

BRAC Commission

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Gen. Lloyd W. "Fig" Newton, USAF, Ret.
Commissioner
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, Virginia 22202-3920

September 14, 2005

Dear General,

At last night's meeting of the North Coast Chapter, Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., there was a very hearty round of applause for your efforts to save Cleveland's DFAS. At your meeting here this summer, you met two of our chapter's Originals, Mr. Roy Richardson and Mr. Arthur Sanders. Mr. Saunders recalled that you pledged to help and you certainly delivered!

This letter is to express our deepest and sincerest thanks for your proactive stance in pointing out important inconsistencies that clearly weighed heavily in the Commission's decision. But I would be remiss in not pointing out to you that our chapter would have lost its treasurer, a DFAS official, had the vote gone otherwise. This fact was the subject of testimony I entered into the record via the BRAC website, and I will not go into that here. Suffice it to say, retaining DFAS Cleveland will have extremely valuable social benefits that we believe match or exceed in the long-term, the economic reasons for the BRAC's very welcome decision.

So, on behalf of all the members of Cleveland's North Coast Chapter, I thank you for helping save DFAS Cleveland!!!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Enty", written over a horizontal line.

Richard McDougald Enty, President
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