

Tampa Bay Defense News

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NOTE FROM JENNY:

Hey everybody - I am so grateful to Debbie Miller for gathering all these events and announcements for the Tampa Bay Defense Community newsletter.

Our goal for this newsletter is to make it easier for small businesses in federal contracting, transitioning veterans, and veteran advocates to connect to each other. It can be difficult to find each other because there are so many different organizations - you must be in several of them to keep up!

Over time, we have collected the links to these organizations and their events. BUT the Tampa Bay Defense Community is so much bigger than these organizations... so much hidden talent!

For example, consider:

- ❖ The small businesses working as prime or sub-contractors for the Department of Defense (DOD) and working all over the world, and not just the contracts awarded through SOCOM, CENTCOM or other agencies at MacDill AFB; and
- ❖ Leaders who have supported our annual GovCon Summit year after year, like:
 - Garth Arevalo and Ed Haywood of Lukos
 - Susan Ferrera of Freedom Information Systems
 - Mike Albano and Jason Lipton of Ardent Eagle Solutions
 - Kevin Counselman of SENTAR (HQ in Huntsville)
 - Rich Fendley of Interior Fusion

The Tampa Bay Defense Community includes veteran business owners that have chosen Tampa Bay for their headquarters that support sectors outside DOD like:

- ❖ Paul Huszar of VetCor Services
- ❖ Russ Barnes of Systro Consulting.

It also includes many veteran support organizations including:

- ❖ Project Transition USA
- ❖ Florida Association of Veteran Owned Businesses (FAVOB)
- ❖ Action Zone

If you are interested in connecting with and expanding Tampa Bay's Defense Community - I'd love to talk to you about sponsoring and contributing content.

Just connect with me on [LinkedIn](#) and we'll set up a time to chat.

Jenny

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JULY

8 July – 1:00 pm – Jennifer Schaus & Associates Fed Gov Q4 Opportunities Complimentary Webinar.

Speakers: Liz daRosa, daRose Consulting and David Lowe, isiFederal – [Register Here](#)

8 July – 4:30 pm – WID Power Hour with NDIA - Join NDIA and WID leadership for their latest thoughts on global happenings and network with fellow WID/NDIA members - Cost: Free [Register Here](#)

10 July – 4:00 – 7:00 pm – Centre Club– Women In Defense Greater Tampa Bay Chapter. POSTPONED

15 July – 11:30 am – AFCEA Tampa Bay – Monthly virtual luncheon with MG Garrett Lee, Assistant to the DISA Director – Registration opening soon – visit [here](#)

20 July – 12:00 pm – AFCEA International Webinar Series – COVID-19 will have a lasting effect on the way people live, including a significantly increased reliance on remote communication technologies. This new normal also highlights the importance of cyber resiliency as bad actors are actively exploiting gaps in security methodologies. Ensuring resilience in the face of these new threats may prove to be the biggest challenge of the post-COVID-19 era. SIGNAL Editor in Chief Robert Ackerman, will host a video webinar and question and answer session to discuss the new normal and how to be cyber resilient with the following panel of experts. [Register Here](#)

25 July – 10:00 am - 12:00 pm – Camaraderie Foundation – Back to School Backpack – We invite you and your family to join Camaraderie Foundation and Operation Homefront. Operation Homefront's Back to School Brigade will provide each of the military children registered a backpack stuffed with school supplies. Other prizes and giveaways will be available. All at no cost! [Click here](#) for more information.

AUGUST

7 August – 11:30 am – 4:30 pm – 4th Annual AFCEA Cyber Outreach Bowling Tournament – AFCEA Tampa Bay is again raising funds to support its High School Cyber Outreach Program. All funds raised in our Bowling Tournament go to the Cyber Outreach Program! Get ready now and get your team of 5 bowlers to compete for bragging rights by winning the title of TAMPA BAY CHAPTER BOWLING TEAM CHAMPION! [Register your team today](#)

14 August – 11:30 am – 1:00 pm – Women In Defense Greater Tampa Bay Get Informed Luncheon – Please join Women in Defense Greater Tampa Bay Chapter at the Centre Club for the “Get Informed Luncheon” with guest speaker CAPT Kate Dolloff, USSOCOM Program Executive Officer (PEO) Maritime. [Register Today](#)

SEPTEMBER

8-11 September – AFCEA International Federal Identity Forum and Expo 2020 - Virtual Event - SAVE THE DATE

11 September – 11:30 am – 1:00 pm – Women In Defense Greater Tampa Bay Get Informed Luncheon featuring Ms. Emily Lonigro, Contracting Officer, PEO Services, USSOCOM - SAVE THE DATE

16 – 18 September – Virtual Event - AFCEA International National Security Summit - Powered by AFCEA International and the Intelligence and National Security Alliance (INSA), the Summit brings senior IC leaders together to advance collaborative solutions to critical intelligence and national security challenges - [Registration](#)

19 September – 6:00 pm – Orlando, FL – Camaraderie Foundation American Patriot Gala- SAVE THE DATE - Please join us at the Hyatt Regency Orlando for a cocktail reception, silent and live auction, as well as entertainment all to benefit our heroes! Event Sponsorships and Individual Tickets will be available for purchase, formal invitation to follow.

