

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA
**MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, SPACE, AND
DOMESTIC SECURITY**
Senator Wright, Chair

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 7, 2025
TIME: 9:00—10:30 a.m.
PLACE: 301 Senate Building

MEMBERS: Senator Wright, Chair; Senators Burgess, Jones, Sharief, and Truenow

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	Opening Remarks by Chair Wright		Presented
2	Presentation by the Department of Military Affairs on Mission, Status and Operations		Presented
3	Presentation by the Florida Defense Support Commission on Defense Support Activities		Presented
Other Related Meeting Documents			



Florida National Guard Department of Military Affairs

Senate Committee on Military and Veteran Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

MG John D Haas

The Adjutant General

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Florida National Guard

Mission



Provide Highly Trained Units and Personnel to:

Support National Security Objectives

Respond to Emergencies and Disasters

Support Programs which add Value to Our State and Nation



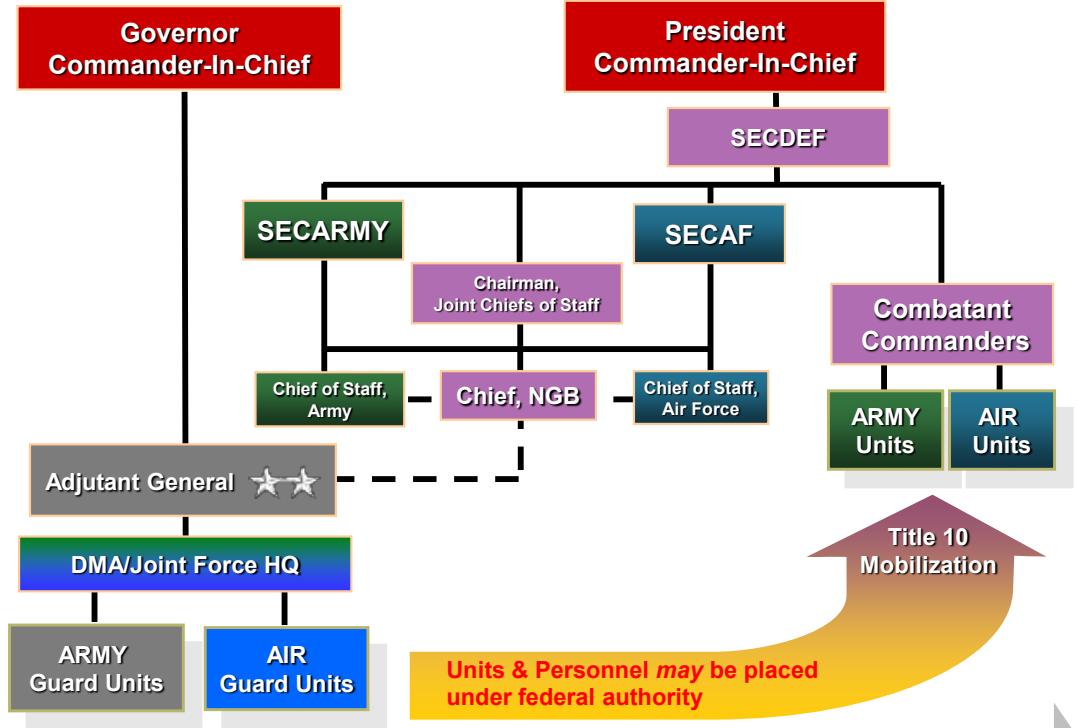
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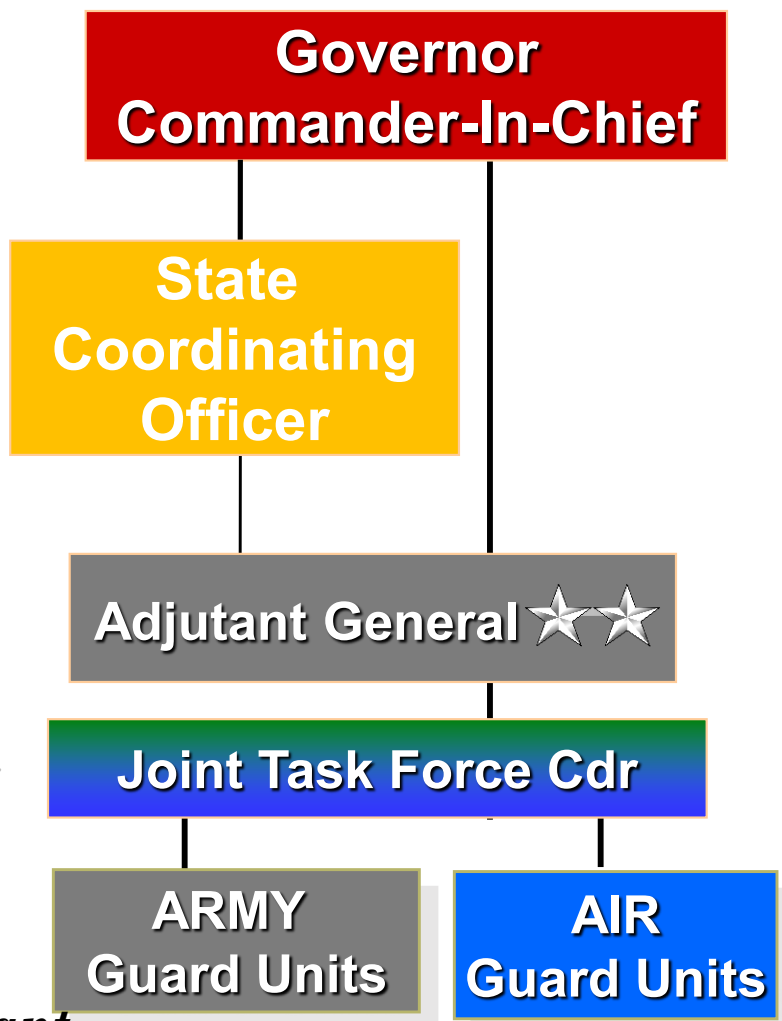
Chain of Command

Routine *and* Emergent

ROUTINE



EMERGENT



FLORIDA STATUTE § 250.06:

