

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

Minutes for the Florida Defense Support Task Force Meeting #110 on Thursday, January 19, 2023

The Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) held a publicly noticed meeting at the Inn on the Lakes at 9:00 AM EST – 10:58 AM EST.

For Agenda: See Page 3.

Task Force Members Present:

Brigadier General Chip Diehl, USAF, (Ret), Chairman
Colonel Gregg Billman, ASAF, (Ret.)
The Honorable Thomas Bowman
Rear Admiral Stan Bozin, USN, (Ret)
Major General Richard Haddad, USAF, (Ret)
Ms. Kay Rasmussen, One Okaloosa EDC

Task Force Members Present via ZOOM:

Tom Neubauer, Bay Defense Alliance, Vice Chairman

Task Force Members Absent:

Major General James Eifert, USAF, The Adjutant General (TAG) of Florida
Captain Keith Hoskins, USN, (Ret)
Representative Patt Maney
Representative Tyler Sirois
Mr. Reeves Valentine, Lockheed Martin
Senator Tom Wright

Speakers Present:

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury, Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Mallory Dimmitt, Florida Wildlife Corridor
Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chair
Lieutenant Colonel Michael Ryan, 598th Range Squadron

Others Present in Person:

Sheila McNamara, Central Florida Regional Planning Council
Jim Philpitt, Tampa Bay Defense Alliance
Tony Rodriguez, MacDill AFB
Commissioner Barbara Stewart, Former FDSTF Member
Cory Strickland, DEO
Mr. Fred Trippensee, Highlands County
William Van Houten, Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC)

Others Present via ZOOM:

Katie Allan, Bay Defense Alliance
Harrison Conyers, City of Jacksonville
Dave Dahl, Navy Region Southeast
Ron Demes, City of Key West
Laura DiBella, EFI
Kathleen Ferguson, The Roosevelt Group
Christina Gardner, NAS Key West

Debi Graham, Greater Pensacola Chamber
Lieutenant Colonel Blake Heidelberg, FLNG
Denise Imbler, Apalachee Regional Planning Council
Josh Jones, HARB
Dale Ketcham, Space Florida
Chris Middleton, FDA MSWG Chair
Rick Miller, South Florida Defense Alliance
Dave Murzin, 850 Consulting, LLC
John Rich, EFI
Tyler Russell, EFI
Matt Schellhorn, NS Mayport
Brooke Trawick-Gilbert, Bay Defense Alliance
Chris Weller, Department of Economic Opportunity
Roger Williams, FLNG
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Staff Present:

Terry McCaffrey, Vice President of Military & Defense Programs, Executive Director, FDSTF
Ray Collins, Special Advisor to the Vice President of Military & Defense Programs
Michelle Griggs, Executive Assistant/Grants & Contracts Manager, EFI



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Inn on the Lakes, 3101 Golfview Road, Sebring, FL 33870
AGENDA for January 19, 2023

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- 9:00 – 9:15 Welcome, Roll Call, Introductions..... Chairman **(I)**
 Local Community Welcome..... Jennifer Codo-Salisbury **(I)**
- 9:15 – 9:30 Old Business..... Chairman **(A) / (I)**
 - Approval of Minutes Chairman **(A)**
 - TF Grants, Contracts, Budget Report and TWO Status Michelle Griggs/Terry McCaffrey **(I)**
- 9:30 – 10:30 New Business..... Chairman **(I)**
 - TF Member Reports Kellie Jo Kilberg **(I) / (D)**
 - Florida Defense Alliance Update Lt. Col. M. Ryan / M. Dimmitt **(I) / (D)**
 - Avon Park AFR / 598th Range Squadron Briefing Terry McCaffrey **(D) / (A)**
 - TWO 22-04 Discussion and Selection Terry McCaffrey **(D) / (A)**
 - Strategic Plan RFP Discussion and Selection Terry McCaffrey **(D) / (A)**
 - FY21-22 Progress Report and Work Plan Approval Terry McCaffrey **(I)**
 - Military & Defense Update
- 10:30 – 10:45 Public Comment..... Chairman
- 11:00 – 12:00 Closed Session..... Chairman

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Brigadier General Chip Diehl began the meeting at 9:00 AM EST.

I. Agenda Item I: Welcome, Roll Call, Introductions

Chairman, Brigadier General Chip Diehl welcomed everyone in person and on Zoom to the TF meeting. He asked **Terry McCaffrey** to take attendance of Task Force (TF) members and welcomed former TF member **Commissioner Barbara Stewart**, new House-appointed TF members **Representative Patt Maney** (re-appointed) and **Representative Tyler Sirois** and **Mr. Bill Van Houten** from the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC). He led the TF in the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for anyone who'd like to make a public comment to please email them to **Ray Collins** at rcollins@enterprise-florida.com to be read at the end of the meeting. Finally, he reminded the TF that the meeting is governed by the Sunshine Law.

Local Community Welcome

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury welcomed the TF and provided a short community brief from the Central Florida Regional Planning Council. The presentation slides can be found here: <https://www.enterprise-florida.com/wp-content/uploads/FDSTF-Presentations-2023.pdf>

II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of Minutes

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Brigadier General Chip Diehl** asked for corrections to the November 17, 2022 TF meeting minutes. Noting none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes. **Ms. Kay Rasmussen** made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by **Major General Richard Haddad**, all were in favor and the minutes were approved.*

Task Force Grants and Contracts Status

Michelle Griggs reported on several current TF contracts and grants.

