

Defense *advocate*

DoD's Top Installations

Two of Virginia's military installations received top honors recently for providing excellent working, housing and recreational conditions.

Fort A.P. Hill is winner of the Army Chief of Staff Army Communities of Excellence (ACOE) for Award Year 2008. The 76,000-acre post in Caroline County employs 1,100 people and trains more than 60,000 people each year from all branches of service and several non-DoD organizations.

Fort A. P. Hill was also named the Army recipient of the [Commander in Chief's Annual Award for Installation Excellence](#). Five installations receive the prestigious award each year from the Department of Defense.

The Defense Supply Center Richmond (DSCR) brought a second of the five Commander in Chief awards home to Virginia. The 600-acre contracting, warehousing and distribution center in Chesterfield County employs more than 2,000 people and does the annual equivalent of \$3.3 billion in sales.

Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.; Naval Base Coronado, San Diego; and Dover Air Force Base, Dover, Del. rounded out the awardees.



The Defense Supply Center Richmond features more than seven million square-feet of covered and uncovered storage area and more than 120 warehousing, utility and administrative buildings.

VNDIA photo.

Lt. Gen. John Knapp



Governor Kaine and Lt. Gen. Knapp, April 28, 2008.
Photo by Michael L. White.

The Honorable John W. Knapp, Sr., the mayor of Lexington, past superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute, Ph.D. engineer and vice-chairman of VNDIA was promoted by Gov. Tim Kaine on April 28 to lieutenant general in the Virginia Militia (unorganized).

Like the Commonwealth's National Guard units, the governor is commander-in-chief of the militia, which traces its roots to the Jamestown Settlement of 1607, and remains part of the Code of Virginia ([§ 44.1](#)).

Coming Events

June 30

[Fort Monroe Federal Area Development Authority \(FADA\) Meeting](#)

Fort Monroe, Va.
Contact: FMFADA, (757) 637-7778

July 16

[VNDIA Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting](#)

Lexington, Va.
Contact: Patrick Tremblay, (804) 545-5716

July 17

[Fort Monroe FADA Meeting](#)

Fort Monroe, Va.
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August 10-13

[Association of Defense Communities \(ADC\) Annual Conference](#)

Monterey, Calif.
Contact: (202) 822-5256/
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August 21

[Fort Monroe FADA Meeting](#)

Fort Monroe, Va.
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Virginia's National Guard

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Senator John Warner, Congressman Frank Wolf and other officials gathered on May 19 for the groundbreaking of a new 51,100 square-foot National Guard armory and 13,300 square-foot maintenance facility in Winchester.

The Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 116th Brigade Combat Team's \$13 million in new construction will replace existing structures built in 1940 that are now too small for the unit. Construction is expected to be finished by February 2009.



An F-22 Raptor prepares for flight at Langley AFB.
U.S. Air Force photo.

Eight hundred soldiers from the 150-year-old battalion returned in May from deployment in support of operations in Iraq. Maj. Gen. Robert Newman Jr., adjutant general of Virginia and VNDIA board member, said, "I know that Winchester and all of Virginia is proud of these great Virginia soldiers who stand as an example of what is right in America today."

Virginia's Air National Guard

The 192d Fighter Wing of the Virginia Air National Guard became the first Air National Guard unit in the nation to convert to and fly the F-22 Raptor, the newest 5th generation fighter in the U.S. Air Force inventory. The unit's first Raptor flights took place on May 17, 2008. The flight is part of the 192d's Total Force Integration mission, in which the unit trains with and augments the active-duty 1st Fighter Wing at [Langley Air Force Base](http://www.langley.af.mil) in Hampton.

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Gov. Kaine has called for a special session of the Virginia General Assembly on June 23 to address transportation issues.

In addition, Gov. Kaine has scheduled a series of statewide town hall meetings to discuss his comprehensive transportation plan. Full details on the plan and the meetings are available at www.governor.virginia.gov.

To address traffic congestion in Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads, the governor's plan increases retail sales tax in both regions by 1% and dedicates regional sales taxes to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and to seven regional projects in Hampton Roads.

VNDIA board member retired Navy Adm. Donald

Lee Pilling died May 26 at the Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. The 64 year old Bayside, N.Y. native lived in Vienna, Va.

A 1965 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, Adm. Pilling earned a Ph.D. in mathematics and became Vice Chief of Naval Operations. He retired from the Navy in 2000 and in 2002 became President and CEO of LMI Government Consulting.

Adm. Pilling was buried in Arlington following services at the Naval Academy.

Transportation Session

June Town Hall Meetings

Tuesday, June 3
Southampton Roads
Wednesday, June 4
Radford
Saturday, June 7
Danville
Wednesday, June 11
Leesburg
Monday, June 16
Hopewell
Thursday, June 19
Fredericksburg

Admiral Don Pilling



Adm. Pilling in 1997.
U.S. Navy photo.