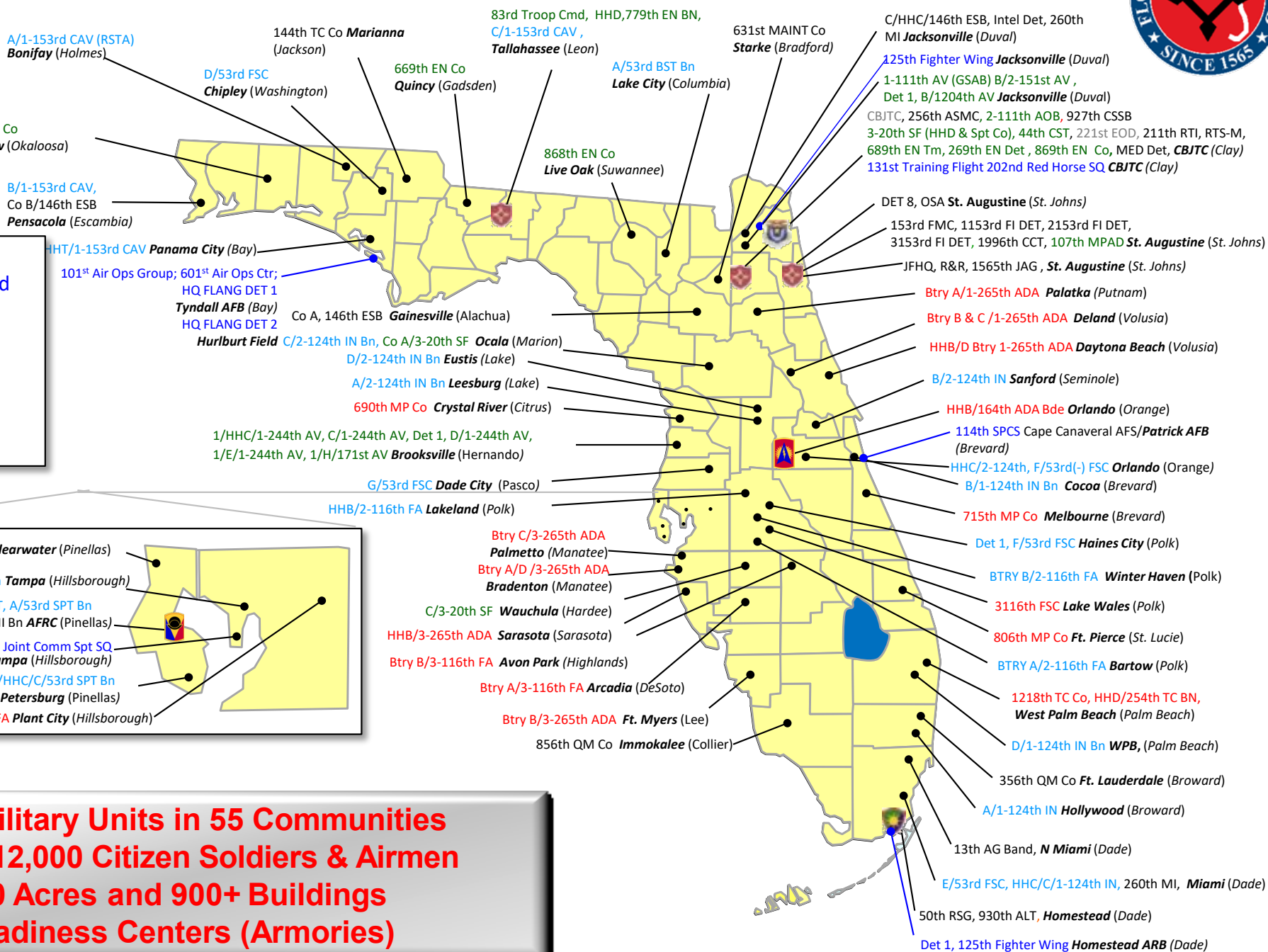
As the Commander of the Guard, the Governor:

- ✓ Declares an emergency through an Executive Order
- ✓ Designates the “State Coordinating Officer”
- ✓ Orders the Guard to State Active Duty for emergency aid
- ✓ Initiates Emergency Management Assistance Compact with other Governors as required

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Florida National Guard Units



- 128 Military Units in 55 Communities
- Over 12,000 Citizen Soldiers & Airmen
- 82,000 Acres and 900+ Buildings
- 63 Readiness Centers (Armories)



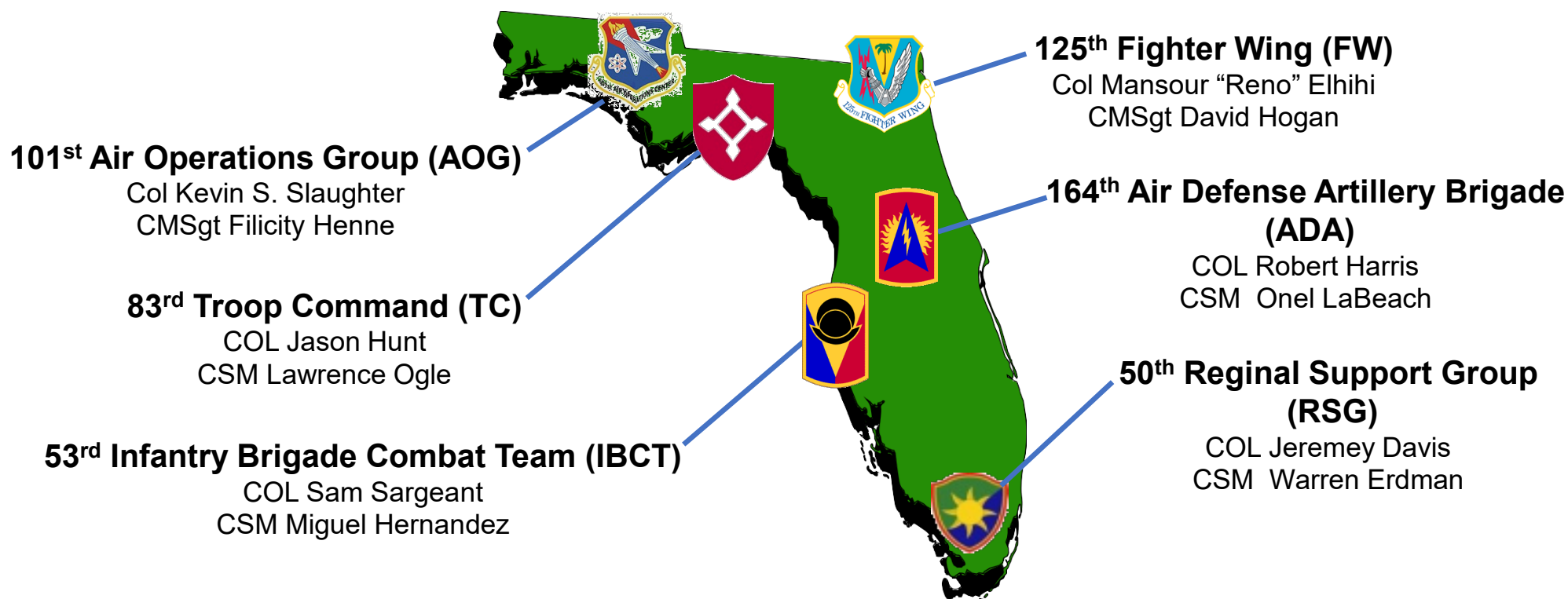
Florida National Guard

Major Subordinate Commands (MSCs)



FLNG is organized around 6 MSCs (4 Army / 2 Air)

- 2 Combat Arms Brigades (BDE)
- Combat Service Support (CSS) Group
- Command and Control (C2) Headquarters
- Fighter Wing (FW)
- Air Operations Group (AOG)



