

# Defense *advocate*

## Va. first in DoD spending

For the first time in at least 16 years, in 2009 Virginia became the number one state for direct Department of Defense expenditures. According to the DoD's recently released annual [Atlas/Data Abstract for the US and Selected Areas](#), Virginia received almost \$57 billion in federal fiscal year 2009, including about \$18 billion in payroll and nearly \$39 billion in contracts. This edged out both California and last year's leader Texas.

Over the past decade Virginia, California and Texas have dominated Defense Department investment. In 2009 the three received almost a third of the total \$528 billion domestic defense spending. The most recent numbers show that Virginia ranks second behind California for contract spending and second behind Texas for payroll, which includes active duty, DoD civilian, National Guard/ Reserve, and retired military pay.

Where the Commonwealth excels is in the number of DoD civilian employees, leading the nation with just under 90,000. A study conducted last year for VNDIA by George Mason University's Center for Regional Analysis determined that the economic benefit to the state of these civilian workers is

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## UMW Dahlgren Campus

Fredericksburg's University of Mary Washington is in the process of constructing a \$20.4 million facility in King George County to address the needs of civilians and service members working in and around Naval Support Facility Dahlgren.

The UMW Dahlgren Campus Center for Education and Research will offer science and engineering programs delivered by Virginia universities and the Naval Post-graduate School. These will be primarily post-graduate (masters and PhD) level, designed to support the high-tech civilian and military workforce at Dahlgren.

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Artist's rendering of the future UMW Dahlgren Campus Center for Education and Research, expected to open in 2012. *UMW graphic*

## Coming Events

August 8-11, 2010

[Assoc. of Defense Communities Annual Conference](#)  
San Francisco, Calif.

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September 29, 2010

[Virginia Military Advisory Council \(VMAC\) Meeting](#)  
Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Arlington, Va.

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October 20, 2010

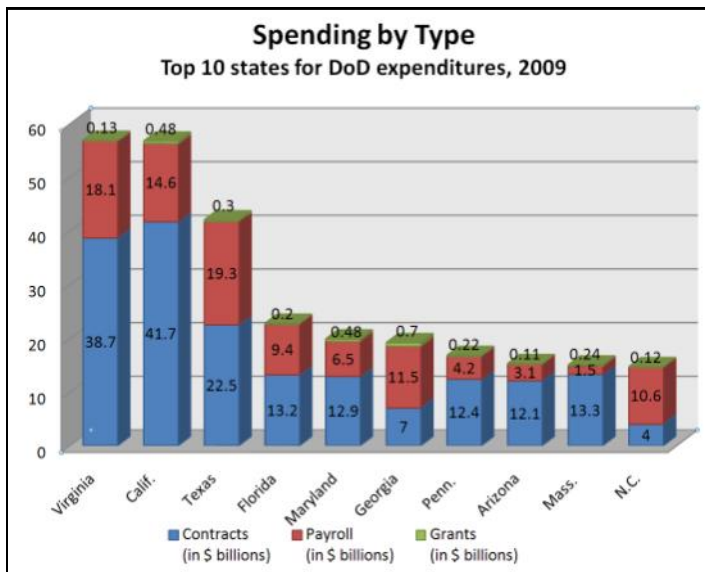
[VNDIA Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting](#)  
Virginia War Memorial, Richmond, Va.

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October 21, 2010

[Va. Dept. of Business Assistance](#)/Fort Lee Society of Am. Mil. Engineers  
State & Federal Procurement Seminar; Fort Lee, Va.

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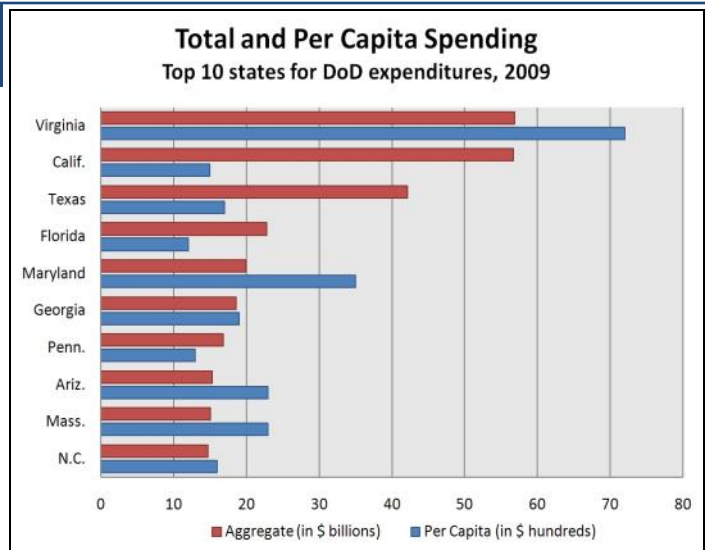


## DoD spending, cont.

significantly greater than that of uniformed personnel. Virginia is strong there as well, however, ranking fifth in the nation with 63,000 active duty service members.

Virginia's strongest lead is found in per capita spending by the Defense Department. While the Commonwealth barely edged out California for overall spending, the Golden State is the most populous in the nation making it only 14 in rank for per capita DoD spending. Virginia remains a solid number one here, and the \$7,223 per resident spent by the DoD in Virginia more than doubles number two Connecticut.

The cumulative effects of this direct spending and employment add up quickly. Last year's GMU study showed that in the end, the Defense Department contributes to about 16 percent of Virginia's gross state product.



Virginia's \$56.9 billion in DoD investment comes in just ahead of California's \$56.7 billion. The Commonwealth passes all other states handily in per capita spending - the Defense Department spent \$7,233 for each of Virginia's 7.8 million people in 2009.

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The 40,000 square-foot facility will feature 21 classrooms and a 3,200 square-foot multipurpose room, all with state-of-the-art instructional technology, wireless access and videoconferencing capabilities.

The facility got its start through the Virginia General Assembly, which wanted to meet the engineering and scientific educational needs of workers at Dahlgren as a way of supporting the Navy's presence there. The base employs about 3,900 Defense Department civilians and 900 service members, but also supports employment of around 4,000 contractors. The base's largest tenant is the Naval Surface Warfare Center; other tenants include the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense, Navy Air & Missile Defense Command, and Detachment One of the 20th Space Control Squadron.

In addition to the Naval Postgraduate School, UMW will be joined by the following academic partners at the Dahlgren campus:

George Mason University • Old Dominion University • Virginia Tech  
University of Virginia • Virginia Commonwealth University  
Germanna Community College • Rappahannock Community College

Maj. Gen. Daniel E. Long, Jr., joined the VNDIA board concurrent with his July 9 appointment with his July 9 appointment by Gov. Bob McDonnell as the Adjutant General of Virginia. Maj. Gen. Long enlisted in the Virginia Army National Guard in 1964 as a private, and was commissioned through Officer Candidate School in 1967.

He has command experience at every level, most recently with Joint Task Force Civil Support (JTF-CS) at Fort Monroe, Va., with a mission to ensure that DoD assets are prepared to respond in a time of national crisis following a weapon of mass destruction incident.

## Dahlgren campus cont.

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