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Navy seeks airfield use

The Navy in April announced that it is interested in contracting with a public and/or private airfield for space and time for pilots to practice field carrier landing practice (FCLP), a critical component of flight training that prepares pilots for qualifying to land aboard an aircraft carrier.

The Navy's use will be limited to E-2 Hawkeye and C-2 Greyhound turboprop aircraft, which are considerably quieter than jets such as the Hornets and Super Hornets that perform similar training at Naval Auxiliary Landing Field Fentress in Chesapeake, Va. Having an additional training airfield for the turboprop planes will relax the schedule at over-burdened Fentress, and will keep the squadrons from having to travel to Florida four to six times a year to meet training requirements.

The Navy plans to use the airfield for both day and night training, but during non-training hours the field will remain available as an airport for public use.

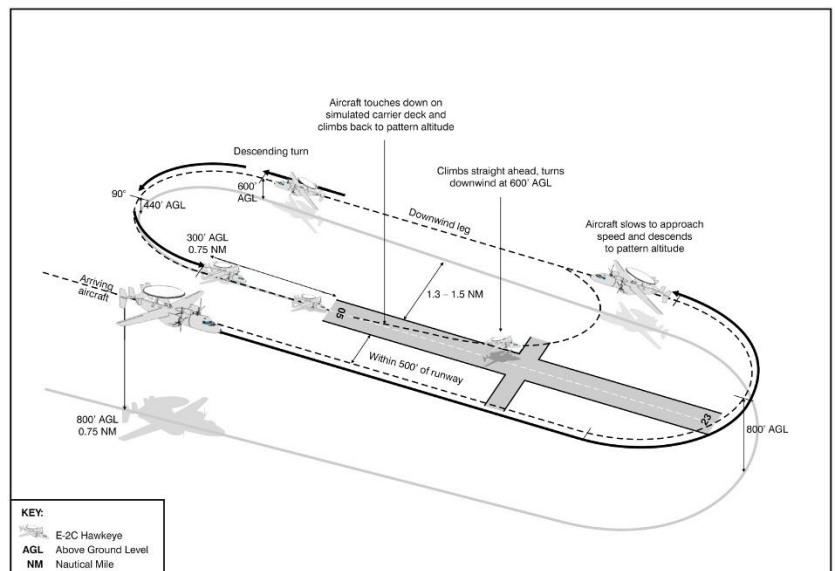
In order to qualify for consideration, airfields must at a minimum be within 90 nautical miles transit distance from Naval Station Norfolk Chambers Field where the turboprop aircraft are based, and meet technical requirements for runway length and runway width. A full listing of operational and technical requirements, including necessary airfield modifications, will be provided in a formal request for proposals scheduled for release by the Navy in September.

The lease could be a considerable benefit for the airfield chosen, as well as providing indirect benefits to the community sponsoring the airfield. The Navy will perform all necessary environmental analysis (including determination of the impacts of any additional noise created by the training), will provide funding for the lease, and will use existing facilities at the airfield. The Navy would like to begin operations at a selected airfield by January 2012.



An E-2C Hawkeye assigned to the Bluetails of Airborne Warning Squadron (VAW) 121 lands during flight operations aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) on January 3, 2010. Both the Eisenhower and VAW are based in Norfolk, Va.

The venerable Hawkeye has been in the Navy inventory for nearly 50 years, and continues to provide airborne early warning radar capabilities to aircraft carrier battle groups. *U.S. Navy photo by Mass Comm. Specialist 3rd Class Bradley Evans*



This Navy graphic shows the flight pattern for the E-2C Hawkeye during field carrier landing practice (FCLP). The pattern is designed to closely simulate approaches and landings on aircraft carriers.

More Raptors for Langley

Last month the Air Force announced that Langley Air Force Base (now part of Joint Base Langley-Eustis) would receive six additional F-22 Raptor aircraft. The jets are part of two squadrons leaving New Mexico's Holloman Air Force Base. One squadron will relocate to Florida, another will be deactivated and the jets sent to existing F-22 bases (Langley and bases in Alaska and Nevada).



An F-22 Raptor piloted by Maj. David Skalicky of the Raptor Demonstration Team flies over Langley AFB, Va., February 3, 2010.

U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Zachary Wolf

Langley currently has two squadrons of 18 combat-ready F-22s. The additional aircraft will bring about 100 new personnel to the base in Hampton. Congress has stopped future procurement of F-22s, and only 187 are expected to be built.

Coming Events

September 29, 2010

[Virginia Military Advisory Council \(VMAC\) Meeting](#)

Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Arlington, Va.