Contracts:

- The Roosevelt Group submitted their final report and one-pager on Support of Military Families on November 29, 2022. Both items have been emailed to Task Force and FDA members and has been uploaded to the Task Force website. The report was also provided to the Florida Department of Education. This contract is closed.
- The Strategic Plan RFP was released on December 2nd with proposals due on January 2nd, 2023. Three (3) proposals were received, and the summaries are included in Tab 7 in the meeting book for discussion and vote later in today's meeting.

Grants:

- 2nd Quarter Reports were due on January 13th
- DTF 23-303, University of West Florida's contract was executed on December 20th.
- DTF 23-304, Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce's contract was executed on December 2nd.

Continuing Services Contract:

- 22-01 FY 2023 NDAA Legislation Analysis & Evaluation – The Roosevelt Group is working on their review and analysis of the final NDAA / Appropriations bills and their impacts on Florida's military missions. They submitted an initial report last week, Staff suggested some changes. We are waiting on a second draft based on those changes.

- 22-03 Affordable Housing Opportunities for Florida Military Installations – Matrix Design Group submitted their draft report on December 2nd. The final report was due January 3rd and was received on January 5th. Matrix will brief the TF on their findings at the February TF meeting via Zoom.
- 22-04 Florida CODEL Future Legislative Action Issue Priority Evaluation – The request for a Task Work Order Proposal (TWOP) was sent out to vendors on November 28th, proposals were received on December 7th and the scoring summary sheet is included in the meeting book under Tab 5 for discussion and vote later in today's meeting.
- Just a reminder that the Continuing Services Contract ends on 4/30/23. If the Task Force desires, we will discuss with the current vendors about an extension for another year which we can discuss at the February meeting.

Budget:

Prior to any potential awards that could happen today:

- \$137,815 remains on the Continuing Services Contract
- \$588,461.71 remains unprogrammed in program expenses and is available for new grants or other contracting options

III. Agenda Item III: New Business

Task Force Member Reports

Commissioner Barbara Stewart welcomed the TF to Sebring and praised them for their continued good work around the state, especially in Polk and Highlands Counties.

Ms. Kay Rasmussen briefed that the Eglin AFB/Hurlburt Field communities have learned that they are looking at substantial mission and personnel growth over the next five (5) years, expanding by approximately 5,000 in personnel.

They are ramping up efforts to prevent encroachment on the Eglin AFB Range Reservation area, including the Gulf Range, but land ranges are becoming more relevant, especially with the evolution of technology and munitions development required footprints. Munitions are more lethal, faster, and it's critical to protect these footprints. As a reminder, the Eglin Complex is home to the Air Force Research Lab, Munitions Directorate and the 96th Test Wing, whose main mission is munitions development.

She has previously mentioned both state and local childcare development center (CDC) challenges. Higher Ground Education is in the process of building two (2) new CDCs in their area. They are now working through a new challenge as Camp Bull Simons Army cantonment site is looking to build a CDC in the middle of their bombing range, with opposition from the 96th Test Wing noting the great risk to children. Last fall a letter co-signed by the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force and Assistant Secretary of the Army stated that the two services would agree to place a CDC on Camp Bull Simons if an Economic Impact Study was conducted, and if the Army would agree, in a contract, to evacuate any and every time munitions testing was to be conducted in the area. They're hoping to get this problem solved before the MILCON for a cantonment site CDC would ever come into play.

A new challenge has been brought to her attention and that is a dual licensing process and requirement for home-based family childcare facilities. If a military family lives on the installation and the spouse wants to operate a small childcare business in their home, they must meet and maintain DoD licensure requirements. If the same family were to live off base, and they want to service military children in their home, they must meet DoD and state requirements, a dual licensing requirement. Currently the DoD licensing process is taking two (2) to six (6) weeks, whereas the State of Florida or local county area is taking four (4) to eight (8) months. This is deterring families from providing an additional childcare option as well as having a second form of income. There are different options that may be possible to address a solution, but any solution should impact all of Florida's military communities.

Kellie Jo Kilberg added that Representative Thad Altman is working on legislation to address this issue and currently it is in bill drafting.

Staff will find out more on this legislation and report back to the TF.

Major General Richard Haddad briefed from AFSOC that Hurlburt Field held its change of command ceremony in the Freedom Hangar on December 9, 2022 as **Lieutenant General Tony D. Bauernfeind** assumed command of the Air Force Special Operations Command.

The 73rd Special Operations Squadron Gunship Crews were awarded the Mackay Trophy for the most meritorious flight of 2021. Chaos in one word, that's how the U.S. Air Force AC-130J Gunship Crews of Shadow 77 and Shadow 78 described the scene of Kabul, Afghanistan on August 15, 2021. For the crews of Shadow 77 and 78, the mission to support the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan would go on to last nearly 30 hours combined, resulting in the evacuation of roughly 2,000 Americans. Those members of the 73rd Special Operations Squadron were honored for their efforts as recipients of the 2021 Mackay Trophy during a ceremony at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio on December 17, 2022.

From Duke Field, Florida, just north of Hurlburt Field, the C-145A Combat Coyote made its final run after decades of service. Air crews from the Air Force Reserve's 711 Special Operation Squadron departed the Duke Field flightline December 15, 2022, in four C-145A Combat Coyote aircraft for the last time after ten years of service to AFSOC.

From SOCOM, after forty years of safe skies U.S. Special Operators have to worry about threats from above, says the SOCOM commander. Times are changing on the battlefield and that's especially true for U.S. Special Operators who now have to account for threats that didn't exist a few years or even months ago. Like the rest of the U.S. Military, U.S. Special Operations Command has been paying very close attention to the innovations on the battlefield in Ukraine. One of the most interesting but also concerning developments has to do with the drones. Both Moscow and Kiev have drones in the skies over Ukraine using them as improvised munitions, soldiers guiding artillery fire, identifying enemy formations and taking out armored vehicles. The U. S. Special Operations community is paying close attention to these developments and is incorporating lessons from the ground in Ukraine in preparation for the next fight.

