



Florida's Support of Military and Defense

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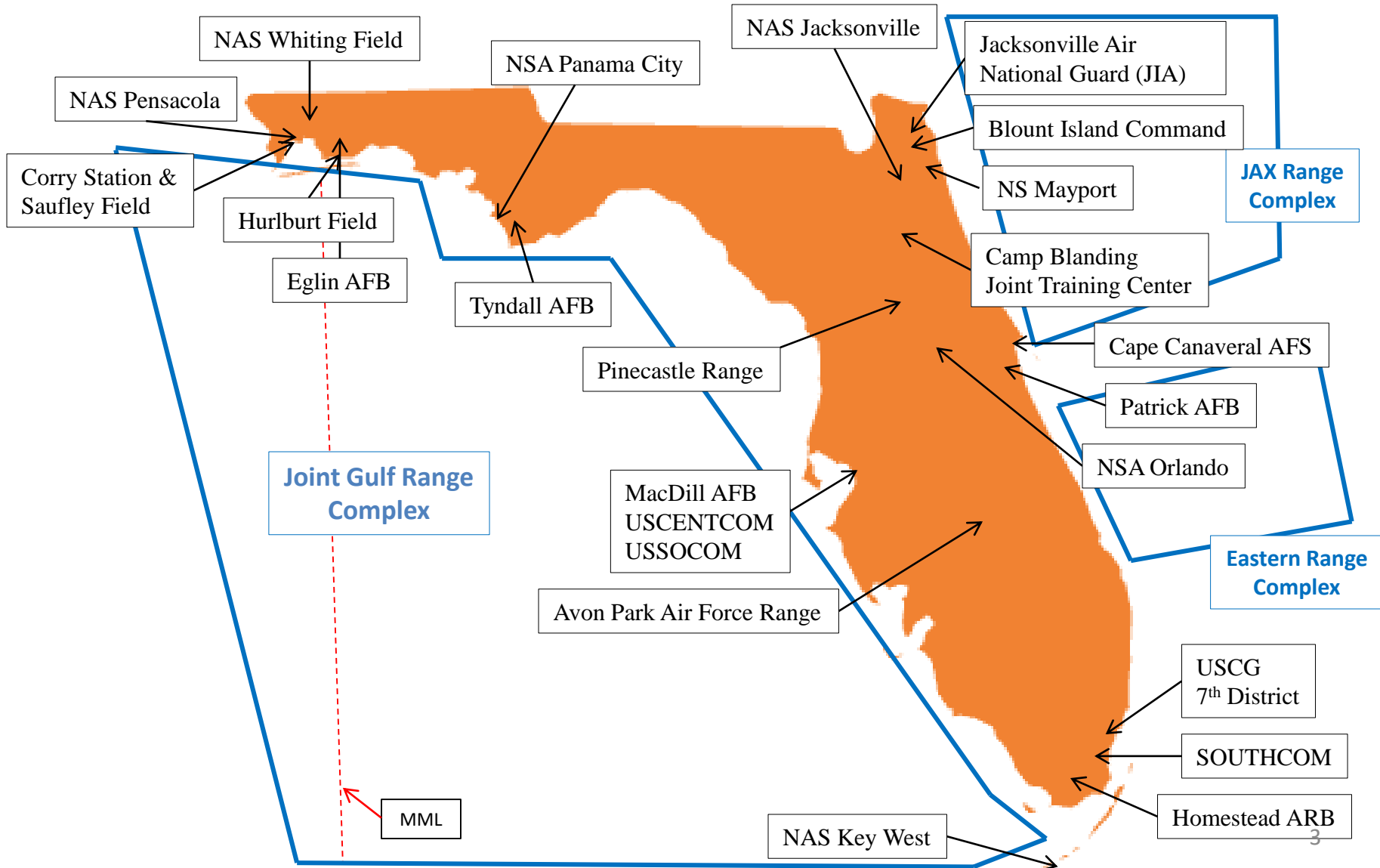


Florida' Military Presence

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.
 - 2nd largest economic driver
- Optimum training environment; extensive ranges.

Florida's Military Installations



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

Military/Defense



20 military bases
(60,000+)

FL Def Support TF
FL Def Alliance (FDA)

BRAC

- Last BRAC in 2005--No new BRAC appears imminent.
- Services are conducting realignments under “Below the Radar” BRAC-like actions.
- Florida working to gain future missions.

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

Florida Defense Support Task Force

Mission (from F.S. 288.987):

- Make recommendations to preserve, protect and enhance Florida's military missions and installations.
- Support the state's position in R&D related to military missions and contracting.
- 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

- Representative Jay Trumbull – Chair – House
- Representative Thad Altman – 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 James Eifert, FLNG – Governor’s Personal Rep. (T)**
- Admiral (ret) Mark Fitzgerald – Governor
- Barbara Stewart – Governor
- Amy Gowder – Governor
- Rep. Holly Raschein – Governor



Note: Chair rotates on July 1st annually between Senate and House

Task Force Focus Areas

- Promote and expand the missions of Florida's military installations and gain missions for Florida's installations.
- Prevent encroachment/improve transportation access to Florida's military installations.
- Enhance Gulf Range capabilities to support modern weapons test and training and **extend the moratorium on exploration/drilling east of MML.**
- Strengthen state support for military families & veterans with a focus on education, health care, employment & family programs.

