

Florida Defense Alliance  
Meeting  
April 13, 2005 3:00 to 4:00  
Teleconference

No Set Agenda

**Members Present:** Bob Black, Jim Breitenfeld, Larry Dantzler, Vann Goodloe, David Horan, Kellie Jo Kilberg, Michael Richardson, Larry Sassano

**Staff Consultants:** Mimi Kartsonakis, Tom McGurk, Wayne Nelms

Kellie Jo Kilberg welcomed the group and asked Wayne to begin with an update on the status of implementing Senate Bill 1604.

The FDA and the state are trying to get more DCA involvement, especially in getting Memorandum's of Agreement signed and the Bill implemented, in general. Communities have a deadline of June 30, 2006 to revise theirs, which they will not meet if this pace continues. Bob Black met with Walker Banning yesterday, and says a major hindrance in implementing the bill is funding.

The FDA would like to consider carving out some defense infrastructure funds to help 1604 along. But Wayne pointed out that this issue would not qualify under the DIG program. Funds could come from Military Base Protection monies, though. The Military Base Protection funds can be moved into the defense infrastructure grant program or the defense reinvestment grant program, thus allowing the FDA to pursue this request. Wayne offered to call Dr. Dana to request funds for Walker Banning and the DCA. Kellie Jo asked that we write and/or contact Secretary Cohen because he may be able to help Walker Banning with resources, as well.

Kellie Jo felt that no "warm welcome" was given to the Family Readiness Bill (SB 1592) by the legislators. The House companion Bill is 1069. Vann Goodloe feels it is imperative for the Florida Defense Alliance to show the legislators that the Reserves lose out in the current Bill. He offered that we need to communicate to the chairs of the committees in the House and the Senate about the major deficiencies of this Bill.

Larry Dantzler was asked to get in touch with Speaker Allan Bense so that he may get involved on the FDA's behalf. Larry agreed to try to reach him. There are only two weeks left in the session, so it has to be done quickly. Jennifer Carroll has also been asked to do some "investigating" by the FDA chair. We would like to know how the Bill is progressing and what the overall "feel" is in the House and Senate.

A lengthy discussion pursued on whether the FDA should gather more specific data regarding active reservists in Florida to give the legislators. But it was decided that it would be too difficult to ascertain exact numbers, since they are in constant flux. It wasn't necessary anyway, because we weren't asking to fund every case, just to allow the reservists the same opportunity. Further justification is that a specific dollar amount isn't being requested; only that money is set up into a trust. Additionally, time is a factor. We wouldn't have the time to gather such data. All in all, it was decided that gathering additional data was not necessary.

A brief discussion on the FDA agenda for the May 31<sup>st</sup> meeting followed. Wayne mentioned that an FAA representative had been contacted to speak about Special Use Airspace at the meeting. We would also like to cover radio frequency, but have not identified someone yet. Larry Dantzler suggested we invite companies such as CityNet, who build wi-fi networks around the state. It was decided that that would not be useful at this time.

Mimi has also secured Stacy Gromatski from Capital City Youth Services to present at the upcoming meeting. She is leading the charge on Operation Safe at Home and after her presentation we need to decide on whether the FDA should support this.

An agenda development meeting has been scheduled for Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> to finalize the May 31<sup>st</sup> agenda.

Wayne suggested we use the May 31<sup>st</sup> meeting as a forum to get the radio frequency issue exposure and perhaps it can become a working issue for the encroachment working group. It was noted that Eglin, who is most affected by this issue, cannot participate because of BRAC if this remains under the FDA umbrella. Jim noted that it does not have to be sponsored by the FDA.

SIS was then brought to the discussion table, but the FDOT representative was not available for this teleconference. An FDOT rep will brief us on SIS at the May teleconference.

Tom informed the FDA that Jane Mathis would be hosting a meeting from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Pensacola Junior College on May 3, 2005, and he hoped representatives from the FDA would attend. Several members agreed.

Mike Richardson gave a Miami-Dade community update:

The Miami Dade Defense Alliance is going to Washington D.C. on April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.  
May is National Military Appreciation Month and MDDA has a full calendar scheduled.

Larry noted that Bay County may have a commissioning in the Spring and Pensacola has one scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm (EST)