Avon Park Air Force Range has, in 2023, already hosted a Special Tactics Squadron JTAC deployment in coordination with aircraft from Hurlburt Field, Patrick SFB, and Homestead ARB as well as pre-deployment heavy weapons training for two Security Forces Squadrons out of MacDill AFB. This week they are hosting an Army Special Operations Aviation Regiment conducting helicopter gunnery training. Next week kicks off a Ranger Regiment out of Ft. Benning, Georgia conducting a large airfield seizure exercise supported by two A-10 squadrons from Ft. Wayne, Indiana and Whiteman AFB, Missouri, operating out of the Deployed Unit Complex (DUC) at MacDill AFB. At the end of February, the DUC is scheduled to host an Eglin AFB F-35 deployment. In April, a P-3 deployment out of NAS Point Mugu, California, followed by an F-18 deployment from NAS Miramar NAS in May. These deployments are in addition to the day-to-day training the range offers to many other Florida bases.

LTC Blake Heidelberg provided remarks, on behalf of **Major General James Eifert**, as a Florida National Guard Update.

MOBILIZATION/DEPLOYMENT UPDATE: The Florida National Guard currently has 273 Servicemembers representing over 7 organizations, deployed globally supporting the nation's National Defense Strategy.

Closer to home they're supporting state active duty with Operation Individual Sentry. They're supporting State and Federal partners as part of the operation down in South Florida with aerial observation operations over the coastline. There the mission is to identify and report to Federal authorities the potential vessels and personnel attempting to illegally migrate into the State of Florida. They're also supporting the Department of Corrections with staffing in 9 facilities.

Major General James Eifert is preparing for his retirement in April, completing an accomplished forty-year military career. Governor DeSantis has appointed Major General John Haas who currently serves as the Assistant Adjutant General Army, Commander of the Florida Army National Guard. The Governor will be hosting the change of command ceremony for the Florida National Guard on April 22, 2023 at Camp Blanding.

The ranges and the future of ranges in Florida is something in which the FLNG is intimately involved, and he sincerely appreciates the TF helping to ensure that Florida is on the forefront for the future and they appreciate the opportunity to be a small part of that.

The Honorable Thomas Bowman commented on the ongoings with the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington, and how they may impact what is happening in Florida and the quality of life for the veteran and active-duty communities. In the press over the last couple of years there has been a DoD/VA collaboration to modernize a collaborative effort on the electronic health record. The ultimate goal is when an individual enters the service there will be a health care record through their active-duty time through their reserve (if applicable) until such time as they or their family need to bury them in a VA facility or a private cemetery. That initiative is not progressing as quickly, and on a schedule that was originally planned. It's on a pause right now until June at the direction of the Secretary to resolve some internal collaboration between Oracle Cerner. This is a needed and necessary initiative, and he believes this new Congress will have more frequent oversight of the progress as currently they are looking at a \$55 billion dollar initiative over 10 years (it was originally planned to be \$16 to \$18 billion).

The next general issue of significance not only to the TF but the overall position that Florida finds itself is in the presence of veteran community healthcare within the state. Florida has all VA hospitals fall under one general leadership structure. The Mission Act was passed three years ago to enhance care in communities, a provision that required an Asset and Infrastructure Review Commission to be stood up. That effort progressed to a point where the commissioners were identified, but the Chairman of the Senate Veterans Committee decided not to pursue a confirmation hearing for those commissioners and at that point the initiative stalled. The legislation that gave rise to the ability to hold that Commission is active until the end of 2023, so there may be another look at how they can resolve the Chairman's issues and finally stand up the Commission.

The purpose of the Commission was to review the overall VA healthcare footprint and to ensure it is structured in such a way that it can move healthcare into the future.

Rear Admiral Stan Bozin reported that NS Mayport is briefing the staffs of **Senators Rubio, Scott** and **Congressmen Rutherford and Waltz** on January 19th. The installation will be presenting their Installation Development Plan for 2023 to 2030. Projects included in the Installation Development Plan range from raising infrastructure and moving low lying critical operations to re-nourishing the Atlantic Ocean dunes. Due to Mayport's low lying setting, it is vulnerable to tropical storms, winter nor'easters, and clear sky King-Tide flooding. This vulnerability has been exacerbated by rising sea levels, recurring flooding and more frequent and destructive hurricanes impacted by climate change. As Mayport continues to develop, it must adapt its existing and future infrastructure to assure resilience against climate change.

Initial preparations for UWF/FDA FATR coordination with Big Navy Range Staff is underway and is being coordinated by Pinecastle Range Complex (PRC) Director, Don Heaton. The longtime PRC director is in current contact with NSWC Corona, USFF Mission Sustainment, and OPNAV Range Sustainment SME's to schedule a review of existing Navy range sustainment plans and the FATR CONOP. Intent is to understand the potential for synergies between the FATR proposal, its proponents, and future Navy requirements before engaging the UWF FATR team. Upon that reaching that milestone, PRC Director will contact the FATR team to schedule further coordination.

