



## **Chairman – Larry Bustle**

Mr. Bustle is serving his second year on the Manatee County Port Authority. He is a native of Manatee County and a graduate of Manatee County High School. He attended the U.S. Naval Academy, and after graduating, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

He received his pilot wings in 1958 and enjoyed a distinguished career, which included service as a fighter pilot and test pilot with more than 3,300 flying hours. He flew 130 combat missions in the F-4D Phantom II aircraft during the Vietnam War. For his service in Vietnam, he was awarded the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, nine Air Medals and the Purple Heart, among others. In 1967, he was awarded a Master of Science Degree in Astronautical

Engineering from the U.S. Air Force Institute of Technology and in 1970, he graduated from the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School. He retired from the Air Force as a Colonel in 1984.

### **Public Service**

Manatee County Port Authority, Chairman, 2010; Second Vice Chairman 2009  
Board of County Commissioners, Elected August 2008, Third Vice Chairman 2010  
Civic Center Authority  
Mayor, City of Palmetto, 2002-2008

### **Community Service**

American Patriotism Celebration Task Force, member; South Florida Museum Board, member; Manatee Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Council Advisory Board, member; Sarasota-Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization, past chair, past member for City of Palmetto; Manatee Veterans Council, past chair; Community Coalition on Homelessness, past member; Local School Readiness Coalition, past member;  
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, past member representing City of Palmetto  
Manasota League of Cities, past member representing the City of Palmetto; Leadership Florida Class of 2004, graduate.