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Army Mission Will Move on September 15—Property Transfer will happen in early 2012

July 15, 2011, Fort Monroe Authority, Old Point Comfort, Hampton, VA....The Fort Monroe Authority announced today that although the transfer of the Army mission is on schedule for September 15th, the actual closure and transfer of the property will not be complete until early 2012.

Approximately 375 acres are subject to reversion under conveyance deeds that will transfer back to the Commonwealth of Virginia. Over the next several months the Army will continue with the removal of all Army personal property, complete all regulatory documentation, and prepare for the long term care and maintenance of any facilities not intended for immediate reuse. The Army, the Fort Monroe Garrison, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the City of Hampton and the Fort Monroe Authority continue their close coordination to ensure a smooth and seamless transition.

The Fort Monroe Authority is the political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia who will manage the property for the Commonwealth once the U.S. Army transfers the mission on

September 15, 2011. Led by a 12-member appointed Board of Trustees the five key essentials for reuse are:

1. Respect the site's historic assets
2. Open the site to the public
3. Achieve economic sustainability
4. Create an open space park
5. Allow new development within strict limits

Editors notes:

- o Fort Monroe, Old Point Comfort includes the 1819 fortress, the largest ever built in America, 170 historic buildings, and nearly 200 acres of natural resources.
- o Barrier spit of land with water on three sides, totaling 565 acres
- o 8 miles of waterfront, 3.2 miles of beaches on the Chesapeake Bay
- o a 332 slip marina
- o Mill Creek shallow water inlet suitable for small watercraft
- o 110 acres of submerged lands and 85 acres of wetlands
- o National Historic Landmark District since 1960
- o National Register of Historic Places
- o Numerous recreational facilities: fitness center, community activity center, tennis and basketball courts and ball fields, gymnasium, theater, former officer's club, and numerous outdoor fields for organized sports

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