramillo and masters student Tyler Wiczorek.*

## Space Coast—

### EDC 2018 Annual Meeting

Over 200 community leaders joined together to celebrate the EDC's 2018 Annual Meeting. Lynda Weatherman took a special look at the EDC's 20 years of military support, and we honored the organizations Civmil and the MAC for their outstanding contributions to our military families, and Neal Johnson for his dedication to the success of our military installations. View some photos from the memorable night!



# Veterans Day

Honoring All Who Served

## Did You Know? History of Veterans Day

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

## Spotlight on the Metro Orlando Defense Task Force

### Metro Orlando Defense Task Force (MODTF)

The MODTF was established in 2012 to complement the initiative of Governor Rick Scott to establish the Florida Defense Task Force (FDSTF) charged with protecting all 20 Florida military installations from a future round(s) of Base Realignment & Closure (BRAC). Much the same as the FDSTF, the MODTF mission is to promote, protect and set the conditions to grow Naval Support Activity (NSA) Orlando/Team Orlando—the engine that drives the \$6.0 billion Simulation Industry in Florida.







# Florida Defense Alliance Newsletter

November 19, 2018

*FDA Vision: To maintain and enhance the position and reputation of Florida as the most military-friendly state in the nation.*

## **NEWS**

**Military Base Protection – Non Conservation Lands** – On November 15, 2018, the Florida Defense Support Task Force approved a list of non-conservation lands to be considered for acquisition by the state of Florida. Over the summer, Base Commanders submitted properties to DEO they consider to be encroachment threats. Florida Law gives the Task Force the task of prioritizing this list and submitting it back to DEO for final submission to the State Board of Administration. For 2018, this list includes:

### **Tier 1**

- MacDill AFB – Florida Rock Property (14.7 acres in Clear Zone)
- Bugg Spring – Spring Creek Run (54 acres in Exclusion Zone 2)
- Pensacola Naval Air Station – Cook Property (37.32 acres in Accident Potential Zone 1)
- Key West Naval Air Station – Alfred Sears Trust Property (124 acres in Accident Potential Zone 1)
- Homestead ARB – Homestead Park of Commerce, Homestead Housing Authority (105.5 acres in Accident Potential Zone 2)

### **Tier 2**

- Eglin AFB – Valparaiso Lots in Clear Zone (6 acres / 18 homes in Clear Zone)
- 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 – Enhanced Island (4 acres in Accident Potential Zone 1)
- MacDill AFB – 3C Self Storage (incompatible development in Clear Zone)

**New Defense Grants Managers at DEO** – Please welcome Liz Miller who has just taken over as the Grants Manager for both DRG and DIG grants. She can be reached at: Phone 850-717-8968 and email:

[Liz.miller@deo.myflorida.com](mailto:Liz.miller@deo.myflorida.com)

**I/ITSEC 2018** – The annual Interservice/Industry Training, Simulation and Education Conference (I/ITSEC) will be held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando from November 26-30, 2018. It is the world's largest modeling, simulation and training event. It showcases simulation, education, modeling and training technology for the exchange of information among industry, the military, and the educational communities. For more information, go to: <https://exhibits.iitsec.org/2018/public/MainHall.aspx?ID=35484&sortMenu=101000>

**Association of Defense Communities (ADC) Installation Innovation Forum** – The Installation Innovation Forum will be held from March 4-6, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency in Miami. There will be a panel highlighting military and defense successes in Florida. More information at: <https://installationinnovation.org/>

**ENTERPRISE  
FLORIDA**

**Florida Military Friendly Legislation 2019**– There was great discussion at the FDA meeting about proposed legislative initiatives. Although we have some great military-friendly proposals ready for the next session, the Florida Defense Alliance membership has always been our best source of ideas for legislation since 1998. So, please keep those ideas coming.

**From ADC:**

**Most Missions Returning to Tyndall AFB within Three Months**

A number of important missions will return to Tyndall AFB over the next few months, officials said Friday as the base continues to recover from the devastation left behind after Hurricane Michael whipped through the installation Oct. 10. “By the winter holidays and in many cases well before, we expect all our airmen — military and civilians — to have certainty about their options, so that everyone is either on a path or already settled,” Chief of Staff Gen. David Goldfein said in a written statement. All but 500 of the airmen assigned to Tyndall are expected to return to the Florida Panhandle within one to three months. Tyndall has a total population of 11,000, including active-duty personnel, civilians and family members.

At the same time, Secretary Heather Wilson broached the possibility that Tyndall’s F-22 Raptors may never return permanently to the installation, reported Military.com. “That has not been determined,” Wilson said in a conference call with reporters. While Tyndall is undergoing repairs, personnel and F-22s from the 95th Fighter Squadron — Tyndall’s operational unit of the advanced fighter aircraft — will relocate to Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va., Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, and JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

The 43rd and 2nd Fighter squadrons’ F-22 fighter training and T-38 adversary training units will move operations to Eglin AFB, Fla., located 75 miles west of Tyndall. The 372nd Training Squadron, Detachment 4 also will relocate with the F-22 fighter training units to Eglin.

An Air Force press release listed nine missions resuming operations at the installation between now and Jan. 1, including the 601st Air Force Operations Center, the 337th Air Control Squadron and the Air Force Civil Engineer Center. The Noncommissioned Officer Academy, however, will temporarily be spread across four locations — McGhee-Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tenn.; Maxwell AFB – Gunter Annex, Ala.; Keesler AFB, Miss.; and Sheppard AFB, Texas.



## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

I want to thank everyone who attended the Florida Defense Alliance meeting in Cocoa Beach. The amount of discussion and engagement we had was wonderful. The involvement was fabulous. I'll write more in the next newsletter.

As we all head out for the Thanksgiving Day holiday, I am grateful for all of you that work with your local communities and installations to make a difference in the lives of our active military members, retired veterans and their families. We are fortunate that we collaborate to address opportunities and challenges. Your positive energy keeps Florida the top state in the nation for the Military.

May each of you and your families have a blessed Thanksgiving Holiday!

**Kellie Jo Kilberg**



**Pictures from the FDA Meeting held on November 14th in Cocoa Beach, Florida**



LTG David Huntoon & Greg Kiley



Robert Hughes



Matt Borron



Kellie Jo Kilberg



Jim Kuzma



Bruce Grant



Terry McCaffrey



Tim Jones



Donna Valin



Kent Wimmer



Mr Jeff Fanto



Greg Kiley & Kent Wimmer



## FDA CALENDAR:

Tuesday, January 29th

Conference Call Meeting

9:00 AM EST

Call In Number : (800) 501-8979

Access Code: 1869945

FDA Website: [www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/](http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/)

**NOTE: Presentations from the November 14, 2018 FDA meeting can be found on the web site listed above.**

### QUOTATIONS OF THE DAY

“We learn from history that we do not learn from history.”

--- Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

--- George Santayana

## News from the Bases & Regions

### **Advance assignments now available to Airmen deploying for 365-day Extended Deployments**

By Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs / Published November 07, 2018

[https://www.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/1685218/advance-assignments-now-available-to-airmen-deploying-for-365-day-extended-depl/fbclid/IwAR2AaWjryKv8R-leksjOZIno8SD5rfCKgCbLiBJOAE8ErJGJCfdlmdlgtc/fbclid/IwAR3RDaDqfVPNhykIAX\\_veRbjnGt-mPZeF7viWezVtRAVRx0ja7G4bLXAckk/](https://www.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/1685218/advance-assignments-now-available-to-airmen-deploying-for-365-day-extended-depl/fbclid/IwAR2AaWjryKv8R-leksjOZIno8SD5rfCKgCbLiBJOAE8ErJGJCfdlmdlgtc/fbclid/IwAR3RDaDqfVPNhykIAX_veRbjnGt-mPZeF7viWezVtRAVRx0ja7G4bLXAckk/)

**WASHINGTON (AFNS)** -- Effective Nov. 1, active duty Airmen selected for an extended deployment may apply to receive an advance assignment up to 16 months prior to the projected Report Not Later Than Date of the assignment.

This means Airmen can have permanent change of station orders in hand immediately after completing all required PCS actions and before departing on their deployment, providing their dependents the option to move early to their next assignment location.

“This change recognizes the need for us to increase stability and predictability for our Airmen and their families and helps our Airmen focus on their mission while deployed,” said Lt. Gen. Brian Kelly, Air



Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services. “The ability to receive an assignment prior to departing for an extended deployment allows Airmen to make decisions that are good for them and their families.”

Previously, Airmen on extended deployments were required to be deployed for at least 60 days before being notified about potential assignments, and orders were not published earlier than 120 days prior to the new reporting date, making it difficult for Airmen and their families to plan ....

## Tyndall AFB —

### 325th LRS: Helping shape a new Tyndall AFB

<https://www.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/1676770/325th-lrs-helping-shape-a-new-tyndall-afb/>

By Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Schultze, 325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 325th Logistics Readiness Squadron is a multi-faceted unit working diligently on Hurricane Michael recovery efforts. Two of their five sections are vehicle operations and vehicle maintenance.

They are key players in rebuilding the infrastructure on Tyndall Air Force Base and getting the base back on its feet through transportation services.

“I do vehicle dispatch,” said Staff Sgt. Nathan Linseisen, 325th LRS vehicle operations dispatch. “We are the liaison for pretty much every unit on base when they need vehicle support whether that is a forklift, tractor trailer, bus etc. Our fleet is there to enable other units.”

In addition to supplying broad vehicle support, vehicle operations has been actively coordinating with other installations to expedite forward progress, as well as, moving key equipment around Tyndall themselves.....



*Senior Airman Derek Kitis, 325th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle operations operator, marshals pallets off of a truck Oct. 29, 2018, at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. The squadron is performing a myriad of missions across the installation including transportation, vehicle maintenance and fuel support as part of the hurricane recovery effort. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Schultze)*



## Limited damage to Tyndall's F-22s

<https://www.nwfdailynews.com/news/20181101/limited-damage-to-tyndalls-f-22s>

By Jim Thompson

**TYNDALL AFB** – All of the F-22 Raptor stealth fighter jets left behind when Hurricane Michael hit Tyndall Air Force Base last month will be flown off the base for repairs, according to Deputy Secretary of Defense Patrick Shanahan.

Shanahan said the last of the aircraft will be flown off the base, under their own power, through the weekend. All of the F-22s are expected to be in new locations by Monday night.

“That’s fantastic news,” Shanahan said.....

## Air Force announces return of units to Tyndall AFB

<https://www.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/1680405/air-force-announces-return-of-units-to-tyndall-afb/>

*By Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs*

The Air Force announced the return of several key Tyndall Air Force Base missions, as the base begins its long-term recovery following Hurricane Michael.

“We will rebuild Tyndall Air Force Base,” said Vice President Mike Pence while at the north Florida base Oct. 25.

A number of important missions will resume at Tyndall AFB in the next few months and others will shift to other locations for the time being. All but approximately 500 Airmen will return to the Florida panhandle within 1 to 3 months.

“We are focused on taking care of our Airmen and their families and ensuring the resumption of operations. These decisions were important first steps to provide stability and certainty,” said Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson. “We’re working hard to return their lives to normalcy as quickly as possible.”.....

## NSA Panama City—

### Hurricane Michael causes limited damage to Navy base

<http://www.newsherald.com/news/20181029/hurricane-michael-causes-limited-damage-to-navy-base>

News Herald © October 29, 2018

By Ed Offley

**NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY** — For the past eighteen days after Hurricane Michael, Commander Jay Sego and his staff have worked nonstop assessing the storm damage that brought



operations at this 657-acre research and development facility to a halt.

After obtaining a muster of 100 percent of the command's 2,800 military and civilian employees, inspecting each of the base's 221 buildings for wind damage, surveying its water lines for leaks, and counting each of the hundreds of felled trees needing removal, Sego told reporters on Monday there was one final list to review: the many blessings that the base and its people can count.....

## NS Mayport —

### Families reunited as Naval Station Mayport's new destroyer docks in Jacksonville for short stop

<https://www.actionnewsjax.com/news/local/families-reunited-as-naval-station-mayports-new-destroyer-docks-in-jacksonville-for-short-stop/863156925>

Action News Jax © October 30, 2018

By: Beth Rousseau , Action News Jax

Families couldn't contain their excitement to see crew members who were in Maine during the building of the Arleigh-Burke-class destroyer.

Erika Santana, who was waiting for her husband's return said, "It's tough. It's a major adjustment because he's not just a father figure, he's a very hands-on, active father." .....



### USS Wichita to be commissioned by Navy in early January

<https://www.sanluisobispo.com/news/politics-government/national-politics/article221112805.html>

San Luis Obispo Tribune © November 4, 2018

The third Navy ship to bear the city of Wichita's name will be sent into active duty early next year. The littoral combat ship USS Wichita will be commissioned Jan. 12 at a Naval Station in Mayport, Florida. Littoral combat ships are the Navy's fastest ships and are used for minesweeping, anti-submarine, drug trafficking or humanitarian operations.....



## Eglin AFB—

Deputy defense secretary addresses F-35s, hypersonic missiles

<https://www.nwfdailynews.com/news/20181104/deputy-defense-secretary-addresses-f-35s-hypersonic-missiles>

Northwest Florida Daily News © November 4, 2018

By Jim Thompson

In a wide-ranging video conference call with a small group of reporters from across the country, Deputy Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan addressed two issues with implications for Eglin Air Force Base — the F-35 fifth-generation fighter jet, and the push to develop a hypersonic weapon for the U.S. military.

Eglin is one of two bases — **the other is Arizona’s Luke AFB** — where pilots of the Joint Strike Fighter are trained.

