

DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION
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MEMORANDUM OF MEETING

DATE: 10 June 2005

TIME: 1300 Hours

MEETING WITH: Representatives of Pittsburgh International Airport Air Reserve Station

SUBJECT: Recommended closure of Pittsburgh International Airport Air Reserve Station

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MEETING SUMMARY: Members of the BRAC Commission staff met with representatives of the Pittsburgh, PA community to discuss their concerns regarding the recommended closure of Pittsburgh International Airport Air Reserve Station. The primary item of discussion was the justification provided by the Air Force that land constraints “prevented the installation from hosting more than 10 C-130 aircraft. . . .” The Pittsburgh participants then produced letters, memoranda of agreements, and maps to demonstrate that adequate land was available, and in fact was in use, to support 16 C-130 aircraft. This information was provided to the BRAC library. The Pittsburgh participants also expressed their concern about what the proposed recommendations would do to the National Guard and Reserve components.

Mr. Cook indicated that the members of the BRAC Commission were aware of, and shared their concerns. In expanding upon the issue, Mr. Cook reviewed the overall evaluation process. He discussed the tardiness of data and the corresponding difficulty all interested parties were having in performing their analyses. Finally, he addressed the status of the 7th floor reading room and the availability of additional material. Dr. Flinn requested that the Pittsburgh representatives delineate their concerns in a position paper. In that manner, the items of concern would be sure to be captured and entered into the public record.

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MEMORANDUM OF MEETING

DATE: 9 June 2005

TIME: 11:00

MEETING WITH: Representatives of Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station

SUBJECT: Recommended closure of Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station

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MEETING SUMMARY: Members of the BRAC Commission staff met with representatives of the Niagara Falls community to discuss their concerns regarding the recommended closure of Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station (NFARS). As part of the meeting, the representatives provided a draft presentation they intend to use at the Regional Hearing for delineating their concerns. The meeting focused on highlights of this presentation. Chief among their concerns were the use of

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“old” (2003) data that they felt did not portray an accurate representation of the facility. Another issue pertained to the relationship of the objective Mission Compatibility Index (MCI) to subjective professional judgment and lumping National Guard and Reserve facilities in with Active Duty facilities. Their opinion was Active installations should be compared with other Active installations and Reserve or National Guard facilities should be evaluated against other Reserve or National Guard facilities. Finally, the community representatives mentioned the issue of retention, stating that a preliminary poll suggests that NFARS personnel represented approximately 1200 man years of flying experience that would be lost to the military if the recommendation were implemented. At least some of this flying experience includes monthly training with the 10th Mountain Division (Lt) and participation in recent missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. They also pointed out that NFARS is the only facility in the northeast that is capable of supporting the Atlantic Tanker Bridge, the Northeast CAP and the Midwest CAP.

The NFARS representatives stated that over the last 10 years since the last round of BRAC recommendations, NFARS has been actively structuring itself to better satisfy mission requirements. This includes demolishing 17% of the old buildings on the facility, a codified approach to reducing the cost of operating support by 33% through reduced utility costs, and adding \$45 million in constructed facilities. As a result, the average age of the buildings at NFARS is 32 years, which they claimed is 10 years less than the average of similar installations. In spite of the additional construction, the NFARS representatives claimed that 10% of the base consists of buildable acreage and that there are no encroachment issues.

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Pittsburgh 6/24/05 1307

911th connection connection to CE Kelly

promote Joint Readiness Ctr.

911th 130s go to Pope

Don't know what will be done w/ facility

Wants to keep 911th there

Ref land @ airport

Airport owns 10K ac land

Developable only 3K Ac. Wetlands, Creeks

Current Master plan goes back 3 yrs

99th to vacate 1/2 of 2yr old bldg - make a joint Readiness Ctr.

6 1/2 Acres @ 99th site

MEPS in high rent lease space downtown - bring them?

1,000 Ac Avail.

Bring in Navy / Marines

County offers airt ramp space (31ac) at no cost

Proposing various SVCS. use same bldg

5 mix facilities spread out - combine into 1 at PIT

PA ~~MANAGING~~ #1 priority

Land " ~~availability~~ constraints now not true according to them

US Airways

11 K to 5500 5500 to 200 dept

Avail labor source

A number of people @ Yorkstown from the Pit area

20K lease price covers snow removal, airt ops

MIL VAC

JT Brnig

Mob + Surge Cap

Pg 6-5 in Reg JRC - speaks to consol of 910th and 913th and 914th

Capable of 7.5 MG Fuel Mil has own fuel - no byproduct

MILCON @ 911th new HQ 2006

Transit + Din Fac 2008
10.5 of 4 shares

Interesting narrative in book about a terrorist attack
Ken: Comm wrestling w/ 9/11th.

Potential Comm Siting/Upgrading

No credit for adjacent ramp.

P/W testing not done until last Wed.

Not opposing closing of Kelly, 99th

Focus on Young's town as target...

9/11th 8 PAA

12 optimal

1.5 from PIT to Pope

WVa great for Low level

LATN routes