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**TO:** Clearinghouse@wso.whs.mil

**FROM:** BRAC Commission

**SUBJECT:** Request Comment on Pope AFB-Fort Bragg related BRAC Recommendations

Below are listed some Pope AFB-Fort Bragg related topics identified during the Commission staff visits, community input, and ongoing analysis.

1. Lift requirements at Pope-Bragg. Please identify lift requirements at Pope AFB. Please do not limit it only to a "number of chutes required" solution, but include all planned short haul deployments, (within C-130 distances) as well as daily training based on historical data.
2. Additional Brigade Combat Team at Bragg. While the Fort Bragg recommendation realigns 7<sup>th</sup> SFG to Eglin AFB, does OSD believe the lift requirement at Pope-Bragg will increase based on the activation of an additional BCT, and by how much?
3. 43d Airlift Wing support of the current lift requirements. Over the last two years, how much of the lift requirement at Fort Bragg has been satisfied by the C-130 aircraft of the 43d Wing permanently stationed at Pope AFB? Is there any reason why that number would be currently smaller than the historic average (aircraft maintenance issues, deployments)?
4. Other support of the current lift requirements. Over the last two years, how much of the lift requirement at Fort Bragg has been satisfied C-130s from Air Guard and Air Force Reserve units?
5. Other support of the current lift requirements. Over the last two years, how much of the lift requirement at Fort Bragg has been satisfied by strategic lift capabilities (i.e., C-5 or C-17)?
6. No C-130's permanently stationed at Pope AFB. If no C-130's are permanently stationed at Pope AFB, what corresponding support infrastructure will no longer be

necessary? What savings will be realized by no longer needing this infrastructure? How will these potential savings be offset by increased support from other Active, Air Reserve or Guard units that must spend TDY funds to satisfy the lift requirements?

7. 7<sup>th</sup> SFG to Eglin. The DoD justification for relocating the 7<sup>th</sup> SFG to Eglin AFB included, among other justifications, the fact that it would be “creating needed space for the additional brigade at Fort Bragg.” Please define this “space” as maneuver, barracks, or otherwise. During a visit to Fort Bragg, the Commission learned that no barracks space will be made available as the 7<sup>th</sup> SFG vacates, since other Special Operations units will expand to fill the vacancies? Did DoD consider in its costs the additional funds required to build new barracks for the additional BCT?
8. 43D Airlift Wing joint planning and contingency operations support. What does OSD believe is the 43d Wing’s contributions to jointness with respect to Army units at Fort Bragg? How will the planned Air Force Reserve/Active Associate Squadron be able to replicate the joint planning and contingency support capabilities that exist within the 43D Airlift Wing? Do the Joint Strategic Capabilities Plan (JSCP) requirements of Fort Bragg units require the joint planning and contingency support capabilities of the 43D Airlift Wing?

Regards,

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