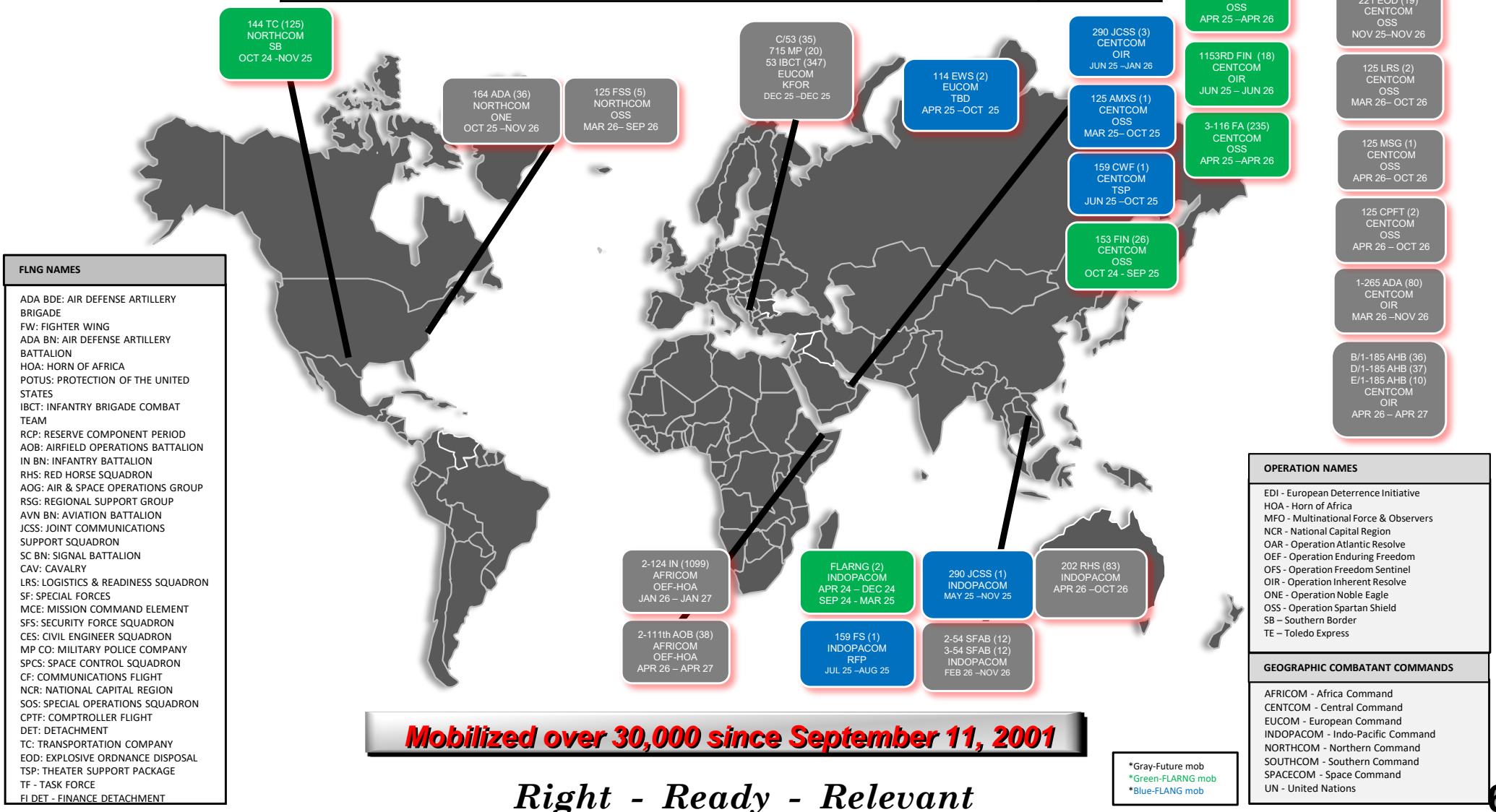
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Federal Mobilization Status

FLORIDA NATIONAL GUARD DEPLOYMENTS	
Total Soldiers & Airmen Currently Deployed as of 26 September 25:	512
Total Soldiers & Airmen Scheduled for Deployment through 26 September 25:	2159



Mobilized over 30,000 since September 11, 2001

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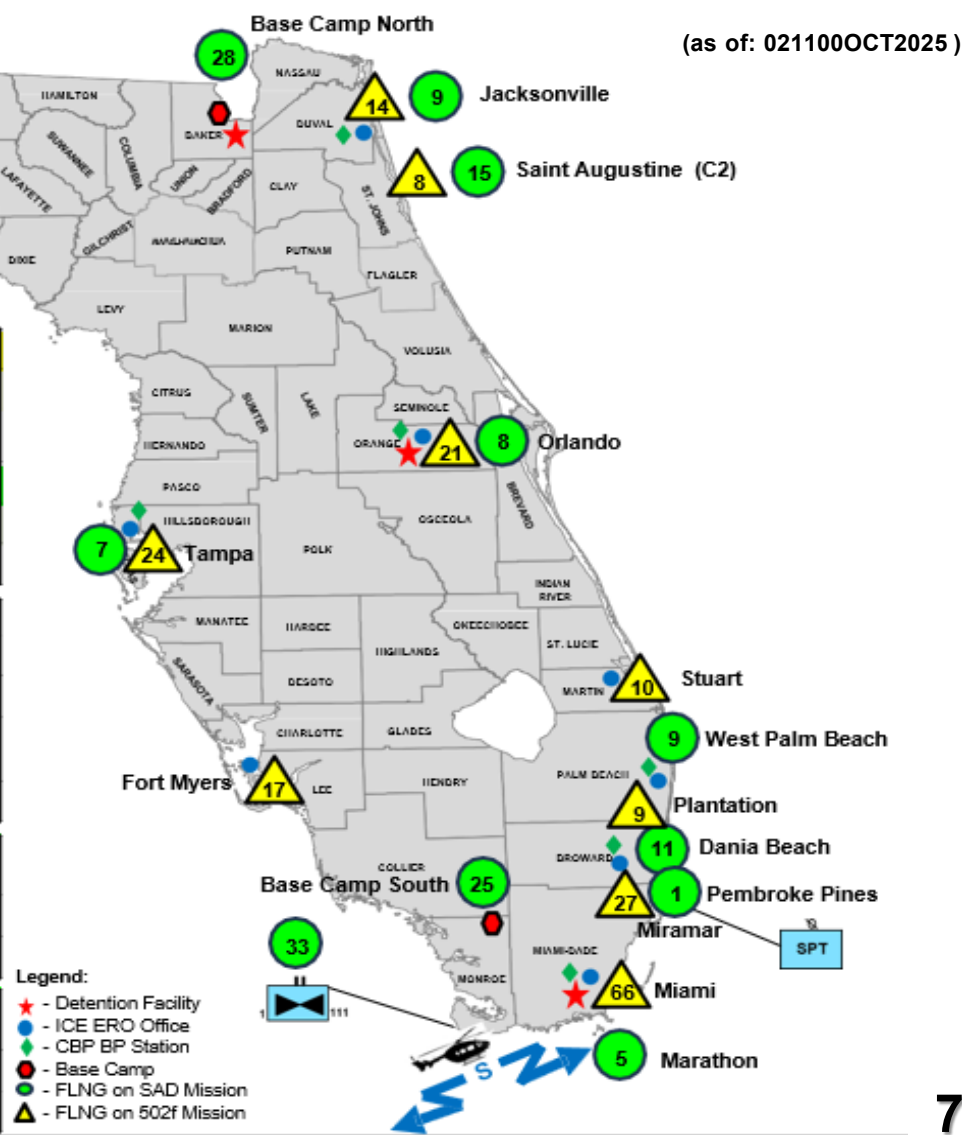
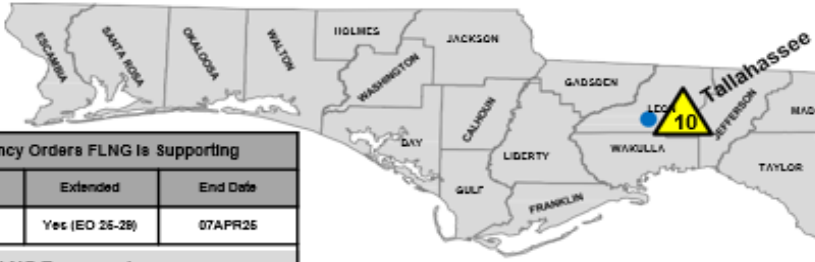