Additionally, the Eglin-based Air Force Armament Directorate is managing two fast-track programs, which could total more than \$1.4 billion, to design and build prototypes of hypersonic missiles capable of traveling up to five times the speed of sound — **more than a mile per second.....**

## Camp Blanding—

### North Florida Land Trust Has Acquired Thousands of Acres in Critical Wildlife Corridor

<https://www.pr.com/press-release/768628>

North Florida Land Trust Press Release, 10-31-2018

North Florida Land Trust has acquired another important piece of property within a critical wildlife corridor surrounding Camp Blanding. The land conservation organization took possession of 2,300 acres located near Lawtey that connects Camp Blanding to Jennings State Forest. It is located within the Ocala to Osceola (O2O) wildlife corridor; a critical wildlife corridor that stretches from the Ocala National Forest to the Osceola National Forest.

“This is our largest upland acquisition to date and important to protect for both its ecosystem benefits and for the buffer it provides for Camp Blanding,” said Jim McCarthy, president of NFLT. “We have been working in partnership with Camp Blanding for a number of years to protect lands that provide crucial habitat for plants and wildlife and allow critical training for active and reserve troops and emergency responders. Since 2016, we have protected nearly 6,000 acres in partnership with the military.”.....



## Patrick AFB—

SPACE COMMANDER PUSHES WING TO 48 LAUNCHES PER YEAR

<http://www.wmfe.org/space-commander-pushes-wing-to-48-launches-per-year/93035>

by Brendan Byrne, Friday, November 2, 2018

Air Force leaders want to launch 48 rockets per year from Florida's Space Coast. Upgrades to the 45th Space Wing at Patrick Air Force Base have helped them get nearly halfway there.

It's called the "Drive to 48" and would mean the 45th Space Wing would support about one launch per week, with two scheduled breaks for range maintenance that would last about two weeks.

The Space Wing is responsible for launch safety as well as providing weather information to mission controllers for launches from both Cape Canaveral and the Kennedy Space Center.....



### Did You Know?

### Fun Military Facts

- ◆ The United States Department of Defense is considered the largest employer in the country, with over 3 million employees. In second place is Walmart, with 1.3 million employees, and 3rd is Exxon-Mobil with 950,000 employees.
- ◆ Over half of personnel deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan by the United States since 2003 has been contractors made up of private military and security companies (PMSCs), and the US Military has spent \$177 billion or more in contracts and grants for PMSCs since 2001. Services provided by PMSCs include military ops, policy, support for weapons systems and equipment, advice and training, logistical support, site security, crime preventions, police training, and intelligence.
- ◆ Personnel who serve in the US Military for 20 years or more are eligible to receive a pension of 50% of their base pay during the time of their service. However, 83% of personnel do not serve for 20 years or longer, making them ineligible to receive a pension from the military.

- ◆ The US Military has its own, separate justice system, which closely resembles the US Judicial system with some key differences, such as providing standards in the Uniform Code of Military Justice (USMJ) for criminalization of absence, cowardice, and insubordination.
- ◆ While the United States Military is an All-Volunteer Force, virtually all male US citizens and male immigrants between the ages of 18 and 25 to register with the Selective Service. Registration does not sign the register up for the military, but includes them in a registry that could be used if an emergency draft was required, which has not occurred since 1973. Failure to register is a felony punishable by a fine up to \$250,000 and/or imprisonment for up to 5 years
- ◆ Fewer than 1% of American families have a family member in active military service, and only 22% of US senators and congressional representatives have served in the military

## Spotlight on the South Florida Defense Alliance

The South Florida Defense Alliance was formed in 2017 by a few of Miami's distinguished military champions, with the help of Enterprise Florida to unite, champion and grow the region's defense community. The new coalition encompasses Florida's four most southeast counties – Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Monroe, with Miami being the largest metropolitan statistical area in the state and 7th largest in the country.



South Florida has a storied military history, hosting some of the nation's most important DoD assets and military commands.

USSOUTHCOM, NAS Key West, Coast Guard District 7 and Homestead Air Reserve Base are just a handful of the many military institutions in our region that houses over 25,000 service-members. Creating a consistent voice for the various commands will bring much needed cohesion to an area whose enormous military presence goes almost entirely unnoticed.

The SFDA's goals are to:

1. Create a single unified and consistent voice in South Florida.
2. Coalesce community support around our defense community and industries.
3. Promote, preserve and enhance our local military missions and installations.
4. Attract, retain, expand defense related industry, academic study and research.
5. Promote and facilitate compatible community development.
6. Advocate for our military commands, service-members and their families to make South Florida more "military friendly".

The SFDA is based out of Miami and is currently focused on strengthening its foundation in the heart of the region, working closely with the county's largest DoD installations and defense contractors. Key tasks include increasing missions, guarding against local encroachment issues and developing increased resiliency for the area's assets. Expansion to Monroe County is underway, to continue the mission south and reinforce







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## NEWS

**Bay Defense Alliance President Briefs Enterprise Florida Inc. Board on Tyndall Recovery** – EFI held its November Board Meeting in Orlando on Nov 28, 2018. Bay Defense Alliance President, Mr. Tom Neubauer provided a presentation on Bay County and Tyndall AFB recovery efforts following Hurricane Michael. Mr. Neubauer noted that local businesses and home owners would not have returned or rebuilt if Tyndall and its missions were not going to be restored. Military and defense has a total economic impact to Bay County of over \$2.5 billion annually.

**Air Force Association to Host Air Warfare Symposium in Orlando** – The AFA Air Warfare Symposium will take place at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel and Conference Center from February 27-March 1 2019. According to AFA's website, "AFA's Air Warfare Symposium is a premier event for the aerospace and defense industry geared toward the professional development of Air Force officers, enlisted members, civilians, retirees, and veterans. The symposium brings together the top leadership of the Air Force as well as leaders in industry, academia, and government officials to discuss the issues and challenges facing our Air Force today and in the future." This is a great opportunity to meet with business development leaders from major aerospace companies visiting the state who are looking to garner new or additional business with the Department of Defense. For more information about the symposium and to see a list of companies who will provide exhibits, go to <https://www.afa.org/events/calendar/2019/02/27/air-warfare-symposium>.

**New Defense Grants Managers at DEO** – Please welcome Liz Miller who has just taken over as the Grants Manager for both DRG and DIG grants. She can be reached at: Phone 850-717-8968 and email: [Liz.miller@deo.myflorida.com](mailto:Liz.miller@deo.myflorida.com)

**Association of Defense Communities (ADC) Installation Innovation Forum** – The Installation Innovation Forum will be held from March 4-6, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency in Miami. There will be a panel highlighting military and defense successes in Florida. FDA members receive \$200 off the registration fee. More information at: <https://installationinnovation.org/>

**Florida Military Friendly Legislation 2019**– There was great discussion at the FDA meeting about proposed legislative initiatives. Although we have some great military-friendly proposals ready for the next session, the Florida Defense Alliance membership has always been our best source of ideas for legislation since 1998. So, please keep those ideas coming.

