

## U.S. JOINT FORCES COMMAND TO CUT 2,300 EMPLOYEES TO REDUCE COSTS



The U.S. Joint Forces Command in Virginia has announced that 2,300 employees will be laid off as a result of cost-cutting efforts from the Pentagon. The cuts will take place across the country, with the majority coming from the Joint Command's headquarters in Southeast Virginia. Other cuts include: more than 30 positions at Creech Air Force Base in Indian Springs, Nevada; and more than a quarter of the Joint Command's staff in Tampa, where there are "a couple hundred" employees, according to a spokeswoman from MacDill Air Force Base. Contractors will take the biggest hit, as 2,000 of them are laid off as a result of the budget cuts. General Ray Odierno told reporters, "The changes are significant. Going forward we are not simply trimming down each staff element. We are making a major departure from past organization design, procedure and mindset to more effectively execute the core functions and sustain the jointness we've worked so hard to achieve in the past."

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