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Executive Director's Message

Coordination, Support and Communication Committee, an update on grant projects administered by VNDIA, and an introduction to a new VNDIA board member. September 15, 2011 marked the completion deadline for 2005 BRAC actions, and in coming issues we will highlight the final impact of the process on Virginia. 2005 BRAC brought thousands of new jobs, billions in construction investment, and new challenges to the Commonwealth. We take pride in the strong ties VNDIA has forged with installation and community leaders during the BRAC process. These relationships will allow us to more effectively recognize opportunities and meet challenges in the future.

Over the years, Virginia has repeatedly earned recognition as the "best state for business" by the private sector, and the Department of Defense also places the Commonwealth high on its list of places to invest. Both government and private industry value Virginia's approach to workforce development, education, infrastructure, and business climate. This approach creates favorable conditions for investment and offers a high quality of life to workers.

Looking ahead, the Authority will continue to seek new ways to improve the business environment for the Department of Defense and its contractor base in the Commonwealth. We plan to focus our efforts on providing educational opportunities for small and medium sized businesses that help them improve their ability to navigate the federal procurement process, securing project financing in partnership with defense communities and private sector partners, and finding new ways to bring additional defense dollars and jobs to regions of the Commonwealth outside of the "golden crescent" of defense investment in the eastern part of the Commonwealth. Virginia is proud to be, and works hard to remain, the nation's premier location for defense business!

In this issue of Defense Advocate we have provided an overview of the latest installation visits conducted by the VNDIA Local



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VNDIA Committee Visits US Army Corps of Engineers and NW Annex

On October 5, the Authority's Local Coordination, Support and Communication Committee (LCSC), under the direction of Committee Chairman Rear Admiral Robert R. Fountain, Jr., (USN Retired), visited two military installations in Virginia. Fellow Committee member Craig W. Duhring, former Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, State Senator Harry B. Blevins of Virginia's 14th Senatorial District, and Ron White, a member of Congressman Randy Forbes' staff, joined the Admiral for command briefings and tours at the US Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District (Norfolk District) and Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads, Northwest Annex (NW Annex).

As one of three working committees of the VNDIA board, the LCSC conducts periodic visits to all military installations within the Commonwealth of Virginia to discuss challenges and opportunities with commanders, foster cooperation between installations and adjacent communities and provide technical assistance and coordination between the Commonwealth, its political subdivisions and the US military. Defense investment is a vital part of Virginia's economy and the LCSC has worked diligently to support this investment by gathering data on military installations in the Commonwealth and supporting defense operations since VNDIA's creation in 2005.

The trip began at the US Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District Headquarters located in downtown Norfolk. The Norfolk District's missions include construction projects, environmental restoration projects, maintaining Virginia's navigable waterways and harbors, natural disaster response and storm damage mitigation. During the 2005 BRAC the Norfolk District was responsible for the oversight of \$3.6 Billion in MILCON within the Commonwealth of Virginia and executed over \$900 million in small business contracts in 2010 and 2011. The Norfolk District is credited with two of the most successful Oyster restoration projects, both of which were completed in the Chesapeake Bay, the world's largest estuary. This district oversees and maintains the critical 50ft. channel depth within the Port of Hampton Roads that allows the berthing of the world's largest ships. Storm damage reduction efforts implemented by the Norfolk District also helps protect the Commonwealth from storm damage and loss of life in the event hurricanes or other large storms make landfall on Virginia's coastline.

The next stop on the trip schedule was Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads, Northwest Annex (NW Annex). NW Annex is home to radar systems critical to national security, drug interdiction, and safe navigation of the US's Atlantic waters. Members of the installation visit party learned about potential encroachment issues posed by the development of nearby wind farms and efforts by the installation and the City of Chesapeake to mitigate electromagnetic encroachment. In addition to the briefings on NW Annex's important radar systems, members of the installation visit party received updates from the Marine Corps Security Force Training Company about their mission to train Marines for force protection duty around the world.

The LCSC plays a crucial role in the development of a successful installation-community interface and the installation visits facilitate a flow of current information to local and state policy makers.

Board Member Profile



Gen. John P. McLaren, USA (Ret.)

Major General John P. McLaren, Jr., USA (Ret.) was appointed to the VNDIA board by Governor McDonnell on July 1, 2011. Gen. McLaren most recently served as Commander of the 80th Training Command based in Chesterfield, Virginia. Prior to this assignment he worked as the Vice Commander of the Joint War Fighting Center and Deputy Joint Force Trainer at U.S. Joint Forces in Suffolk. In this role, he helped lead the USJFCOM joint force training effort to conduct and support the development of capabilities that train the individual services to fight together as a team. He also served as the Deputy Commander of Second Fleet for Joint Task Force Operations. A native of Savannah, GA, General McLaren holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the Virginia Military Institute and a master's degree in strategic studies from the Army War College. He currently serves as Director of Construction and Business Development for Rand Enterprises, Inc. in Newport News, Va.

"We welcome John's wealth of leadership and training expertise to the VNDIA board of directors. His educational background and recent military duty will be invaluable as we work with Virginia installation commanders and community leaders to take advantage of future opportunities," says G. William Beale, Acting VNDIA Chairman and CEO of Union First Market Bankshares.

Military Strategic Response Fund Project Update

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Next Scheduled Meeting:
 October 19, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.
 Jepson Alumni Executive Center
 University of Mary Washington
 1119 Hanover Street
 Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Recipient	Purpose	Grant Amount	Total Funded to Date
FY 2007			
Arlington County	BRAC Workforce Transition	\$420,000	\$362,530
Fairfax County	Spot Transportation Improvements	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Fairfax County	Telegraph Road Improvements	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Fort Monroe FADA	Form Based Code	\$40,000	\$40,000
Fort Monroe FADA	Historic Management Plan	\$40,000	\$40,000
HRMFFA	Operations	\$250,000	\$250,000
City of Virginia Beach	Oceana Encroachment	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000
Prince George County	North Elementary School	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
FY 2008			
Fairfax County	Spot Transportation Improvements	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Fairfax County	Telegraph Road Improvements	\$750,000	\$750,000
Prince William County	Fort Belvoir Transit Improvements	\$199,000	\$196,313
HRMFFA	Operations	\$500,000	\$500,000
City of Chesapeake	Fentress Encroachment	\$100,000	\$100,000
City of Virginia Beach	Oceana Encroachment	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000
The Nature Conservancy	AP Hill Encroachment	\$300,000	\$300,000
Crater PDC	Fort Lee Sisisky Gate	\$440,434	\$440,434
Prince George County	Branch Library	\$250,000	\$250,000
Albemarle County Fire and Rescue	Aerial Fire Protection	\$401,000	\$401,000
FY 2009			
City of Virginia Beach	Oceana Encroachment	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000
FY 2010			
City of Virginia Beach	Oceana Encroachment	\$7,500,000	\$7,197,642
Crater PDC	Fort Lee Mahone Gate	\$2,272,067	\$0
Arlington County	DARPA Retention	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
FY 2011			
City of Virginia Beach	Oceana Encroachment	\$7,500,000	\$106,622
TOTAL		\$59,500,000	\$47,934,541