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**The National Defense Strategy Commission Publishes Report** – The National Defense Strategy Commission published its report entitled “*Providing for the Common Defense*” this month. The report assesses the state of national defense programs. According to the executive summary opening paragraph, “The security and wellbeing of the United States are at greater risk than at any time in decades. America’s military superiority—the hard-power backbone of its global influence and national security—has eroded to a dangerous degree. Rivals and adversaries are challenging the United States on many fronts and in many domains. America’s ability to defend its allies, its partners, and its own vital interests is increasingly in doubt. If the nation does not act promptly to remedy these circumstances, the consequences will be grave and lasting.” See the entire report at <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/5115592-Providing-for-the-Common-Defense>

**From ADC:**

## **Lawmakers Point to Report’s Conclusion to Bolster Case for Higher Defense Spending**

Posted on Nov 28, 2018 03:30 am

Defense hawks in Congress are using the overriding takeaway from the recent report by the National Defense Strategy Commission — the U.S. military is at risk of losing its next major conflict — as their opening argument in an effort to sustain the growth in defense spending over the past two years. “We got ourselves into this mess and we’ve got to get ourselves out of this mess,” Senate Armed Services Chair Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.) said at hearing Tuesday on the report. Gary Roughead, who served as chief of naval operations from 2007 to 2011 and was a co-chair of the commission, said “it will take money to” achieve the National Defense Strategy. Roughead echoed Inhofe’s belief that a \$733 billion topline for national security spending in fiscal 2020 would be a good “floor.” The administration is planning to request \$700 billion for national security in FY 2020, a change from its initial plan to propose a \$733 billion budget and a \$16 billion cut from the current allocation.

In its report, the commission recommends 3 to 5 percent real growth annually in defense spending, matching the requirement expressed by Defense Secretary Jim Mattis last year. Sen. Jon Kyl (R-Ariz.), a member of the commission before he was picked to take John McCain’s Senate seat, said the panel’s report could prove useful if the GOP finds itself fighting Democrats to raise defense spending. “My hope is that the bipartisan nature of this commission will enable Democrats who are in doubt to come to the right conclusions, and that the intelligent Democratic members of the commission can perhaps persuade members who don’t have the facts on the need to do this,” Kyl told Defense News earlier this month.

## **Inhofe Sets out Priorities for FY’20 NDAA**

Posted on Nov 29, 2018 05:35 am

One clear consequence of the Democrats regaining control of the House next year will be a contentious battle between the two chambers over the fiscal 2020 defense authorization bill. On Tuesday, Senate Armed Services Chair Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.) outlined his priorities for the measure, signaling disagreement over the size of the defense budget and other policy issues with Rep. Adam Smith (D-Wash.), who is expected to lead the House Armed Services Committee during the 116th Congress. Inhofe took aim at Smith’s call for a smaller nuclear arsenal and, instead, pointed to the nation’s nuclear triad as “the most important area of modernization,” reported Defense News.

Inhofe also said he is aiming to use the annual defense policy bill to develop a bigger, stronger military. He wants to speed up the acquisition of Navy ships to help meet the service’s goal of building a 355-ship fleet

by 2040, triple the size of the military's F-35 fighter jet fleet by 2024 and accelerate DOD's plans for fielding the new B-21 Raider stealth bomber to complete five squadrons. For the Navy, he said would like to authorize procurement of an additional destroyer, increase production rates for the Navy's new frigate class of ships and shorten the amount of time needed to deliver aircraft carriers, reported CQ.

With President Trump expected to propose a cut in defense spending from \$716 billion in FY 2019 to \$700 billion in FY 2020, Inhofe likely will face an uphill battle to reach a \$733 billion topline next year. That's the figure the Pentagon had been planning to request before the president changed course.

Inhofe wants his committee to complete work on the authorization bill by late spring, with a conference report sent to the president by early October. He wants the committee to report out the bill early enough to set topline spending ahead of appropriators, who may not be considering a \$733 billion budget for national security.

## **FDA CALENDAR:**

**Tuesday, January 29th**                      **Conference Call Meeting**                      **9:00 AM EST**  
**Call In Number : (800) 501-8979**                      **Access Code: 1869945**

**FDA Website:** [www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/](http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/)

## **QUOTATION OF THE DAY**

“You make a living by what you earn, but you make a life by what you give to others.”

—Winston Churchill



## **News from the Bases & Regions**

### **Tyndall AFB —**

#### **Tyndall AFB rebuilds after Hurricane Michael**

<https://www.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/1699843/tyndall-afb-rebuilds-after-hurricane-michael/>

*By Tech. Sgt. Rachelle Blake, 325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

When Hurricane Michael approached Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, last month, Col. Brian Laidlaw, 325th Fighter Wing commander released an evacuation order in an effort to keep the base's most important assets, its people, safe.

With exception of the ride-out team, comprised of nearly 100 Tyndall AFB members, everyone left. Among the mix of those remaining were first responders, base leadership and command post personnel.

The base was devastated Oct. 10 when the hurricane made landfall after upgrading from a category two to a category four overnight.

The initial assessment of the aftermath was bleak, but in the weeks since, the outlook has taken a turn for the better. The base has built back up to more than 2,000 personnel with nearly half on the ground originally from Tyndall AFB. Though many Airmen from across the country are contributing to the cleanup and reconstruction efforts, Soldiers, Sailors, government civilians and contractors have offered their assistance and expertise and continue to work toward rebuilding the base.....

### **Tyndall rises to host first training exercise since Hurricane Michael**

<https://www.militarytimes.com/news/your-air-force/2018/11/29/tyndall-rises-to-host-first-training-exercise-since-hurricane-michael/>

Military Times © November 29, 2018

By: Kyle Rempfer

Tyndall Air Force Base appears to be coming back to life, as the airmen assigned there prepare for a major live-fire training exercise next month.

The base on the Florida Panhandle was devastated when Hurricane Michael tore through it Oct. 10, damaging F-22 Raptors, QF-16 full-scale aerial targets, hangars, runways and just about every other building on the installation.

But from Dec. 3-14, the base's 53rd Weapons Evaluation Group will conduct its first post-hurricane Combat Archer exercise, officials announced Tuesday.....



The QF-16 will enable live-fire weapons testing during Combat Archer, Tyndall AFB's first exercise in the wake of Hurricane Michael.  
(Capt. David McLellan/Air Force)

### **With airmen returning after Hurricane Michael, Tyndall Elementary School will reopen in December**

<https://www.newsherald.com/news/20181129/with-airmen-returning-after-hurricane-michael-tyndall-elementary-school-will-reopen-in-december>

News Herald © November 29, 2018

By GENEVIEVE SMITH

To help support the rebuilding of Tyndall Air Force Base, Bay District Schools officials announced they will reopen the base's elementary school on Dec. 10.

"We are super excited that we're going to open before January," said Tyndall Elementary School Principal Kimberly Kirkman. "With the base opening up and having most military personnel reporting back ... we are going to try to do our best to offer support to them."

Fortunately for the school, only one building on campus was damaged beyond use. Because of expected lower enrollment rates, though, Kirkman said this won't be a problem.

