

Florida Defense Alliance
Semi-Annual Meeting
November 9, 2004, 10:00 to 2:30
National Entrepreneur Center, Orlando, Florida

9:00 AM	Registration	
10:00 AM	Welcome and Self Introductions	Kellie Jo Kilberg
10:15 AM	Florida Hurricane Recovery and Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FL Legislative Response ▪ Special Session – December 4, 2004 ▪ State Level Efforts ▪ Recovery Status of Florida’s Military Installations 	Mickie Valente Wayne Nelms General Discussion
10:45 AM	<i>DOD/State Military Partnerships</i>	Harold Cooney, OSD
11:05 AM	2005 Florida Legislative Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Senate Bill 1604 Discussion: Opportunity for improvement? ▪ Other outstanding issues Group Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Florida Senate Update ▪ Florida House of Representatives Update 	Vann Goodloe & Walker Banning
11:30 AM	Lunch Break	
12:00 PM	Transformation: A Look at Sea-basing	Colonel Carl Matter
12:30 PM	Working Group and State Agency Updates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marketing 2. Encroachment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Department of Transportation Richard Null ▪ Department of Environmental Protection Mollie Palmer ▪ Department of Community Affairs Walker Banning 3. Military Family Transition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Department of Education/FL Troops to Teachers Tylee Roller 4. Military Spouse Career Opportunities (AWI) 	Vann Goodloe Marty Martin D. Sutton/Herb Babin Ron Harrison
1:00 PM	Federal Updates Office of Senator Nelson Office of Congressman Miller	Bill Sutey Bob Black
1:35 PM	Office of the Governor Update	Wayne Nelms
1:45 PM	Community Updates Discuss any Defense Grant related issues, as well as other issues the FDA needs to be addressing on behalf of your region’s military members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Florida Region • Central Florida Region 	

- Northeast Florida Region
- Northwest Florida Region

2:00 PM Administrative Issues

- FDA Charter
- May 2005

2:30 PM Open Discussion/Adjourn

Members Present: Kim Agee, Lewis Attardo, Herb Babin, Walker Banning, Bob Black, Jim Breitenfeld, Paul Catlett, Mitch Collier, Harold Cooney, Sean Corscadden, Dennis Daley, Neal Finkelstein, Jeffrey Freeman, Truett Gardner, Diana Gonzalez, Ron Harrison, Jeff Hartnett, Russ Hauck, Paul Hirsch, Melissa Hunt, John Hutchinson, Mark Llano, Marty Martin, Carl D. Matter, Tim Moore, Richard Null, Sharon O'Hara, Mollie Palmer, Michael Richardson, Tylee Roller, Arthur Smith, Susan Story, Bill Sutey, David Sutton, Joe Tannehill, Guy York, Christina Supp, Terry Baker, John Lubb, Carl Franklin, John Fremstad, Rich Williams, Carlos Cardenas, Dan Pennington

Staff Consultants: Al Latimer, Micheal Hamrac, Kristen Denmark, Mimi Kartsonakis, Angela Martini, Mickie Valente

Kellie Jo Kilberg welcomed the group and asked for introductions.

Hurricane Recovery

Following general introductions, she introduced Mickie Valente with Enterprise Florida who updated the group on Florida's hurricane recovery efforts. Florida has distributed \$30 million dollars to small businesses through the "Bridge Loan" project. She explained that Enterprise Florida has crafted a Hurricane Response Resources page on their website to address needs the partners may have. In addition, Enterprise Florida has drafted an Economic Development Stimulus Plan that is a strategic and competitive business development tool that will enable the state to respond to the extraordinary economic impact of this year's tropical storms and hurricanes.

Wayne Nelms with the Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development recapitulated how the bases fared through the hurricanes. He then touched upon state-level efforts. He said that representatives from the Governor's office visited every base to assess damage and assist where necessary.

Department of Defense and state military partnerships

Harold Cooney, with the Department of Defense state liaison office, gave a presentation on the function and goals of the DoD state liaison office for USA 4 Military Families. Their objective is to develop relationships with states, nonprofit organizations, private sector companies and other federal agencies to better support the needs of Service members and their families.

Key issues the office is focusing on are universal licensure for spouses, unemployment compensation, payday lending and in-state tuition.

It was the general consensus of the group that if this office can be effective it would be good for Florida military families.

Department of Community Affairs Update

Walker Banning expressed that the activities of the department are well coordinated with the Florida Defense Alliance. The department is focusing on joint land use planning activities are well coordinated with local base planning activities. He will assure that all activities are done under the framework of SB 1604. The department is also striving to keep good communication between communities and bases regarding growth management.

Marketing Working Group Update

The marketing working group chair, Vann Goodloe, is pushing for the FDA's support to support the Governor's budget which includes \$7.4 million in defense grant funding.

The working group is working on several issues two of which are to increase homestead exemption by \$5000 for military families and to update the Florida defense fact book.

Vann assured the group that legislation shows that Florida is committed to rebuilding after the hurricanes. Hurricane recovery was the underlying thread throughout the FDA meeting.

A major accomplishment for the group is a new committee that was formed. Global War on Terrorism Vets in Need (GWT VIN). The goal of the GWT VIN committee is to honor and ensure quality support to severely injured service members while fighting the global war on terrorism.

Encroachment Working Group Update

The chair of the encroachment working group, Marty Martin, submitted a very comprehensive encroachment update for all of the installations.

