



Florida's Support of Military and Defense

July 2021



Florida's Military Presence

- 20+ major military installations
- Defense contributions to state economy:
 - \$94.9 Billion annual impact from military and defense business presence
 - 914,787 direct and indirect jobs
 - 2nd largest economic driver
- Optimum training environment; extensive ranges

Major Military Bases In Florida

Florida's Military Installations, Missions, and Key Organizations



Who's Who: Veterans, National Guard, and Military and Defense

Veterans



Total Veterans
*all components, retirees
(1.5 million)



National Guard



Army & Air
National Guard
(13,000+)

Military/Defense



21 Major
Military Bases
(AD 65,000+)
(Reserve 24,500+)



Gov Base CDR Mtg

The Florida Model - Support of Military and Defense:

- Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF)
- Florida Defense Alliance (FDA)
- Defense Grant Programs
- Governor's Base Commanders Meetings

Florida Defense Support Task Force

Mission (from F.S. 288.987):

- Make recommendations to preserve, protect and enhance Florida's military missions and installations
- Increase the defense industry in Florida
- Improve the military-friendly environment for service members, families, retirees and businesses that bring military-related jobs to the state

Florida Defense Support Task Force Members

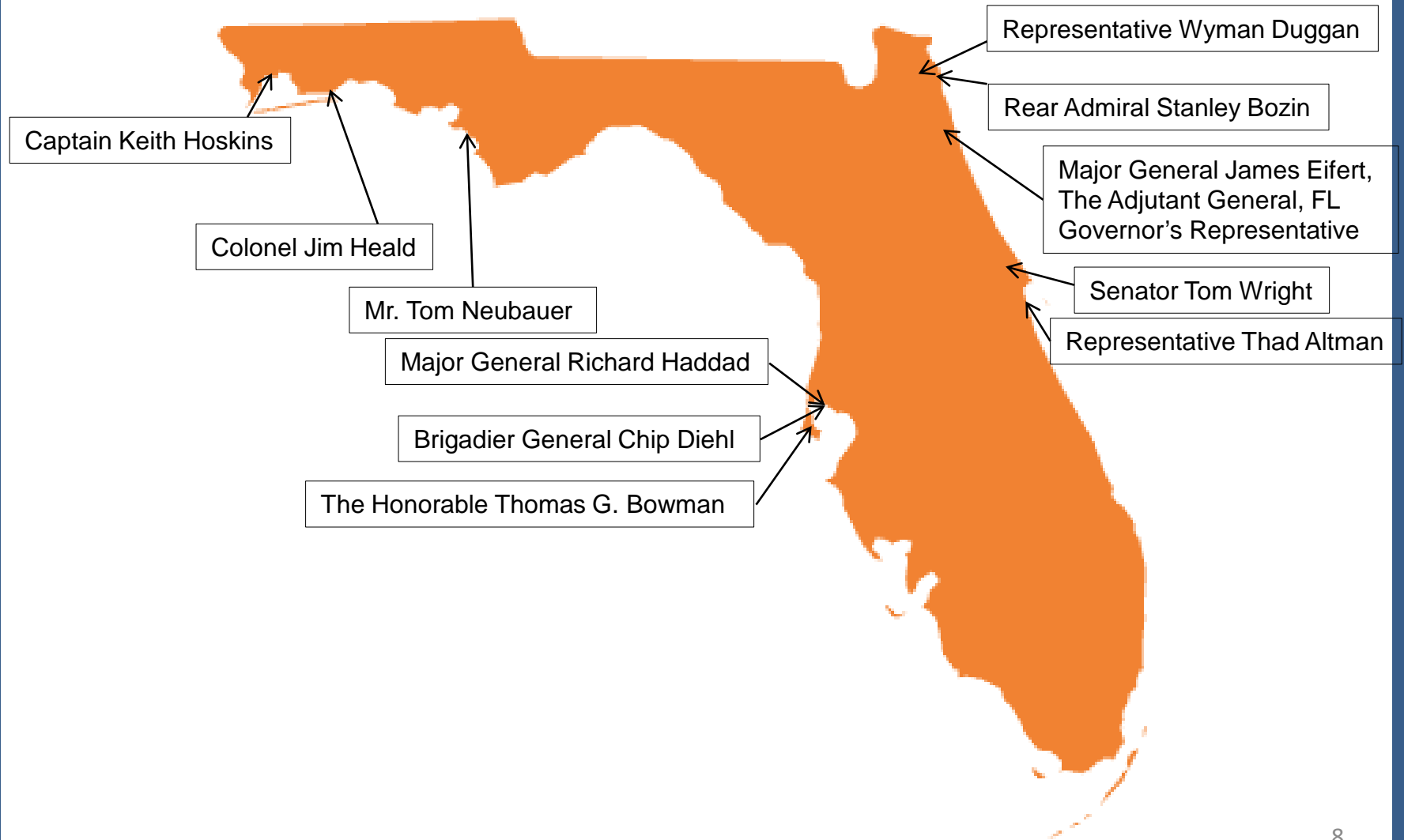
- Sen. Tom Wright – **Chair** – Senate
- Mr. Tom Neubauer – **Vice Chair** – Senate
- Rep. Thad Altman – House
- The Honorable Thomas G. Bowman – Senate
- RADM, USN (ret.) Stan Bozin – Governor
- Brig. Gen., USAF (ret.) Chip Diehl – House
- Rep. Wyman Duggan – House
- Maj. Gen., USAF James O. Eifert, TAG – Governor’s Representative
- Maj. Gen., USAF (ret.) Richard “Beef” Haddad – Senate
- Col., USAF (ret.) James Heald – House
- CAPT, USN (ret.) Keith Hoskins – Governor
- *2 current vacancies – Governor*