## NS Mayport —

### USS Sioux City arrives at Naval Station Mayport

<https://www.firstcoastnews.com/article/news/local/uss-sioux-city-arrives-at-naval-station-mayport/77-616490445>

First Coast News © November 21, 2018

The USS Sioux City docked at Naval Station Mayport Wednesday morning.

Mayport will be the ship's new home port after it was commissioned at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

The ship docked before 9 a.m. where sailors were greeted by several family members.

The ship cost about \$362 million and measures about 378 feet long with a beam of 57.4 feet, according to Military.com. Its top speed is 45 knots, the fastest surface combatant in the fleet, according to the commissioning committee.....



### Warship Wichita to be commissioned by Navy in early January

<https://www.navytimes.com/news/your-navy/2018/11/04/uss-wichita-to-be-commissioned-by-navy-in-early-january/>

Navy Times © November 4, 2018

WICHITA, Kan. — The third Navy ship to bear the city of Wichita's name will be sent into active duty early next year.

The littoral combat ship USS Wichita will be commissioned Jan. 12 at Naval Station Mayport, Florida.

Littoral combat ships are fast and nimble ships that the Navy wants to use for minesweeping, anti-submarine, drug trafficking and humanitarian operations.



The USS Wichita is launched sideways into the Menominee River, Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016, in Marinette, Wis. (Rick Gebhard /The Eagle Herald via AP)

The Wichita Eagle reports the ship is 387 feet long, 57 feet wide and has a top speed of more than 45 knots — or nearly 52 mph.....

## Eglin AFB—

First hurricane-evacuated F-22s return to Florida

<https://www.airforcetimes.com/news/your-air-force/2018/11/21/first-hurricane-evacuated-f-22s-return-to-florida/>

Air Force Times © November 21, 2018

By: Stephen Losey

Six F-22 Raptors, which were evacuated days before Hurricane Michael ravaged Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida, returned to the state on Tuesday.

Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson said in a tweet Wednesday that the Raptors arrived at nearby Eglin Air Force Base to begin F-22 schoolhouse operations. Wilson included a short video of the advanced fighter jets taxiing along the runway at Eglin.....

## US Southern Command—

### New Admiral Takes Helm of US Southern Command

U.S. Navy Admiral Kurt Tidd served as SOUTHCOM commander since January 2016.

By Carla Babb, Voice of America | 27 November 2018

U.S. Navy Admiral Craig Faller has taken charge of U.S. Southern Command, which oversees military operations in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Speaking at the change of command ceremony November 26 near Miami, Florida, Faller said that “like good neighbors,” all nations in the Americas “benefit from a strong neighborhood watch.”

He said the threats in the region were both “real and imminent,” from great-power competition to violent extremism.

Faller took command from Navy Adm. Kurt Tidd, who led U.S. Southern Command since January 2016.....



*Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis (left), U.S. Navy Adm. Kurt Tidd (center left), and U.S. Navy Adm. Craig Faller (center right) stand during a change of command ceremony at the U.S. Southern Command headquarters, November 26, 2018, in Doral, Florida. (Photo: VOA)*



*U.S. Navy Admiral Craig S. Faller assumed duties as commander of U.S. Southern Command from U.S. Navy Admiral Kurt W. Tidd during a change-of-command ceremony on November 26, 2018, in Doral, Florida. (Photo: SOUTHCOM)*



## Spotlight on the South Dade Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee (MAC)

The long rich history of the MAC started in 1955 when the Homestead Rotary Club formed an informal community committee with the purpose of "smoothing relations between the newly activated Homestead Air Force Base and local communities." It was called the Civilian-Military Liaison Committee. It officially became a committee of the Homestead Chamber of Commerce in 1967, now called the South Dade Chamber of Commerce. The Military Affairs Committee (MAC) as it is known today, is made up of just 50 members that are sponsored by existing members, vetted and voted in by the membership. It is an exclusive group with a specific Mission.

The MAC membership consists of local business leaders and citizens from all walks of life. Self-governed with an executive committee, board members at large and sub-committee heads with specific purposes. Those ongoing sub-committees are:

- Military Relations - Maintain & encourage open communication between military units and the MAC.
- Advocacy - Promote future missions and growth for Homestead Air Reserve Base, fight encroachment or any issues that could negatively affect the mission of the HARB.
- Awards - Recognize outstanding military & civilian performers quarterly and yearly.
- Community & Family Relations - Promote military value in the South Dade community.
- Events/Fundraising - Plan and organize joint events with the military and raise funds that are used exclusively for the military. We help support everything from deployment support to holiday parties. We use the funds to meet the Mission.
- Meet & Greet - Bring South Dade community leaders together with military members for open dialog.
- Membership - Seek out and vet potential new MAC members.
- Housing - Assist military members with finding affordable housing.

The purpose of the MAC is simple!

**OUR MISSION: Ensure the long-term military value of the Homestead Air Reserve Base and reinforce the military family's quality of life.**

**OUR VISION: To champion the mission of the military that serve Homestead Air Reserve Base and South Miami-Dade County.**

**OUR CORE VALUES: "Commitment to Selfless Service, Honor and Integrity."**



**TEAM HOMESTEAD MISSION:  
“Answering our nation’s call through air, land, and sea”**



**TEAM HOMESTEAD VISION:  
“Team Homestead is committed to leveraging resources,  
developing infrastructure, enhancing communication and  
building partnerships for our personnel, families, and  
community to support base operations, quality of life, and  
services essential to our mission”**

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**NOTES FROM THE STAFF**  
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Thanks for all you do on a daily basis to support your military communities and keep Florida the most military friendly state in the nation! Your work on behalf of Florida’s military installations and missions truly makes a difference. The relationships you build with our base personnel are keys to solving problems and assisting our service members and their families. Keep up the great work!

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**Florida Defense Alliance Leadership**  
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**Chair** – Kellie Jo Kilberg

**Vice Chair** – Tim Jones

**Mission Sustainment Working Group Chair** – Mike Jones

**Family Support Working Group Chair** – Lynn Brannon

**Executive Board:** Jonathan Borgert, Jennifer Codo-Salisbury and Paul Hirsch



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December 19, 2018

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## NEWS

**USAF Announces 3 Squadrons of F-35s to Tyndall** –USAF announced that it will move three F-35 squadrons to Tyndall AFB beginning in 2023. Currently, the information on return of F-22 units is unclear. It appears that the operational F-22s will not return as they complement and round out other operational units in Alaska, Virginia and Hawaii. It is possible that the F-22 training units will return and that Tyndall will become a master 5<sup>th</sup> generation training base, but that is uncertain. It is clear, however, that access to the Gulf Range played a big part in the decision to rebuild Tyndall and to announce the F-35 move. This announcement makes it even more important to protect the Gulf Range from exploration and drilling.

