

Clearinghouse -

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Inquiry Response

Re: BI-0094 - MCI scores Gen Mitchell ARS

Requester: Mr. Ken Small (BRAC Commission)

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Answer 1:

The primary differentiating feature between General Mitchell ARS and General Mitchell AGS are the respective aircraft parking aprons. The data reported by the units shows the parking apron of General Mitchell AGS includes an in-ground hydrant refueling system and the apron at General Mitchell ARS does not. When the metrics of the Airlift MCI are applied, this has a significant effect. Also, the data indicate that the apron at General Mitchell AGS has a higher weight-bearing capacity than the apron at General Mitchell ARS. However, the weight-bearing capacity difference did not affect the MCI score because at both installations the reported apron square yardage was below the threshold to earn credit for apron within the airlift MCI metrics.

Fort Wayne is currently a fighter base. Therefore, there are many areas where scores are different between Fort Wayne and the two General Mitchell installations due to the current configuration of the installation for its current mission. For instance, Fort Wayne scores lower in "Ability to support large scale mobility deployment" and "Fuel dispensing rate" but scores higher in "Cost of operations/manpower" and "Geo-locational factors" (due to proximity to low-level routes and drop/landing zones). Differentiation between Fort Wayne and the other two installations occurs across the spectrum of criteria and attributes within the airlift MCI.

SAF/IEBB is currently investigating an anomaly in the runway data reported by General Mitchell ARS. Regardless of the resolution of this anomaly, General Mitchell ARS will still score lower than General Mitchell AGS due to the parking apron qualities mentioned above.

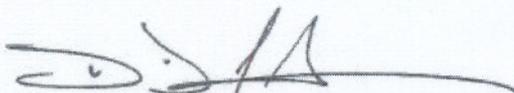
Answer 2:

Recruiting records were considered by the BCEG in preparing the BRAC recommendations. Data on historical manning levels was collected from the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve for the period of 1999 to 2003. Historical manning performance is a reflection of both recruiting and retention at reserve component installations. The manning data for the Air National Guard can be found in the Air Force data, section 20, question 1256. The manning data for the Air Force Reserve can be found in the Air Force data, section 25, question 1263. For convenience, an internet source of this data is at: http://www.dod.gov/brac/minutes/brac_databases.html

Answer 3:

Even though General Mitchell ARS and General Mitchell AGS use the same civilian airfield for their military flight operations, they are distinctly, and legally separate military installations. Therefore, each installation accomplished separate responses to the Air Force data calls and each installation received MCI scores and rankings for each MCI mission. During development of Power Point slides for use by the Base Closure Executive Group, the airlift MCI ranking for General Mitchell AGS was inadvertently shown on the slide as the ranking for General Mitchell ARS. The "MilVal correction" noted in the April 19th minutes denotes the action of showing the correct airlift MCI ranking for General Mitchell ARS. The BCEG was specifically briefed on this correction to the visual aids used during deliberative sessions.

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