Both NAS JAX and NS Mayport will be participating in Citadel Shield/Solid Curtain February 6th through 17th. "Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command (USFFC) and Commander, Navy Installations Command (CINC), conduct a two-part force protection exercise annually to demonstrate the Navy's commitment to protecting life, equipment and facilities. Citadel Shield (CS) is a field training exercise led by CNIC and Solid Curtain (SC) is a command post exercise led by USFFC. Our Navy security forces train and operate 365 days a year. This

exercise simply provides our entire force the opportunity for dedicated training and renewed focus on our force protection mission. It is not related to any current threat.”

Colonel Gregg Billman briefed that Key West is free of hurricane damage from the fall storms and is OPS normal.

Homestead Air Reserve Base is currently facing the possibility of the relocation of their F-35s up to Tyndall AFB. South Florida is looking at putting together a study to help confront that effort as HARB has quite an economic impact in South Florida. HARB would be facing the potential of a soft closure versus a BRAC.

He recently toured the NAS Key West Army Dive School as they deal with mission encroachment issues in the Key West harbor area and tourist boats. Their Commander recently penned a letter to the Florida Legislature asking for assistance with boundaries and allowing Florida Law Enforcement to enforce those boundaries during missions.

Later this month he will be touring Coast Guard Marathon and Coast Guard Key West.

Brigadier General Chip Diehl discussed his recent trip to Washington, DC with **Terry McCaffrey** and the in-person meetings they had with **the Honorable Ed Oshiba**, the Air Force’s Assistant Secretary for Energy, Installations, and the Environment; **the Honorable Alex Wagner**, the Air Force’s Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; **Mr. Patrick O’Brien** and **Mr. Bill Van Houten** of the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC); **Katherine Anne Russo**, who’s back as the Florida liaison in DC; and **Mr. Wes Brooks**, Florida’s Chief Resiliency Officer. He was happy to meet in person, once again, to nurture those relationships with partners in the Capitol and they left feeling as though the issues and concerns they addressed were understood and well-received.

Mr. Tom Neubauer reported that **General Mark Kelly**, Commander of Air Combat Command, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia, confirmed this morning that the 43rd Fighter Squadron, part of the F-22 Formal Training Unit, will move from Eglin Air Force Base to Langley Air Force Base with their jets by mid-summer and should reach full operational capability by June or July.

He also noted that the first deliveries of F-35 for OPS 8 at Tyndall AFB will be August 30th and reactivation of the 95th Fighter Squadron will take place prior to that.

Florida Defense Alliance Update

Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chair, reported that the FDA is working on securing sponsors for the Military Spouse Licensing compacts. Recently signed Federal law HR 7939, the Military Spouse Licensing Relief Act, states that compacts take priority over this law and compacts are the true means for spouses to use their licensing.

The FDA is still working on compacts. They have secured the sponsors for the PSYpact with HR 33 and SB 56. **Representative Thad Altman** has legislation in bill drafting right now for the Childcare Facility Exemption Act which should be coming out of bill drafting next week. They have the House sponsor for the Audio/Speech/Language/Pathology compact and are working on the Senate sponsor for that. They are also working on the House sponsor for the EMS compact.

They will have a Zoom call to share best practices with their current three Regional Planning Councils and with the possible next three Regional Planning Councils on the MIRR Grant in hopes that Florida continues to lead in the MIRR grant process.

Monday, February 27th will be the next FDA Zoom call, and on February 22nd and 23rd several FDA members will be in Tallahassee visiting legislators and sharing their story.

598th Range Squadron Briefing

Lieutenant Colonel Michael Ryan provided a presentation on the 598th Range Squadron. The presentation slides can be found here:

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Florida Wildlife Corridor Briefing

Mallory Dimmitt provided an overview presentation on the Florida Wildlife Corridor. The presentation slides can be found here:

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TWO #22-04 Discussion and Selection

A quorum being present, **Chairman, Brigadier General Chip Diehl** asked for a motion to select The Roosevelt Group to complete the project in TWO #22-04, Florida CODEL Future Legislative Action Issue Priority Evaluation. **Ms. Kay Rasmussen** made a motion to approve The Roosevelt Group. The motion was seconded by **Colonel Gregg Billman**, all were in favor and the motion was passed.

Strategic Plan RFP Discussion and Selection

A quorum being present, **Chairman, Brigadier General Chip Diehl** asked for a motion to contract The Roosevelt Group to create a new FDSTF Strategic Plan focused on the five-year period covering calendar years 2024-2029. **Rear Admiral Stan Bozin** made a motion to approve The Roosevelt Group. The motion was seconded by **Ms. Kay Rasmussen**, all were in favor and the motion was passed.

FY 21-22 Progress Report and Work Plan Approval

A quorum being present, **Chairman, Brigadier General Chip Diehl** asked for a motion to approve the FY 2021-2022 Progress Report and Work Plan. **The Honorable Thomas Bowman** made a motion to approve the report. The motion was seconded by **Colonel Gregg Billman**, all were in favor and the motion was passed.

Military & Defense Update

Terry McCaffrey updated the TF items on which the Staff is currently working.

The next TF meeting is planned for Thursday, February 16, 2023 on Zoom and next in-person will be in Tallahassee on March 16th with a trip to the Capitol after the meeting to potentially meet with Representatives and Senators while in Tallahassee during the Legislative Session. Please make sure your calendar is open to attend.

Two new TF members were recently appointed by the Speaker of the House, **Representative Patt Maney** and **Representative Tyler Sirois**. They were unable to attend today's meeting as they are in Tallahassee for Committee Week. He and **Ray Collins** will schedule meetings with them in the very near future to brief them for future TF meetings.

The U.S. Air Force announced that the expected decision for STARCOM has slipped to the second quarter. Last month, staff worked with Space Florida and sent letters from the Lieutenant Governor and the TF to the U.S. Air Force and CODEL. They may also schedule visits in Washington, D.C. pending Space Florida and the Lieutenant Governor's schedule.