A list of successes, including the recent passing of Senate Bill 1604, was also included in the handout. It is the general consensus that SB 1604 is a positive tool for the defense communities and bases.

It is agreed amongst the encroachment working group, the Florida Defense Alliance, communities, installations and state agencies that growth management is a critical issue and everyone must work together to mitigate current and future mission impacts.

Walker Banning, from the Department of Community Affairs (DCA), spoke about the DCA's role. The local governments need to amend their land use comprehensive plans by June 30, 2006. They are working on guidelines that would help the affected local governments identify what the compatibility criteria amendment should address.

The goal of the chair is to increase membership to include community representatives and base representatives.

Military Family Transition Working Group

The working group is going to take a more active role in getting information and action plan information back up the chain to OTTED and to the legislators.

Their key issue is fighting for in-state tuition rates for military families. The Higher Education sub-committee's goal is to conduct an annual economic impact survey.

Tylee Roller gave a presentation on *Spouses to Teachers*.

Military Spouse Career Opportunities

Ron Harrison is representing the Agency for workforce innovation (a private/public partnership and stemmed from the old Department of Labor) which is the umbrella over workforce in Florida. Florida is divided into 24 regions each with a one stop career center. A spouse's working group has been created, as well.

Legislative Updates

BRAC was not delayed this past session. Hurricane recovery is a priority. Legislation is focusing on getting enough supplemental considerations for defense. Bill Sutey feels confident that they did. Senator Nelson was able to get Donald Rumsfeld to commit on record to rebuild NAS Pensacola. This is a great opportunity to modernize NAS Pensacola and others.

Bob Black stated that tight communication with the base is necessary to keep the delegation informed. In the past, bases typically keep information internal.

Wayne Nelms discussed the special session coming up in December. An agenda has not yet been set. It will probably focus on hurricane recovery. He also wants to make sure that the newly appointed Florida delegates are abreast of military issues.

The BRAC commission is to be named on March 15th. We should be concerned on how to have a Florida friendly member on that commission.

Closing

Updates were given by community representatives: Russ Hauck, Kim Agee, Diana Gonzalez, Paul, Guy York, Jim Breitenfeld, and Vann Goodloe.

Kellie Jo asked for the charter to be re-emailed to all of the FDA members. A decision was not made on whether to accept or decline the charter at this meeting. The email will serve as a request for vote to enact the charter.

Florida Defense Alliance
Semi-Annual Working Group Meetings
November 8, 2004, 1:00 to 5:15
National Entrepreneur Center, Orlando, Florida

Members Present: Herb Babin, Walker Banning, Bob Black, Jim Breitenfeld, Ron Burton, Paul Catlett, Mitch Collier, Harold Cooney, Sean Corscadden, Cindy Carr, Neal Finkelstein, Vann Goodloe, Kellie Jo Kilberg, Ron Harrison, Jeff Hartnett, Mark Llano, Marty Martin, Tim Moore, Richard Null, Sharon O'Hara, Michael Richardson, Tylee Roller, Arthur Smith, David Sutton, Guy York, Christina Supp, Carlos Cardenas, Glenn Bailey, Sandy Pfrimmer, Leroy Collins
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Military Family Education Transition Working Group

Discussed the following educational transition issues:

- College tuition should be considered in-state for transferring military personnel
- Retirement issues for spouses in teaching capacity as moves are made and different sets of retirement criteria are applied
- Utility deposits should be waived for all transferring military families

Military Spouse Career Opportunities Working Group

- Discussed the importance and benefit of one stop career centers
- Veterans can access the Department of Labor for veteran benefits
- New points will be delivered to Senator Fasano for presentation to the legislature
- DOD has new office with a 5 person staff in Washington to act as liaison for family policy
- Discussed legislative opportunities to allow military spouses moving to Florida to buy or gain seniority/retirement benefits. Working with other states to establish reciprocal agreements may help to accomplish this goal.

Encroachment Working Group

- Discussed issue of whether Armed National Guard, Coast Guard, etc. are covered under SB 1604. It is the general consensus that SB 1604 is a positive tool for the defense communities and bases
- Group is working on a Memorandum of Agreement for implementing SB 1604

- County employees and planners representing base commanders interests must work together
- Growth management is a critical issue and everyone must work together to mitigate current and future mission impacts

Marketing Working Group

- Active in support of Governor's *draft* 2005 budget for Community Reinvestment and Infrastructure Grants funding (approximately \$7.4 million)
- Determine Committee status (select or standing) for both House & Senate and conduct educational briefings
 - House: Military & Veterans Affairs Committee – Chair Rep Jordan, Vice Chair Rep Ambler, members are Reps Bilirakis, Evers, A. Gibson, Glorioso & Meadows
 - Senate: TBD
- Recent hurricanes highlighted *economic stability* that military/Defense generates for Florida (\$44 billion annually)
 - 30,000 jobs lost
 - \$50 billion storms impact statewide
 - 18 counties affected
- Explore & propose NEW legislation that continues State's support for military and military families
 - Keep Florida in forefront as a "Military Friendly" state
 - Increase Homestead Exemptions by \$5,000 for military veterans to include guard & reserves
 - Encourage utility companies to "waive" utility deposits for military members and potential tax abatement for company
 - Research vesting in state retirement system for military retirees & spouses (professionals) to include "buy-in" options
- Update, as required, *Florida Defense Fact Book* (UWF) to include latest military economic data
- Develop plan to "Educate Legislators" for 2005 Legislative Session