

Va. Guard begins design phase of new state headquarters

The Virginia National Guard has begun the design phase of a new 102,000 square foot state headquarters facility to be built on a 13.6-acre site in the northern section of Defense Supply Center Richmond in Chesterfield County, Va., according to an announcement made March 20, 2015, by Brig. Gen. Timothy P. Williams, the Adjutant General of Virginia. The new headquarters will cost approximately \$30 million and construction should be completed by February 2018. It will provide workspace for the Adjutant General of Virginia, the Virginia National Guard Joint Staff and Air National Guard Staff.

"We are incredibly excited to enter the design phase of the new state headquarters and we look forward to moving into a state-of-the-art facility," said Williams. "The process of building a new headquarters has developed and matured for the last 10 years, and I am confident we are on track for a facility that will provide a more effective workspace for our personnel."

Read more: <http://vanguard.dodlive.mil/2015/03/20/6840/>



A computer rendering shows a design concept for the new Virginia Guard state headquarters facility to be built at Defense Supply Center Richmond in Chesterfield County, Va.

Virginia National Guard News Headlines

34th CST shares information, experience during mortuary affairs exercise

The Virginia National Guard's 34th Civil Support Team supported Soldiers of the 111th Quartermaster Company, 82nd Special Troops Battalion by training mortuary affairs personnel on chemical detection equipment during a field training exercise March 12, 2015, at Fort Lee, Va.

Read more: <http://vanguard.dodlive.mil/2015/03/13/7118/>

Equipment, clothing secured in new lockers at 19 readiness centers

The Virginia National Guard's Fort Pickett-based Directorate of Logistics began installing 2,418 lockers in January, beginning in Gate City, Va., and moving east to install anywhere from 50 to 200 lockers at different Virginia National Guard facilities across the commonwealth.

Read more: <http://vanguard.dodlive.mil/2015/03/23/7134/>

192nd and 1st Fighter Wings perform combat training at Red Flag

Airmen from the 192nd and 1st Fighter Wing Maintenance and Operations Groups participated in the Red Flag combat training exercise Jan. 26 to Feb. 13, 2015, at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. The event brought assets from the United Kingdom, Australia and the U.S. together to train and enhance coalition response.

Read more: <http://vanguard.dodlive.mil/2015/03/25/7174/>

116th IBCT Soldiers represent modern military at Jamestown history event

Virginia National Guard field artillery Soldiers explained the capabilities of the M119A2 howitzer, answered questions about the Guard and took part in a demonstration of 400 years of Virginia artillery during the Military Through the Ages event March 21, 2015, at Jamestown Settlement in Williamsburg, Va.

Read more: <http://vanguard.dodlive.mil/2015/03/23/7169/>

Mark Your Calendars!

Teen Wilderness Adventure Camp

Registration for the 2015 Teen Wilderness Adventure Camp is now open. This is an active, outdoor adventure camp funded through a DoD grant, hosted by the Virginia National Guard Youth Program. If your teen wants to attend they have to get their slot ASAP.

Teen Wilderness Adventure Camp will be held June 21-25, 2015, at Wildernewss Adventure at Eagle Landing in New Castle, Va. Camp is open to military connected youth, ages 13-17, who have a parent or loved one in any phase of the deployment cycle. The cost for the Teen Wilderness Adventure Camp is \$20 per child.

To register, email Joe Duerksen at joe.m.duerksen.ctr@mail.mil or Silena Callis at silena.m.callis.ctr@mail.mil.

Virginia Guard Airmen supporting global operations

Virginia National Guard Airmen from the 192nd Intelligence Squadron work side-by-side with the active duty Air Force every day at Langley Air Force Base, providing critical intelligence products to support war fighting operations around the world. Several of them took part in a capabilities demonstration for the news media hosted March 17, 2015, by the 480th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing.

"ISR provides supported commanders with decision advantage," explained Col. Timothy D. Haugh, commander of the 480th ISR Wing. "It makes sure they have the best available information for whatever decision they have to make from peacetime to the execution of combat operations."

Because the demand for information has grown significantly, the active Air Force had to look for ways to meet the demand.

"We needed to grow our capabilities beyond the capacity of our wing, and we have done that through a partnership with the Reserve and Air National Guard," he said. "We could not do our mission successfully without that partnership with the Guard and Reserve. They all bring a lot of capability, capacity and talents that has been an incredible value added."

More than 100 Virginia National Guard Airmen support the ISR mission at Langley in a variety of duty statuses. Some are full time military technicians, others volunteer to serve in an active duty status, while the majority are traditional guardsmen who support the ISR mission during their monthly drill weekends.

The 192nd Intelligence Squadron is part of the 192nd Fighter Wing and engaged in a "Single Wing Classic Associate," where National Guard Airmen integrate with active duty Air Force, working with the 497th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group, the 1st Fighter Wing Operations and Maintenance Groups and the 735th Supply Chain Operations Group. The 192nd Fighter Wing also conducts independent missions with the 192nd Security Forces Squadron, the 203rd RED HORSE Squadron and 192nd Medical Group.

The 192nd Intelligence Squadron achieved full operational capability in June 2010 and now provides direct support to assist the active duty in executing 70 missions a day, operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year.

"Our ability to integrate with mission partners while preserving unit identity and esprit de corps is vital to our role as citizen Airmen," said Lt. Col. David R. Lands, 192nd Intelligence Squadron Commander.

The 192nd Intelligence Squadron's federal mission is to "provide near-real-time, high confidence intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance products to Joint Force and Component Commanders," Lands said. Additionally, their domestic mission is to "provide near-real-time, high confidence incident awareness and assessment for domestic operations in the Commonwealth of Virginia" in times of emergency.

No matter their status, they all support the mission from Langley through a global information network that allows data collected at one point to be evaluated and turned into an intelligence product



A Virginia Guard Airmen from the 192nd Intelligence Squadron demonstrates intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities March 17, 2015, at Langley Air Force Base.

by an analyst thousands of miles away, Haugh explained.

He said commanders identify their information requirements, then requests are prioritized at the Joint Staff level. From there, analysts are assigned missions based on those priorities.

"We have a large, centrally managed process to ensure that as a nation we are placing our ISR resources against the highest priority things that meet our national security objectives and theatre objectives," he said.

Haugh explained that data comes from various aerial platforms, but the critical element is getting it to the analyst who turns it into a product commanders need. Analysts pull in video that they integrate with other information to produce a final product.

Read more: <http://vanguard.dodlive.mil/2015/03/19/7166/>

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Soldiers, Marines clear trees, create habitats at Fort Pickett

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