

# Defense *advocate*

## *MODSIM World Conference 2008*

MODSIM World 2008 will be held on September 15-18 at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. The event is a unique, multi-disciplinary international conference and exposition for the exchange of modeling & simulation knowledge, research and technology across industry, government, and academia.

The conference was first held in September 2007, and will be hosted again this year by Old Dominion University's Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center (VMASC).

This year, speakers, educational tracks, presentations, and product demonstrations will center on using modeling and simulation tools and practices in decision-making in today's challenging operating environments. Attendees will learn about new applications and practices and have an opportunity to network with other industry professionals. A cross-cutting Gaming Track is featured throughout each of the education tracks and will offer the most up-to-date developments in "Serious Gaming."

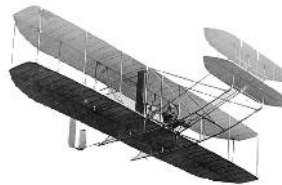
Visit [www.modsimworld2008.com](http://www.modsimworld2008.com) for more information.



VMASC is a multi-disciplinary modeling, simulation and visualization collaborative research center managed by Old Dominion University.  
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## *100 Years of Military Aviation in Va.*

The Army's Fort Myer in Arlington County will celebrate a century of military aviation on September 6. A variety of activities and exhibits will be available from 8:30 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. Highlights will include a replica of the Wright Flyer, historic re-enactors and exhibits from the Smithsonian's National Air & Space Museum



On September 3, 1908, the Wright brothers began testing their Flyer at Fort Myer, the U.S. military's first use of an airplane. Two weeks later, 1st Lt. Thomas



Orville Wright over Fort Myer, September 1908

Selfridge was a passenger on one of the flights when a propeller broke and the plane crashed. The pilot, Orville Wright, spent seven weeks in the hospital, but Selfridge was killed, becoming the first U.S. military air casualty.

The following summer, Orville Wright piloted his plane on a round-trip test flight from Fort Myer to the site of the George Washington Masonic Temple in Alexandria, a demonstration that led the Army to purchase its first plane.

Visit [www.fmmc.army.mil](http://www.fmmc.army.mil) for more information.

## *Coming Events*

### September 3

[SRI Rollout \(VEDP research project\)](#)  
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### September 6

[100 Years of Military Aviation](#)  
Fort Myer, Va.  
Contact: Fort Myer PAO, (703) 696-3283

### September 9-11

[BIMStorm/Alexandria Econ. Dev. Partnership](#)  
Alexandria, Va.  
Contact: AEDP, (703) 739-3820/ [info@alexecon.org](mailto:info@alexecon.org)

### September 15-18

[MODSIM World Conference](#)  
Virginia Beach, Va.  
Contact: Sheila Flanagan, [sflanaga@odu.edu](mailto:sflanaga@odu.edu)

### September 17

[Fort Monroe FADA Meeting](#)  
Fort Monroe, Va.  
Contact: FMFADA, (757) 637-7778

### September 25-26

[Hampton Roads Federal Leadership Summit](#)  
Norfolk, Va.  
Contact: Holly Graning, (757) 644-6324/  
[hgraning@hrmfia.org](mailto:hgraning@hrmfia.org)  
Invitation required, call for sponsorship opportunities.

# Cyber Command on Hold

In August Air Force officials suspended all activities related to the establishment of Cyber Command, a provisional unit that is currently part of the 8th Air Force at Barksdale Air Force Base near Shreveport, Louisiana.

While the Air Force has suggested that the new command would be virtual and have a presence nationwide, Langley Air Force Base in Hampton is one of several installations vying to become the permanent headquarters of the command. In June, with the support of the City of Hampton, VNDIA and other agencies, Gov. Kaine responded to the Air Force's formal request for information regarding Langley.

Further decisions on Cyber Command's fate will be delayed until the Air Force's new leadership, Secretary Michael Donley (pending Senate confirmation) and Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz, have time to review the scope and mission of the command.



The Air Force's "Above All" recruiting campaign debuted on February 24 of this year. The service's foray into cyberspace is now in question.



# Dahlgren Area Bridge Improvements

Maryland's Charles County and Virginia's King George County have agreed to ask the Navy to reconsider giving up land for a new four-lane bridge to replace the Gov. Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge over the Potomac River. The current two-lane bridge opened in 1940, and connects Newburg, Md. and Dahlgren, Va. The bridge receives up to 26,000 trips per day, and backups of several miles have occurred on both sides.

The Maryland Transportation Authority is expected to adopt one of seven construction options early next year. The bridge and the project belong to Maryland, but Virginia's support is needed to address right of way issues before any construction can begin. A new bridge will cut through either King George County's Wayside Park or the Dahlgren Naval Support Facility.

In December the Navy asked officials to abandon the idea of taking base land, citing the potential affect on its missions and the installation's master plan. King George County is concerned about the loss of public park space, but officials have suggested that bridge improvements will take precedence over the park.

Virginia is a close second to California in total Department of Defense spending. However, the annual per-capita spending of around \$6,000 in the Commonwealth more than doubles that of any other major defense state.

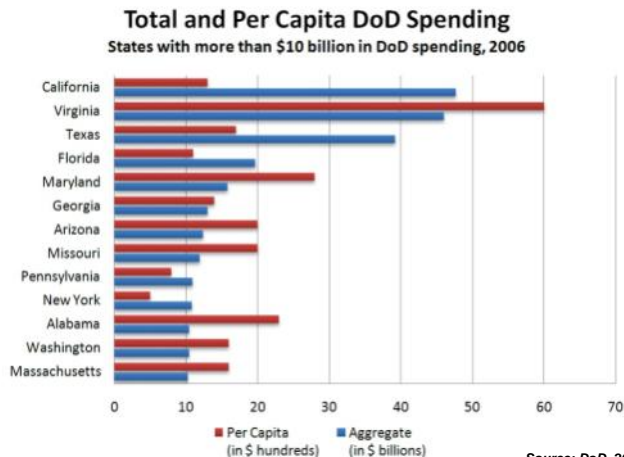
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