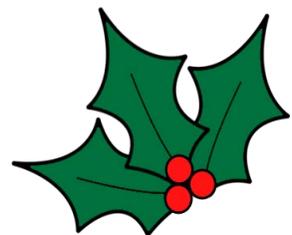
**Governor Scott Highlights Importance of Tyndall AFB to State** – Governor Scott was on hand Monday, December 10, 2018 for the reopening of Tyndall AFB Elementary School. The Governor's office noted actions to support a full rebuilding of Tyndall from Governor Scott that include:

- On October 18th, Governor Scott visited Tyndall AFB and received a briefing about the damage from Hurricane Michael. Following the visit, Governor Scott wrote a letter to President Donald Trump requesting that he direct immediate action to dedicate resources, manpower and funding to return Tyndall AFB to full operations as soon as possible.
- On October 19th, Governor Scott spoke to President Trump regarding his support of rebuilding Tyndall AFB.
- On October 25th, Governor Scott was joined by Vice President Mike Pence and Second Lady Karen Pence to survey damage at Tyndall AFB.
- On November 30th, Department of Defense Secretary James Mattis returned Governor Scott's letter regarding Tyndall AFB, and specifically reiterated that President Trump's administration continues to support fully rebuilding the base.
- On December 6th, Governor Scott spoke with Air Force Secretary Heather Wilson regarding the importance of rebuilding Tyndall. The next day, Secretary Wilson announced that Tyndall AFB will be the future home of three squadrons of F-35s.

**Governor Elect DeSantis Appoints New EFI and DEO Chiefs** – Jamal Sowell, Port of Tampa Chief of Staff, has been selected by Governor-Elect Ron DeSantis to lead Enterprise Florida, Inc. and Ken Lawson, President of Visit Florida to lead the Department of Economic Opportunity. Both are veterans with service in the US Marine Corps.



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**Governor Scott Recognizes Major General Calhoun with Governor's Medal of Merit** – Governor Scott honored Maj Gen Michael Calhoun for his career of exemplary service with the Florida National Guard on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> during a Florida Cabinet meeting with the Governor's Medal of Merit.

**Local Defense Leaders Inducted in the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame** – Along with other deserving veterans, Judge T. Patt Maney and General Gordon Fornell were inducted into the Veterans Hall of Fame with the 2018 class. According to an article in the *North West Florida Daily News*, “The Hall of Fame honors veterans who “through their works and lives during or after military service, have made a significant contribution to the State of Florida.” Nominations for the Hall of Fame are reviewed by a panel of state appointees and nominees are forwarded to the governor and the state Cabinet for final action.” The list of 2018 inductees includes: Mark W. Erdrich, USA Veteran (The Villages); Lt. Gen. Gordon E. Fornell, USAF, Retired (Niceville); CMSgt. Carl Hunsinger, USAF, Retired (Palmetto); Luis E. Lalama, USA Veteran (Miami); BG T. Patt Maney, USA, Retired (Shalimar); John R. Marks III, USAF Veteran (Tallahassee), RADM Carlton J. McLeod, USN, Retired (Hernando); MAJ Charles E. Merkel Jr., USA, Retired (Freeport); Marlin S. Muller, USA Veteran (Hollywood), Aaron G. Newman, USN Veteran (Orange Park); Stephen O'Connell, USAF Veteran (Tallahassee), CAPT David J. Quirk, USN, Retired (Penney Farms); CAPT William H. Reuter IV, USN, Retired (Orlando); MSgt. Jose A. Rosa Jr., USAF, Retired (Daytona Beach); David L. Rose, USA Veteran (Daytona Beach); CMSgt. John Schmidt Jr., USAF, Retired (Tallahassee); COL John M. Thomson, USA, Retired (Coral Gables); Jessie D. Turner, USA Veteran (Crawfordville); George W. Wanberg, USMC Veteran (Howey-in-the-Hills); LCDR Herlena O'Neal Washington, USN, Retired (Jacksonville).

**Air Force Association (AFA) to Host Air Warfare Symposium in Orlando** – The annual AFA Air Warfare Symposium will take place at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel and Conference Center from February 27-March 1 2019. According to AFA's website, “AFA's Air Warfare Symposium is a premier event for the aerospace and defense industry geared toward the professional development of Air Force officers, enlisted members, civilians, retirees, and veterans. The symposium brings together the top leadership of the Air Force as well as leaders in industry, academia, and government officials to discuss the issues and challenges facing our Air Force today and in the future.” As the Task Force begins to focus on defense industry in Florida, this is a great opportunity to meet with business development leaders from major aerospace companies visiting the state who are looking to garner new or additional business with the Department of Defense. For more information about the symposium and to see a list of companies who will provide exhibits, go to <https://www.afa.org/events/calendar/2019/02/27/air-warfare-symposium>.

**President Proposes Major Increase in Defense Budget --** President Donald Trump has told Defense Secretary Jim Mattis to submit a \$750 billion budget proposal for fiscal 2020, in a reversal from his pledge to trim defense spending. That would dwarf the \$733 billion budget proposal Mattis and other top military leaders have been fighting to preserve. The additional funding would be welcome in Florida – especially for the rebuild of Tyndall AFB.

**Oil Lobby Hits Capitol Hill; Pushing to Drill East of Military Mission Line** – The eastern Gulf of Mexico and the Gulf Range Complex is under assault by the oil lobby who claim revenue increases due to potential oil production without regard to potential loss of revenue and national security if it impacts military testing. The “American Petroleum Institute's (API) “Explore Offshore” campaign, which includes expanding energy exploration efforts including in the eastern part of the Gulf of Mexico and in the Atlantic, came to Capitol Hill 1. led by former U.S. Veterans Affairs Sec. Jim Nicholson, who led the Republican National Committee (RNC), and former U.S. Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., who ran for the Democratic presidential nomination in the 2016 election cycle. Those national chairs were part of a briefing on Capitol Hill and were joined by state chairs, including former Florida Lt. Gov. Jeff Kottkamp. API released reports on drilling in the Atlantic and the Eastern Gulf which “estimate that offshore-related activities could generate additional non-bonus and royalty revenue such as personal and corporate income tax, property tax and sales taxes” including \$2.5 billion in tax revenues for the Sunshine State.

**Association of Defense Communities (ADC) Installation Innovation Forum** – The Installation Innovation Forum will be held from March 4-6, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency in Miami. Florida FDA members can receive a discount on the registration fee by contacting Matt Borron at ADC. There will be a panel highlighting military and defense successes in Florida. More information at: <https://installationinnovation.org/>

**Florida Military Friendly Legislation 2019**– There was great discussion at the FDA meeting about proposed legislative initiatives. Although we have some great military-friendly proposals ready for the next session, the Florida Defense Alliance membership has always been our best source of ideas for legislation since 1998. So, please keep those ideas coming.

