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AFCEA Central Marland Luncheon  
11:00am - 1:00pm  
Martin's Crosswinds  
Greenbelt, MD

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### Defense Officials Open \$67 Million Media Center at Fort Meade

*The Baltimore Sun, Matthew Hay Brown*

October 20, 2011 - Defense officials cut the ribbon Thursday on a \$67 million facility to house the military's news and information operations at Fort Meade.

The Defense Media Activity, established in 2008, consolidates the former Soldiers Media Center, Naval Media Center, Marine Corps News, Air Force News Service and American Forces Information Service into a single organization. It also includes the Stars and Stripes newspaper and the Defense Information School.

Roughly 600 military and civilian employees and contractors moved into the building during the summer, officials said in a release. The Defense Media Activity employs an additional 1,900 people in four states, the District of Columbia and 15 countries including Afghanistan, where the Armed Forces Network provides radio and television service for U.S. troops deployed there.

The Defense Information School trains more than 3,200 military and civilian public affairs and visual information specialists each year, officials said, and the organization distributes 150,000 copies of Stars and Stripes worldwide. The Defense Media Activity also provides eight radio channels and 12 television channels to U.S. troops in 177 countries and aboard ships at sea. [Learn More...](#)

### Fort Meade BRAC Moves Complete, but Development Negotiations Linger

*The Washington Post, Marjorie Censer*

October 23, 2011 - The Pentagon's large-scale relocation effort at Fort Meade is complete, but the base is grappling with negotiations over a project that would allow developer Trammell Crow to build a major office complex on the base.

With the arrival of the Defense Information Systems Agency from Northern Virginia and the growth of the National Security Agency and U.S. Cyber Command, Fort Meade has become an intelligence focal point for the Pentagon. The growth has attracted contractors eager to be close to their customers.

Though many of these contractors have flocked to nearby office complexes, the Trammell Crow facility would put them inside the base's gates, an offering that has proven appealing to contractors at Aberdeen Proving Ground, another Maryland base that expanded under the Pentagon's Base Realignment and Closure effort.

John Moeller, deputy garrison commander at Fort Meade, said negotiations continue on the project, which Trammell Crow has said could include up to a dozen buildings. Because new construction at the base has consumed part of its 36-hole golf course, base officials would like to see Trammell Crow provide a new 18-hole golf course, he said. [Learn More...](#)

### Boeing Opens Cybersecurity Research Center in MD

*Washington Business Journal, Barton Eckert*

October 25, 2011 - The Boeing Co. has opened its new Cyber Engagement Center in Annapolis Junction, a 32,000-square-foot facility that enables security experts to collaborate on current and evolving cybersecurity challenges.

The CEC offers secure meeting areas as well as dynamic data analysis, information sharing, traffic intelligence, analytics and other capabilities for commercial and defense customers. It is staffed by cybersecurity experts and research-and-development teams from across the Boeing enterprise.

Boeing and its subsidiaries employ approximately 1,200 people in Maryland, with the largest concentrations in Patuxent River, Germantown, Annapolis Junction and Andrews Air Force Base. [Learn More...](#)

### Defense Cuts Would Cost U.S. More Than 1 Million Jobs, Economist Says

*The Washington Post, Felicia Sonmez*

October 26, 2011 - As the bipartisan debt "supercommittee" was meeting publicly for the fourth time Wednesday morning in the Hart Senate Office Building, the House Armed Services Committee was gathered across the Capitol campus in the Rayburn Building to examine the possible effects of the Pentagon cuts that would be enacted if the 12-member panel fails to complete its task.

The outlook: Not pretty, at least to hear one of the panel's witnesses tell it.

George Mason University professor Stephen Fuller told the Armed Services Committee members that if the supercommittee pulls the "trigger" on hundreds of billions of dollars in cuts to Pentagon spending, the result will be the loss of more than 1 million jobs.

Fuller, who this week authored an analysis for the Aerospace Industries Association on the impact of potential cuts in procurement and research and development funding, said at Wednesday's hearing that 10 states would suffer about 60 percent of those job losses, with California, Texas and Virginia the hardest-hit.

The brunt of the impact, he added, would be felt in sectors beyond the defense industry. [Learn More...](#)