

VIRGINIA MILITARY ADVISORY COUNCIL

APRIL 28, 2016 - RICHMOND, VA 1300-1600 MINUTES OF MEETING

May 13, 2016

1. Attending John Harvey, Secretary Veterans & Defense

Affairs

Mr. John Hall, for CG CASCOM

Mr. Fred Crecelius, for Commander Navy

Region Mid-Atlantic

Col Caroline Miller, Commander, JB Langley-

COL Michael Henderson, Commander, JB

Myer-Henderson Hall

CAPT Mary Feinberg, CO, Naval Support

Activity South Potomac

LTC Phil Lenz, for Commander, Ft. Belvoir

CAPT Lou Schager, CO, Naval Air Station

Oceana

LTC John Drew, for Commander, US Army Corps of Engineers

CAPT Frank Hughlett, CO, JEB Little Creek-Ft

Story

COL Bill Galbraith, Commander, 733d Mission

Support Group

LTC Preston Scott, Commander, Ft Pickett

Ms. Heather Lockerman, for Attorney General

Mr. Clark Mercer, for LT Governor

Mr. Jaime Areizaga-Soto, Dep Sec Veterans &

Defense Affairs

Mr. Egon Hawrylak, for CG JFHQ-NCR-

MDW

MG Tim Williams, TAG

COL Randy Swansiger, for CG TJAGLCS

COL Joe Murray, Commander USMC Base

Ouantico

COL Paul Brooks, Commander, Ft Lee

CAPT Christopher Keane, CO, Coast Guard

Sector Hampton Roads

CAPT Paul Haebler, CO, Naval Weapons

Station Yorktown

CAPT Douglas Beaver, CO, Naval Station

Norfolk

CAPT John Robinson, CO, Surface Combat

Systems Center

CAPT Brenda Kerr, Commander, US Coast

Guard Base Portsmouth

CAPT Jack Freeman, CO, Naval Support

Activity Hampton Roads

LTC David Meyer, Commander, Ft AP Hill

Honorable Bryce Reeves, Member of Senate

Mr. Michael McCalip, Governor Appointee

Mr. John Newby, Commissioner, Dept of

Veterans Services

Not Attending

Initial Military Training TRADOC

RADM Kenneth Iverson, Commander, Naval

Medical Center Portsmouth

BG Allan Day, Commander, DLA Aviation

MG Tony Funkhouser, Commander, Center for RADM Meredith Austin, Commander, Fifth

Coast Guard District

RADM Yancy Lindsey, Commandant, Naval

District Washington

CAPT Scott Brown, CO, Norfolk Naval

Shipyard

Honorable Scott Lingamfelter, Member of the House of Delegates

- 2. Secretary Harvey, Veterans & Defense Affairs, provided opening remarks and discussed the briefing on "Virginia Military Talent Pipeline".
 - a. Addressed the focus of the meeting which was how to engage the community and military leaders to work together to help military school aged children.
 - b. Major focus area for the Secretariat is to develop programs which will lead to meaningful employment for transitioning service members (TSMs).
 - c. The Commonwealth is working with the Hampton Roads Community Foundation to develop an on-line portal which TSMs can use in their search for employment. This portal will be available statewide, once it has completed pilot testing in Hampton Roads.
 - d. Help will be needed from several Hampton Roads organizations, such as Chambers of Commerce, in order for it to be successful.
 - e. Secretary Harvey recognized the University of Virginia School of Continuing and Professional Studies and Troy University for allowing service members to take courses at the respective institutions and capping tuition at the DoD Tuition Assistance rate.
 - f. Secretary Harvey reported after the Wounded Warrior event at the Governor's mansion last year, the Governor and Mrs. McAuliffe had an ADA accessible ramp installed at the mansion. He added the Governor and First Lady will host a second Wounded Warrior Picnic at the Mansion on September 10th..
 - g. Secretary Harvey thanked the group for their responses to the annual military leaders' reception and that he is working to incorporate their suggestions into this year's event during the holiday season.
- 3. Sal Nodjomian, Matrix Design Group, provided a briefing "Growing the Military Mission in Virginia."
 - a. Provided background on work of the Commission on Military Installations & Defense Activities and the 20 recommendations approved by Governor McAuliffe.
 - b. Addressed the next steps and the involvement with the military communities and neighboring installations in moving forward.
 - c. Covered some of the recommendations currently underway, and the importance of working with the installations to ensure success.
 - d. Discussed the importance of partnerships with the military and localities as a way to stretch operations and maintenance funding and leverage funding from all sources. Several installations expressed a desire to have the Matrix Team visit their installations to move forward in this area. The Secretary commented on the importance of engaging the civic leaders in this process.
 - e. The Secretary stated the importance of getting the consulting team to meet with the localities that assisted the Commission in order to address specific issues unique to their locality.
 - f. The 20 recommendations will be distributed to the VMAC.
 - g. Secretary Harvey suggested providing this brief to the local chambers.
- 4. Tom Herthel, Benefits Director, Virginia Department of Veterans Services, provided an update on the Benefits program. Slides are included in the attachment.
- 5. Bob Mauskapf, Virginia Department of Health, provided a briefing on ZIKA Virus in Virginia and the role the military will play. Slides are included in the attachment.
- 6. Jaime Areizaga-Soto, Deputy Secretary Veterans & Defense Affairs, provided an update on the work being done by the Local Planning Groups in support of employment for TSMs in Virginia.

- 7. Dr. Steven Staples, Virginia Superintendent of Public Instruction, discussed the desire of the Governor's administration to support the military families and the extra steps Virginia will be taking to care for military school-aged children.
 - a. Dr. Staples mentioned that the Virginia Department of Education is still working hard to improve the quality of the reporting on military child identifier. Reporting has improved over time; however, the accuracy of the data still needs to be improved. There are 20 school divisions that have returned military child identifier data. With the passing at the federal level of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), there is now a federal requirement for schools to report data on military children in order to receive federal funding.
 - b. Dr. Staples informed the VMAC the Department of Education will be filling a new position that will be dedicated to immediately respond to questions from military families dealing with school aged children and the Interstate Compact. This position, along with the new web page which provides a great deal of information specific to military school aged children, goes a long way toward addressing the needs of families moving to the Commonwealth and enrolling their children in schools.
 - c. VCU has been hired to analyze the impacts of the Interstate Compact within Virginia and identify the most common transition issues.
- 8. Report by Installation Each Installation Commander as well as the School Liaison was provided an opportunity to provide comments. Below is a summary of those comments:
 - a. Fort Belvoir SLO's have developed a marketing campaign for the military child identifier and impact aid. In addition, Ft. Belvoir has developed a VOIP presentation on the interstate compact. They agreed to share with other installations. The SLO stated the military child identifier is more than just funding; this will also help to identify services needed in the schools to support military children.
 - b. Several installations expressed a desire to receive additional training on the interstate compact. It was recommended, and Secretary Harvey agreed, to conduct a summit for all SLOs.
 - c. JBLE has been working on several P4 initiatives. They recently signed and MOU with the Hampton PD for shared use of their ranges. The Commissaries at both Langley and Eustis donate non sellable but edible food items to the local food banks on a regular basis. She added the Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration events will be on May 18th on Langley and May 19th on Eustis and a National Defenders Vietnam Memorial Ride on May 20th. Secretary Harvey suggested we put together a summit to help other installations interested in exploring similar initiatives. The summit will be worked with the consulting team. The School Liaison from JBLE asked Dr. Staples if SLOs could be included on updates on Impact Aid and Dr. Staples agreed and stated they are a large part of the process to bring awareness.
 - d. Colonel Galbraith from JBLE reported his change of command will be June 28.
 - e. Fort Lee SLO reported they have local action plans and conduct 1:1 meetings with school counselors to increase collaboration. Local action plans have proven to be an efficient way to share information and is instrumental in increasing awareness. Additionally, they hold quarterly meetings with highly impacted schools and have annual military workshops so schools are in tune with challenges of military families. Colonel Brooks added he would like a visit from Matrix.