### **From ADC:**

## **Tyndall AFB Would Host Three F-35 Squadrons, under Air Force Plan**

*Posted on Dec 11, 2018*

Tyndall AFB, Fla., would no longer host an operational squadron of F-22 Raptors and instead would become the home of three F-35 Lightning II fighter squadrons starting in 2023, under a plan Air Force officials announced last week. The service is asking Congress for supplemental funding to repair the catastrophic damage Tyndall suffered when Hurricane Michael swept through the Florida Panhandle on Oct. 10. “We have recommended that the best path forward to increase readiness and use money wisely is to consolidate the operational F-22s formerly at Tyndall in Alaska, Hawaii and Virginia, and make the decision now to put the next three squadrons of F-35s beyond those for which we have already made decisions at Tyndall,” Secretary Heather Wilson said in a press release.

The move would mean operational F-22s that had been based at Tyndall would be permanently relocated to other bases that are now temporarily housing them — Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va., JB Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska, and JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. Those F-22 squadrons would grow from 21 to 24 fighters apiece to accommodate the new aircraft. The Air Force plans to conduct a formal process to determine the best location for the F-22 training squadron moved from Tyndall to nearby Eglin AFB following the Category 4 storm.

Basing decisions for the F-35 already announced in Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Florida, Texas, Utah, Vermont and Wisconsin would not be affected by the plan to establish three squadrons of the fifth-generation fighter at Tyndall, according to the release.

## **Trump Taps Milley for Next Joint Chiefs Chairman**

*Posted on Dec 11, 2018*

In a tweet over the weekend, President Trump said he would nominate Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Milley as the next chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. If confirmed, Milley would succeed Marine Corps Gen. Joe Dunford, who has served in the position since September 2015. Despite Trump’s early announcement, Dunford is expected to remain in place through September 2019 when his term expires, according to a DOD spokesman. The chairman of the Joint Chiefs is one of several military leadership posts slated to turn over next year, including Adm. John Richardson as the chief of naval operations, Gen. Robert Neller as commandant of the Marine Corps, and Air Force Gen. Paul Selva as vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs, reports [Military Times](#). Trump also will need to select someone to replace Milley as Army chief.

## Florida Lawmakers Urge Congress to Support Request for \$2B to Begin Rebuilding Tyndall AFB

Posted on Dec 18, 2018 03:50 am

Florida's two senators and the congressman representing the area neighboring Tyndall AFB last week asked House and Senate appropriators to support the Air Force's request for \$2 billion to repair buildings that can be saved after Hurricane Michael swept through the installation in October and begin the planning necessary to rebuild other facilities. "We urge you to support the amount requested by the Air Force to fulfill immediate requirements to the sum of \$2 billion," **Sens. Marco Rubio (R) and Bill Nelson (D) and Rep. Neal Dunn (R) wrote** the chairman and ranking members of both chambers' Appropriations committees.

"Half of this urgent need would allow Tyndall to salvage what buildings can be saved, make repairs, and begin the planning and design necessary to follow the military construction requirements to ensure Congress can adequately justify the funding. The other half of this amount would cover costs relating to personnel reassignments as the recovery progress continues, and the cost of sending the F-22 Raptors to other locations to ensure the Air Force mission is not impacted. This funding is needed now," the delegation stated.

The letter highlighted the Air Force's long-term plan to replace Tyndall's operational F-22 unit with three F-35 squadrons starting in 2023. "Basing F-35s at Tyndall in the wake of hurricane damage allows the Air Force to use recovery funds to rebuild the base in a tailored way to accommodate the unique needs of the F-35," the lawmakers wrote.

### NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

As we close out the year, I would like to thank our Florida Defense Alliance and Florida Defense Support Task Force staff for their support and assistance. The Florida Defense Alliance could not accomplish what we do without Bruce, Terry, Marcy and Michelle. A big thank you to the FDA Executive Committee (Tim Jones, Mike Jones, Lynn Brannon, Jonathan Borgert, Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Paul Hirsch and past working group chairs Jeff Fanto and Rita Smith). This is a great team that attends a lot of meetings on behalf of the FDA to keep us informed of the many moving pieces of our military/defense communities. To our local community partners, you are the backbone of our military/defense programs. You are the ears to let us know what is happening, so we can address the challenges and opportunities.

The new year will continue to bring challenges as well as opportunities. They are many new faces at all levels of government. We need to make sure we are meeting with them to share our stories and the importance of the military/defense sectors here in Florida. For us to succeed, we will need to collaborate and develop more partnerships to grow our informed support base. Missions and programs can move at a moment's notice if we are not engaged.

The road is long for the recovery of Bay County and Tyndall Air Force Base. Surrounding communities are stepping up to assist and to find creative solutions with hosting missions and people as Tyndall gets rebuilt.

Extending the ban on drilling off the Florida Coasts in the Gulf and the Atlantic will continue to

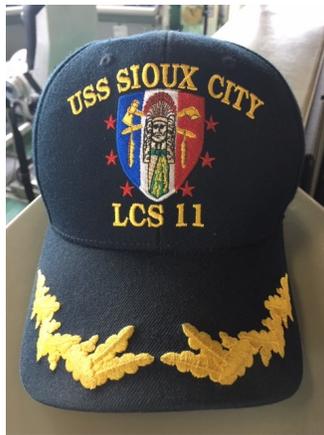
## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR (continued)

be a challenge as we explore what options we have to protect our ranges.

In closing, a personal thank you to Chuck Nygaard, Crowley Maritime Corporation for arranging a tour of the USS Sioux City LCS 11 in Mayport. I grew up in Sioux City, Iowa so it was an honor to tour this new ship named after my hometown. Commander Randy Malone and his crew were wonderful host to me and my family. I know we are in good hands with these men and women protecting us.

May each of you enjoy this holiday time with family and friends. I look forward to working with you in 2019. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### **Kellie Jo Kilberg**



## **FDA CALENDAR:**

**Tuesday, January 29th**

**Conference Call Meeting**

**9:00 AM EST**

**Call In Number : (800) 501-8979**

**Access Code: 1869945**

**FDA Website: [www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/](http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/floridadefense/)**

## QUOTATIONS OF THE DAY

“There is nothing more certain and unchanging than uncertainty and change.”

--- **John F. Kennedy**

“A word of encouragement from a teacher to a child can change a life. A word of encouragement from a spouse can save a marriage. A word of encouragement from a leader can inspire a person to reach her potential.”

--- **John Maxwell**



## News from the Bases & Regions

### **Hiring our Heroes president: Military spouse employment is ‘critical to national security’**

[https://www.militarytimes.com/spouse/2018/12/13/hiring-our-heroes-president-military-spouse-employment-is-critical-to-national-security/?utm\\_source=Sailthru&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=ebb-12-14&utm\\_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief](https://www.militarytimes.com/spouse/2018/12/13/hiring-our-heroes-president-military-spouse-employment-is-critical-to-national-security/?utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ebb-12-14&utm_term=Editorial%20-%20Early%20Bird%20Brief)

**By: Natalie Gross**

How many service members have talked about leaving the military because their spouse can’t find a job? The number recorded in a recent Hiring Our Heroes survey might shock you.