Florida National Guard

Current Domestic Support Operations

FLNG MISSION SUMMARY

The Florida National Guard (FLNG) serves as a critical force multiplier in safeguarding Florida's communities and supporting national security objectives. Through integrated, statewide coordination with state and federal law enforcement agencies, the FLNG delivers rapid, scalable capabilities that enhance operational reach and resilience. Current missions include: conducting persistent aviation surveillance to detect, track, and report migrant activity along Florida's coastline; providing secure transportation support for immigration authorities during detainee transfers; and augmenting administrative staff at both U.S. Border Patrol stations and Immigration and Customs Enforcement facilities. These efforts strengthen interagency response capacity, deter unlawful activity, and ensure the protection of Florida's citizens and critical infrastructure.



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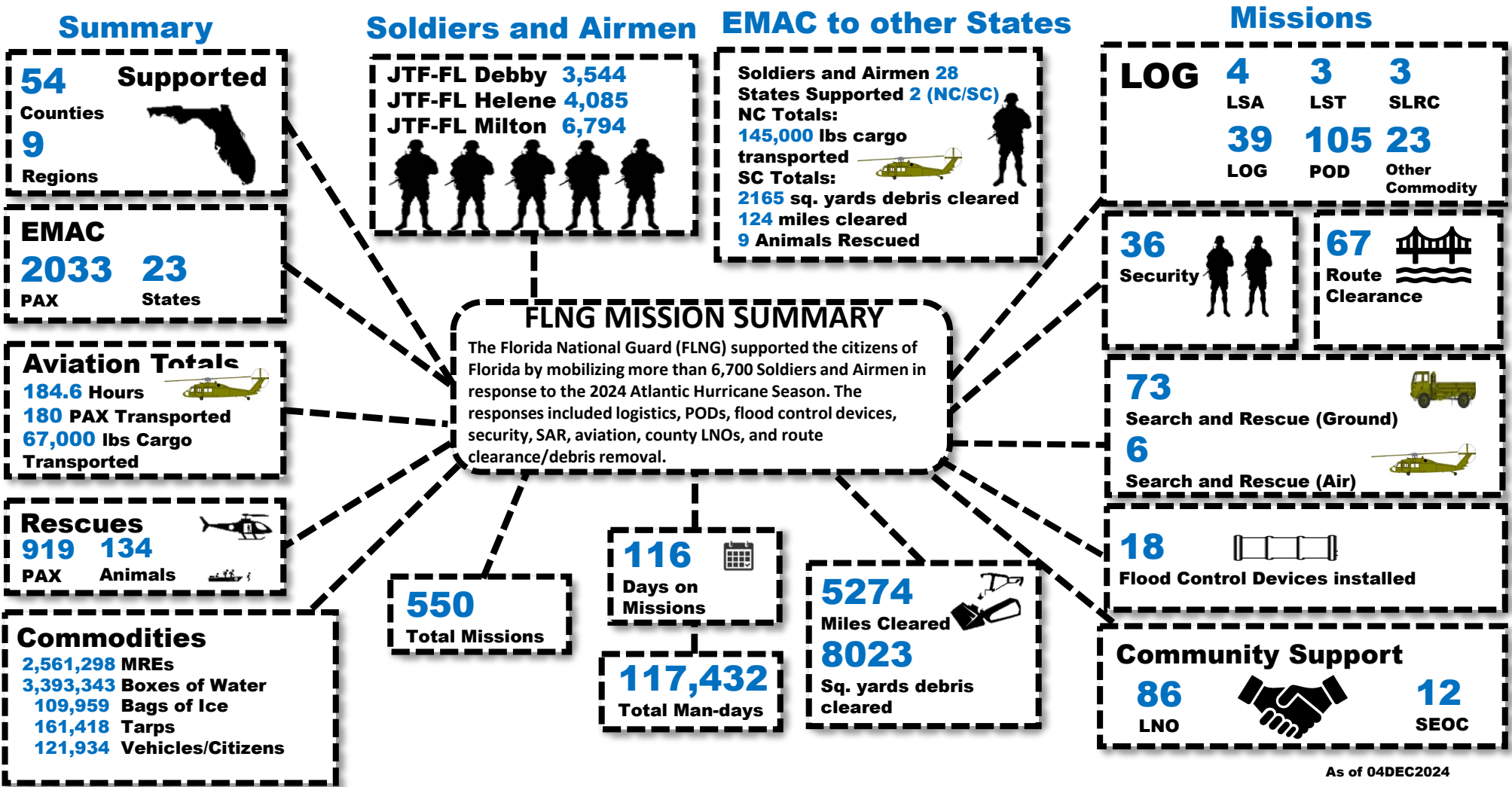
Current Florida Emergency Orders FLNG is Supporting			
EO Number	Issued	Extended	End Date
23-08	06JUN2023	Yes (EO 26-28)	07APR25
Total FLNG Personnel			
357			
SAD ARMY	SAD AIR	502f Army	502f Air
147	4	181	25
Operation Vigilant Sentry (Air Mission SAD)			
Army	Air	EMAC	Total
31	2	0	33
Days		Flight Costs	
987		\$21,152,496.60	
Contacts (Last 24 / Total)			
Chugs		0	87
Rustics		0	41
Migrants		0	454
Sail Freighters		0	4
Aircraft (last 24)			
Assigned		4	
Tasked		1	
Maintenance		2	
Standby		1	
Total Sorties		2112	
Total Hours		4297.7	

