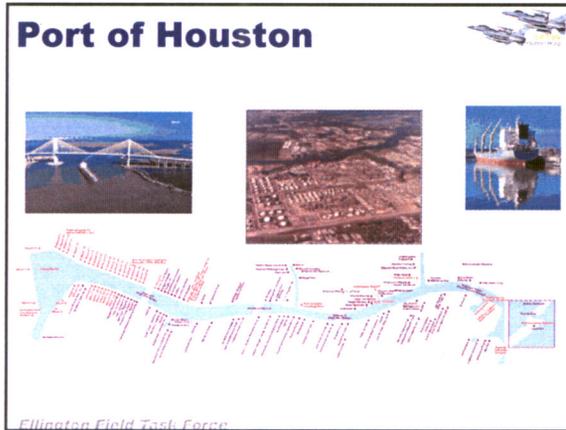


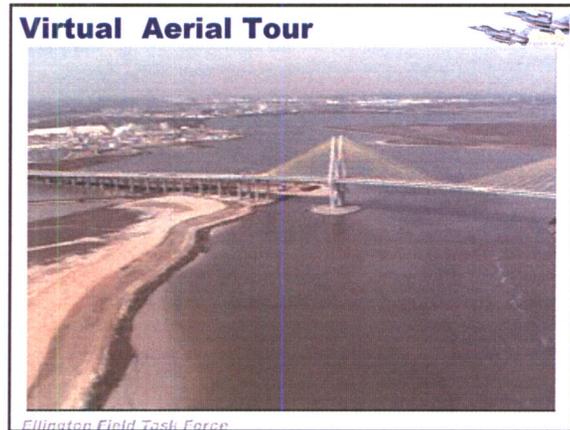
Port of Houston



This slide features three small inset images at the top: a bridge over water, an aerial view of a city, and a ship at a dock. Below these is a large, detailed map of the Port of Houston, showing various channels, piers, and facilities. The map is color-coded with red and blue lines.

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Virtual Aerial Tour



This slide shows a wide aerial view of a large body of water, likely the Houston Ship Channel, with a prominent bridge in the distance. The sky is clear, and the water reflects the light.

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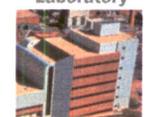
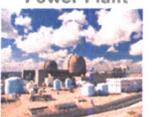
Houston - 4th Largest in U.S.



This slide provides an aerial view of the Houston city skyline, showing numerous skyscrapers and a dense urban area. A large, dark, stylized graphic of a fighter jet is overlaid on the bottom left of the city view.

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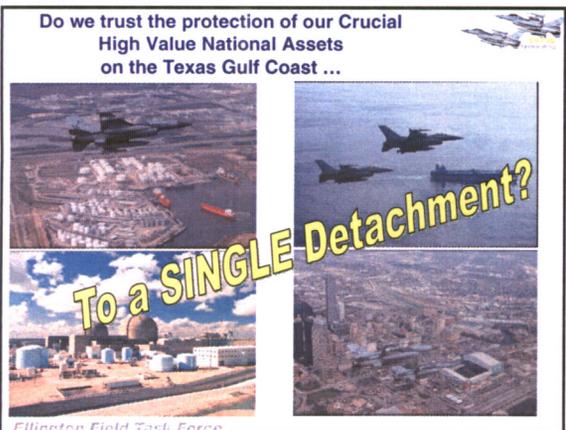
More of the "FBI-9" Terrorist Targets

NASA Johnson Space Center 	Texas Medical Center 	Strategic Petroleum Reserve 
Biocontainment Laboratory 	Nuclear Power Plant 	Major Public Event Venues 

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Do we trust the protection of our Crucial High Value National Assets on the Texas Gulf Coast ...

To a SINGLE Detachment?



This slide contains four small images: two fighter jets in flight, a large industrial facility, and an aerial view of a city. The text is overlaid on these images.