Actions for all of the above in TF Strategic Plan

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

FDA Chair
Kellie Jo Kilberg



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
- 3 squadrons of F-35s to Tyndall AFB
- Improvements to the Gulf Range complex

Possible:

- F-35s for Air National Guard at Jacksonville and Air Reserve at Homestead – alternate for future
- More ships to Mayport

Additional Florida Military Programs/Information

Defense Grants Programs –

The Defense Infrastructure Grant (DIG) -- supports local infrastructure projects improving the military value of installations within the state such as those related to encroachment, transportation and access, utilities, communications, housing, environment, and security. **\$1,600,000**

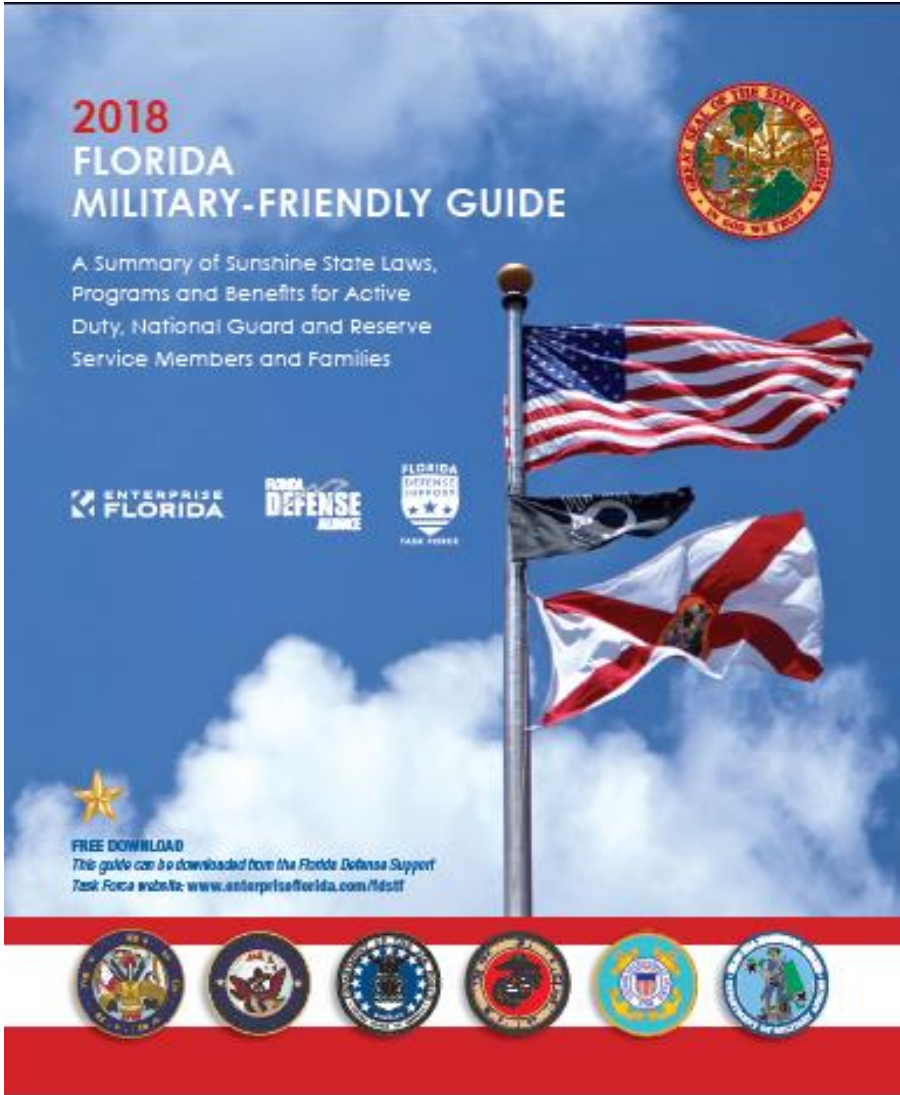
The Defense Reinvestment Grant Program (DRG) -- responds to the need for defense-dependent communities to develop and implement strategies to help communities support the missions of military installations, and to develop and implement alternative economic diversification strategies to transition from a defense economy to a nondefense economy. **\$ 850,000**

The Military Base Protection (MBP) secures non-conservation lands to serve as a buffer to protect military installations against encroachment and supports local community efforts to engage in service partnerships with military installations. **\$150,000**

Job #1 -- 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

2018 Military Friendly Guide



Florida Defense Industry Economic Impact Analysis 2017 Florida Defense Factbook



Highlights of Recent Military Friendly Legislation

- Non-conservation land program to protect military bases.
- In state tuition for all military veterans & spouses and children of active duty service members.
- Waiver of minimum age requirement for lodging for military members.
- Easing of professional licensing fees and requirements for certain military members, veterans, and their spouses.
- Expeditious landlord processing of rental applications for military members.

Major Issues

- Tyndall rebuild
- Protection of the Gulf Range
- Space Command HQ

More Major Issues

- Base Commander Meetings
- SOUTHCOM: Housing, Tolls and Rent
- Representation for Florida military issues in Washington
- Consolidation of all state military and defense programs in one agency



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