- f. At USMC Base Quantico the SLO works directly for the Commander which removes the layers between the SLO and the CO and helps maintain an open line of communication which is very beneficial to the success of their program.
- g. A Marine Corps security force regiment is being consolidated at Naval Weapons Station Yorktown thus bringing a lot of young Marines who may not have vehicles to the area. Those on the installation are quite pleased that HRT added a stop right outside the main gate. In 2018, NWSY will be turning 100.
- h. The annual Oceana Air Show this year has a STEM theme. The Commander is building stronger relationships with Virginia Beach Superintendent Dr. Spence and this year every 5th grader in of Virginia Beach Public Schools will be attending the Air Show on September 9.
- i. Several installations in Hampton Roads participated in a Military Child Convening Event and stated this event should be duplicated throughout the Commonwealth
- j. Captain Keane, USCG Sector Hampton Roads stated the USCG is actively tracking ships from areas where the ZIKA virus is prevalent.
- k. Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall reported they are working on a P4 with NVTC to address transportation issues.
- 1. Captain Beaver reported that he met with Norfolk Public Schools new superintendent, Dr. Melinda Boone.
- m. The Army JAG School change of command will be on June 23.
- n. Captain Kerr, USCG Base Portsmouth asked to have Matrix come and visit. She added that part of her P4 initiative, they are working to convert the installation to natural gas.
- o. Captain Hughlett of JEBLC-FS stated that by having the COs and the SLOs here today, it has opened the door for improving communications. He added that he would like to see a statewide SLO event in a central location for SLOs to share best practices. Secretary Harvey added this will happen and Melissa Luchau agreed to support. Captain Hughlett added that the Compact passed in 2009 and is still not known to many. He suggested that DoDEA grants could possibly help with this by bringing others in to assist the SLOs.
- p. The Interstate Compact has been very beneficial with helping military children transition into the academic aspects of school. However, it is not helpful with dealing with athletic and other extra-curricular activities. Since those activities are governed by the Virginia High School League (VHSL), and the VHSL is not covered by the Interstate Compact.

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Military Relations Liaison
Secretary of Veterans & Defense Affairs.











Virginia Military Advisory Council

April 28, 2016
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
House Room #3
State Capitol
Richmond, Virginia

Virginia Military Talent Pipeline

April 28, 2016

There is no shortage of resources, training options or rewarding careers in Virginia. Our service members and Veterans simply can't find what they need when they need it to make informed career decisions.

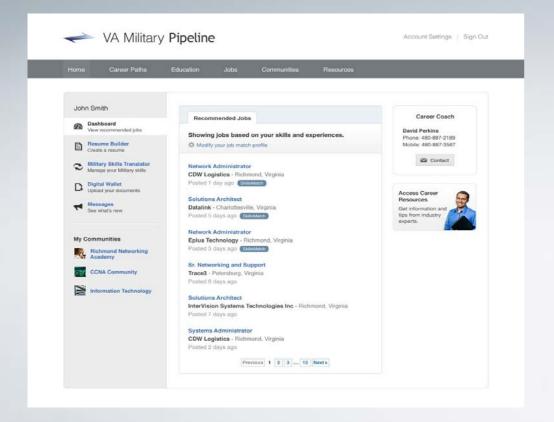


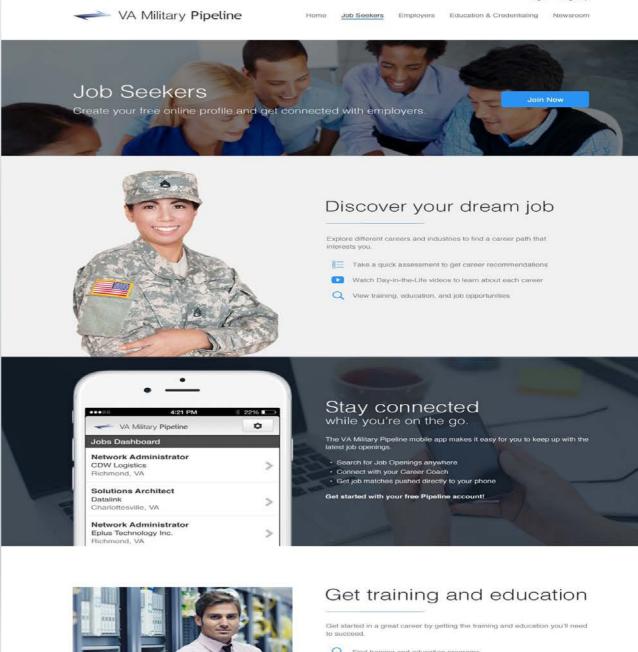
Hampton Roads Community Foundation led the search for the best solution. After more than a year of evaluation and due diligence they selected Futures Inc. and their Pipeline technology platform for Virginia.



Military Employment Solution

- Connects service member and Veterans with jobs that match their skills and interests.
- Digital portfolio and resume builder
- Access to all public 2 & 4 yr training and credentialing programs.
- Integrated case management.
- Robust reporting and analytics.

















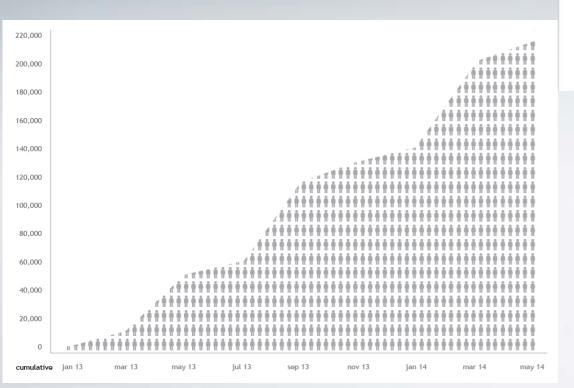


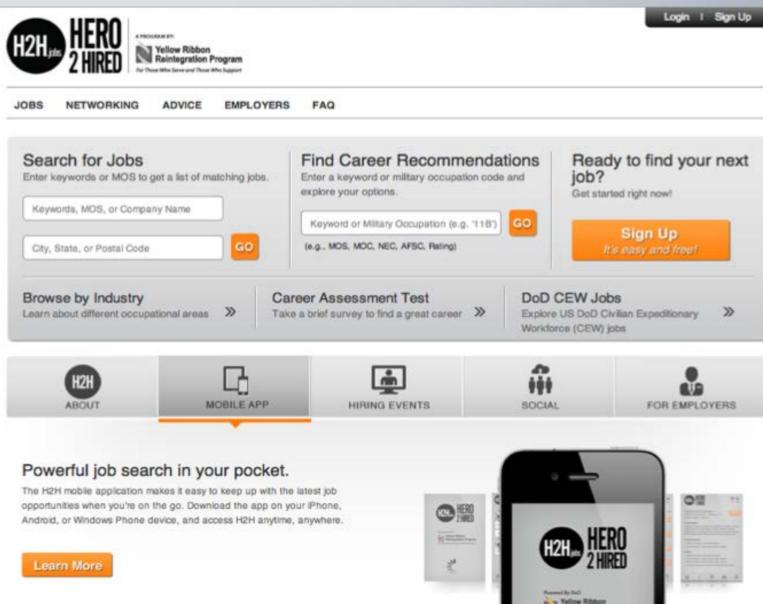




Built on Proven Technology

- Pipeline powered H2H.jobs
- 1.4M job seekers and 26,000 employers
- 252,121 documented hires (Jan 2013 - Sept 2014)
- #1 transition and Veteran employment solution in DoD history





- Awarded "Best of Breed" technology Federal government
- #1 Military skills translator

Program Goals

- Reduce Veteran Unemployment and Underemployment
- Match and connect transitioning service members with highdemand jobs and support economic development goals
- Nurture entrepreneurship
- Increase the readiness of the VANG
- Better engage Virginia employers, of all sizes and industries, to hire military

Next Steps

- Execute Hiring Events to document candidate matching and job connection across all services.
 (Target bases - Norfolk, Langley, Quantico and Lee)
- Connect transitioning service members with rewarding jobs up to six months pre separation.
- Support VANG readiness and help fill open billets with transitioning Active personnel.