Notes:

**Chair rotates between
Senate and House
annually on July 1st**

Members of the Florida Defense Support Task Force



Florida Defense Alliance

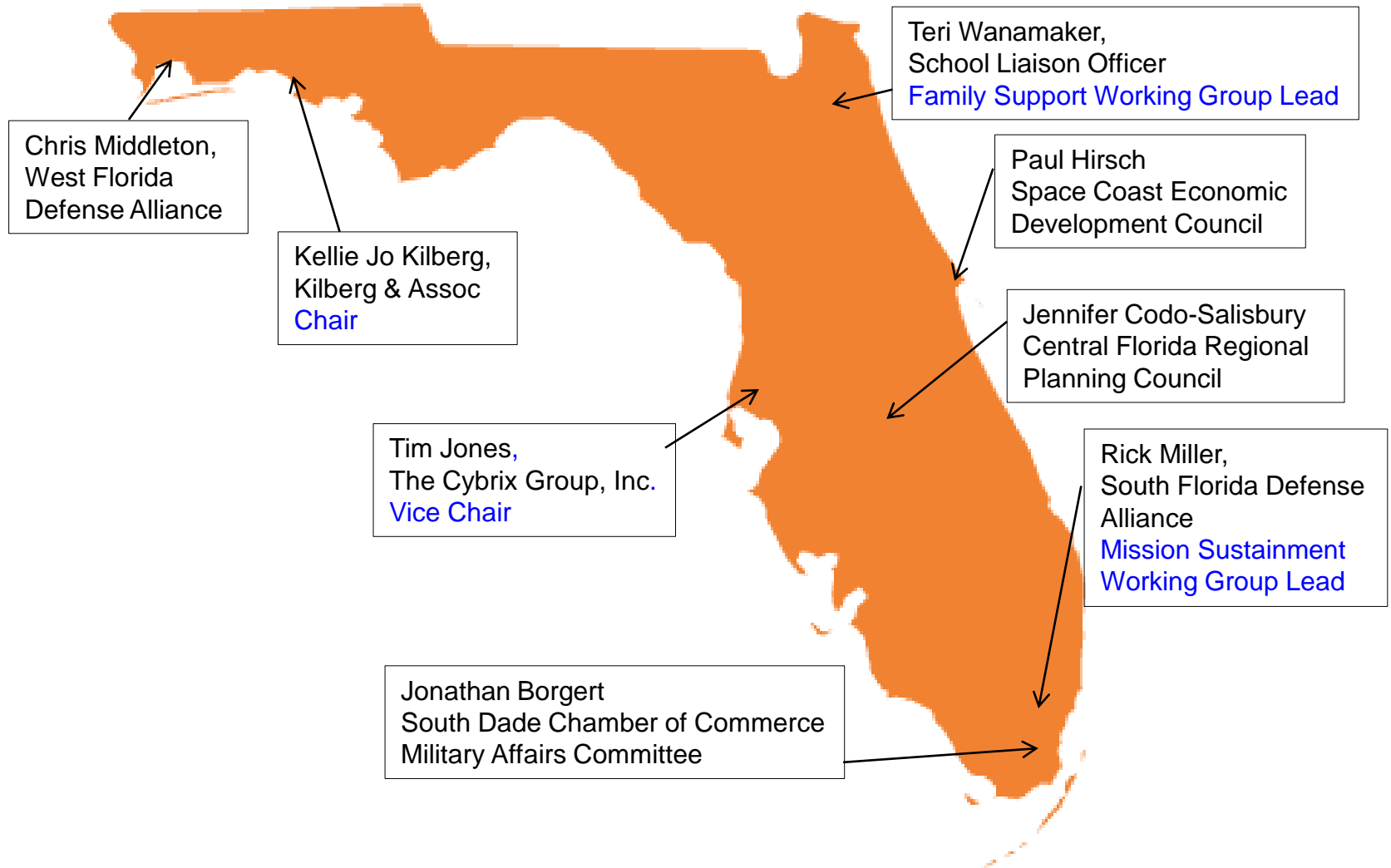
Authority & Purpose (from F.S. 288.980):