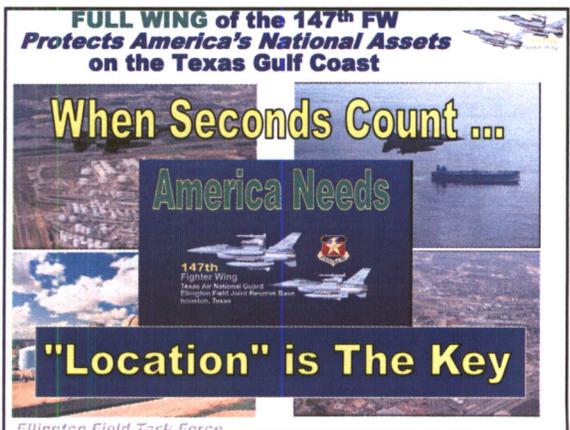
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FULL WING of the 147th FW Protects America's National Assets on the Texas Gulf Coast

When Seconds Count ...

America Needs

"Location" is The Key



This slide features a central graphic with the text "147th Fighter Wing Texas Air National Guard Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base Houston, Texas" and a logo. The background consists of various aerial and ground-level images of the base and surrounding area.

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America's #1 Priority
HOMELAND DEFENSE



147th
Fighter Wing
Texas Air National Guard
Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base
Houston, Texas

FUTURE FORCE STRUCTURE

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147th Fighter Wing

Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base

*A Vital Part of
National Security and Homeland Defense
Today and into the Future*

Robb Parr, Col (Ret)
Former Commander, 147th Fighter Wing

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Thesis

We believe the DOD recommendation to the BRAC commission to inactivate the 147th Fighter Wing is wrong.

It is wrong because the DOD deviated substantially from its own guidelines, and BRAC law in arriving at this recommendation.

The BRAC Process was Flawed ...

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Flawed BRAC Process

- **Homeland Defense** – This recommendation leaves crucial national assets along the Texas Gulf Coast inadequately defended.
- **Flawed Data Metric** - The DOD did not utilize meaningful data to score Ellington Field's present and future military value.
- **Misleading Cost Analysis** - This recommendation does not save money
- **Flawed Application of Military Judgment** - The DOD did not use the data that it did assemble in an appropriate manner.

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SUPPORTING ARGUMENTS Homeland Defense

- USAF and the BRAC process are committed to Homeland Defense as the highest priority.
- U.S. Fighter wings have both a world-wide and a Homeland Defense mission.
- Ellington is strategically located near numerous high value, potential terrorist targets.
- An Air Sovereignty Alert (ASA) site alone, is not adequate defense for such a large target area.

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SUPPORTING ARGUMENTS Homeland Defense

The National Defense Strategy, as set forth in the 2001 QDR report makes protecting the U.S. homeland the highest priority for the Department of Defense.

The Air Force consulted* with USNORCOM to ensure these (BRAC) recommendations consider the geographic locations of our installations and preserve sufficient installations near our borders and near high-value targets to support air sovereignty as part of homeland defense.

Source: DoD Report to the Defense BRAC Commission, Department of the Air Force, Analysis and Recommendations BRAC 2005, (Volume V, Part 1 of 2), May 2005, page 8

* We find no evidence of meaningful inclusion of either concept in the recommendation.

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Homeland Defense Strategic Locations

Pre-9-11 Designations

**Inactivation is Inconsistent
with BRAC guidance.**

● - Alert Site

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Alert Site vs. Full Wing

- **Air Sovereignty Alert Site**
 - Immediate response to specific threat.
 - Small contingent of aircraft, personnel and equipment.
 - Supported by parent wing, co-located or remote.
- **Fighter Wing**
 - Robust response capability to broad threat.
 - If not co-located with alert site, significant time to implement full response.
 - When seconds count, location is the key.
- **Local Familiarity Importance**
 - Pilot familiarity with local area
 - Pilot familiarity with air defense and air sovereignty procedures
 - Support personnel are equally familiar with mission
- **50 years of Demonstrated Mission Capability**

The infrastructure and personnel required to provide air defense of the Texas Gulf Coast have been in place at Ellington for 50 years. It has been utilized and tested over and over during that time. Almost all of these "things" would go away if the wing did, and, under the BRAC proposal they would be replaced with less aircraft, less infrastructure, and less well trained people, providing a lesser capability.

