



Florida Defense Support Task Force

Briefing to House Transportation and Economic
Development Appropriations Subcommittee
February 11, 2015

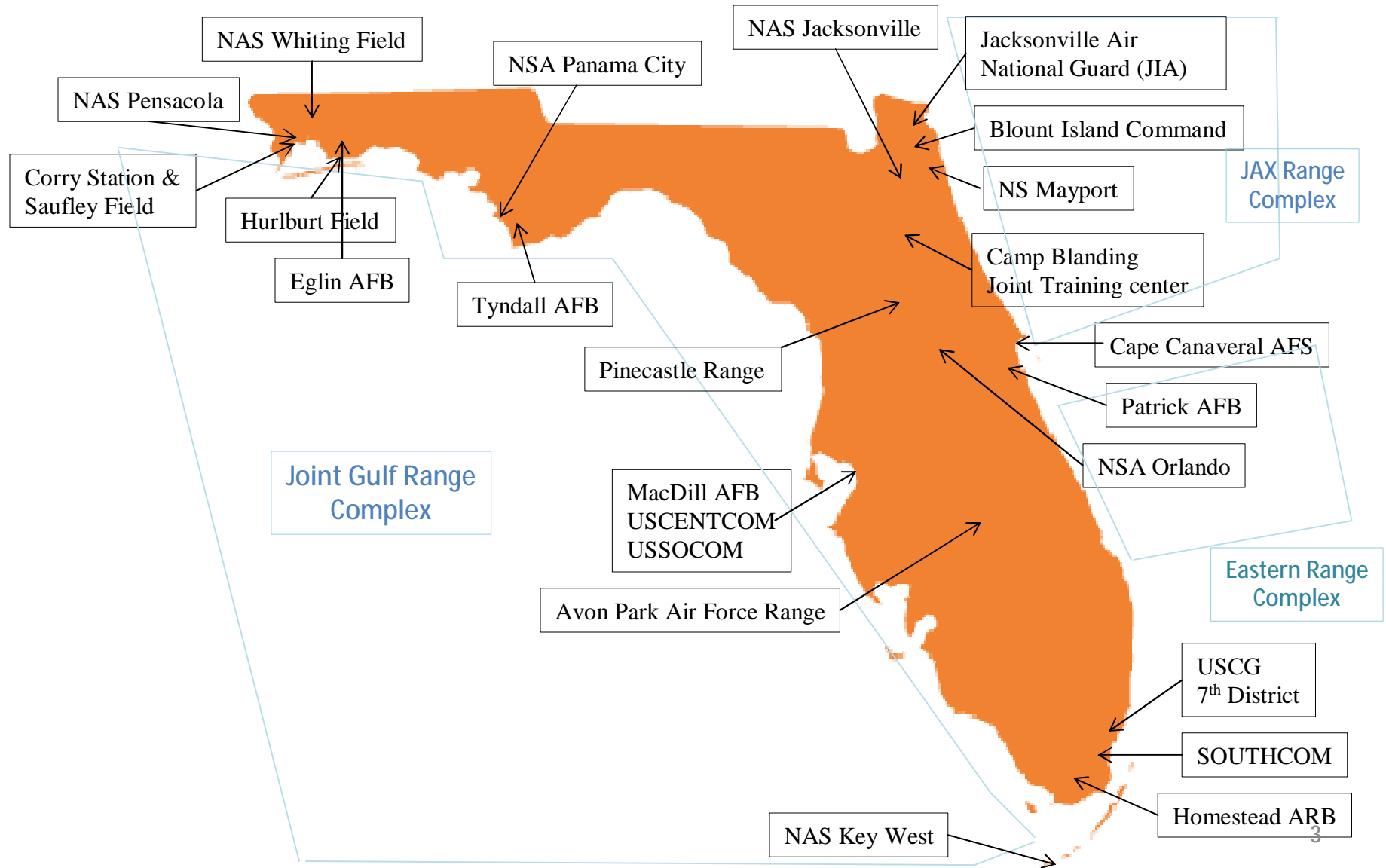


Florida' Military Presence

Overview:

- 20 major military installations.
- \$73.4 billion annual impact from military and defense business presence.
- 758,112 direct and indirect jobs.
- Defense is 3rd largest contributor to state economy.
- Optimum training environment; extensive ranges.