The FDA is the organization to ensure that Florida, its resident military bases and missions, and its military host communities are in competitive positions as the United States continues its defense realignment, and base structure adjustments, as well as efforts with the defense industrial base. The defense alliance shall serve as an overall advisory body for defense-related activities of Enterprise Florida, Inc.

Mission:

- The FDA identifies and coordinates the plans, engagement and public awareness necessary to provide statewide leadership and support to defense related people, installations and missions throughout Florida.

Members of the Florida Defense Alliance Board



Difference: FDA and Task Force

Florida Defense Support Task Force



- State-level appointees with military, legislative, and business experience; working on state level issues; provide grants
- Promote FL bases at national level; address base issues; support state level military friendly legislation
- Maintain statewide perspective on all military issues

Florida Defense Alliance



- Volunteer representatives from local defense communities
- Support bases and solve base issues with the community
- Bring the perspective of local communities together to advise state level representatives of the community view
- Share and advise best practices and identify common problems where state level action would be appropriate


Florida Defense Industry Economic Impact Analysis 2020 Florida Defense Factbook



2021 Military Friendly Guide

**FLORIDA'S 2021
MILITARY-FRIENDLY GUIDE**


A Summary of Sunshine State Laws, Policies, Programs
and Benefits for Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve
Servicemembers, Veterans, Retirees and Families




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Major Issues

- Prevent encroachment/incompatible development
- Military family quality of life concerns
 - Spousal employment
 - Schools
- Resiliency
- Influence Pentagon decisions on missions and basing

Recent Efforts

- Support Space Florida & gain new USSPACE Commands / Forces
- Florida Purple Star Schools of Distinction program 
- Coordinate with State Colleges & Universities to develop talent pipeline for Defense Industry
- Modernize Engagement, Marketing & Communications Plans

Ongoing Projects in 2021

- Secure Space Command/Space Force assets in Florida
- Support efforts to upgrade MacDill AFB KC-135s to KC-46s
- Extending legal protection for the Gulf Range Complex
- Military Base Protection Program funding
- Florida Base Commanders Meeting
- FDSTF Strategic Plan Revisions



Questions or Comments?

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