

# DCMA on Track with BRAC

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As the Defense Contract Management Agency moves from Alexandria, Va., to Fort Lee, Va., in the coming years, the agency is working to provide the most up-to-date information to make this a smooth transition.

To do this, DCMA Public Affairs has created a monthly electronic newsletter called *On Track with BRAC*, which is sent via e-mail to all DCMA personnel. If you are not receiving the newsletter, send an e-mail to [dcmapublicaffairs@dcma.mil](mailto:dcmapublicaffairs@dcma.mil) to get your name on the electronic mailing list.

The new Base Realignment and Closure Web site at [brac.dcma.mil](http://brac.dcma.mil)

As more relocation information becomes available, it will be posted to the BRAC Web site, [brac.dcma.mil](http://brac.dcma.mil).

is now live and provides helpful information for those who are considering the move. The Web site also includes archived newsletters.

Approximately 400 copies of *Getting Settled at Fort Lee* magazine are delivered routinely to DCMA Headquarters in Alexandria. The magazine includes useful information for anyone planning to relocate to the Fort Lee area. DCMA Public Affairs will distribute magazines as they arrive.

## Market Trends

With the BRAC program coming to Fort Lee, there will be an increase in populations both on and off post. The facilities will continue to improve and grow to meet the needs of incoming personnel. Events and activities will expand to include new family members, both active duty military and civilians, and continue to serve current and retired military personnel.

The surrounding communities are also responding to this need,

The exterior view of the projected Transition Management Office in Chester, Va. (Photos by Cass Locke, DCMA Public Affairs)



growing in education facilities, retail shops and restaurant and entertainment venues.

Fort Lee is home to nearly 3,200 military personnel and equally as many family members, 600 single soldiers and 2,300 families off post. On any given day, between 3,000 and 4,200 students receive training on post. Most of the students attend one of nine advanced individual training courses at Fort Lee's Quartermaster Center and School. However, officers, warrant officers, noncommissioned officers and civilians also attend classes at the QMC&S and the Army Logistics Management College. The military community's population is more than 40,000.

### Building 10500 to be Green

For those moving with the agency to Fort Lee, DCMA is working to make Building 10500 sustainable and environmentally friendly. "The building is going to be as green as we can make it," said Sharlee Labrecque, BRAC facilities manager.

While DCMA improves its acquisition excellence through innovative green procurement that encourages purchasing less hazardous, more energy-efficient products, equipment and services, the agency is maximizing its use of recycled material and recycling demolished debris during the building construction process.

Additionally, DCMA is fully cooperating with the Army and its environmental policies. The Army's Facilities Policy Division and Installation Management Agency now require the installation



A view of the courtyard at the projected Transition Management Office in Chester, Va



Members of the Fort Lee transition team look over the floor plan of the projected Transition Management Office in Chester, Va. Employees occupying TMO 1 in Prince George, Va., are scheduled to move to the Chester building.

of waterless urinals in all new construction and major retrofits effective for construction projects after fiscal year 2010. By using these waterless urinals, DCMA can potentially save up to 45,000 gallons of water per year. These new urinals require no freeze protection, electrical pumps are eliminated and potable water is no longer needed. Waterless systems require no installation or maintenance

costs and reduce septic loads and water treatment time. To save water, DCMA is also looking to install landscaping that does not require permanent irrigation systems.

DCMA will be encouraging employees to look toward alternative transportation such as low-emission and fuel-efficient vehicles. The intent is to reduce pollution and land development impacts



The projected Transition Management Office in Chester, Va., offers a fitness center and locker rooms.



The projected Transition Management Office fitness center

from automobile use. DCMA is considering preferred parking for low-emitting and fuel-efficient vehicles for 5 percent of the total vehicle parking capacity.

To encourage employees to ride their bikes to work and reduce pollution, showers and bike racks are included in the building. “The golf course is less than half a mile away, so you can ride your bike to lunch and hit a bucket of balls,” said Labrecque.

Labrecque encourages employees to reduce, reuse and recycle. In Building 10500, there will be an accessible area dedicated to the collection and storage of materials for recycling such as paper, corrugated cardboard, glass, plastics and metals. Employees will need to be cognizant of the amount of electricity used in the workplace and turn off the lights when not in use.

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System encourages



Fort Lee offers a golf course, which is minutes from Building 10500.

sustainable green building and development practices. The system evaluates the sustainability, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, innovation in operations and indoor environmental quality of the building.

DCMA is aiming to become “Silver Certified” while renovating the building. That means on a 100-point rating system, DCMA is hoping to attain at least 50 points. Because Building 10500 is an existing structure, the building cannot be certified “green,” but DCMA can do its part in contributing to overall sustainability.

#### **New Transition Management Office Scouted**

Members currently occupying Transition Management Office 1 in Prince George, Va., will move to a new TMO later this year. Currently, TMO 1 cannot support the number of personnel moving to the area. The new TMO is located in Chester, Va., on Enon Church Road. This location is accessible by utilizing Interstate 295 or Route 10 (Hundred Road). “This building will provide more space for those moving to the Fort Lee area,” Labrecque affirmed.

The building offers a fitness room with male and female locker rooms, a cafeteria, conference areas, a courtyard and more than enough space to occupy over 250 working personnel. Currently, the BRAC team is planning spaces for respective departments and working out the details of a lease agreement. As more relocation information becomes available, it will be posted to the BRAC Web site, [brac.dcma.mil](http://brac.dcma.mil). 

## **USEFUL LINKS**

**Here are some helpful Web sites to help you and your family make a successful BRAC transition. Their appearance in this list is not an endorsement by the U.S. government, Department of Defense, or DCMA.**

#### **Virginia school ratings**

<http://www.greatschools.net/modperl/go/VA>

#### **Virginia county crime statistics**

<http://www.disastercenter.com/virginia/crime/index.html>

#### **Housing market information**

<http://www.city-data.com/forum/virginia/53828-nation-riding-bubbles-virginia-housing-market.html>

#### **Location comparison information**

<http://www.moving.com/real-estate/compare-cities/index.asp>

#### **Richmond entertainment guide**

<http://professionaltravelguide.com/Destinations/Richmond/Entertainment/Performing-Arts/Shows>

#### **Richmond entertainment and events**

<http://www.discoverourtown.com/VA/Richmond/Events-285.html>

#### **Richmond travel sites and entertainment**

[http://www.lindenrowinn.com/leisure\\_travel.php](http://www.lindenrowinn.com/leisure_travel.php)

#### **City of Petersburg, Va., official Web site**

<http://www.petersburg-va.org/>

#### **City of Richmond government Web site**

<http://www.ci.richmond.va.us/>

#### **Job search for family members**

<http://www.richmondjobsonline.com/>

#### **List of restaurants in Petersburg, Va.**

<http://www.petersburg-va.org/general/restaurants.htm>

#### **Petersburg, Va., relocation guide Web site**

<http://www.petersburg-va.org/general/relocation.htm>

#### **Chesterfield County, Va., Web site**

<http://www.co.chesterfield.va.us/>

#### **Real estate information**

<http://www.zillow.com/>

#### **New Kent County official Web site**

<http://www.newkent.net/>

#### **New Kent County schools' Web site**

<http://www.newkentschools.org/>

#### **Chesterfield, Va., official school Web site**

<http://www.chesterfield.k12.va.us/>

#### **City of Colonial Heights official Web site**

<http://www.colonial-heights.com/>

#### **Fort Lee Web site**

[www.lee.army.mil](http://www.lee.army.mil)