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## Gov. Kaine Designates May as Military Appreciation Month



Gov. Kaine talks with Virginia's Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Bob Newman, at a National Guard event in 2007.

Gov. Tim Kaine has declared May to be "[Military Appreciation Month](#)" in Virginia, and is encouraging all citizens of the Commonwealth to join in recognizing the contributions and sacrifices made by Virginia-based military personnel and their families.

"We're proud of these men and women and their dedication to the defense of our nation and the Commonwealth" said Gov. Kaine. "Virginia has a long and distinguished relationship with the military, and we will continue to provide resources, support and gratitude for our service members and defense partners as they perform their missions."

Virginia is home to more than 206,000 active military

and civilian defense personnel, the most of any state, as well as more than 35,000 members of the Reserves or National Guard.

The Defense Department has proven to be a resilient and steadfast part of the Virginia economy, investing more than \$46 billion a year in the Commonwealth – second only to California – and employing nearly 6 percent of the state's workforce.

Presentation copies of the governor's declaration have been sent to installation commanders across the state. Printable copies of the declaration are available at the News page of the [VNDIA website](#).

## QDR Process Begins

Last month the DoD announced the start of the [2010 Quadrennial Defense Review](#) (QDR). The legislatively-mandated process will culminate in a final report to Congress in early 2010. The review is one of the principal means by which the National Defense Strategy is translated into potentially new policies, capabilities and initiatives.

"The QDR takes a long-term, strategic view of the Department of Defense and will explore ways to balance achieving success in current conflicts with preparing for long-term challenges," said William J. Lynn, Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Previous reviews were conducted in 1997, 2001 and 2006.

## Coming Events

May 15, 2009

### [Fort Monroe FADA Meeting](#)

Fort Monroe, Va.

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May 18, 2009

### [Entrepreneurship Workshop](#)

Mason Enterprise Center at Prince William, Va.

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May 27, 2009

### [BRAC Impact Seminar](#)

George Mason University (Prince William Campus)

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June 16, 2009

### [Oceana-Fentress Advisory Council](#)

NAS Oceana, Va.

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June 18, 2009

### [Radford Army Ammunition Plant](#)

#### [Restoration Board](#)

Radford, Va.

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June 25, 2009

### [Fort Monroe FADA Meeting](#)

Fort Monroe, Va.

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July 15, 2009

### [VNDIA Quarterly Meeting](#)

Virginia State University, Ettrick, Va.

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June 16, 2009

### [Virginia Military Advisory Council](#)

Langley AFB, Va.

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## Mayport Decision Postponed

The DoD has decided to make the final call on whether to permanently homeport an aircraft carrier in Mayport, Fla., part of the 2010 Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR), postponing an earlier decision made by the Navy.

The January decision to move a carrier from Norfolk, Va. drew criticism from many in Virginia, concerned over the loss of jobs in Hampton Roads and high cost of upgrading the Jacksonville-area base, estimated to be between \$600 million and \$1 billion.

Tying the decision to the QDR received immediate support from Virginia's leaders, concerned over the perception that politics were being placed before defense priorities. "This is a promising development for the taxpayers and for the Navy," said Sen. Mark Warner, while Gov. Kaine said the decision "offers some room for optimism among Virginians."

[According to the Defense Department](#), the QDR "will assess the need for carrier strategic dispersal in the broad context of future threats, future Navy force structure, and likely cost effectiveness." The QDR is expected to be completed early next year.



The USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67) was the last aircraft carrier stationed at Mayport, and the last non-nuclear powered carrier in the fleet. The Kennedy was decommissioned in 2007. *US Navy photo.*

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## BRAC 133 Under Construction

A ground breaking ceremony was held on March 31 for the Army's Washington Headquarters Service office complex at the Mark Center in Alexandria.

The site will consolidate 11 divisions, including the Defense Department's acquisition and procurement office and its general counsel. The \$1.1 billion complex will span 1.7 million square feet and include 15- and 17-story LEED Silver certified office towers, two parking garages and a public transportation center.

When complete in September 2011, the complex will become part of Fort Belvoir as part of the BRAC 2005 process.

## Hampton/Langley JLUS Begins



The City of Hampton and Langley Air Force Base joined forces in April to begin a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS), a year-long process that will ultimately provide information and direction for both organizations in future planning.

An F-22 at the April 26 Air Power over Hampton Roads air show. *US Air Force photo.*

In addition to staff and consultant work, a JLUS Policy Committee has been formed to provide direction to the planning process, approve study recommendations and endorse implementation recommendations. It is co-chaired by the Hampton city manager and the vice wing commander at Langley.

The JLUS program is managed by the Defense Department's Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA), who is providing a majority of the funding for the Hampton/Langley study.