DHS/ICE Support (502f)			
Army	Air	Total	Days
181	25	206	55
Operation Vigilant Sentry (Ground C2 SAD)			
Army	Air	Total	
15	0	15	
Operation Vigilant Sentry (Driver Support SAD)			
Army	Air	EMAC	Total
48	2	0	50
Daily Runs	Total Runs	Total Detainees	Days
7	782	4,884	156
Operation Vigilant Sentry (BASE CAMP – North) (Baker Correctional Institution SAD)			
Army	Air	Total	Days
28	0	28	41
Operation Vigilant Sentry (BASE CAMP – South) (South Florida Detention Facility SAD)			
Army	Air	Total	Days
25	0	25	96



Florida National Guard

2024 Hurricane Season Overview



FLNG Total Expenditure: \$ 38,605,955.04

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Strategic Environment

Fastest Growing State

FLNG Manning



FLNG
12,258/103% of FSA

- ANG 98.1% Strength
- ARNG 105.2% Strength
- State funded facilities are essential to continued growth
- Florida is postured for growth beyond 14,000 to better support our Citizens



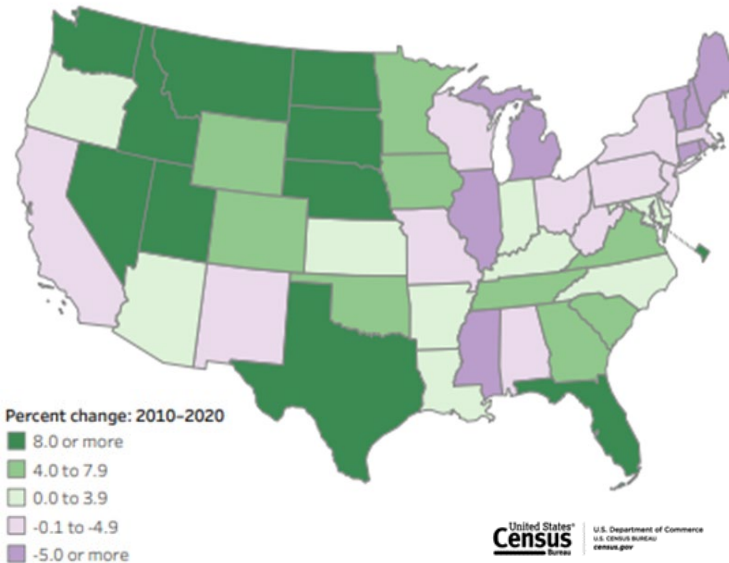
Recruiting Success



Over 126% of Mission FY25 YTD

FL currently #4 of 10 of mission (Large States)

...and Growing Younger



- 8.2% Increase in Ages 5-17 from 2010 to 2020
- 4.6 Million Residents Under 20 Years Old
- FLNG Achieved End Strength Objective in FY24
- FY25:
 - Assigned Strength: 12,258
 - Force Structure Assigned: 11,878
 - End Strength Objective: 12,397

Florida Demographics

3rd Largest State in Nation

23.5M Residents

~24M Projected by 2026

Big and getting bigger

Florida's population growth from 2012-2022 is larger than the population of 18 states.

Florida's growth	3,170,389
Arkansas	3,045,637
Mississippi	2,940,057
Kansas	2,937,150
New Mexico	2,113,344
Nebraska	1,967,923
Idaho	1,939,033
West Virginia	1,775,156
Hawaii	1,440,196
New Hampshire	1,395,231
Maine	1,385,340
Montana	1,122,867
Rhode Island	1,093,734
Delaware	1,018,396
South Dakota	909,824
North Dakota	779,261
Alaska	733,583
Vermont	647,064
Wyoming	581,381

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Recruiting & Retention

- **FLNG is at 104%** – FLNG maintains one of the highest strength levels in the nation relative to its authorized structure.
- **FY25 End Strength Objective (ESO): 10,414.**
Current Assigned Strength: 10,317 (Top 10 nationally for strength-to-FSA ratio).
Projected at FY end to be **10,485**, exceeding our ESO target.
- **Recruiting Performance:**
 - On 3 JUL, we met our FY25 recruiting goal of **1,001 recruits** — 3 months early.
 - On pace to end the FY with **1,200 recruits** (127% of mission).
 - Recruiting success should provide a competitive edge in future force structure stationing decisions.
- **Retention Challenge:**
 - While recruiting is strong, FLNG is in the bottom 10 nationally for re-enlistments.
 - The annual retention goal is 1,447. We are at 1,014, below glidepath and only at 88% of where we should be this time of the year.
 - Federal hiring freeze and OPTEMPO are impacting efforts.



Florida National Guard

OPTEMPO Impacting Strength



- As the 3rd most populous state, the **FLNG is ranked 53 out of 54 in Guardsmen-to-Citizen Ratio**
 - In the past 30 years, the FL population **doubled** while FLNG force structure **declined**
 - FLNG has less force structure than ALNG despite FL's population being **5 times greater**
 - Florida's population will **grow by 5 million people this decade** exacerbating current shortcomings
- Florida is geographically large, 850 miles end to end with 1,350 miles of coastline
 - Florida has the 2nd largest coastline in the US (CA has largest)
 - 75% of Florida's residents, over **17 million**, currently live within 30 miles of a coast
- Florida is disaster prone
 - **2nd most FEMA declared disasters of all states (FL is the most hurricane prone state in the nation)**
 - Emergency Management Assistance Compacts (EMACs) required for nearly every domestic response
 - **Hurricane Irma (2017) required over 2,200 soldiers from 22 states**
- If force structure were "proportional," the FLNG would be **>25,000 Guardsmen, rather than ~12,000**
- **Current growth is not great enough to meet the current demands and requirements**
- **High Domestic Operational Tempo: Statutory Man-Days Annually - 39; Current FLNG Annual Man-Days - 106**
 - **Andrew to COVID**: ~900K man days
 - **COVID Response**: > 2,900 Soldiers & Airmen activated; >650k man days
 - **Opn VIGILANT SENTRY**: ~40,488 man days, 563 personnel, 4,297 flight hours
 - ***Since COVID, FLNG has conducted over 3.3 million man days in support of state emergency operations...over three times as many man days in the 28 years prior to COVID.***