He and **Chairman, Brigadier General Chip Diehl** traveled to Washington, DC last week to meet with the Office of the Secretary of Defense and U.S. Air Force leaders regarding Florida's Education Score Card report, as well as other issues around the state. They met with **the Honorable Mr. Ed Oshiba**, the Air Force's Assistant Secretary for Energy, Installations, and the Environment, **Mr. Patrick O'Brien** from the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC), and **the Honorable Mr. Alex Wagner**, the Air Force's Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. They had good engagements and believe they are aware of what is done in Florida.

They met with **the Honorable Mr. Ed Oshiba** and **Mr. Robert Moriarty** (his Deputy) in the Pentagon. They have now met with them three times in the last six months and are creating a fairly healthy relationship. They found out that they expect the Space Force Headquarters decision to be prolonged but anticipate announcement for STARCOM and the Deltas within the next few weeks. The U.S. Air Force asked them to work with the Eglin area on the childcare issue and to help solve the lack of housing around installations. They shared some of their state legislative initiatives this year and they were very supportive. They also discussed the continued importance of protecting Florida's ranges all over and gained tacit support for the new project the TF is currently funding that will look holistically at Florida ranges as a system from under sea to space and using live/virtual/constructive technology and systems. They mentioned that more will need to be done with simulation which aims directly at NSA Orlando as the hub of DoD's Simulation and Training programs, as well as Florida-based companies such as "Red 6" that is developing AI type training solutions in this area.

Mr. Patrick O'Brien discussed new programs and legacy OLDCC programs. He discussed the process for school programs that includes funding new school facilities at MacDill AFB this year and likely Eglin AFB and NAS Key West next year. A new push is on program (not school program) diversification and modernization of infrastructure around installations including energy systems. They also see housing as a resiliency issue and will fund programs from communities to come up with solutions. This ties perfectly with the report the TF funded and that was completed last week on options for housing solutions around each major installation. In addition, they want to fund programs that will do table-top exercises or scenarios in emergency management that increase resilience of communities and installations in coordination with bases, local emergency management and state emergency managers.

Katherine Anne Russo is back in Washington, DC leading the Florida DC office. They sat down with her for about an hour to get her back up to speed on many of the issues they are working in DC.

With **the Honorable Mr. Alex Wagner**, they discussed Florida's findings for the Education contract. The MR was receptive to the discussion and said they would take their findings and recommendations into consideration. They also warned about future additional reviews based on equality and inclusion which could hurt conservative states.

After selection of The Roosevelt Group there is approximately \$100,000 remaining on the Continuing Services Contract. The contract ends on April 30, 2023 and has been very beneficial. Would the Task Force like staff to discuss extension with vendors? *The TF agreed yes, the staff should discuss extension options with the three vendors.*

Are there any items from today's meeting that Task Force members would like us to pursue as potential Task Work Orders? *None heard.*

IV. Agenda Item IV: Public Comment

No one wished to make a public comment at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 AM EST

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Dr. Christian Caron, Matrix Design Group
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 - Housing Options Study Final Report Charlie Perham **(I) / (D)**
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II. Agenda Item II: Old Business

Approval of the Minutes

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Brigadier General Chip Diehl** asked for any corrections to the January 19, 2023 minutes. Noting none, a motion was made by **Ms. Kay Rasmussen** to approve the minutes, seconded by **Major General Richard Haddad**. All were in favor and the January 19, 2023 meeting minutes were approved.*

Task Force Grants & Contracts Status

Michelle Griggs provided a brief update on current TF grants.

Contracts: CON 23-300, Strategic Plan 2024-2029, the contract was executed on January 30, 2023 to begin on February 1st. The Roosevelt Group will deliver an engagement plan for meeting with installations and defense communities throughout the state by the end of this month..

Grants: All grantee's second Quarter Reports have been submitted and are included in your report

Continuing Services Contract:

TWO 22-01, FY 2023 NDAA Legislation Analysis & Evaluation – The Roosevelt submitted their final report on February 1, 2023: FY 2023 Florida NDAA Legislative Analysis & Review. It was uploaded to the FDSTF website and sent to FDSTF and FDA members. Pending payment, this TWO will be closed.

TWO 22-03, Affordable Housing Opportunities for Florida Military Installations – Matrix Design Group is presenting their final report during today's TF meeting. Pending final payment, the TWO will be closed.

TWO 22-04, Florida CODEL Future Legislative Action Issue Priority Evaluation – The TWO with The Roosevelt Group was executed January 23, 2023. They will provide an interim report to the Task Force during today's meeting and look to obtain additional insight/guidance from the TF. They are currently working to set up meetings with stakeholders.

Staff has spoken with all CSC firms who are agreeable to an extension. After brief discussion, the TF decided to vote.

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Brigadier General Chip Diehl** asked for a motion to approve a two-year extension to the FDSTF Continuing Services Contract. A motion was made by **Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer** to approve the two-year extension, seconded by **Colonel Gregg Billman**. All were in favor and the FDSTF Continuing Services Contract was extended to April 30, 2025.*

Task Force Budget Amendment

Terry McCaffrey provided a brief overview of the FDSTF FY 2022-2023 budget with two revisions: Program Expenses - \$10,000 was added to Task Force Outreach from the Contingency Reserve

Administrative Expenses - \$10,000 was added to Staff Salaries & Benefits from Task Force Travel and Per Diem.