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Growing the Military Mission in the Commonwealth of Virginia

Sal Nodjomian







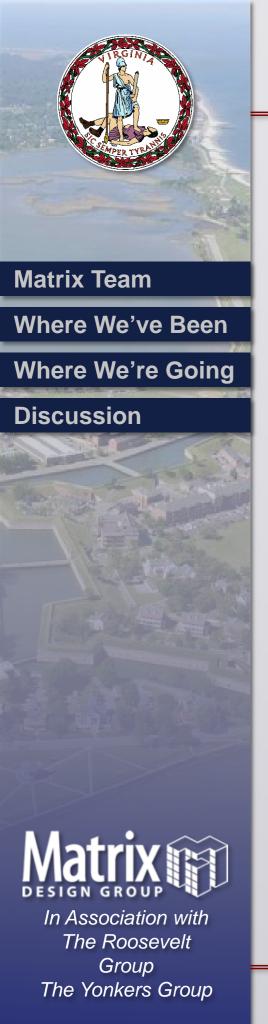












Presentation Outline

- **Matrix Team**
- Where We've Been
- **Where We're Going**
- Discussion



Matrix Team

Where We've Been

Where We're Going

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The Matrix Team



GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

SECRETARY OF VETERANS AND DEFENSE AFFAIRS

Stakeholders

VA General Assembly
Cities / Towns / Counties / Municipalities
Regional Military Affairs Authority

Strategic Advisor

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Deputy Program Manager

John Simmons
The Roosevelt Group

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Air Force Ms. Kathy Ferguson
Navy CAPT (Ret.) Chris Goode
Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Wallace

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Coast Guard Martin Rajk, SES (Ret.)
National Guard Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Bud Wyatt

Key Subject Matter Experts

Community and Military Planning

Advocacy and Key Communications

Installation Assessment

Partnerships and Deal Building **Economic Impact**

Basing Issues



The Yonkers Group



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Project Initiation – June 2014

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• Information Collection – March 2015

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Detailed Analysis – April 2015

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• Strategic Plan – June 2015

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Advocacy and Engagement - Continuous

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Long-Term Support



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Recommendations - Underway

- 1. Create a CoE at W&M devoted to "Whole of Government"
- 4. Accelerate efforts for ANG cyber security mission
- 5. Host USCYBERCOM training environment in Suffolk
- 6. Develop partnerships with industry and academia to strengthen / expand current Navy cyber portfolio with an academic/joint/interagency Center of Excellence
- 7. Increase involvement in autonomous systems development
- 8. Expand Aviation Applied Technology mission at Ft Eustis; support joint research with NASA Langley and DOE Jefferson Lab
- 15. Continue efforts to bring the Navy F-35 to Virginia
- 16. Promote Langley AFB for additional aircraft
- 19. Establish Underwater, Surface and Airborne Unmanned and Autonomous Testing Range at 3rd Port & Felker Field at Ft Eustis
- 20. Support additional sub overhaul and repair opportunities
- 21. Assist Wallops Flight Facility become East Coast beddown location for the next generation of UAS (MQ-4C Triton)



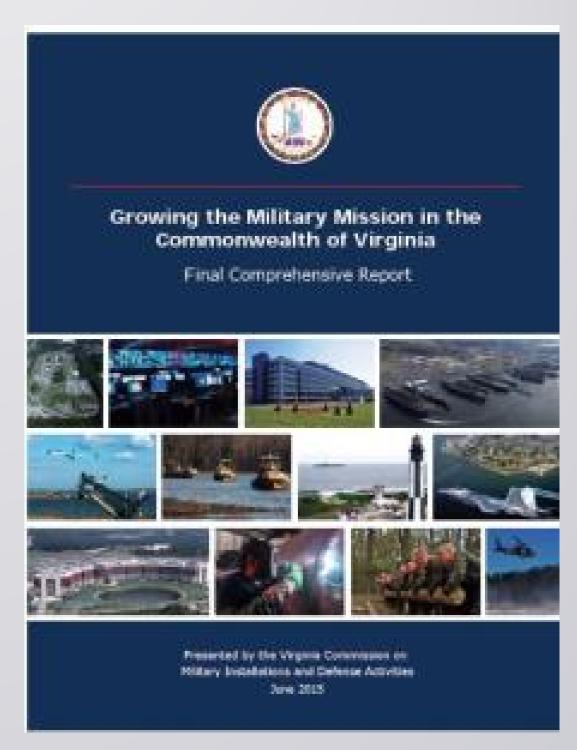
Recommendations - Ready to Go

- 2. Develop strategy to close Navy strategic development gaps
- 3. Support expanding the RDT&E mission at NSWC Dahlgren
- Compete for a National Network for Manufacturing Innovation (NNMI) Institute
- 10. Develop a proposal to leverage the capabilities at the Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center (VMASC)
- 11. Investigate opportunity to conduct logistics optimization RDT&E at Fort Lee and Fort Belvoir
- 12. Implement Military Infrastructure Bonding Authority
- 13. Fully utilize authorities under the National Defense Authorization Act enabling shared services
- 14. Support expanding the Rivanna Station Integrated Intelligence Campus
- 17. Support expanding Joint Service and Special Operations Command training opportunities at Fort AP Hill/Fort Pickett
- 18. Facilitate additional mission growth at Fort Belvoir



Next Phase

- Implementation plans for recommendations
- 2. Develop and execute recommendations
- Detailed engagement plan
- 4. Strategic communications plan
- 5. Analyze and explore art of the possible
- 6. Economic analysis





Early Involvement

- Norfolk Naval Station infrastructure challenges and need to backfill minesweeping helicopter mission
- NAS Oceana recent and planned infrastructure investments and challenges with depot and electrical systems
- Langley AFB update NAST Board on recommendations tied to NASA Langley and JB Langley – Eustis; opportunity to add RPA/LRE wing; multiple training issues



Early Involvement

- Fort Lee opportunities to expand logistics capabilities of region; met with reps from Commonwealth Center for Advanced Logistics Systems (CCALS)
- VA National Guard base infrastructure challenges across the state; opportunities for mission growth
- Engagement with W&M to establish a Center for Global Challenges



Early Involvement

- Range improvements off coast of VA (Dare County Range); attract additional training and beddown of fifth generation aircraft
- Potential for US CYBERCOM presence in Suffolk and beddown of Air Guard Cyber Protection Team at Langley
- Updated VA Military Caucus on strategic plan
- Meeting with CODEL members to discuss 2016 NDAA; draft bill and report language supporting VA recommendations
- BRAC challenges and opportunities for region