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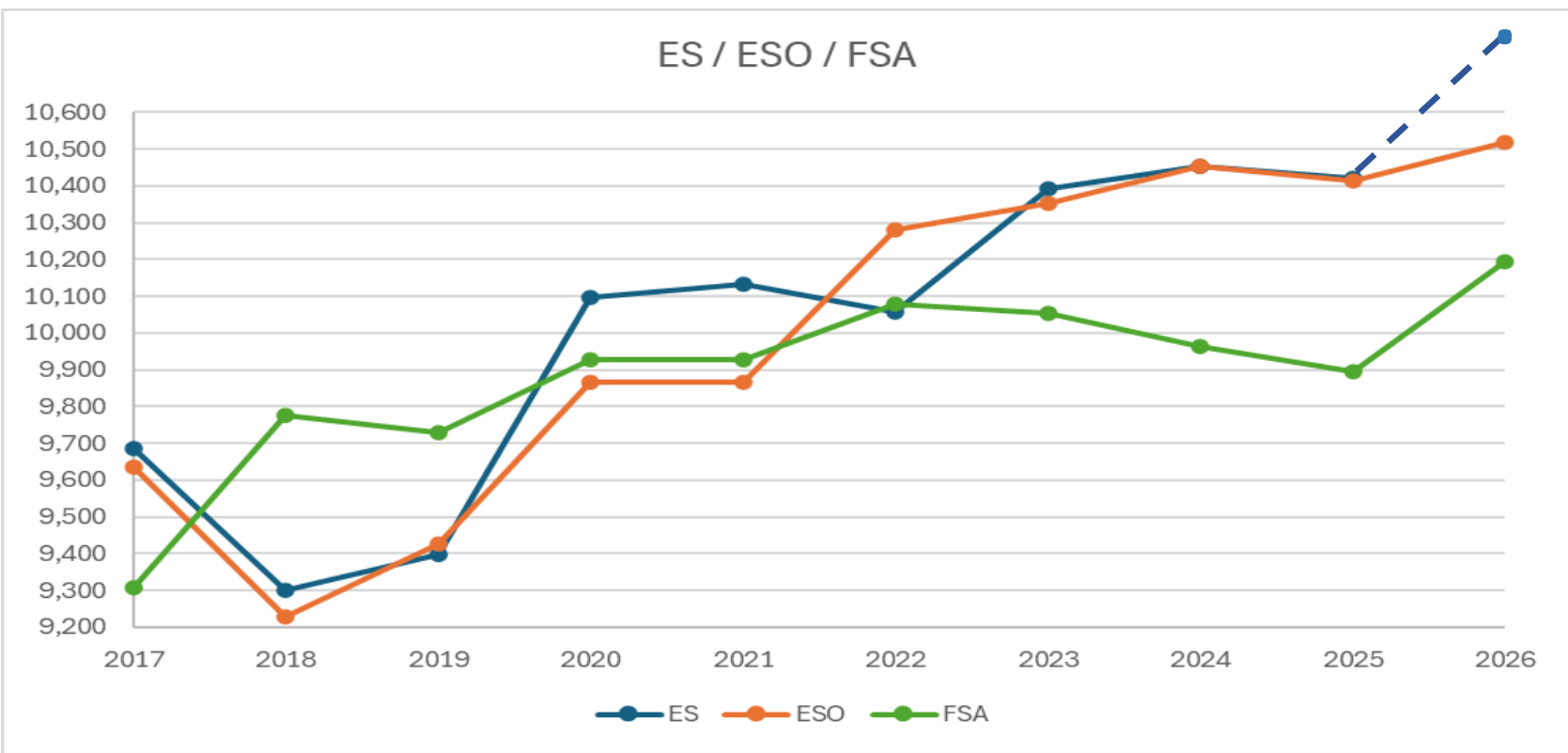


FLORIDA NATIONAL GUARD

Strength Trends (ES / ESO / FSA)



End Strength / End Strength Objective / Force Structure Assigned



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FY26 FSA
10,246
FY28 ES
10,860 (6%>FSA)

ATI FS Impact
FY28 FSA
10,533
FY28 ES
11,166 (6%>FSA)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
ES	9,687	9,300	9,399	10,095	10,132	10,056	10,392	10,452	10,497	10,860
ESO	9,637	9,230	9,425	9,867	9,867	10,280	10,353	10,455	10,414	10,518
FSA	9,306	9,777	9,728	9,928	9,928	10,080	10,054	9,963	9,895	10,246

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Military Construction

Camp Blanding Level II Projects - FCO

PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT COST	FY23-24	FY24-25	FY25-26
Live Fire Range Upgrades - Phase I	\$7,000,000		\$7,000,000	
Live Fire range Upgrades - Phase II	\$7,000,000		\$5,300,000	\$1,700,000
Live Fire Range Upgrades - Phase III	\$7,000,000			\$7,000,000
Live Fire Range Upgrades - Phase IV	\$3,500,000			\$1,550,000
Billeting Areas - Phase I	\$98,000,000	\$98,000,000		
Billeting Areas - Phase II	\$98,000,000			
Billeting Areas - Phase III	\$98,000,000			
Billeting Areas - Phase IV	\$98,000,000			
Land Mobile Radio System Tower replacement	\$2,000,000	\$1,300,000		
Railhead and 8 miles of rail track	\$16,000,000			
Logistics Warehouse Capacity Expansion for Receive, Distro, and Storage (RDS Facility)	\$7,000,000	\$1,200,000	\$5,800,000	
Army Combat Fitness Standard Running Track	\$3,000,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,800,000	
Additional Classrooms	\$6,500,000	\$1,200,000	\$5,300,000	
Soldier Readiness Processing Facility	\$2,500,000		\$2,500,000	
Vehicle Wash Rack	\$8,000,000		\$8,000,000	
Installation Support Areas	\$4,000,000		\$4,000,000	
Troop Parking Area	\$4,250,000			\$6,250,000
Troop Medical Clinic (TMC) expansion	\$800,000		\$800,000	
TOTAL	\$478,950,000	\$102,900,000	\$40,500,000	\$16,500,000