*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Brigadier General Chip Diehl** asked for a motion to approve the revisions to the FY 2022-2023 FDSTF Budget. A motion was made by **Ms. Kay Rasmussen** to approve the budget revisions, seconded by **Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer**. All were in favor and the revisions to the FY 2022-2023 FDSTF Budget were approved.*

A copy of the approved budget can be found on the TF website:

<https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/FDSTF-Approved-Budget.pdf>

III. Agenda Item III: New Business

Task Force Member Reports

Colonel Gregg Billman briefed that he recently met with Monroe County Mayor Craig Cates to discuss resiliency efforts and will continue meeting with him on a regular basis. He also met with the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Key West Commanding Officer and discussed infrastructure and encroachment issues similar to the issues of the Navy Dive Training Center. He attended a Propeller Club Port of Key West meeting for further planning for the USS Lenah Higbee (DDG-123) commissioning ceremony, which is scheduled for May. Lenah Higbee was the first chief nurse of the United States Navy, and this is the first ship to be named in honor of a Navy nurse.

He also met recently to discuss encroachment issues with the community planner at NAS Key West Boca Chica Annex and will meet with the Commanding Officer in the near future.

Major General Richard Haddad provided the following updates from AFSOC and Avon Park Air Force Range.

AFSOC: The 711 Special Operations Squadron is the reserve squadron at Duke Field, which was activated in 1971 and the recent deactivation of the combat aviation squadron indicates intent to close that squadron down completely. There was discussion with the AFSOC Commander and at the last minute it was decided to place gunships at Duke Field, but the new AFSOC Commander has reneged on that deal. More to follow.

The 711 Special Operations Squadron was activated in 1971 and has more legacy than all the other squadrons at Duke Field. From a legacy perspective one of the other squadrons should be eliminated rather than the initial squadron that started the wing.

AVON Park Air Force Range: APAFR is currently hosting eight (8) F-35s at the MacDill DUC from the 58th Fighter Squadron at Eglin AFB. Also, in conjunction with the F-35, a third Air Support Operations Squadron is conducting Joint Terminal Attack Controller (JTAC) training with the 4th Special Operations Squadron Gunships from Hurlburt Field.

Representative Patt Maney reported on his two pending House Bills and is requesting support on a third.

HB 73 - Termination of Agreements by a Servicemember: Defines "government quarters" for purposes of termination of servicemember's rental agreement ensuring their security deposit is returned.

HB 635 - Dental Services for Veterans: Establishes Veterans Dental Care Grant Program in Department of Veterans' Affairs; specifies purpose of program; requires department to contract with direct-service organization to administer program; requires department to adopt rules; provides that program funding is subject to legislative appropriation.

He is looking for support from the TF for HB 313 - Pub. Rec./Active Duty Servicemembers and Families: Provides exemption from public records requirements for identification & location information of

servicemembers & their spouses & dependents; provides for future legislative review & repeal; provides statement of public necessity.

Chairman, Brigadier General Chip Diehl, Ms. Kay Rasmussen and Major General Richard Haddad voiced their agreement for a TF letter in support of HB 313.

Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer briefed that on February 22, 2023, NSA Panama City will have a change of command as current **Commander Keith Foster** will be replaced by **Commander Michael Mosi**.

On March 31st, Commander of Air Combat Command **General Mark Kelly** and **General Glen VanHerck**, NORAD Commander, will be at Tyndall AFB to officiate the change of command for First Air Force's Northern Air and Space Force as **Lieutenant General Kirk Pierce** will transfer command to **Lieutenant General Steve Nordhouse**.

Personnel are beginning to arrive at Tyndall AFB for the beddown of the F-35 95th Fighter Squadron however most are expected over the summer. The first aircraft will arrive on August 31st.

The F-22 Formal Training Unit is moving to Langley Air Force Base through the end of June however the simulators and much of the academic training will continue at Tyndall AFB. Pilots will come back to Tyndall on a TDY to complete their classroom syllabus and simulator training, then travel back to Langley AFB to fly the jet.

The Air Force's Community Partnership Program, which was created in 2013, generated about 1,000 initiatives and 500 signed agreements with 60 installations around the country. Florida was one of the leaders with participants at Eglin AFB, Tyndall AFB, MacDill AFB, Patrick SFB, and Homestead ARB. **Toniann Fisher** is now head of this program as the Director of Air Force Mission Sustainment and Partnerships and she is willing to visit installations with community initiatives. She recently briefed this program, and he has a copy of the presentation, if anyone is interested.

Tyndall AFB will soon open a new 30,000-square-foot, state of the art, Air Battle Manager Training Facility designed to help and equip the next generation of Air Battle Managers to work with 5th generation aircraft.

He noted that the Navy has made commitments to modernizing the range and the Gulf Range is of particular interest to them as they advance in autonomous systems. The Navy's interest in that area is that the Gulf of Mexico is almost an exact replica of the South China Sea and is a perfect place for the Navy to test those autonomous systems. This underscores how important efforts are to protect the Gulf Range as it's used by all military branches.

In the next 30 days the Eastern Shipbuilding Group will launch their first Offshore Patrol Cutter. They've got four (4) cutters committed.

Major General James Eifert provided an update from the Florida National Guard (FLNG).

MAJOR GENERAL EIFERT RETIREMENT: Informed of pending retirement at the end of April. Advised that Major General Haas, the current Florida Army National Guard Commander, has been selected as his replacement. Mentioned that everyone would receive an invitation to the Change of Command ceremony at Camp Blanding on 22 April 2023.

MOBILIZATION/DEPLOYMENT UPDATE: Advised the Florida National Guard currently has 350 (332 Army & 18 Air) Servicemembers representing 9 Organizations deployed globally supporting our nation's National Defense Strategy. Additionally, our mobilization pipeline continues to grow, with 4 Organizations consisting of approximately 173 Servicemembers scheduled for deployment through calendar year 2023.

