

Defense *advocate*

Fort Lee on the Rise

Fort Lee in Prince George County is growing quickly and dramatically through the

BRAC 2005 process. Considered by the Department of Defense as one of 20 "growth communities," the installation has let nearly \$800 million in contracts so far, primarily for new construction, and expects to bring that number closer to \$900 million by the end of the federal fiscal year.

One of the highlights of the growth is a massive ordinance school that will house 3,500 students when complete. A 300-acre college campus being built from scratch, the school will feature six five-story barracks, academic buildings, medical and dental clinics and the second largest dining facility in the Army.

Also new to the fort will be the Army Logistics University, a \$111 million academic facility that will train logisticians and offer accredited post-graduate degrees through civilian universities.

The Army's \$50 million Sustainment Center of Excellence will be the new centerpiece of Fort Lee, and complete the post's placement as the logistical capital of the Army.



Construction is well underway on the Logistics University at Fort Lee. *July 23, 2008 VNDIA photo above, Fort Lee rendering below..*



PTACs a First Stop for Contractors

There are a number of resources for businesses that wish to enter the world of government/military contracting. One of the first steps should be to contact a Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC).

The PTAC program was established by congress in 1986 as a Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) monitored program that is funded by the Department of Defense. There are 93 PTAC's spread across the U.S., including three regional centers in Virginia.

PTACs work to provide businesses with the marketing know-how and technical tools they need to obtain and perform successfully under federal, state and local government contracts - with the mission of creating and retaining jobs, fostering competition and lower costs for the government, and helping to sustain our armed forces' readiness.

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Coming Events

August 10-13
[Association of Defense Communities \(ADC\) Annual Conference](#)
Monterey, Calif.
Contact: (202) 822-5256/
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August 20
[Virginia Military Advisory Council Meeting](#)
Richmond, Va.
Contact: Office of Commonwealth Preparedness, (804) 225-3826

August 21
[Fort Monroe FADA Meeting](#)
Fort Monroe, Va.
Contact: FMFADA, (757) 637-7778

September 17
[Fort Monroe FADA Meeting](#)
Fort Monroe, Va.
Contact: FMFADA, (757) 637-7778

In addition to the three regional centers, there are branch offices in Hampton Roads and Charlottesville.

Welcome Aboard!

VNDIA is pleased to welcome retired Navy Capt. Leonard P. (Len) Wales to its board of directors.



Capt. (Ret.) Len Wales

A graduate of both the University of Virginia and Virginia Tech, Capt. Wales is the debt manager for Fairfax County. Since 1986, he has managed and led financing teams in borrowing nearly five billion dollars of capital funds for the County and affiliated subdivisions, utilizing both traditional and innovative methods. Concurrently, Capt. Wales served in the U.S. Navy Reserve, retiring in 2006 with the rank of Captain after 30 years of service.

Capt. Wales resides in McLean, and is active in the local community holding various volunteer positions with the Boy Scouts of America and the American Legion.

Below: VNDIA board, staff and guests at the George C. Marshall Foundation in Lexington for the July 16 quarterly board meeting. Left to Right: Patrick Tremblay, Bill Harvey, Stan Scott, Maj. Gen. Bob Newman, Dave Dickson, Gen. Dick Hawley, Gen. John Abrams, Rear Adm. Bob Fountain, Billy Beale, VNDIA Chair Joe Reeder, VNDIA Vice-chair John Knapp, Bill Welch, Capt. Len Wales, Rear Adm. John Hekman, Keith Boswell, Vice Adm. Jim McArthur, Kurt Tripp, Col. Bruce Sturk, Alleyn Harned.

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The DoD employed 209,857 people in Virginia in FY 2006. In addition, the state has more than 36,000 who are part- or full-time Reserve or National Guard. The DoD began to count afloat personnel in 2005, causing the large jump for the Navy shown.

The Numbers

Service Branch Employment in Virginia Does not include Reserve or National Guard