Obligated

95%

85%

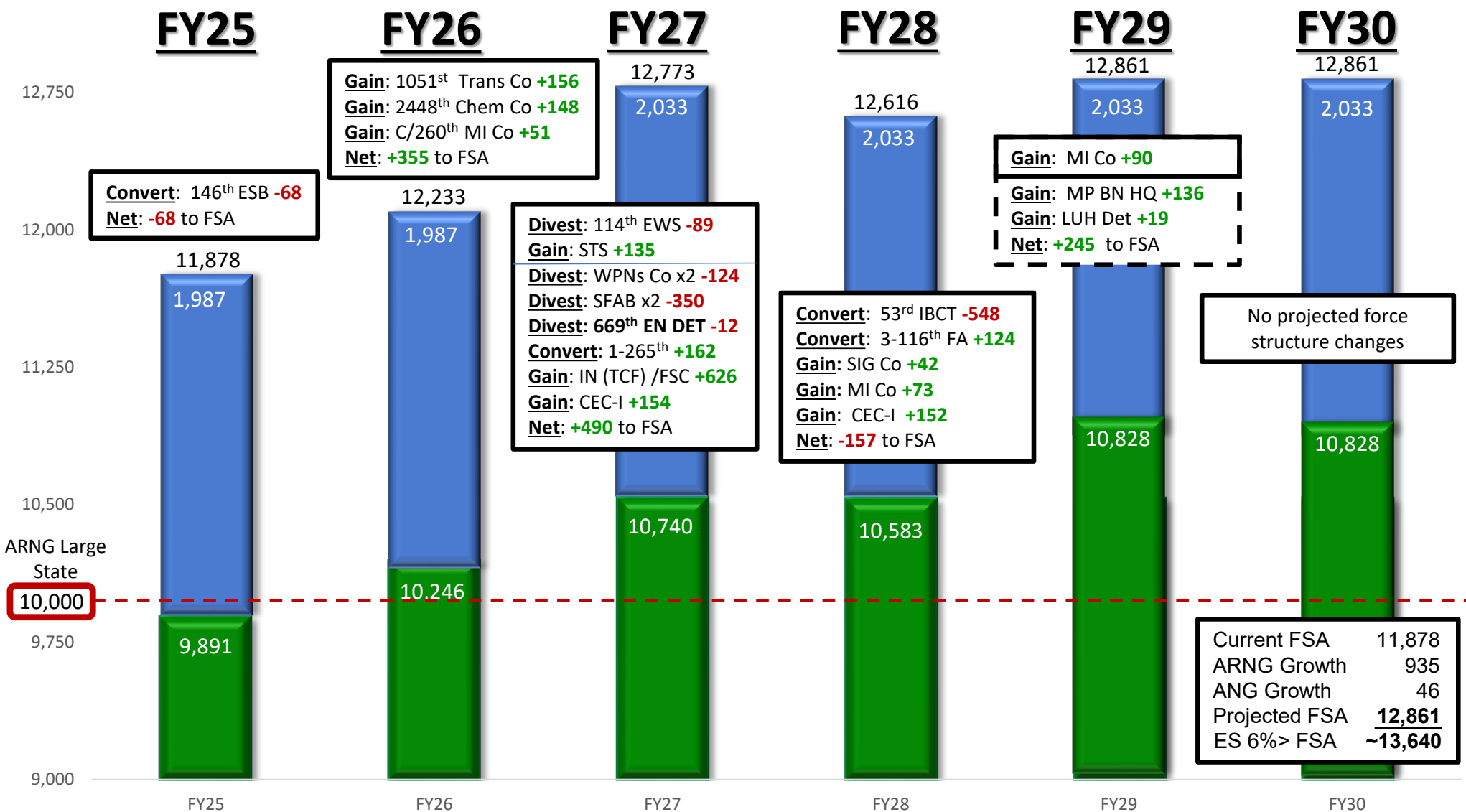


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Force Structure

Current & Future 5 years



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The Oldest National Guard

“The Muster” 1565



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Discussions / Questions



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Florida Defense Support Commission

Colonel Tim MacGregor, USAF (Retired), Executive Director

Senate Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

October 7, 2025

Florida's Military and Defense Impact:

- ❑ Military and Defense is Florida's #2 economic driver.
- ❑ \$102.6 billion economic impact in the state.
- ❑ 865,937 direct and indirect jobs.
- ❑ 5th largest footprint in the nation for Department of War (DOW) personnel.
 - ❑ 138,000 DOW and 97,000 family members.
- ❑ 21 major military installations.



FloridaCommerce Overview

- ❑ **July 2023:** FloridaCommerce established the Office of Military and Defense within the Division of Economic Development.
 - ❑ Absorbed the Florida Defense Support Task Force (established in 2011).
- ❑ **July 2024:** Task Force renamed Florida Defense Support Commission.
 - ❑ Established as a 501(c)(3) Direct Support Organization to the Florida Department of Commerce to “support Florida’s military and defense industries and communities.”



Mission of the Florida Defense Support Commission

- ❑ Established by **section 288.987 Florida Statutes** to:
 - ❑ Make recommendations to **preserve and protect military installations.**
 - ❑ Assist [Veterans Florida] with **economic and workforce development efforts** in military communities.
 - ❑ Conduct planning and research and development to **support military missions, businesses and military families.**
 - ❑ **Improve the state's military-friendly environment** for service members, military dependents, military retirees, and businesses that bring military and base-related jobs to the state.
 - ❑ Undertake activities that assist [Veterans Florida] with **job training and placement for military spouses** in communities with high proportions of active duty military personnel.
 - ❑ As necessary and requested by the Department of Education, school districts, or Florida College System institutions and state universities, undertake such activities that **assist in providing a smooth transition for dependents of military personnel and other military students.**



Driving Mission-Focused Results

Make recommendations to **preserve and protect military installations**.

- The Commission reviews the list of base buffering encroachment lands submitted by the military installations, and provides its recommendations for land acquisition to FloridaCommerce, who in turn submits the ranked list to the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund.

Conduct planning and research and development to support military missions, businesses and military families.

- Commission members have been actively engaged in briefings, tours and support efforts for organizations such as the United States National Drone Association, Lockheed-Martin Center for Innovation, and Leonardo Helicopters.

Improve the state's military-friendly environment for service members, military dependents, military retirees and businesses that bring military and base-related jobs to the state.

- The Commission's "Military Benefits Guide" helps service members and families learn about the many programs and agencies the State of Florida offers to them.
- Coordination with FloridaCommerce on the Spousal Licensure Reciprocity Matrix, a one-stop reference source helping military spouses transfer, renew, or reissue professional licenses they need for work after relocating to Florida.



Florida Defense Support Commission Membership

- ☐ Governor or designee.
- ☐ Four members appointed by the Governor.
- ☐ Four members appointed by the President of the Senate.
- ☐ Four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- ☐ Executive Director of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Adjutant General of the Florida National Guard, or designees, serve as ex officio, nonvoting members.
- ☐ Secretary of Commerce or designee serves as ex officio, nonvoting executive director.



Florida Defense Support Commission Membership

Senator Tom Wright, Chairman	Major General Karl Horst, USA (Retired)
Mr. Tom Neubauer, Vice Chairman	Representative Patt Maney (Brigadier General, USA (Retired))
The Honorable Thomas Bowman (Colonel, USMC (Retired))	Rear Admiral (Upper) Don Quinn, USN (Retired)
Brigadier General Arthur "Chip" Diehl, III, USAF (Retired)	Ms. Kay Rasmussen
Dr. Emilio Gonzalez (Colonel, USA (Retired))	Mayor Jim Scholl (Captain, USN (Retired))
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Major General Richard "Beef" Haddad, USAF (Retired)	Secretary Jamal Sowell (LCDR, USNR)
Major General James "Hammer" Hartsell, USMC (Retired)	Mr. S. Reeves Valentine



Commission in Action

- ❑ Provides FloridaCommerce insights and recommendations for the award of Defense Infrastructure Grants (DIG) and Defense Reinvestment Grants (DRG).
- ❑ From 2019-2024, \$9.1 million invested to strengthen Florida's military communities through FDSC Grants.
- ❑ FY 2023 - 2024 grants:

RECIPIENT	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
Clay County Development Authority	\$500,000	Purchase property
125th Fighter Wing – Florida National Guard	\$500,000	Improve roads
City of Jacksonville	\$500,000	Encroachment protection
Emerald Coast Regional Council	\$182,600	Build partnership agreements
University of West Florida	\$460,000	Florida Advanced Training Range
Orange County Research and Development	\$120,000	Roadway improvement
Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce	\$90,000	Advocacy for Homestead ARB
Clay County Development Authority	\$500,000	Land acquisition
Polk County	\$500,000	Prevent encroachment
University of West Florida	\$320,210	Prepare students for security clearances
Tampa Bay Defense Alliance	\$50,000	Regional defense inventory and assessment



Florida Defense Support Commission Publications



Florida Defense Support Commission Publications

FLORIDACOMMERCE					Spousal Licensing Reciprocity Matrix					
License Name	Licensing Agency	Phone	Email	Website	FL Statute	Interstate Compact	Reciprocity Eligibility Requirements	Expedited Processing	Fee Waivers	Temp License
911 Public Safety Telecommunicator	FL Department of Health Division of Emergency Preparedness and Community Support	(850) 245-4440	EMS_Operations@fhealth.gov	911 Public Safety Telecommunicator Program	401.465	No	See FL Statute § 456.024	Yes	No	No
Acupuncturist	FL Department of Health Division of Medical Quality Assurance	(850) 245-4161	mqa.acupuncture@fhealth.gov	FL Board of Acupuncture	457.105	No	See FL Statute § 456.024	Yes	FL VALOR Program	No
Administration of Adult Education (adult) (Only available as a Professional Certificate)	FL Department of Education Bureau of Educator Certification	(800) 445-6739	education.certification@fldoe.org	Administration of Adult Education - Administrative Class	1012.56	Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact	FLDOE Certificate Pathways & Routes	No	Waived for military members and their spouses	No
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)	FL Department of Health Division of Medical Quality Assurance	(850) 488-0595	MedicalQualityAssurance@fhealth.gov	FL Board of Nursing	464.012	No	See FL Statute § 456.024	Yes	FL VALOR Program	No
Agriculture (grades 6-12)	FL Department of Education Bureau of Educator Certification	(800) 445-6739	education.certification@fldoe.org	Agriculture (Grades 6-12) - Degreeed Career and Technical Class	1012.56	Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact	FLDOE Certificate Pathways & Routes	No	Waived for military members and their spouses	Yes, Valid for five school year
American Sign Language (Endorsement)	FL Department of Education Bureau of Educator Certification	(800) 445-6739	education.certification@fldoe.org	American Sign Language Endorsement - Academic Class	1012.56	Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact	FLDOE Certificate Pathways & Routes	No	Waived for military members and their spouses	Yes, Valid for five school year
Anesthesiologist Assistant	FL Department of Health Division of Medical Quality Assurance	(850) 488-0595	MedicalQualityAssurance@fhealth.gov	FL Board of Medicine	Chapter 458	No	See FL Statute § 456.024	Yes	FL VALOR Program	No
Arabic (grades K-12)	FL Department of Education Bureau of Educator Certification	(800) 445-6739	education.certification@fldoe.org	World Languages (Grades K-12) - Academic Class	1012.56	Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact	FLDOE Certificate Pathways & Routes	No	Waived for military members and their spouses	Yes, Valid for five school year
Architect	FL Department of Business and Professional Regulation Division of Professions	(850) 487-1395	http://www.myfloridalicense.com/contactus/	Architecture and Interior Design	481.213	No	See FL Statute § 455.02	License shall be issued within 7 days of receipt of complete application.	Initial application fees may be waived for military spouses	No
Art (grades K-12)	FL Department of Education Bureau of Educator Certification	(800) 445-6739	education.certification@fldoe.org	Art (Grades K-12) - Academic Class	1012.56	Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact	FLDOE Certificate Pathways & Routes	No	Waived for military members and their spouses	Yes, Valid for five school year
Asbestos Consultant	FL Department of Business and Professional Regulation Division of Professions	(850) 487-1395	http://www.myfloridalicense.com/contactus/	Asbestos Contractors and Consultants	469.004	No	See FL Statute § 455.02	License shall be issued within 7 days of receipt of complete application.	Initial application fees may be waived for military spouses	No
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Athlete Agents	FL Department of Business and Professional Regulation Division of Professions	(850) 487-1395	http://www.myfloridalicense.com/contactus/	Athlete Agents	468.453	No	See FL Statute § 455.02	License shall be issued within 7 days of receipt of complete application.	Initial application fees may be waived for military spouses	No
Athletic Coaching (grades K-12)	FL Department of Education Bureau of Educator Certification	(800) 445-6739	education.certification@fldoe.org	Athletic Coaching (grades K-12) - Academic Class	1012.56	Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact	FLDOE Certificate Pathways & Routes	No	Waived for military members and their spouses	No
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Upcoming Meetings

- ☐ November 2025: Space Coast
- ☐ January 2026: Tallahassee
- ☐ March 2026: Key West and Tour of NAS Key West
- ☐ May 2026: Tallahassee

Thank You

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34th District

October 6, 2025

The Honorable Senator Tom Wright

Chairman, Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security
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Dear Chairman Wright,

I respectfully request an excused absence from the Tuesday, October 7, 2025, Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security at 9:00 a.m.

Thank you in advance for considering this request. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or my office.

Sincerely,

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Shevrin D. "Shev" Jones
Florida State Senator – Senate District 34

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Excusal Request

To: Senator Tom Wright
Chairman, Senate Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and
Domestic Security

Subject: Excusal Request

Date: October 7, 2025

Dear Chairman Wright,

I respectfully request to be excused from the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security for Tuesday, October 7th. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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Senator Danny Burgess
Florida Senate, District 23

CC: Tim Proctor, Staff Director
CC: Lois Graham, Committee Administrative Assistant

CourtSmart Tag Report

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Caption: Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

Judge:

Started: 10/7/2025 9:02:55 AM

Ends: 10/7/2025 9:54:29 AM **Length:** 00:51:35

9:02:57 AM Chair Wright calls the meeting to order
9:03:19 AM CAA calls the roll
9:03:28 AM Quorum announced
9:03:34 AM Senators Jones and Burgess are excused
9:03:42 AM Pledge of Allegiance led by Senator Truenow
9:04:08 AM Chair Wright with opening comments
9:05:04 AM Tab 2 Presentation by the Department of Military Affairs on Mission, Status and Operations
9:05:20 AM Major General John Haas, Adjutant General of Florida presents
9:24:05 AM Chair Wright
9:24:13 AM Senator Sharief
9:24:29 AM MG Haas
9:26:51 AM Senator Sharief
9:26:55 AM MG Haas
9:27:52 AM Senator Truenow
9:28:17 AM MG Haas
9:31:07 AM Chair Wright
9:31:36 AM MG Haas
9:33:17 AM Chair Wright
9:33:49 AM MG Haas
9:33:52 AM Chair Wright
9:34:12 AM MG Haas
9:34:22 AM Tab 3 Presentation by Mr. Tim MacGregor, Executive Director of the Florida Defense Support Commission on Defense Support Activities
9:34:31 AM Mr. MacGregor
9:34:37 AM Chair Wright
9:34:45 AM Mr. MacGregor presents
9:49:13 AM Chair Wright
9:49:18 AM Senator Sharief
9:49:30 AM Mr. MacGregor
9:51:11 AM Chair Wright
9:52:39 AM Mr. MacGregor
9:52:42 AM Chair Wright
9:53:38 AM Mr. MacGregor
9:53:41 AM Chair Wright
9:54:20 AM Senator Sharief moves to adjourn
9:54:22 AM Meeting adjourned