Florida's Military Installations



History

-- Task Force created in 2011 --F.S. 288.987. With Sunshine exemption – F.S. 288.985

-- Replaced the Florida Council on Military Bases and Mission Support.

-- 13 Members -- appointed by Governor, Senate and House.

-- First meeting conducted January 2012 – 31 meetings to date

Members

- Rep. Ritch Workman – Chair -- House (New/Returning Member)
- Rep. Clay Ingram– House (New Member)
- BG Chip Diehl -- House
- Dr. Ed Naggiar -- House
- James Montgomerie– Senate (New Member)
- Judge Patt Maney -- Senate
- J.R. McDonald -- Senate
- Tom Neubauer -- Senate
- Rep. Dana Young– Governor’s Personal Rep.
- MG Emmett Titshaw, Adjutant General – Governor
- Barbara Stewart -- Governor
- RADM Kevin Delaney-- Governor
- MG Joseph Taluto -- Governor

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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



Enterprise Florida Role

Overall role -- Provide administrative and logistical support for the Florida Defense Support Task Force.

Specifically:

- Personnel: Executive Director, Grants Coordinator and Administrative Assistant.
- Organize and support 10 meetings annually.
- Coordinate base visits.
- Manage the budget.
- Provide communications support: web site, weekly updates, current military/defense information.

Florida Defense Support Task Force is charged to:

- Maintain and expand the missions of Florida's military installations
- Work with Florida's Base Commanders to prevent encroachment from impacting mission capabilities
 - Improve transportation access to Florida's military installations
 - Assist installations in meeting DOD renewable energy goals
 - Strengthen state support for military families and veterans with a focus on education, health care, employment, and family programs.

Ongoing Actions

- Aggressive advocacy based on results of installation assessments at both national and state level. Focus on installation-specific needs. Prepare for ongoing defense budget cuts and possible BRAC in 2017.
- **Work with Governor, Legislature, Florida Congressional delegation, base commanders and local defense community leaders to improve military value of all installations.**

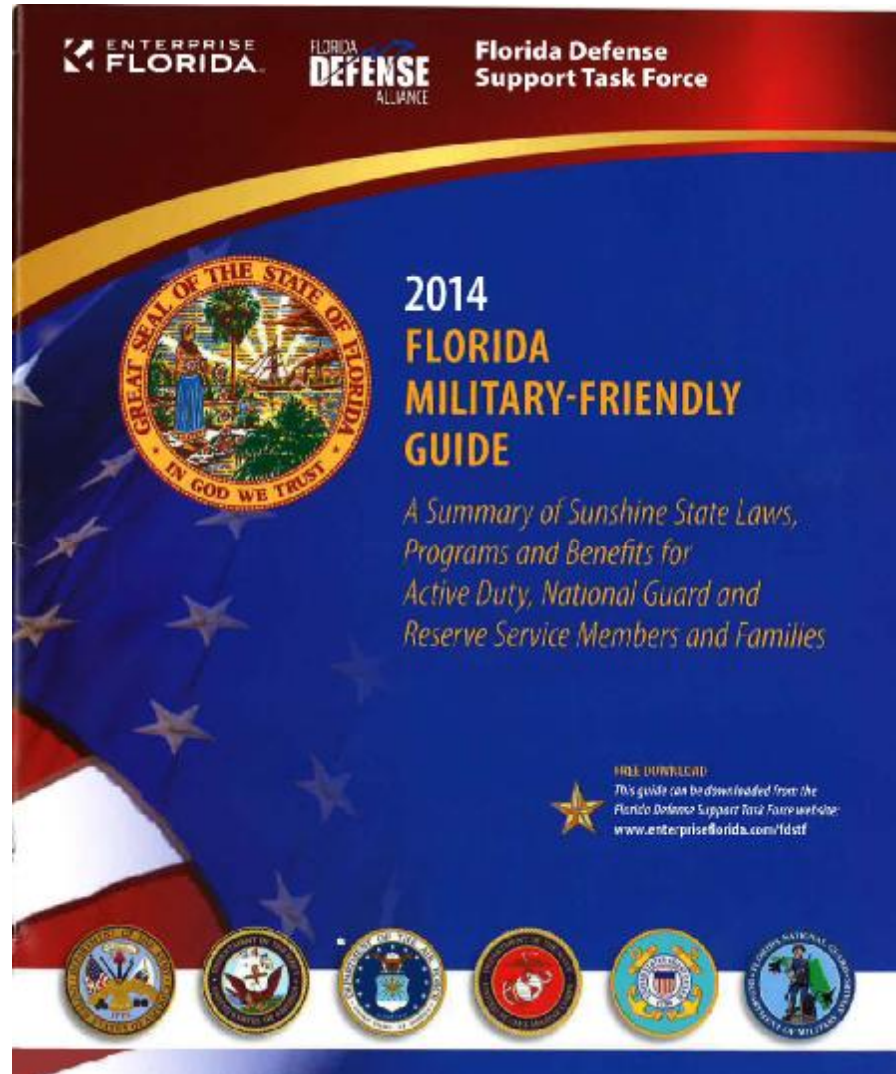
Task Force Successes

- Developed long term strategic plan.
- 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.

Task Force Successes (cont.)

- Established web site and provided members with weekly updates on military and defense issues.
- Published defense fact book and military-friendly guide.
- Supported military-friendly legislation.

2014 Military Friendly Guide



Task Force Appropriations History

FY 2011-2012 funding -- \$5 million.

FY 2012-2013 funding -- \$2 million

FY 2013-2014 funding -- \$4 million

FY 2014- 2015 funding -- \$3.5 million

Total

\$14.5 million

Task Force Budget Utilization

Program Expenditures – FY 2011 - 2015

Grants	\$7.32 Million
The Spectrum Group -- Assessment of All Military Bases	\$1.56 Million
The Principi Group Advocacy -- May 2012 – December 2015	\$3.6 Million
Haas Center Economic Impact Study	\$154,500
The Principi Group -- Linkages and Best Practices Studies	\$129,850
Initial Strategic Planning Session	\$5,000
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$12.77 Million

Task Force Budget Utilization (cont.)

Admin Expenditures – FY 2011 - 2015	
Salaries, travel reimbursements, meeting admin and logistics and printing	\$601,000
TOTAL ADMIN	\$601,000
Task Force Reserve/Funds Available	\$1.13 Million
TOTAL FUNDS REMAINING / AVAILABLE	\$1.13 Million
GRAND TOTAL	\$14.5 Million

Task Force Grant Award History

FY 2013 -- 9 grants -- \$ 2.41 million

FY 2014 -- 9 grants -- \$ 2.22 million

FY 2015 -- 14 grants -- \$ 2.69 million

Total \$ 7.32 million

Recent Military Friendly Legislation

- Florida GI Bill -- \$7 million for Non-Conservation Base Buffering Program
- Late Voter Registration for Deployed Military Members
- Interstate Compact for Military Children
- Licensure accommodations for military family members
- Driver's license extensions for FL military while out-of-state
- In state tuition for all military veterans

Strengthening FL Military – Two Studies

1. Linkages Study – Identifies the connectivity, interdependent functions and linkages between and among Florida’s military installations and missions with the goal of clarifying and graphically portraying the Florida Federal Military Complex.
2. Best Practices Study – Determines state and local best practices from selected US states and communities hosting military installations to protect, sustain and enhance military bases and missions.

Both studies being finalized; should be ready by mid-Feb.

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Questions ?



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