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October 13, 2010

[VNDIA Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting](#)

Virginia War Memorial, Richmond, Va.

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[Va. Dept. of Business Assistance](#)

Fort Lee Society of Am. Mil. Engineers

State & Federal Procurement Seminar; Fort Lee, Va.

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JFCOM

The U.S. Joint Forces Command (JFCOM), one of ten Defense Department combatant commands and a major Hampton Roads employer, has been singled out by Secretary of Defense Robert Gates for closure.

This has prompted action by local, state and federal leaders questioning the effects and timing of the move. The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission has compiled an economic impact brief, reprinted on the next page, showing a snapshot of what JFCOM means to the region.

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A tabletop exercise, or TTX, was held at Marine Corps Base Quantico in late-July to begin a process of looking at the next 20 years of growth at the base and in the surrounding communities. Base commander Col. Dan Choike told the roughly 100 people in attendance that the base needs "to open up" and "communicate with purpose to the surrounding communities."

The three localities bordering Quantico, Fauquier, Stafford and Prince William counties, all participated. In addition, other regional and state-level planning and transportation officials were there.

Col. Choike and officials from Stafford and Prince William counties are also part of a regional group, the Quantico Growth Management Committee, which is taking a closer look at how the three entities work together, particularly in the wake of about 2,750 new jobs coming to the base through the 2005 BRAC process.

Quantico TTX



Col. Daniel J. Choike
U.S. Marine Corps photo



HRPDC Special Report

JFCOM Economic Impact Brief No. 1

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U.S. Joint Forces Command (JFCOM) is one of ten U.S. Department of Defense combatant commands and one of five that are headquartered in Hampton Roads. The origin of JFCOM dates back to 1947 when the military applied lessons learned from WWII in order to ensure that all branches of the military work together to achieve strategic goals. At present, JFCOM's headquarters is located in Norfolk, Virginia, where it oversees more than 1.16 million men and women in four major mission areas: Joint Concept Development and Experimentation, Joint Training, Joint Capabilities Development, and Joint Force Provider. Currently, JFCOM trains forces from all military branches to serve together effectively, ensuring equipment interoperability, as well as developing the ability for the U.S. Military to cooperate with allied military commands. Additionally, JFCOM serves as a think-tank for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, preparing and testing blueprints for how the military will conduct future operations.

In August 2010, the Defense Business Board provided a list of recommendations to Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, including the recommendation to close JFCOM. There are significant personnel and assets in Hampton Roads currently dedicated to JFCOM, including over 1 million square feet of building and construction leasing in Norfolk and Suffolk.

JFCOM Operating Budget and Staffing Complement		
Operating Budget		\$703,954,000
Staff	Total	Hampton Roads
Military	1,491*	926
Civilian	1,533*	1,505
Contractor	3,300	3,216
Combined Total (including contractors)	6,324	5,647

*Manning figures include geographically separated units/subordinate components and Reserve Component
Sources: USJFCOM and HRMFFA

JFCOM plays an extremely important role in the regional economy. In addition to the 5,650 military, civilian, and contract employees, 5,150 additional jobs are generated through both indirect and induced effects. The presence of JFCOM and NATO's Allied Command Transformation contributes over \$900 million to the region's gross regional product (1.2%), with over \$500 million in contracts awarded on an annual basis.

HRPDC Estimate of the Regional Impact of JFCOM	
Direct Employment	5,650
Indirect and Induced Employment	5,150
Total Employment	10,800
Addition to Gross Regional Product (Millions)	\$901.3
Addition to Personal Income (Millions)	\$563.0

Source: HRPDC

Top Support Contracts for JFCOM	
Contractor	Millions of \$'s
Joint Project*	\$ 1,028
Northrop Grumman	\$ 686
Lockheed Martin	\$ 186
General Dynamics	\$ 102
Old Dominion	\$ 26
Rolands and Associates	\$ 34
Capstone	\$ 28
VMD Systems	\$ 21
Computer Science Corp	\$ 8
Old Dominion	\$ 5

*Northrup Grumman, Lockheed Martin, Science Applications International Corp, General Dynamics

As the recommendation has been brought forth to close the Joint Forces Command, it remains unclear which regional programs and assets might remain in the region under a different command. According to the Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance (HRMFFA), the new JFCOM commander will be in place on October 29, 2010 and is expected to deliver his recommendations to Secretary Robert Gates at some point thereafter.

We anticipate that we will receive new information on the status of JFCOM on a frequent basis and will make updates to our analysis accordingly.