



Virginia Military Advisory Council

November 18, 2015

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Joint Base Langley-Eustis



Virginia Military Advisory Council

Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles

Commissioner Rick Holcomb



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Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

CAPT Frank Hughlett,
JEB Little Creek – Fort Story



Virginia Transition Assistance Program (VTAP)

John L. Newby II
Commissioner

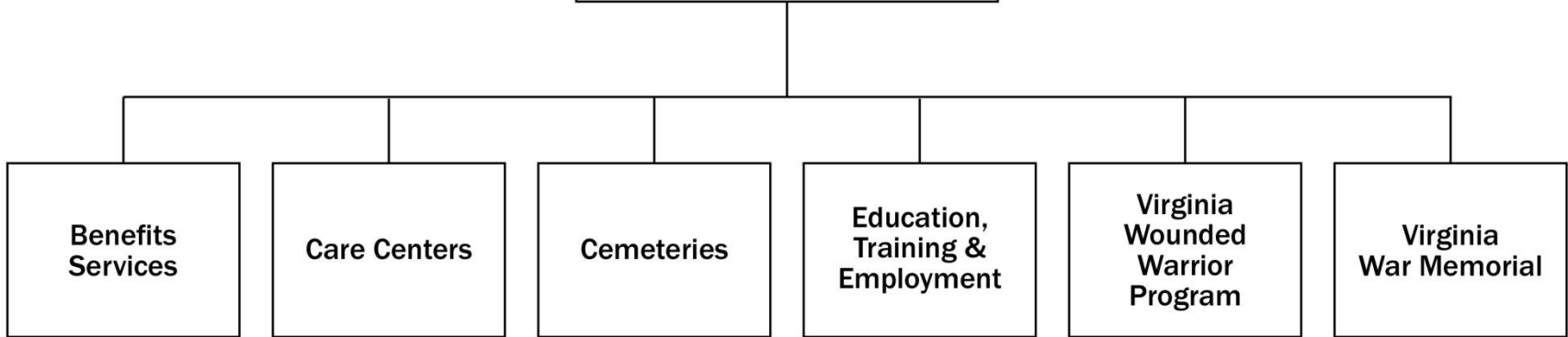


Overview

- Virginia's Services for Transitioning Service Members
- Virginia Transition Assistance Program
- Other Programs



Services for Veterans





Service Locations

Benefits Services Offices

- 1 Accomac
- 2 Alexandria
- 3 Big Stone Gap
- 4 Bristol
- 5 Cedar Bluff
- 6 Charlottesville
- 7 Chesapeake
- 8 Danville
- 9 Fairfax
- 10 Front Royal
- 11 Hampton
- 12 Hampton VA Medical Center
- 13 Henrico
- 14 Lynchburg
- 15 McGuire VA Medical Center (Richmond)
- 16 Norfolk
- 17 Portsmouth
- 18 Quantico
- 19 Roanoke
- 20 Salem VA Medical Center
- 21 South Hill
- 22 Staunton
- 23 Virginia Beach
- 24 Wytheville

Care Centers

- Sitter and Barfoot Veterans Care Center, Richmond
- Virginia Veterans Care Center, Roanoke



Virginia Wounded Warrior Program, Regional Offices

- Region I - Fredricksburg
- Region II - Leesburg
- Region III - Blacksburg
- Region IV - Richmond
- Region V - Hampton

Cemeteries

- Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Amelia
- Albert G. Horton, Jr., Memorial Veterans Cemetery, Suffolk
- Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin





Virginia Transition Assistance Program (VTAP)

- Established July 2014, 1 FTE
- Mission: connect transitioning service members in Virginia with education, employment, and entrepreneurial opportunities
- Build and foster relationships/partnerships with:
 - State and local entities
 - Private sector
 - Federal government (e.g., TAP and Virginia military installations)



