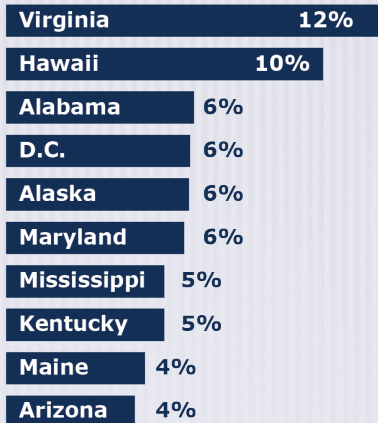




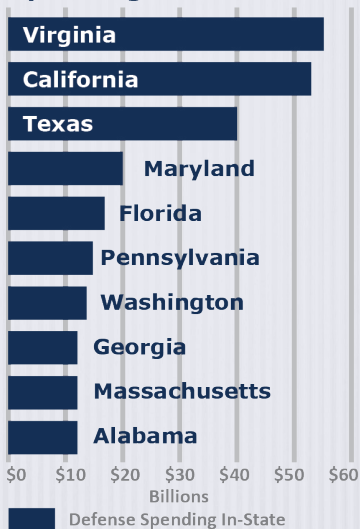
Growing the Military Mission in Virginia

Key Virginia Statistics

Defense Spending as a % of State GDP FY 2014



Top States for Defense Spending FY 2014



Source: Defense Spending by State FY2014 Report, Dept of Defense and Office of Economic Adjustment

Strengthening academic institutions across the Commonwealth by creating opportunities for growth and development of our troops and their families, especially in areas where we continue to search for solutions to our greatest global challenges, will also enhance quality for all Virginians. It will also allow Virginia to sustain its position as a national and world leader in quality education, while also supporting our veterans and improving their leader development opportunities in the future.

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"The Commonwealth's Office of the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs is undertaking a strategic approach to grow the military missions in Virginia."
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Why is this initiative important in **YOUR** District?

Defense-related activities occur in all of the Commonwealth's 100 House and 40 Senate districts, which overlap the 11 Congressional districts, and these activities have crucial implications for our national defense. All combined, the DOD contributes nearly \$55 billion to Virginia's economy – outpacing every other state and resulting in over 500,000 defense-related jobs across Virginia. These expenditures constitute approximately 12% of the Commonwealth's Gross State Product (GSP). Due to these significant impacts, Governor McAuliffe issued Executive Order 11 which commissioned a strategic effort that resulted in twenty significant recommendations to grow the military mission in Virginia. Examples include:

- Create a Center of Excellence that will teach a Whole of Government approach to national security challenges at the College of William and Mary.
- Support expanding the Rivanna Station Integrated Intelligence Campus in Charlottesville.
- Support expanding Joint Service and Special Operations Command training opportunities at both Fort AP Hill and Fort Pickett.

All recommendations by the Commission on Military Installations and Defense Activities can be reviewed in detail in a report published by the Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs available at <https://vada.virginia.gov>. These recommendations, if fully developed, will result in an increase in the military missions within the Commonwealth, which corresponds to increased defense investment, more jobs, and greater economic stability.

Why is this initiative important to **OUR** Commonwealth?

The prominent role Virginia plays in our nation's defense is not accidental. The Commonwealth's support for our military services and other DOD organizations is a carefully constructed network of bases, installations, and training ranges that must be fully understood and supported by the state's leaders to ensure Virginia continues to retain its position of prominence in the nation's defense structure. This network's interconnectivity involves many factors, including Virginia's unique geography, community engagement and support, access to premier training ranges and airspace, a concentrated set of critical missions and capabilities, a specialized workforce, a dynamic economy, a world-class transportation hub, academic centers of excellence, and a strong history and heritage of service.

#1 \$54.7 BILLION SPENT IN STATE

#1 11.8% OF STATE GDP

13.1% OF TOTAL U.S. DEFENSE SPENDING

\$6,567 PER RESIDENT



Virginia Major Military Installations

1. The Pentagon
2. Joint Base Ft. Myer-Henderson Hall
3. Army National Guard Readiness Center
4. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
5. Fort Belvoir
6. National Geospatial Agency
7. Marine Corps Base Quantico
8. Fort A.P. Hill
9. Naval Support Facility Dahlgren
10. Defense General Supply Center Richmond
11. Fort Lee
12. Naval Weapons Station Yorktown
13. Fort Eustis (JBLE)
14. Langley Air Force Base (JBLE)
15. Naval Station Norfolk
16. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
17. Naval Support Activity Hampton Roads
18. Coast Guard Atlantic Area & Fifth Coast Guard District
19. Norfolk Naval Shipyard
20. Naval Medical Center Portsmouth
21. USCG Base Portsmouth
22. Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story
23. Naval Air Station Oceana
24. Dam Neck Annex
25. NSA Northwest Annex
26. Surface Combat Systems Center Wallops Island
27. Fort Pickett
28. Rivanna Station
29. The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School
30. Radford Army Ammunition Plant

Why is this initiative *RIGHT* for our national defense?

From rogue nation-states to third party actors, the United States faces a variety of threats that we must confront around the globe. Successfully responding to these threats has been an imperative since we became a nation in 1776, with Virginia playing a key role in every period of combat. The current world situation and economic climate are forcing difficult decisions that will affect our ability to respond to the many threats the nation faces in a violent and volatile world. DOD will continue to struggle with force structure and end strength reductions as the full effects of the Budget Control Act and sequestration are realized.

Major headquarters for the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard, intelligence related organizations, cyber forces, and significant logistics support headquarters are located in Virginia and play major roles in the operations against ISIS that continue to this day. Understanding emerging requirements and national security trends, and aligning them with the Commonwealth's existing military installations, industries, academic institutions, economic infrastructure, and communities in a critical and self-evaluative manner, is essential to ensuring Virginia's continued growth and enduring relevance to our nation's defense. The Commission provided an assessment of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and risks inherent in Virginia's current defense-related infrastructure and developed a strategy to improve the competitive posture of the Commonwealth in a dramatically changed defense budget environment.

In an era where creating increased efficiencies to stretch scarce resources becomes more important every day, taking actions to improve and better support our existing military training ranges will symptomatically increase the military value of our individual Virginia military installations and attract revenue and job producing defense training activities to the Commonwealth.