... At a time when the real threat to our homeland is probably greater than it has ever been,

THIS MAKES NO SENSE.

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SUPPORTING ARGUMENTS Flawed Data Metric

- **Homeland Defense metric not included - Re: MV Criteria #2**
 - Strategic location.
 - Four (4) alert shelters plus 24-hr sustainable crew quarters.
 - Command Post, 24-hr, with fight in place capability.
- **Joint Training not credited - Re: MV Criteria #1**
 - Joint Dissimilar Air Combat with Marine and Navy fighter aircraft.
 - Air Warrior training with Army at Ft. Polk, La.
- **Other Military Value anomalies and omissions - Re: MV Criteria #1**
 - Error in calculation of Ellington's "Access to Supersonic Airspace"
 - Inconsistent credit for large, voluminous, highly useable, supersonic airspaces.
 - Large new ramp space, with sunshades, enough for another squadron, plus staging
 - No credit for a favorable community relationship which allows operations with minimal compromise.
 - No credit for demonstrated value as a staging area and airport for embarkation (Desert Storm)
 - Low-level navigation routes are included in metric but not part of current training requirements.

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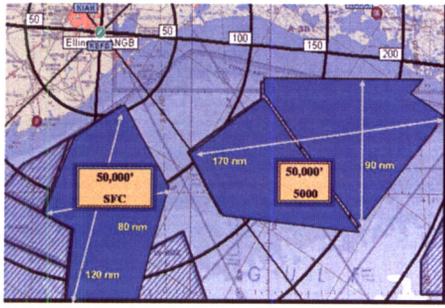
Joint Training – Warrior MOA



- 424 Dedicated sorties in last 2 years
- 24,000 Army Troops Directly Trained with 147th FW Airpower including Forward Air Control Certification for personnel deploying to Iraq & Afghanistan

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Large Usable Airspace



- Super Sonic
- Electronic Counter Measures
- Chaff/Flare
- Air Refueling
- Lights Out

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Airspace Comparison: Ellington / Montgomery

Attribute 1266 – Range Complex (RC) Supports Mission



- **Ellington**
 - 4.26 points for airspace credited towards total MCI Score
- **Dannelly**
 - 10.34 points for airspace credited towards total MCI score

MCI Ranking of Ellington AGS could improve
To 5th* among the 26 ANG FW's
* Assuming the correction for Attribute 1203 is also made.

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MCI Airspace Calculation Error

Attribute 1203

Attr #	Attribute Description	Corrected Value	Error Value
1203	Access to Adequate Supersonic Mission	6.048	3.36
ELLINGTON TOTAL MCI		48.08	45.38

Corrected MCI of 48.08 raises the Ellington ranking to:

- 8th among 26 ANG Fighter Wings (from 10th)

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Misleading Cost Analysis

- BRAC Calculations not inclusive of all costs.
 - up to **\$33.1 Million** 20 year cost, versus \$3.6M savings.
- No credit was given for Air Warrior support.
 - \$100,000 annual savings to Air Combat Command.
- Cost of operating a remote alert site.
 - \$6 Million additional annual cost to USAF.
- Burden shift to other agencies (Army Aviation, US Coast Guard, and NASA) not considered.
 - \$400,000 per year yet to be distributed.

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Flawed Application of Military Judgment

- Nine (9) Air Guard fighter units with lower numeric (MCI) scores receive more and or new aircraft.
- BRAC Use of Military Judgment for Adjustment is Not Apparent.

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