FLORIDA NATIONAL GUARD SENIOR LEADERSHIP VISIT TO AFRICOM: Advised of Florida National Guard senior leadership trip to AFRICOM, visiting our Special Forces, Security Forces Assistance Brigade, and Electromagnetic Warfare (Space) personnel deployed to multiple locations across the continent.

TAIWAN SELF-DEFENSE ADVISORY GROUP: Advised on Florida National Guard support to Taiwan. We are one of five National Guard States (Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Michigan, & Mississippi) serving in support of mission taskings as part of the Self-Defense Advisory Group. The Florida National Guard currently has three soldiers assigned to the mission.

FLORIDA NATIONAL GUARD SUPPORTING OPERATION VIGILANT SENTRY: Advised the Florida National Guard continues to support state and federal partners, as part of Operation Vigilant Sentry, by providing 12 rotary-wing aviation assets and approximately 100 Servicemembers to support aerial observation operations over our south Florida coastline. Their mission is to identify and report to federal authorities, potential vessels, and/or personnel attempting illegal migration through the state's southern borders.

FLORIDA NATIONAL GUARD SUPPORTING STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES: Advised the Florida National Guard continues to support the Florida Department of Corrections by providing 300 Servicemembers to augment staffing shortfalls in state correctional facilities throughout the panhandle of Florida.

Ms. Kay Rasmussen welcomed **Representative Patt Maney** back to the TF and is looking forward to continuing their work on military housing and home-based childcare licensure issues. Higher Ground Education, who is currently slated to build two (2) childcare development centers (CDC) in Crestview and Navarre, was making progress but is currently stalled as construction supply costs have more than doubled since the beginning of the project and if they continued, purchasing those supplies would deplete their contingency budget. Higher Ground Education remains committed to building these CDCs as different partnerships are looking at ways to decrease those expenditures to keep the construction moving forward. The Crestview facility was targeted to open before the end of 2023. With this delay it will most-likely open spring 2024, at the earliest, pending identified solutions.

The 96th Test Wing will have some shifts in their mission sets. Every seven (7) years an environmental assessment is done on the Range which allows different types of testing out there. There's been a lag in that assessment and as such the Air to Surface Water Service Testing is going to be suspended in the Gulf Range for a few months, so those Air to Surface Testing Missions will be moved to the Eglin Land reservation. A major concern is that will require closure of Highways 85 and 285 in Okaloosa County. It will also require the evacuation of Duke Field, the 7 Special Forces Group and the 6 Army Ranger Training Battalion. There are thoughts that the 7 Special Forces Group will think that they are being forced to evacuate because of the ongoing discussions about a CDC on their cantonment site in the middle of the range, but that is not the case. This is a legitimate requirement based on the utilization of the wider range due to the suspension of the overwater Air to Surface Testing.

The Tri-County Community Partnership Initiative is in discussions with leadership on possibly amending current authorities or language, or writing new federal language, to allow for additional housing on both Eglin AFB and Hurlburt Field, which could include increased privatized housing as well as town homes and condominiums. Housing is a huge challenge, and they continue to work on a solution moving forward.

For decades there has been discussion about Highway 98 and the congestion in front of and around Hurlburt Field and how that negatively impacts the mission. There's been a lot of different starts and stops for a Highway 98 parallel road that has been stopped numerous times/every time for different reasons such as environmental issues, endangered species and encroachment onto the Eglin reservation. There is currently an initiative that looks like it's going to be successful as Eglin has agreed to provide an easement on their southernmost section of their range, which borders the northern section of Hurlburt Field, to construct a bypass road/parallel connector road through Santa Rosa and Okaloosa Counties to alleviate much of the traffic on Highway 98. This is supported by the Florida Department of Transportation as well as both counties, so that is very promising and they are excited to hopefully see that to come to fruition.

The 33rd Fighter Wing at Eglin AFB is getting an additional squadron of F-35s within the next five (5) years. It is projected that Eglin is going to have an increase of approximately 5,000 personnel. Demand on their road's capacity, housing and childcare will be compounded. Also, to that growth of the F-35s at Tyndall AFB and the 33rd Fighter Wing within the next five (5) years, there will be seven (7) squadrons of F-35s utilizing the Eglin airspace, so encroachment protection of the Air Range is critical as our military missions continue to grow.

The leadership of their Defense Support Initiatives Committee will be traveling to Washington, DC at the end of March to meet with key representatives regarding the top priorities of their regional military installations.

Mr. Reeves Valentine reported that the FY 2023 appropriations were enacted at the end of December 2022 and impact many companies and suppliers in Florida as well as those they support outside of the state. With vital national initiatives in Florida those appropriations were very important.

From NSA Orlando, the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council coordinated with NSA Orlando and Patrick Space Force Base to develop a Regional Resiliency Plan inclusive of community and mission sustainment priorities. Also, NSA Orlando is planning to submit a multijurisdictional application to the Office of Local Development Community Cooperation (OLDCC) this summer.

The Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings is planning to host a Florida Simulation Summit on May 10th at the Hyatt in Orlando, showcasing the new Terminal C, the Brightline high-speed rail Orlando Station and also discuss the potential of a digital twin for the airport of the future. The Summit will be co-hosted by the National Center for Simulation, the University of Central Florida and the Orange County Government. Orlando has been dubbed by the Orlando Economic Partnership as The Center of the Metaverse. In his opinion, not a great nickname but it does highlight the massive amount of simulation (live, virtual and constructive) that's happening across the sector with both small and large companies.