VTAP (cont.) – Services

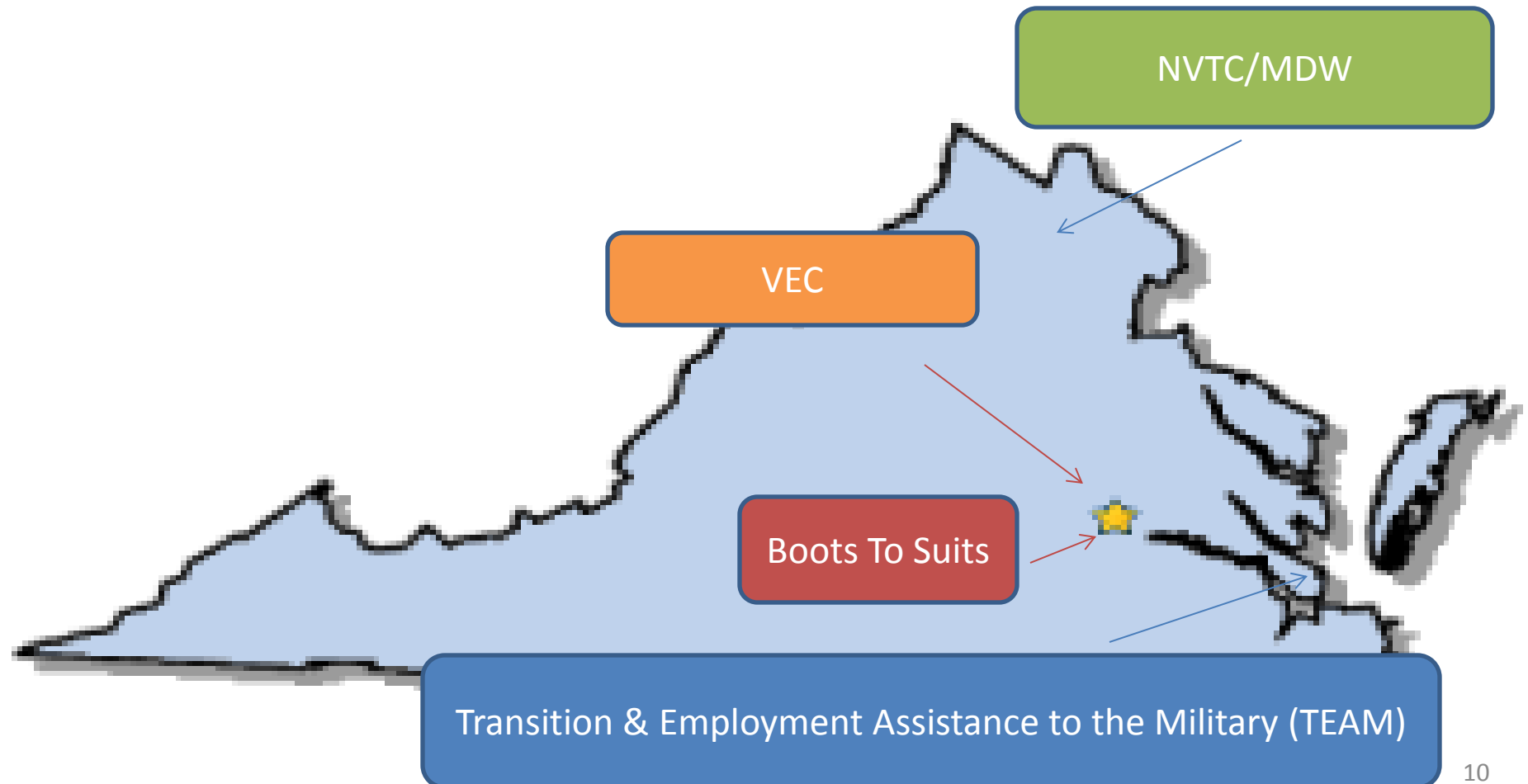
- Direct Pipeline to V3 Employers
- Local resource/transition guidance
- Weekly updates to Virginia's Veterans

- VTAP Events
- Fairfax (2)
 - Richmond (1) *8DEC
 - Hampton (5) *19NOV
 - Virginia Beach (2)
 - Portsmouth (2)

- Retirement seminars
- Ft. Lee (2)



VTAP (cont.) – Partnerships





VTAP (cont.) – Results

- 453% increase in Transitioning Service Members and Veterans served FY13 to FY14
 - - FY13: 425 served
 - - FY14: 2,350 served

- Success stories...



VTAP (cont.) – DoD Transition Assistance Program & Installation Involvement

- Changes in TAP since 2013 = less State involvement...
- VTAP solution: relationships with Virginia installations
- Value add from VTAP being involved with TAP



VTAP (cont.) – What's Next....?

- Continued collaboration with Army One Source
- More incentives to stay in Virginia
- A regional approach (Southwest Virginia)



Other Programs

- Virginia Values Veterans (V3)
- DoD Skills Bridge Program



Other Programs (cont.)

- Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing (CCAM)
- Syracuse University's Veteran Career Transition Program
- VEC Bridge to Employment



Questions?



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VMAC Employment for Transitioning Service Members

Jaime Areizaga-Soto

Deputy Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs



VMAC Employment for Transitioning Service Members

June 8 meeting consensus:

- The Commonwealth of Virginia has an important interest in assuring that service members separating from the military in Virginia can become a part of the workforce.
- Military leaders have a shared interest in the long-term success of Service members separating from the military.
- There are numerous opportunities to improve the transition of Service members to civilian life.
- Improving the transition experience and outcome will require more awareness of, and planning for, employment, family, education and health issues.
- The VMAC, in concert with Local Planning Groups (LPG), should lead in refining and supporting the implementation of new, collaborative solutions that have local and state leverage.



VMAC Employment for Transitioning Service Members Timeline

- Jul – Aug 2015: Transition Assistance Steering Committee (TASC)
 - ❖ Initial meeting August 20, 2015
 - ❖ 23 individuals representing state agencies, local communities, and military installations
 - ❖ Purpose is to provide guidance and establish metrics of success to LPGs
 - ❖ Next meeting scheduled for December 18



VMAC Employment for Transitioning Service Members Timeline

- Sep – Nov 2015 – Local Planning Groups (LPGs)
 - ❖ Established 4 regions based on military installations
 - ✓ Northern Virginia
 - ✓ Central Virginia
 - ✓ Hampton Roads - Peninsula
 - ✓ Hampton Roads - Southside
 - ❖ Each LPG will have met twice by Dec 18, TASC meeting
 - ❖ LPG provides local support and working on data collection
- Early 2016 – Conduct statewide summit
 - ❖ Describe the plan
 - ❖ Get buy-in on the plan
 - ❖ Provide training as required
 - ❖ Implement the plan



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Commander's Time

John C. Harvey, Jr.

Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs