

## Colonel Elizabeth A. Medina (Ret.) Vice President, Military and Defense Enterprise Florida, Inc.

Colonel Elizabeth A. Medina (Ret.) is the Vice President of Military and Defense Programs for Enterprise Florida, Inc. (EFI) and is responsible for leading the military and defense team to support, promote, protect and grow the military and defense activities and industry in Florida. She facilitates the Florida Defense Alliance (FDA) and Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF) planning and execution of programs to support defense communities, military bases, and military family support.



COL(R) Medina plays a vital role in coordinating state and federal efforts that strengthen Florida's military installations. In this capacity, she works with the Governor's Office, the Florida Legislature, numerous state agencies, the Florida Congressional Delegation and local defense communities across the state to ensure Florida's military bases are well-positioned to gain missions and resources.

Prior to her role with EFI, COL(R) Medina served for 33 years as a member of the United States Army. Over her military career, she provided technical expertise and leadership working the interface between civilian and military communities locally and globally. She has been stationed across the U.S., deployed overseas to more than 15 countries and her last military assignment was on Corry Station in Pensacola, Florida.

Immediately prior to joining EFI, COL(R) Medina worked for the state of Florida as Project Manager & Risk Manager for the Florida Department of Transportation. Before that, she held roles as Hurricane Irma Housing Program Manager in the Office of Disaster Recovery for the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), and as the Strategic and Organizational Planning Manager with DEO.

For some of her last assignments in the Armed Forces, COL(R) Medina served in numerous roles on bases across the country, including Deputy Commanding Officer, 350th Civil Affairs Command in Pensacola; Lead Army Strategist, Strategic Studies & Analysis in the Pentagon; Branch Chief, Army War Plans Division in the Pentagon; Battalion Commander, 414th Civil Affairs Battalion in Southfield, Michigan; Senior Strategist, Office of the Chief of Army Reserve G5 in Arlington, Virginia; and Plans Chief, US Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command at Ft Bragg, North Carolina.

COL(R) Medina received her Juris Master degree from the Florida State University College of Law, where she graduated Magna Cum Laude. She is also a National Security Fellow from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

She lives with her husband, retired Army Ranger turned Florida wildland firefighter, Nicholas in Freeport, Florida. They have three children and three grandchildren who all live in the greater Washington, D.C. area.



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