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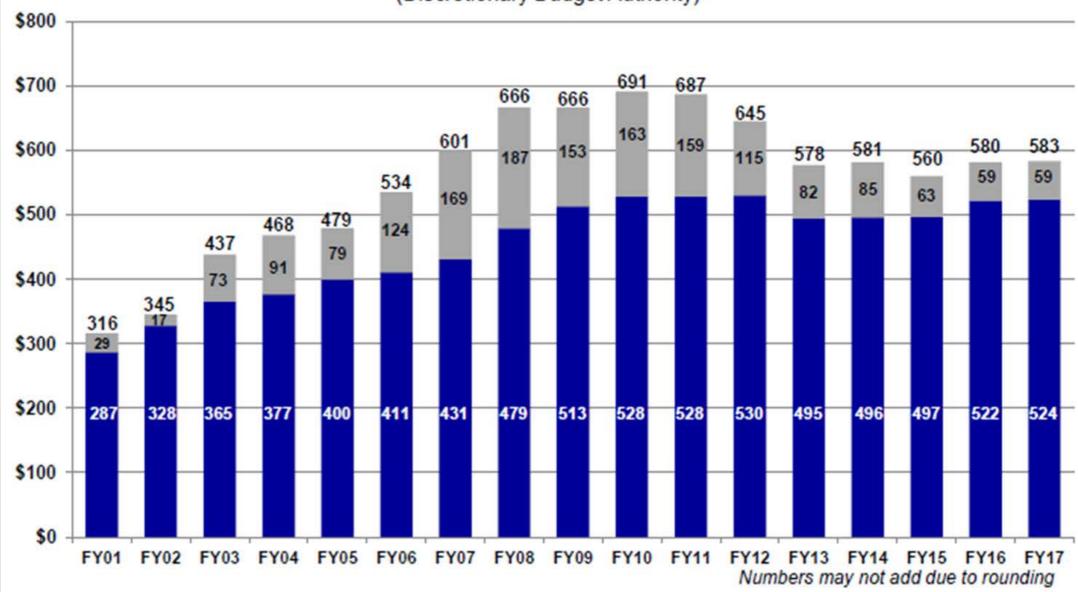
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Legislative Currents - Funding

DoD Funding from 9/11 Through FY 2017 Request

(Discretionary Budget Authority)



DoD Topline, FY 2001 – FY 2017

(Current Dollars in Billions)

Base Budget OCO/Other Budget



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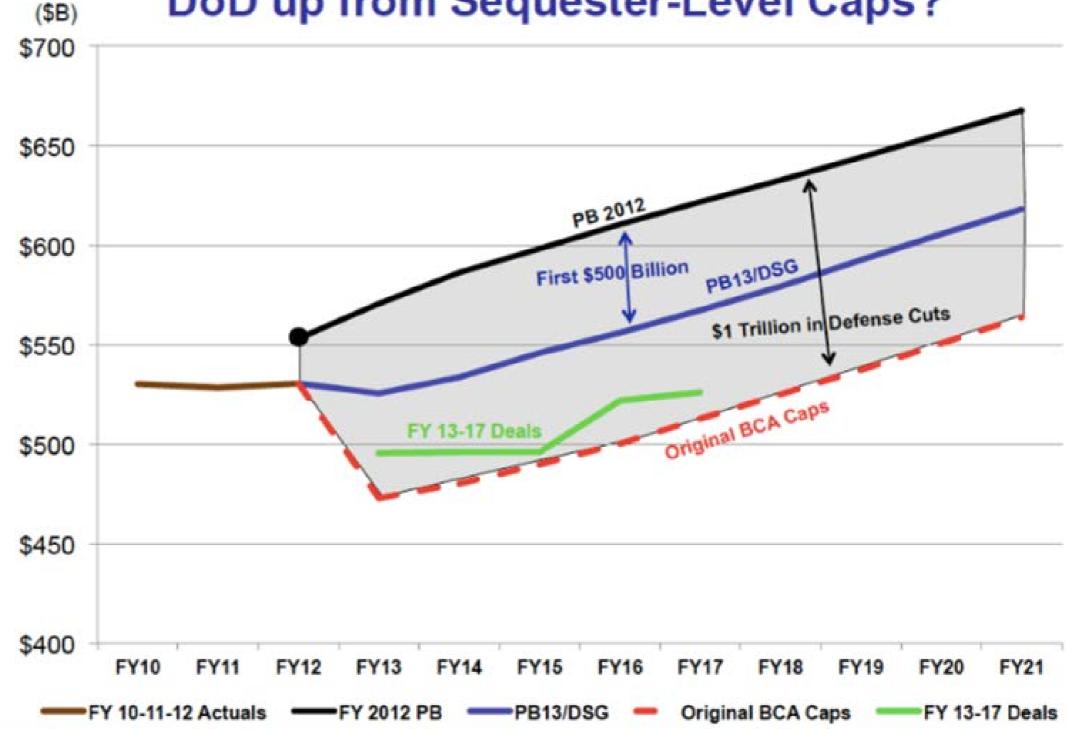
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Legislative Currents - Funding







President's Request - BRAC 2019

- Requested for 5th time this time DoD asks for a single round in Calendar Year 2019
- Threats to use existing authorities to close bases if a BRAC round not authorized
- Active work on BRAC legislation by Rep. Adam Smith on HASC; other Members on House and Senate defense committees not inclined to go forward
- Must monitor possible to influence BRAC can be authorized late in the NDAA process



Defense Infrastructure Capacity

- Report required by FY16 NDAA
- Parametric capacity analysis comparing types of infrastructure to defined force structure
- Not to determine level of excess of single base
- DoD used same methodology in 2004 before BRAC 2005
- © Compared base loading from 1989 to 2019 using 32 metrics; Congress requested 2012 baseline
- Result: 22% excess vs to 24% excess in 2004

 Army- 33%, Air Force 32%, Navy 7%, DLA-12%
- © Cannot be used to predict the size of next BRAC round or which bases may be recommended for closure



Defense Infrastructure Capacity

- **BRAC** historically closes 5% of excess infrastructure
- DoD feels they need another round of BRAC to stop wasting money on excess bases/infrastructure
- Next BRAC will focus on efficiencies.
- Recent testimony states DoD would save \$2B/year
- **HASC Chairman Mac Thornberry (R-TX): "The capacity report... doesn't tell us what we need to know." "No one believes that the current military force structure is adequate to meet the threats we face." "Assessing our capacity based on an inadequate force structure makes no sense." "The legal requirement to submit a capacity report based on 2012 force levels remains unfulfilled."



