Florida’s Support of Military and Defense

August 2018
Florida’ Military Presence

Overview:

-- 20 major military installations.

-- Defense contributions to state economy:

  -- $84.9 Billion annual impact from military and defense business presence.

  -- 801,747 direct and indirect jobs.

-- Optimum training environment; extensive ranges.
Florida’s Military Installations

- NAS Pensacola
- NAS Whiting Field
- Eglin AFB
- Hurlburt Field
- Tyndall AFB
- Camp Blanding Joint Training Center
- Jacksonville Air National Guard (JIA)
- Blount Island Command
- NS Mayport
- JAX Range Complex
- Cape Canaveral AFS
- Patrick AFB
- NSA Orlando
- Pinecastle Range
- MacDill AFB
- USCENTCOM
- US SOCOM
- Eastern Range Complex
- Jacksonville National Guard (JNG)
- MML
- Avon Park Air Force Range
- Homestead ARB
- USCG 7th District
- SOUTHCOM
- Corry Station & Saufley Field

Joint Gulf Range Complex

NAS Jacksonville

NAS Key West
Who’s Who: Veterans, National Guard and Military and Defense

Veterans
AD, NG & Res
(1.5 million)
FL Dept of Veterans Affairs (FDVA)
Veterans FL
FVF

FL National Guard
Air and Army
(12,000+)
Dept of Mil Affairs (DMA)
Gov Base Cdr Mtg
FVF

Military/Defense
20 military bases
(60,000+)
FL Def Support TF
FL Def Alliance (FDA)
The Principi Grp
Responsibilities

• The Florida Defense Alliance (FDA), the Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF), and the legacy Florida Defense Grants programs (DIG).

• Coordinate with and provide advice to other state agencies on military-related issues/initiatives. Serve as Florida’s subject matter experts on all issues related to military installations and missions.

• Support local defense communities; coordinate efforts with FL Congressional delegation. Develop and support legislative initiatives related to military/defense.

• Represent FDA and FDSTF at Governor’s Base Commanders Meetings.
The Florida Model for Support of Military and Defense:

1. Governor’s Base Commander Meetings

2. Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF)

3. Florida Defense Alliance (FDA)

4. Defense Grant Programs
Governor’s Base Commander Meetings

• Governor chairs: State Adjutant General conducts

• Participants: All FL military base commanders and State agency heads

• Conducted quarterly at different military bases around the state

• Powerful forum for Base Commanders to receive support and solve problems
Florida Defense Support Task Force

Governor’s Guidance:

“Keep Florida the most military-friendly state in the nation.”

Task Force Mission:

Preserve, protect and enhance Florida’s military missions and installations
Florida Defense Support Task Force Members

• Representative Jay Trumbull – Chair – House
• Representative Clay Ingram – House
• Brig Gen (ret) Chip Diehl – House
• Col James Heald – 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 1st annually between Senate and House
FDSTF 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.
Some Task Force Successes

-- Developed/implemented a long term strategic plan to improve military value of FL bases.

-- Conducted comprehensive evaluation and risk assessment of all military installations in the state.

-- Contracted for full-time first class advocacy services in Washington, DC to assist efforts in protecting and enhancing Florida military bases.

-- Implemented a grant program to assist local defense communities improve the military value of their bases.
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Florida Defense Alliance

- FDA created within EFI per FS 288.980.
- Members: volunteer community leaders, base representation and local economic development leaders.
- Networking and best-practices sharing.
- Legislative issue generation and support.
- Meet bi-annually / teleconference bi-annually.
- Two standing working groups:
  - Family Support
  - Mission Sustainment
2018 Military Friendly Guide
Protecting Bases from Encroachment

- Florida Forever
- Readiness & Environmental Protection Initiative (REPI) – DOD matching funds for land acquisition to buffer military bases.
- Non Conservation Lands (Military Base Protection Program)
- Other Actions – Team Orlando
Future DOD Actions Impacting Florida

Definite:
• 3 ship ARG now homeported at NS Mayport
• More ships to NS Mayport – 1 Destroyer and 2 LCS
• Navy MQ-4C Triton (drone) Squadron at NAS Jacksonville
• 8 more KC-135 Air Force tankers to MacDill AFB
• 4 Navy MQ-4C Triton (drone) aircraft to NS Mayport
• 24 MQ-9 Reaper (drone) unit for Tyndall AFB

Possible:
• Improvements to the Gulf Range complex
• Battlefield Airman Program to Patrick AFB
• F-35s for Air National Guard at Jacksonville and Air Reserve at Homestead – alternate for future
Florida Military and Defense Support Entities and Relationships

Governor
Florida National Guard
Base Commanders

Florida Legislature
Florida Defense Support Task Force
FL Defense Alliance (Local defense partners)

FL Congressional Delegation
State Agencies
EDO’s & Chambers

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