In an interview with Military Times reporter Natalie Gross, Hiring Our Heroes President Eric Eversole shares more on the challenges military spouses face when looking for jobs in the civilian sector, including common misperceptions that employers have about this group. He also offers tips for how to address military family life in your next job interview.....

### **Tyndall AFB —**

#### **F-35 squadrons could come to Tyndall Air Force Base**

By COLLIN BREAUX,

<https://www.newsherald.com/news/20181207/f-35-squadrons-could-come-to-tyndall-air-force-base>

Three squadrons of F-35 fighter jets could come to Tyndall Air Force Base, according to federal and state officials.

Each squadron contains 24 planes, equaling a total of 72 jets coming to Tyndall. The number of new airmen coming in is currently unknown but is expected to be “in excess” of 2,000, Rep. Neal

Dunn said. The F-35s are expected to come to Tyndall by 2023.

“That’s some great news. It’s an impressive number,” said Dunn, who has advocated for Tyndall before and after Hurricane Michael. “It’s great for our community. It’s vitally important to national security.” .....

## Eglin AFB—

Developer breaking ground on new project in Fort Walton Beach

<https://www.nwfdailynews.com/news/20181210/developer-breaking-ground-on-new-project-in-fort-walton-beach>

Northwest Florida Daily News © December 10, 2018

By TOM McLAUGHLIN

**The Jay Odom Group will break ground before year’s end on a massive mixed-use** development to be built on Air Force land off Lewis Turner Boulevard.

The Jay Odom Group, headed by developer Jay Odom, has leased 52 acres of Eglin Air Force Base land just west of the Okaloosa County Courthouse Annex Extension for the project, which will be known as Freedom Beacon.

**When the development is completed, “luxury apartments” and a hotel will share the property with** office space, restaurants and a recreational area, the groundbreaking invitation said.

Freedom Beacon Park could include about 300 multi-family units, a 102-room hotel, 55,000 square feet of retail/commercial space, 160,000 square feet of office space and a 4-acre central commons area, according previous reports.

## Gulf Power Harnesses Solar Energy with 1.5 Million Solar Panels in The Panhandle

By: [Peyton LoCicero](#), Posted: Dec 12, 2018 04:59 PM EST, Updated: Dec 12, 2018 04:59 PM EST  
<https://www.mypanhandle.com/news/gulf-power-harnesses-solar-energy-with-15-million-solar-panels-in-the-panhandle/1653661206>

Clean, renewable energy is said to be the way of the future and, parts of Northwest Florida are already on board.

This year marks a milestone for Gulf Power's solar fields being fully operational.

There are nearly 370,000 thousand of these solar panels right here at this field and total of 1.5 million in Northwest Florida.

"We are out here at Eglin. This actually produces about 30 mega watts of power which can power about almost about 4500 home annually," explained Rick DelaHaya, Gulf Power, Media Relations. The solar field built on the Eglin Air Force Base Reserve, is just one of the three solar fields run by Gulf Power. When they first "flipped the switch" in 2017, the goal was for all three fields to produce

120 mega watts to power 18,000 homes annually.....

## **Pensacola —**

### **Pensacola Prepares To Host USS Tripoli Commissioning Ceremony**

By SANDRA AVERHART

<http://www.wuwf.org/post/pensacola-prepares-host-uss-tripoli-commissioning-ceremony>

The commissioning ceremony for the U.S. Navy's newest aviation-centric Amphibious Assault Ship, USS Tripoli, will be held in Pensacola next year.

A local group is now working to plan the commissioning activities and raise the funds to pay for them.

The future USS Tripoli (LHA 7) is the third U.S. Navy vessel to be named in honor of the historic land-sea military operation against Derna during the 1805 war between the U.S. and the Barbary state of Tripoli. The battle was made famous in the official hymn of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Tripoli is also a member of the first class of ships designed to support the new F-35B Lightning II.....

## **Cape Canaveral—**

Mike Pence to announce new U.S. Space Command in Florida

<http://www.tampabay.com/florida-politics/buzz/2018/12/18/mike-pence-to-announce-new-u-s-space-command-in-florida/>

By Associated Press

President Donald Trump plans to sign an executive order before the end of the year creating a U.S. Space Command as a major military command.

Vice President Mike Pence will make the announcement Tuesday at the Kennedy Space Center, in Cape Canaveral, Florida, two U.S. officials said, and Trump could sign the order as soon as Tuesday.

The move is separate from Trump's goal of creating a "Space Force" as an independent armed service branch, but could be a step in that direction.....



## Spotlight on the Tampa Bay Defense Alliance



The Tampa Bay Defense Alliance (TBDA) was formed in January 2012. Our mission is to “Champion Our Defense Community” in the Tampa Bay and West Central Florida region. We accomplish this by a collaborative and engaged environment that vigorously supports a robust and growing defense community. Unified in actions, we are a forum of strategic thinkers, providing vital linkage to all organizations supporting our military personnel and their families.

Our leadership consists of senior civilian leaders, retired senior officers (to include General and Flag officers) and Senior Enlisted members that sit on our Board of Directors and Advisors or that represent our Community Partners. They are uniquely qualified to speak to the needs of our uniformed military, be they Active, Reserve or National Guard, their families, military retirees and veterans. Their participation with the TBDA ensures that all have a voice that is heard and understood by the Alliance.

The TBDA is focusing on initiatives that include, but are not limited to:

- Promote and grow the region’s military missions and installations;
- Provide support and incentives for the defense community to remain or relocate in the eight-county Tampa Bay region, or the seven additional counties adjoining the region
- Encourage increased defense business relocation through tax and other local and state incentives;
- Create greater awareness of our region’s military-friendly environment, including support for veterans, military retirees and military dependents
- To improve the state’s military friendly environment for service members, military dependents, military retirees and businesses who bring military and base-related jobs to the state;
- Public and Private Sector Recruiting Opportunities – access to military personnel that will soon be retiring or who have recently retired;
- Continue to strengthen state support for military families and veterans with a focus on education, health care (e.g., TRICARE and VA), employment and family programs;
- Improve the quality of life for Active, Reserve, National Guard and retired military personnel and their families including the support of our Veteran’s Administration and its medical treatment to our wounded warriors, retired military personnel and other military veterans;
- To support the state’s position in research and development related to or arising out of military missions and contracting;
- Showcase Tampa Bay and its culture to our Coalition Partners serving at US Central Command; and

- Increase mutually beneficial economic development opportunities for the State of Florida and the Tampa Bay / West Central Florida Region.



## Motivational Posters of the Week:



### NOTES FROM THE STAFF

As we prepare to welcome a new Governor and state level leadership team, we are greatly encouraged by their previous military experience and their support of the military in Florida. Be assured that we will inform them of the importance of the FDA and seek to get them actively involved in supporting our military installations and missions. As Christmas approaches, we want to convey to you how much we appreciate all you have done over the past year to support our military bases and communities across the state. Staff wishes you all the blessings of the season and hopes for a prosperous 2019!

#### Florida Defense Alliance Leadership

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**Family Support Working Group Chair** – Lynn Brannon

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