

Fort Lee Expo Meetings
Presentations at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland (9/5-6/06)
and Redstone Arsenal, Alabama (9/12-13/06)
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At both sites emphasis was placed on how pleased the Fort Lee community was to have the opportunity to speak with both the civilian and military personnel about the BRAC decision to consolidate ordinance facilities at Fort Lee.

The six primary jurisdictions surrounding Fort Lee (cities of Colonial Heights, Hopewell and Petersburg), (counties of Chesterfield, Dinwiddie and Prince George) are all united in their effort to fully and successfully implement the changes which will take place at Fort Lee during the next six years.

The Team continues to operate under the leadership of Fourth District Congressman, J. Randy Forbes. He created the team in January 2002 and those individuals will continue to serve at his pleasure. Technical and organizational support will be led by Denny K. Morris, Executive Director of the Crater Planning District Commission, and Jason Gray, District Representative/Military Liaison to Congressman Forbes will also serve in a leadership role.

Participants at both installations were told that moving to a new location is a personal and certainly a difficult decision. However, this region stands ready to assist them in this endeavor. Among the supportive agencies that were present were:

- 1) Public school and local government officials from the six jurisdictions
- 2) Local Chambers of Commerce
- 3) Crater Planning District Commission
- 4) Virginia's Gateway Region
- 5) Commonwealth of Virginia
 - Virginia Housing Development Authority
 - Virginia Employment Commission
 - Richard Bland College
 - John Tyler Community College
 - Virginia State University
- 6) Logistics Management Resources
- 7) Fort Lee Federal Credit Union
- 8) Virginia Tourism Corporation
- 9) SunTrust Bank
- 10) Bank of America
- 11) Southside Virginia Association of Realtors
- 12) The Fort Lee Team

Those present were told of the many amenities found in the Fort Lee region. These include highways, schools, jobs, hospitals, housing, cost of living, and benefits regarding in-state tuition for spouses and other dependents of military personnel assigned to Fort Lee.

The meetings were productive and numerous contacts were made with civilian and military personnel at both locations. A multitude of materials from all organizations was left at the respective resource rooms.