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FY17 MILCON for Virginia \$199.4M

SEC, 4601, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION (In Thousands of Dollars)				
Account	State/Country and Installation	Project Title	FY 2017 Request	House Agreement
AF	Virginia Joint Base Laugley- Eustis	Air Force Targeting Center	45,000	45,000
ĀF	Joint Base Laugley- Eustis	Fuel System Maintenance Dock	14,200	14,200
	Virginia			
Army'	Fort Belvoir	Secure Admin/Operations Facility, Incr 2	64,000	64,000
Army	Fort Belveir	Vehicle Maintenance Shop	0	23,000
	Virginia			
Army Res	Doblin	Organizational Maintenance Shop/AMSA	6,000	6,000
	Virginia			
Navy	Norfolk	Chambers Field Magazine Recap PH I	0	27,000
	Virginia			
Def-Wide	Pentagon	Pentagon Metro Entrance Facility	12,111	12,111
Def-Wide	Pentagon	Upgrade IT Facilities Infrastructure—RRMC	8,105	8,105



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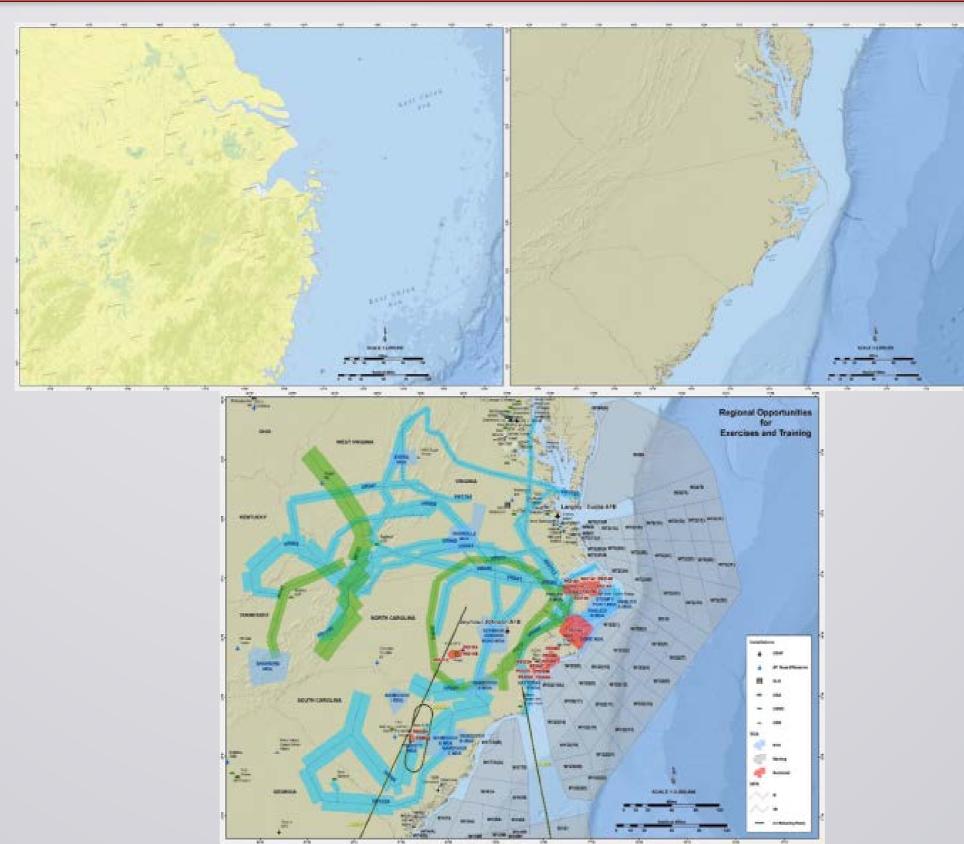
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NDAA Language - Air Ranges





Partnerships – AF Program

"Leveraging military installation and local community capabilities and resources to reduce operating and service costs in support of AF mission"

- Started in 2013: voluntary, sparked by new legislation; "make every dollar count"
- Base and community leadership onboard; follow process; shared value; not communities to prop up installation
- HQ provides reach back; mitigate CCs' risk
- Results: 53 participating installations and communities; 140 partnership agreements; AF \$23M and communities \$24M benefit; 1,000+ initiatives identified



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Partnerships - Why

- Win-win opportunities for the military installation and the communities
- © Can reduce costs for partners and enhance mission -- DOD-Monterey realized 20% annual cost savings for the Army at Presidio
- Organizations come together to solve common problems and create efficiencies
- Can use 3rd party financing for project construction, operation and maintenance; frees up O&M funds for DOD
- Enhances inter-dependency between the community and the military installation
- Helps municipalities optimize their workforce and services



Discussion

Partnerships - What and Who

Opportunities

- Roads and Grounds
- Water and waste water treatment
- **SW** management and recycling
- Energy
- Equipment sharing
- Transportation systems
- Shared golf course/athletic field operations
- **W** Emergency response
- **©** Cooperative education and training
- **Workforce development**
- **W** Economic development

Stakeholders

- Local, state & federal governments
- Regional planning orgs
- **W** Key tenants
- **W** EDCs
- **W** Educators and universities
- **W** NGOs
- Conservation org
- **W** Utility companies
- Community thought leaders
- **Nonprofits**
- Private sector experts
- **Medical institutions**



Partnerships – How (Authorities)

- Installation-support services: intergovernmental support agreements (10 U.S.C. 2679): authorizes sole-source partnerships with state and local governments for a variety of purposes
- Enhanced Use Leases (10 U.S.C. 2667) Allows DoD organizations to lease non-excess property for non-defense uses in return for cash or inkind services
- Energy Savings Contracts and Activities (10 U.S.C. 2913) Allows
 DoD organizations to enter into agreements for shared energy services.
- Cooperative Agreement Authorities
 - 10 U.S.C. 2684(a) Management of Cultural Resources: Authorizes partnerships to address encroachment though purchase of land use rights
 - 15 U.S.C. 3710(a): Authorizes Federal laboratories to enter into cooperative research and development agreements (CRADA)
 - 31 U.S.C. 6305: Requires that a Cooperative Agreement (CA) be created when a federal agency transfers "a thing of value" to a state, local government, or other entity to carry out a public purpose
- AT LEAST A DOZEN OTHERS...Power Purchase Agreements, Utilities Privatization, Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative, Energy Savings Performance Contracts



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Energy

- Energy Acts and White House renewable energy (RE) and global warming initiatives
- AF, Army, Navy set 1 GW goal for RE
- Linked to Critical Infrastructure Initiative and distributed energy vs national grid dependency
- AF energy assurance similar to Navy objectives: guaranteed mission execution; reduce energy costs; and, sustainable, reliable, renewable
- Ex: State (Conn) / Navy (Groton) partnership for RE generation, microgrids, battery storage
 - Base + community critical infrastructure
 - State investing \$10M initially
 - Proof of concept; REPO may be interested in doing this in Norfolk area



Engagement

- Team will schedule return visits to all communities/installations part of initial data gathering
- Share details of SWOT analysis and discuss how they informed overall strategic recommendations
- Opportunity to bring forward new ideas and concepts
- Expanded updates on P4, BRAC, energy, etc.
- Request stakeholder support to advance appropriate recommendations



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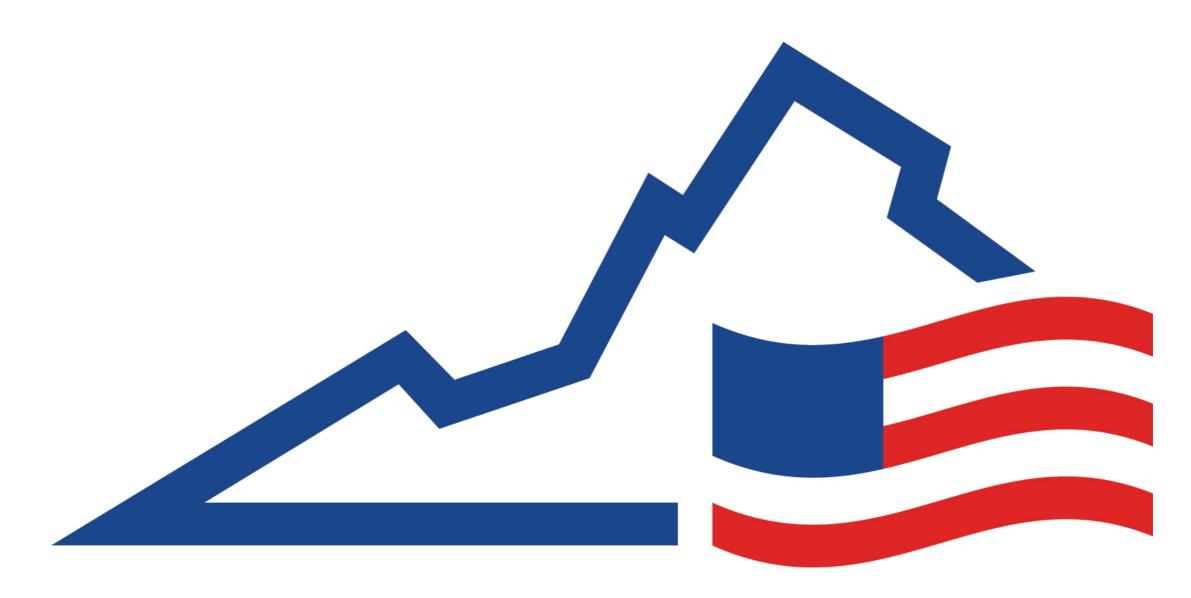




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Department of Veterans Services
Benefits Update

Thomas Herthel



Benefits

Virginia Department of Veterans Services





Our Mission

To provide Virginia's veterans and their family members with accurate, timely and ethical education and assistance in obtaining the federal and state benefits they have earned through service and sacrifice to our Commonwealth and Nation.

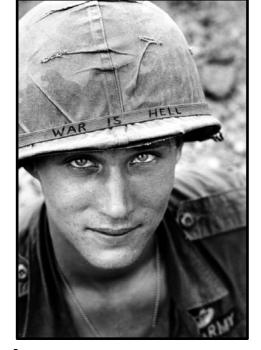
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Who We Serve

- Virginia has over 780,000 veterans
 - 623,000 in wartime service
- Almost 1 in every 10 citizens is a veteran,
 20% in some areas



- Currently, Virginia is one of only two states with a growing veteran population
- Virginia ranks seventh among states in total veteran population
- Huge active duty military population





Virginia Department of Veterans Services

Benefits Office

Who We Are

- Headquartered in Richmond
- 26 (+ 4) Benefit Offices throughout the Commonwealth
- 81 staff to assist active duty military and veterans
 - 74 full time VA accredited representatives
- Currently providing service to:
 - Ft Lee* (Petersburg Office)
 - Ft Eustis (Hampton Office)
 - Yorktown Naval Weapons Station (Hampton VA Office)
 - Little Creek (Virginia Beach & Norfolk Offices)
 - Oceana Naval Air Station (Virginia Beach Office)
 - Portsmouth Naval Hospital* (Portsmouth Office)
 - Naval Special Warfare Development Group (Virginia Beach Office)
 - Quantico Marine Corps Base* (Quantico Office)
 - Rivanna Station (NGIC/DIA) (Charlottesville Office)
- Available to support Ft Belvoir, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall & Langley AFB





What We Do

- Disability Compensation Claims
 - Pre Discharge/Retirement
- Appeals to Regional Office, BVA, CAVC
- VA Health Care Eligibility/Applications
- Veteran Pension Claims
- Survivor Benefit Claims
- Survivor Pension Claims
- Applications for Burial Benefits/Flags/Markers
- Certificate of Eligibility for VA Home Loan Guarantees
- VGLI Applications
- Outreach into Local Communities
- Referral to Local, State, and Federal Social Services
- Assist Veterans Service Organizations







Impact

- 280,000 Virginia Veterans assisted in FY14-15
- Over 45,000 compensation claims filed in FY14-15
- \$152 Million in Retroactive Awards in FY14-15
- Total New Compensation and Pension Claims in FY14-15 = \$350+ Million
- Total Compensation and Pension Federal Dollars to Virginia Veterans in FY15 = \$2.73 Billion
 - FY14-15 = Over \$5 Billion
- Access to VA Health Care

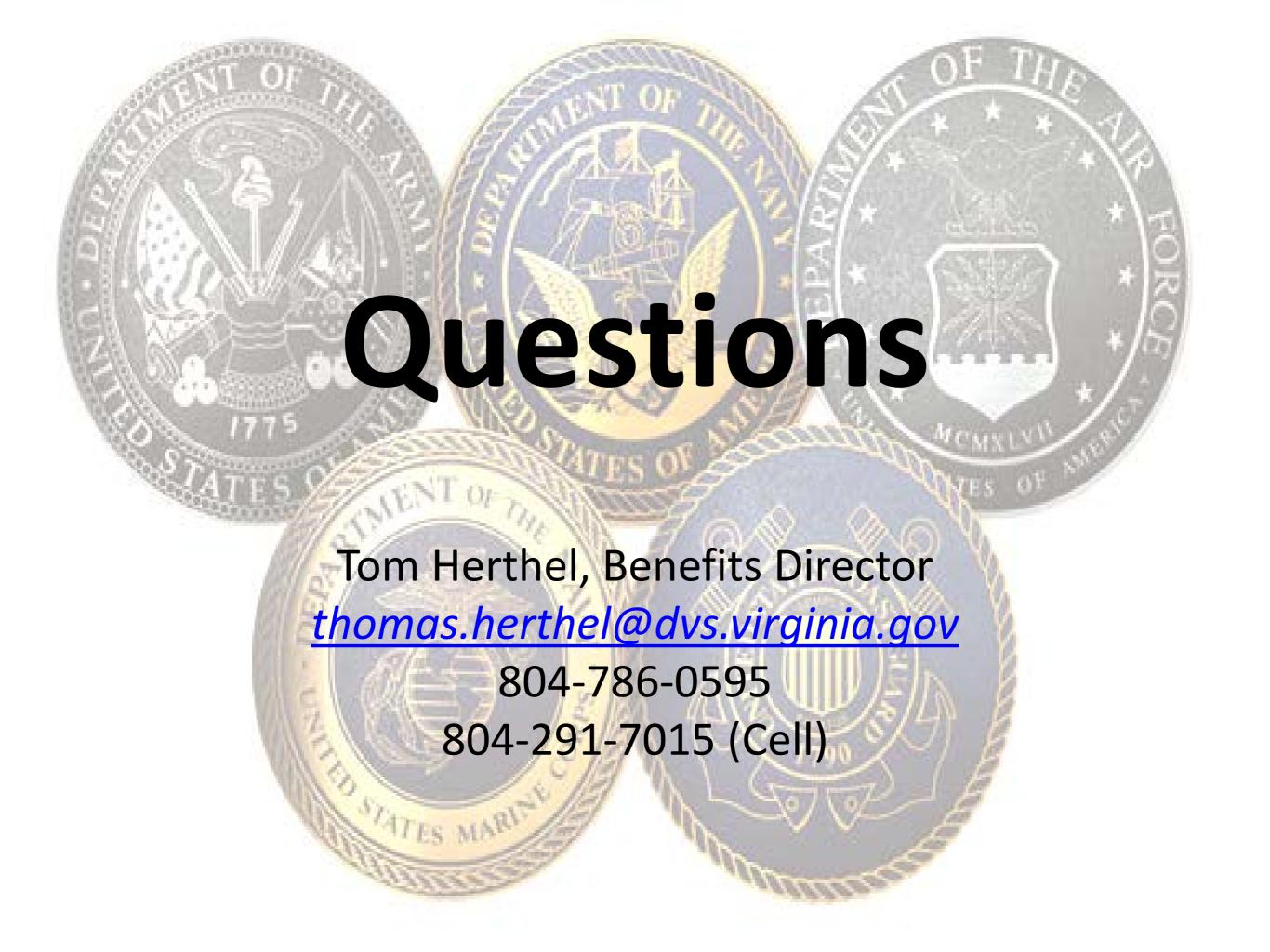




Initiatives

- Electronic Filing
- Access to VA Information
- Appeals
- Training
- Retention Focus
- Building Partnerships
- Reach More Transitioning Veterans















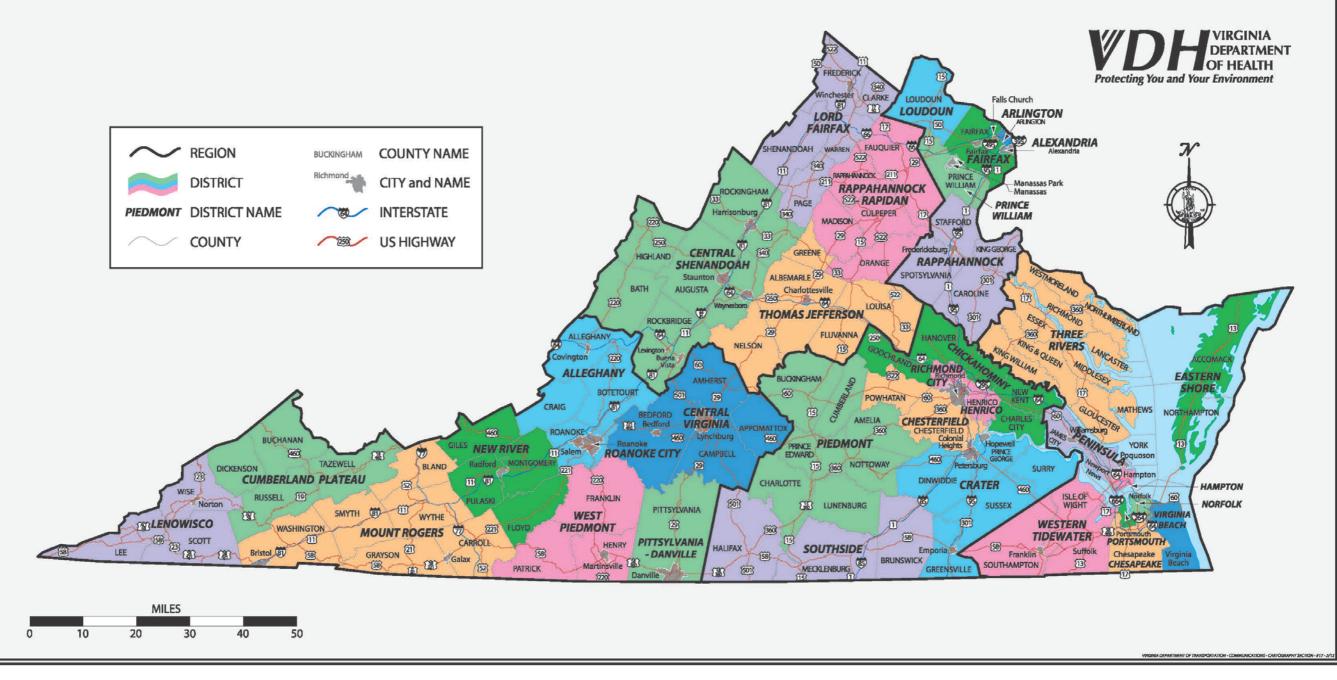
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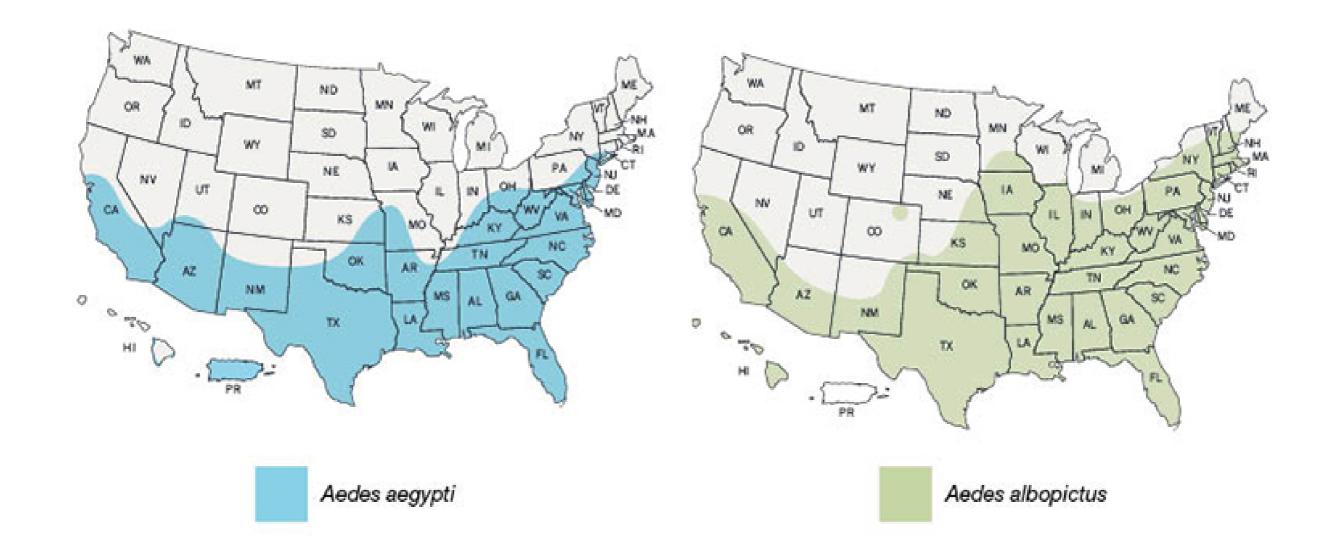
Commonwealth Response to Potential ZIKA

Outbreak

Bob Mauskapf

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT of HEALTH





Zika Virus Disease in Virginia

 As of April 20 2016, Zika virus disease has been laboratory-confirmed in eleven(11) residents of Virginia. Three (3) are pregnant.

 Additional cases will be laboratoryconfirmed as physicians evaluate ill returning travelers, consider Zika, and work with public health to obtain testing

Zika Virus Disease – The Basics

- Spread to people primarily through bite of infected mosquitoes (Aedes species)
- 1 of 5 infected persons get sick
- Fever, rash, joint pain and conjunctivitis are most common symptoms – usually a mild illness
- Illness lasts several days to 1 week
- 4 of 5 infected persons are asymptomatic not sick
- No vaccine or medications are available to prevent or treat Zika infections

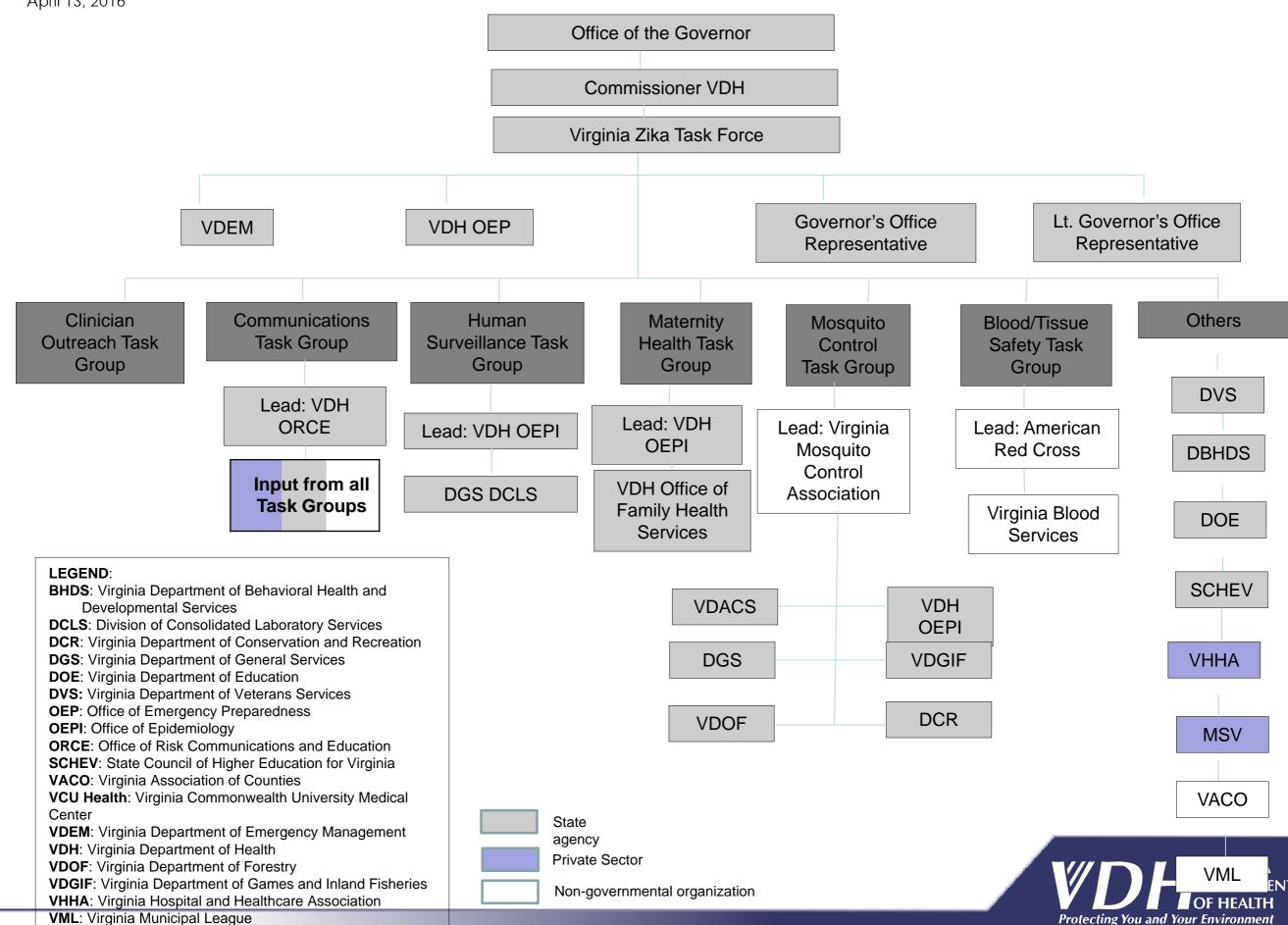


Transmission



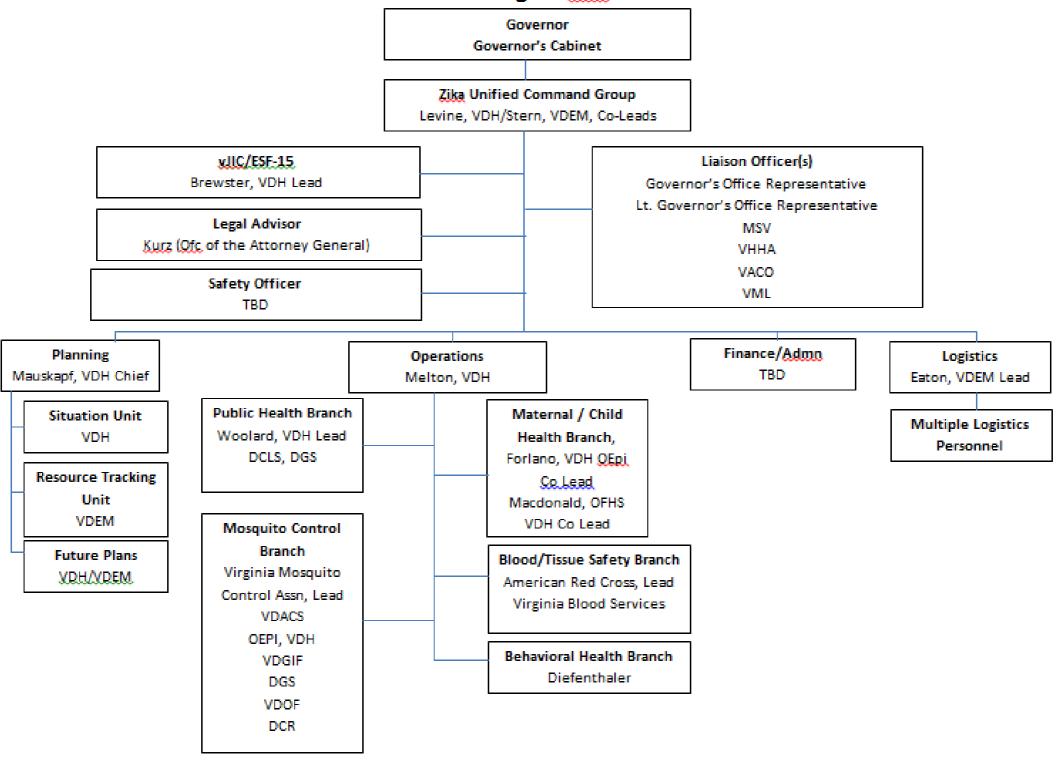
- Zika virus primarily transmitted by mosquitoes. Zika virus remains in an infected person's blood for ~ 1 week
- No animal reservoir is known to be involved in Zika.
- Transmitted from mother to child, during pregnancy or at the time of delivery
- Sexual transmission
- Rarely, transmitted by blood







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Phases

Preparation

Response

- Vector present or possible in the state
- Mosquito Season
- Confirmed Local Transmission
- Widespread Local Transmission
- Local Transmission in Multiple Counties



Task Force Members

- Deputy Chief of Staff, Offices of the Governor and Lt. Governor
- Secretary of Veterans' and Military Affairs
- Department of Emergency Management
- Department of Health
- Department of Health Professions
- Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services
- Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- Department of Environmental Quality
- Department of Education / State Council of Higher Education for Virginia
- Department of General Services Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services
- Department of Transportation
- Departments of Conservation and Recreation/Forestry/Game and Inland Fisheries
- Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association / 6 regional coalitions
- Medical Society of Virginia
- City, Town and County Governments
 - Virginia Municipal League
 - Virginia Association of Counties
- American Red Cross / Virginia Blood Services
- Others, situationally dependent, as required



Task Force Activities

- Agreed on action plan & milestones
- Defined agency & organization roles
- Established Task Groups
 - Maternal / Fetal Health
 - Vector Surveillance / Control
 - External Communications
 - Human Surveillance
 - Laboratory Diagnostics
 - Blood Supply Security
 - Clinician Outreach
- Established requirements for sharing/reporting
 - Overall situational awareness
 - Task assignments & tracking



Coordination with DOD Installations

Levels

- DOD: Secretary Veterans and Defense Affairs: VDH
- Installations: Local Health Districts
- Regions: Tracking / Situational Awareness

Areas of Common Interest

- Human surveillance & epidemiological investigations
- ArboNET reporting coordination
- Screening & monitoring of travelers or local transmission cases
- Risk communications
- Management of mosquito abatement districts
- Laboratory testing, diagnostics
- Coordination / reporting on maternal/fetal & birth defects





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