Yesterday the Modeling, Simulation and Training (MS&T) community from Orlando was well represented at the Tampa Synapse Summit which celebrates greater Tampa based tech and innovation ecosystems. **Chairman, Brigadier General Chip Diehl** recently hosted an Orlando MS&T meet up with SOFWERX.

Next week at the University of Central Florida the Defense Strategies Institute will host the 6th Annual Military Virtual Training and Simulation Summit which will feature a forum of DoD military services, federal government, industry, academia and other relevant stakeholders to discuss modeling, simulation, virtual training, technologies to improve warfare readiness.

The National Center for Simulation Team Orlando will host Land Forces Training 23 which covers live training approaches, interoperability, simulation and synthetic training development and new technology that allows the leveraging of data to elevate training performance.

He's very excited with NASA's progress on the Artemis Mission to return astronauts to the moon. It is important that we, as a nation, get back to the moon to defend it for neutrality and to prevent enemies from setting up any type of offensive or defensive measures on the face of the moon. Lockheed Martin is conducting the Orion Assembly and Integration at the Kennedy Space Center as many great things are happening on the Space Coast.

Chairman, Brigadier General Chip Diehl discussed the Tampa Synapse Summit, specifically the pre-summit event to bring in leaders coming in for Synapse across the Central Florida region to meet and discuss happenings in the high-tech corridor, modeling and simulation. He would like the TF to develop a relationship with Ms. Schuyler Moore, the first Chief Technology Officer at CENTCOM.

Representatives from OLDCC are coming to Tampa next week to begin the initial process of building the Tinker Middle School.

Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) Update

Kellie Jo Kilberg, FDA Chairwoman, reported that FDA regional members along with the South Florida, Tampa and Northwest Florida Regional Councils will be meeting with OLDCC and **Dr. Wes Brooks** to discuss MIRR (Military Installation Resilience Review) best practices and success stories with upcoming MIRR grantees in Northeast, East Central and Central Florida. Discussion will focus on how Florida is utilizing existing resources as well as other programs available from OLDCC. Florida leads the way in receiving OLDCC Grants and was the first state to utilize the REPI (Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration) program in conjunction

with the Department of Environmental Protection as well as leveraging Florida Forever funds. It's important to understand what funding programs are available to move forward with protecting military missions and installations.

This week an article from *Conservation Florida* stated that 1,250 acres of critical Florida Wildlife Corridor in Central Florida was conserved in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the DoD. FDA Partnerships and Florida defense and military partnerships are bringing federal funds to the table to acquire those conservation lands to benefit the state of Florida as a whole.

As they look at legislation, they need to define a process of how legislative proposals are vetted to understand the conflicts other bills or statutes may trigger. Define how research is conducted and the vetting of those legislative asks prior to bill drafting so all issues and triggers are addressed.

The Heritage Foundation has come out in support of a BRAC. Focus will be on how Congress plans to cut military budgets.

North Carolina has a sign on their interstate advertising that they are the nation's most military-friendly state. As they work on building an awareness campaign and telling their story, Florida needs to come up with a unique tagline to be placed on interstate roads and other various locations promoting Florida as the leader for military and defense communities.

Housing Options Study Final Report

Charlie Perham and Dr. Christian Caron, Matrix Design Group, presented their final report on their Affordable Housing Opportunities for Florida's Military Installations.

The presentation slides can be found here:

<https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/wp-content/uploads/FDSTF-Presentations-2023.pdf>

Emerging Need Grant Presentation: Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce

Alfred Sanchez, Don Slesnick and Matthew Monica, in support of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, presented their recently submitted grant application to the TF entitled **Homestead Air Reserve Base Long-Term Viability Support**.

The presentation slides can be found here:

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*A quorum being present, **Chairman, Brigadier General Chip Diehl** asked for a motion to award the \$75,000 grant request to the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce in support of Homestead Air Reserve Base. A motion was made by **Major General Richard Haddad** to approve the \$75,000 grant request, seconded by **Vice Chairman, Mr. Tom Neubauer**. All were in favor and the \$75,000 grant award to the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce was approved.*

DIG/DRG Update

Cory Strickland, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), updated that DEO is on track to release the Requests for Applications (RFA) for both the DIG and DRG within the next few weeks. **Kellie Jo Kilberg** and **Terry McCaffrey** will remain on the review committee for those applications.

They will have a more detailed presentation at the February 27th FDA meeting going into more detail on the RFA.

Florida Ethics & Sunshine Law Review

Ray Collins briefed the annual Florida's Sunshine, Public Records, and Ethics Laws.

The presentation slides can be found here:

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Military & Defense Update

Terry McCaffrey provided the TF updates from the Military & Defense Team:

The next TF meeting is planned for March 16th, 2023 in Tallahassee. Please make sure you let Michelle know if you're planning to attend so she can book hotel rooms. Staff is working to set up a meet and greet with several Legislators at the Capitol in lieu of a tour on Wednesday, March 15th from 4 PM to 6 PM as this meeting will be during Session. Please mark your calendar and be sure to attend.

Staff is planning to attend the Association of Defense Communities' 2023 Defense Communities National Summit in Washington, DC in early March. They will be engaging our CODEL and hope to speak with as many MLAs and members as possible. They are working now to set up those meetings as many FDA members will also attend.

IV. Agenda Item IV: Public Comment

No one wished to make a public comment at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 AM EST.

This meeting was recorded by The Florida Channel and can be found here:

<https://thefloridachannel.org/videos/2-16-23-florida-defense-support-task-force/>