

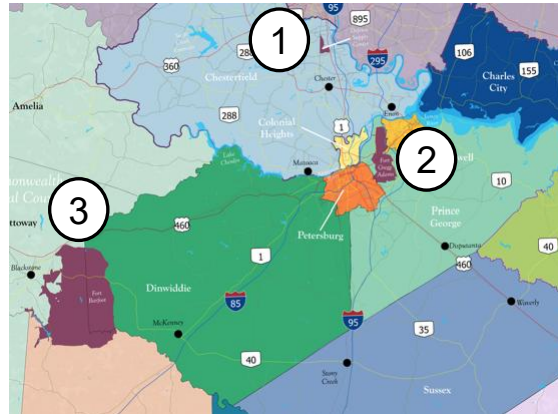


GAMVC Update

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1. Defense Supply Center Richmond
2. **Fort Lee (Defense Community Enclave)**
3. Fort Pickett



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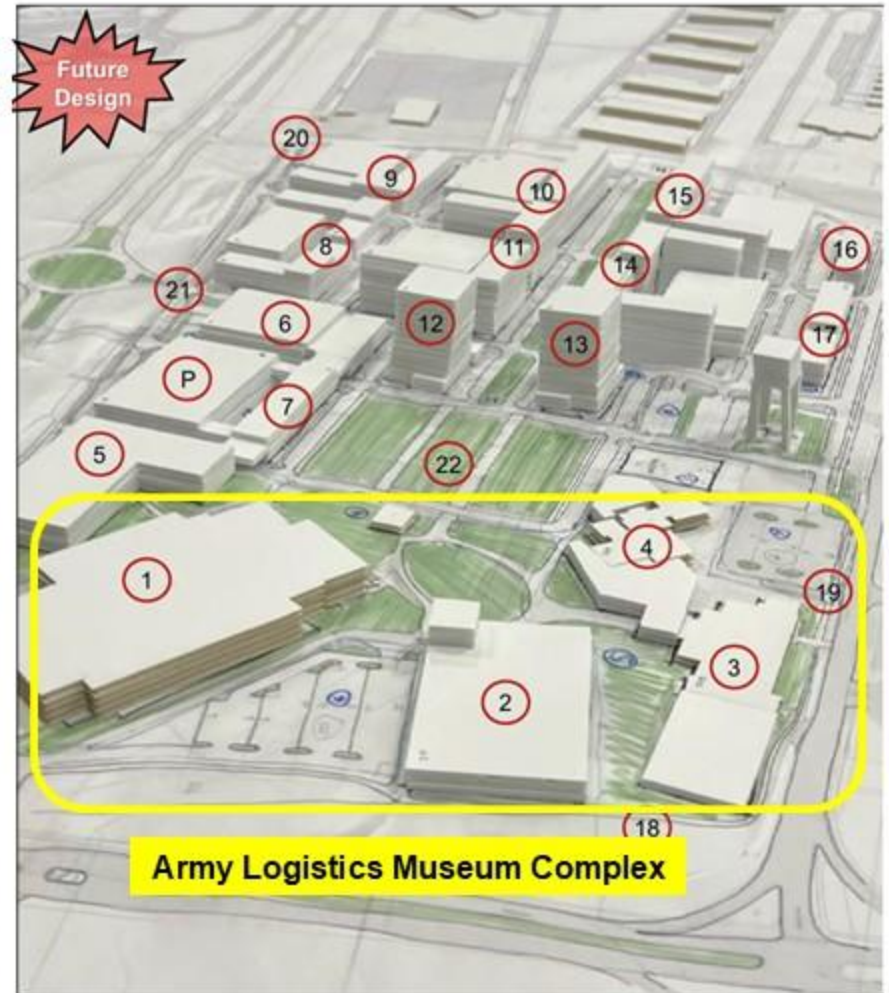


What You'll Learn Today

- Fort Lee Defense Community Enclave 101
- Army Museums – The Heart of the DCE, but At Risk
- Our Ask – GAMVC Letter of Support to VA Delegation

Fort Lee Defense Community Enclave 101

Vision: The **Defense Community Enclave (DCE)** is a Walkable District with Accessible Military Museums, Modern Community Facilities and Connected Parks and Plazas. Fort Lee intends to utilize the Enhanced Use Lease Authority to achieve the DCE.





Current Situation

- Army Public-Private Partnership RFI published 2 March 2026

- Since Feb 2025, CaRMA hosted 5 community workshops on Defense Community Enclave Concept
 - ❖ Regional Needs for Aquatic and Indoor Sports Facilities
 - ❖ Museums not easily accessed by public and maintenance needs
 - ❖ Developers interested in P3 Opportunity

- Since May 2025, Ft Lee conducted 3 Critical Design workshops
 - ❖ Overall DCE
 - ❖ Aquatic Center
 - ❖ Museum Complex

- FY26 NDAA – Direction to establish Army Museum System
 - ❖ Army reduced public access to 2 days/week



Army Museums – The Heart of the DCE

Fort Lee



Quartermaster Museum
Since 1960



Army Womens Museum
Since 2000
(6888 Exhibit)



Ordnance Museum
Since 2018
(WWII-era Tanks)

JBLE-Eustis



Army Transportation Museum
Since 1959
(One of 35 Trains/Heavy Transport)



Our Ask – GAMVC Letter of Support

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FY26 NDAA – Direction to establish Army Museum System

FY2026 National Defense Authorization Act

SEC. 374. ESTABLISHMENT OF ARMY MUSEUM SYSTEM.

Chapter 775 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“§ 7715. Army museum system

“(a) **In General.**— The Secretary of the Army shall support a system of official Army museums within the United States Army Center of Military History. Such system shall include the National Museum of the United States Army and may contain other museums honoring individual installations, units, and branches, as designated by the Secretary of the Army, that meet criteria established under subsection (b).

“(b) **Criteria for Designation.**— The Secretary of the Army shall establish criteria for designating museums of subsection (a) for inclusion in the Army museum system. Such criteria shall include—

“(1) historical significance to Army operations, technology, or personnel;

“(2) public accessibility and educational outreach programs; and

“(3) alignment with the mission of the Army to preserve its heritage.

“(c) **Criteria for Closure.**— The Secretary of the Army shall establish criteria for closing museums within the Army museum system. If the Secretary decides to close a museum in such system, the Secretary shall submit to Congress, not later than 90 days before the date on which the museum closes, notice that includes—

“(1) a plan for the preservation, storage, or alternate display of historical collections contained in the museum;

“(2) how any issues relating to museum personnel will be resolved;

“(3) an identification of any efforts to maintain museum operations through public-private partnerships; and

“(4) an analysis of the cost to transport, consolidate, and preserve the historical collections contained in the museum.

“(d) **Funding and Support.**— Consistent with applicable law, the Secretary may enter into partnerships, including with nonprofit organizations, to enhance the financial sustainability and public engagement of the museums in the Army museum system.”.

- Acknowledge Army’s Innovation to use Public-Private Partnerships to support Army’s Mission
- Yes to the DCE as a No-Cost Solution to meet Army Requirements, while enhancing Quality of Life and Regional Economic Development
- Yes to establishing the Army Logistics Museum Complex to close the gap between the public and our Military
- Yes to share the Plan to move the Army Transportation Museum to Fort Lee to complete the Army Logistics Complex (IAW FY27 NDAA)



FORT LEE DEFENSE COMMUNITY ENCLAVE

Closing



QUESTIONS: Contact us at CaRmaVA@hpgchamber.org

Slides and Area Development Plan at www.CaRMAva.org/DCE