For more information contact
events@camaraderiefoundation.org

For Links to All Events
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OCTOBER

1 – 2 October – 31st Annual NDIA SO/LIC Symposium - The SO/LIC Symposium team continues to monitor the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. Currently, the SO/LIC Symposium is scheduled to occur as published. The health and safety of our event participants, members, and partners continue to constitute our top priority and we are committed to following the guidelines and precautions as outlined by the CDC.

NDIA is fully prepared to adjust any and all plans if the situation changes. We are following—and will remain in compliance with—all city, state and federal guidelines. If the direction from the federal, state, or local official public health authorities does change between now and the conference, we will adhere to that guidance, act upon it immediately, and update everyone.

The NDIA team recognizes the importance of convening the national security and defense communities to promote the best policies, practices, products, and technology for warfighters and others who ensure the safety and security of our nation. Thank you for continuing to support us and our events. We hope to see you soon. For more information and updates from NDIA about COVID-19, please refer to the [NDIA Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Update Page](#).

NOVEMBER

14 November – 7:00 am – Camaraderie Foundation Ruck Sack Race - We challenge you to “Walk, Run or RUCK a Mile in their Boots.” Choose a 5k or 10k course. Participants can walk, run or compete as a Warrior. Participation as a Warrior includes carrying a 35-pound ruck sack – the ultimate challenge! First place finishers and top fundraisers receive great prizes. Families are welcome. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON

28 November – 4 December – I/ITSEC 2020 - Visit [here](#) for more information

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Announcements

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On behalf of Beverly Cooper, AFCEA Vice President Communications, it is our pleasure to introduce SIGNAL Kids!

The goal of this publication is to excite young people about STEM education and to motivate them to follow a STEM learning path as early as possible.

We hope that AFCEA members and our constituents will share the issue with young people in their lives and also use it to initiate more conversations about STEM education and careers.

From the link below, you can view *SIGNAL Kids* in a Reading View, which is like a web page, or in a Page View, which is like a flip book, and you can download it as a pdf. We will be distributing print copies through chapters and at TechNet Augusta.

https://www.signal-digital.com/signal/signal_kids_june_2020

Two of the writers in this publication are the children of staff members. Kyle Hogan and Stephanie Emert conducted interviews and wrote for this issue as our first set of kid reporters. Watching these young people in action, I was extremely impressed by the poise, skills and professionalism of both of them.

I also want to acknowledge the *SIGNAL Kids* production team, led by Bodil Lund, and including Kaitlyn Cotter, Chris D'Elia, Jennifer Deuterman, Cyndy Hogan, Megan Lee, Rachel Lilly, Jennifer Quinn and Julianne Simpson. They envisioned, managed and produced this from start to finish with very little assistance from anyone beyond their team.

Camaraderie Foundation - Mentor Leadership Program

We are now taking applications for our 2020/2021 Mentor Leadership Classes in Orlando and Tampa. Camaraderie Foundation partners with local business members to provide a leadership program to assist transitioning service members in preparing for a career in the local community.

[Click here](#) for more information

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Alinea seeks to remove obstacles for Military and Veteran business community members.

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- Video Production- high end video production to capture content for any event
- Livestream Services- engage an audience beyond the walls of your event and mobilize the community with our livestream event services
- Podcasting- we all learn and engage in different ways; podcasting opens up the realm of possibilities; reach an even broader and deeper audience with our full service podcast production

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COVID-19 RESOURCES

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
[City of Tampa COVID-19 Information](#)
[Florida Department of Health](#)
[Hillsborough County Stay Safe](#)
[World Health Organization](#)

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

[Florida GovCon Community](#)
[Women in Defense Greater Tampa Bay](#)
[NDIA GTB](#)
[AFCEA Pelican Chapter](#)
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[Project Transition USA \(Nancy Laine\)](#)
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VETERAN RESOURCES

[Action Zone](#)
[Bunker Labs](#)
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[Florida Association of Veteran-Owned Businesses](#)
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