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Joint basing agreement signed for Langley, Eustis

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. – Langley and nearby Army installation Fort Eustis are due to become Joint Base Langley-Eustis next year as the military strives to become more efficient.

The Vice Chiefs of Staff of the Air Force and Army recently signed the Installation Support Memorandum of Agreement, which clarifies how the joint bases will work locally, what the impact will be on the installation staffs, and specifies the services to be provided.

The transition to Joint Base Langley-Eustis will be at Initial Operational Capability in January 2010; by October 2010, the bases will be at Full Operational Capability.

Col. Donald Kirkland, formerly the 5th Maintenance Group commander at Minot Air Force Base, N.D., will assume command of the 633rd Air Base Wing Oct. 21. The 633rd ABW will be the lead unit for Joint Base Langley-Eustis.

Langley and Fort Eustis are among 26 installations across the country being combined into 12 joint bases. They were singled out for consolidation in 2005 during the military's Base Realignment and Closure process.

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