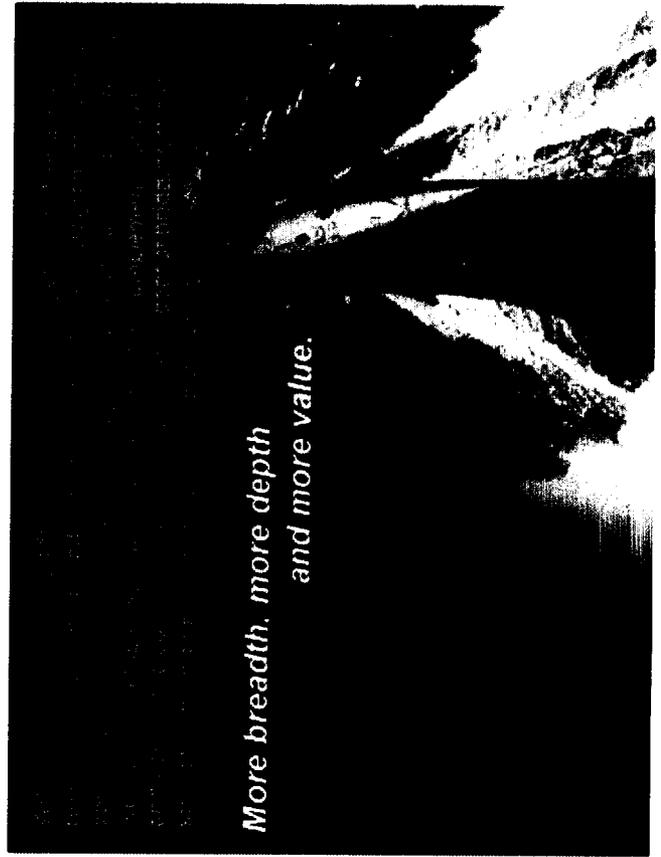
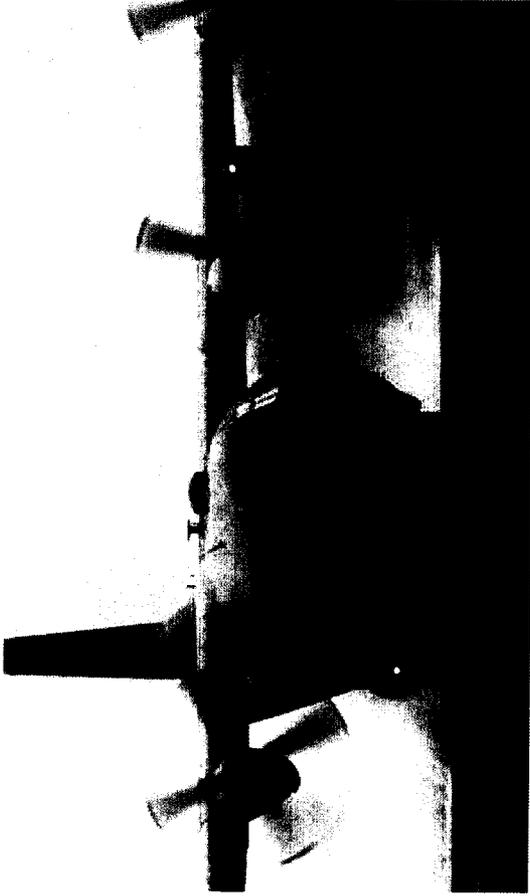
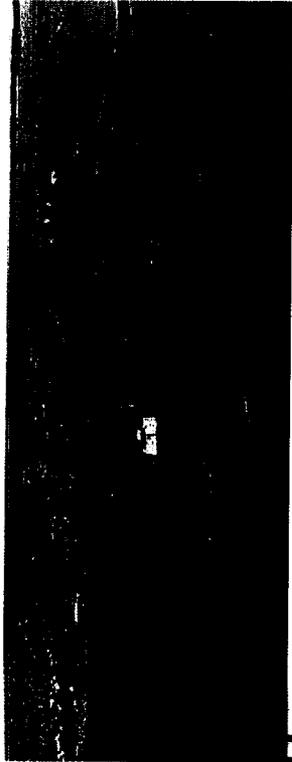


# Rhode Island = Military Value



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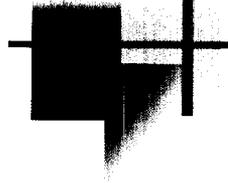


*More breadth. more depth  
and more value.*



# **In Rhode Island's Defense**

## **A Summary of Rhode Island's Military Value and Defense Capabilities**



A response to the  
BRAC 2005 Commission  
July 6, 2005

# Rhode Island's Military Value



- The US Department of Defense recognized the military value of its assets located in Rhode Island – and we thank them!
  - ☑ Naval Station Newport and its strategic educational and R&D commands
  - ☑ RI Air National Guard
  - ☑ In summary – the value of military intellectual capital is acknowledged

# Rhode Island is Home to America's Intellectual Capital Resource for

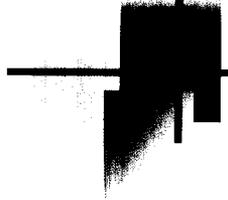
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- ☑ Undersea Warfare Systems RDA/T&E
  - ☑ Submarines
  - ☑ Autonomous Vehicles
  - ☑ Undersea & Sea Based Sensor Systems
  - ☑ Submarine Warfare Systems
  - ☑ Undersea Acoustics
- ☑ Development of the Nation's Strategic and Tactical Naval Maritime Policies
- ☑ Joint Professional Military Education

# Additional Military Intellectual Capital Resources Reside at

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- ☑ Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC)
- ☑ Naval War College (NWC)
- ☑ Surface Warfare Officers School (SWOS) Command
- ☑ Navy Warfare Development Command (NWDC)
- ☑ Access to the finest higher education and research facilities located in New England
- ☑ All are direct products of 30 years of strategic Navy investments to create a unique naval center of excellence in undersea systems technology and senior officer training.

# Rhode Island's Military Value and Homeland Defense

RI National Guard

Strategic location of the Quonset Air Guard Facility - will support additional C-130 aircraft.  
Army Reserve Centers Consolidated to NSM

# Loss of US Navy's Subsurface Maritime Capability

- Submarine Communications
  - ☑ Integral part of the development & integration of the overall submarine's warfare system
  - ☑ A virtual land based submarine exists at NPT
  - ☑ This decision would harm the Navy, in the face of present and emergent threats

# Loss of US Navy's Strategic Tactical Capability

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- Navy Warfare Development Command (NWDC)
  - ☑ The Newport Advantage consists of:
    - ☑ Intellectual Foundations
    - ☑ Revolutionary Concepts
    - ☑ Concept Development & Experimentation
    - ☑ Research, Gaming & Analysis
    - ☑ Strategic Vision

# Loss of US Navy's Strategic Tactical Capability

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- Navy Warfare Development Command (NWDC)
  - ☑ NWDC: A leader of the CONOPS, experimentation doctrine enterprise.
    - ☑ It develops and coordinates CONOPS
    - ☑ Designs Plans and executes CONOPS Experimentation
  - ☑ NUWC provides operational, experimental, tactical focus and mission centric capabilities.
  - ☑ Example is SSGN: Refocus its primary mission to a versatile platform with multi-mission capability (ballistic to conventional weapons)

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# Loss of US Navy's Strategic Tactical Capability

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- NWDC: ASW CONOPS War Game for 7<sup>th</sup> Fleet  
Operation Plan

- ☑ NUWC participated in the design, planning and execution of the war game.
- ