

**BASE VISIT REPORT**

**LEASED SPACES VA-DC-MD**

**27 MAY 2005**

**LEAD COMMISSIONER:** The Honorable Anthony Principi

**ACCOMPANYING COMMISSIONER:** None

**COMMISSION STAFF:** Timothy Abrell, Frank Cirillo, Robert Cook, Dave Van Suan, Kathleen Robertson, Marilyn Wasleski

**LIST OF ATTENDEES:** Honorable John Warner, Honorable George Allen, U.S. Senators, Virginia; Honorable James Moran, Congressman, Virginia; Honorable Mark Warner, Governor, Virginia; RADM Jay Cohen, Mr. Paul Hubble, Office of Naval Research; COL Elden Mullis, U.S. Army Human Resources Command; Ms. Ariane Whittemore, RADM Jan Gaudio, Department of Navy; Lt. Gen. Harry Raduege, Defense Information Systems Agency; Mr. David Altwegg, Missile Defense Agency; COL Timothy Carrol, National Guard Bureau; Mr. Ronald Kurjanowicz, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency; COL Rodney Mallette, U.S. Army Surface Deployment & Distribution Command

**BASE'S PRESENT MISSION:** Numerous agencies involved in eighteen recommendations. the National Capital Region. Seven agencies representing the largest individual stakeholders were present at this meeting.

**SECRETARY OF DEFENSE RECOMMENDATION:** Eighteen recommendations that relocate agencies in leased spaces in the National Capitol Region to DoD owned facilities, primarily, Ft. Belvoir, VA, Ft. Meade, MD, and Andrews AFB, MD.

**SECRETARY OF DEFENSE JUSTIFICATION:** Consolidation of Headquarters elements, Force Protection, and cost savings.

**MAIN FACILITIES REVIEWED:** various facilities in Northern Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Maryland.

**KEY ISSUES IDENTIFIED**

- None of the leased facilities comply with DoD standards for force protection
- Several agencies feel the synergy in local area with other agencies and higher headquarters will be disrupted in moved
- Several moves involve consolidating military office headquarters that they feel will be beneficial
- immediate saving in lease income lends to quick payback
- support of warfight could be hindered during move from old location to the new site

**INSTALLATION CONCERNS RAISED**

- Loss of senior level talent due to retirement forced or accelerated by moving locations
- increase of cost for contractor support because no space provide for contractor at new sites

**COMMUNITY CONCERNS RAISED:**

- infrastructure on gaining location may not be adequate
- 50% loss of civilian jobs noted in survey
- greater commutes to location not on public transportation system

**REQUESTS FOR STAFF AS A RESULT OF VISIT:**

None