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Barber Appointed to Maryland Military Installation Council

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – February 5, 2009 – Alonzo Barber III, a Dunkirk resident and member of the Calvert County Economic Development Commission, was recently appointed by Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley to the Maryland Military Installation Council. The council serves as a forum for community, military installation, business, state agency and elected official dialogue on issues associated with Maryland's military installations.

“As a former U.S. Navy officer and resident of Calvert County, I am honored that Gov. O'Malley appointed me to this important council,” Barber said. “The council continues to do vital work on issues involving that state’s military bases, and I feel this is crucial for Calvert County and Southern Maryland given the significance of Patuxent River Naval Air Station.”

Barber, a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center, is counsel for BET Networks and a registered patent agent. He is also a graduate of the Naval Academy and holds a master’s degree in Engineering Management from Old Dominion University.

The Maryland Military Installation Council has most recently focused on implementation of a state-wide strategy to address federal Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) decisions. The BRAC process, authorized by Congress, was instituted by the Department of Defense to reorganize its base structure. The council also provides a forum for non-BRAC related issues, including encroachment, public-private partnering and best practices; researches how other jurisdictions are coping with

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increased development around military installations; and reviews state policies in order maximize economic benefits to local communities.

For more information on Maryland's military installations and their relation to state economic development, visit <http://www.choosemaryland.org/businessinmd/militaryaffairs/militaryaffairs.html>.

For details on the Calvert County Economic Development Commission, go to

<http://www.co.cal.md.us/government/bocc/boards/default.asp>.

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Calvert County is Maryland's smallest county in land area with 213 square miles. It is home to over 87,000 people and has one of the highest standards of living in Maryland. There are more than 4,000 businesses in the County and a labor force of at least 1.8 million resides within a one-hour drive. Major industries include defense contracting, information technology, tourism, utilities, light manufacturing and administrative services.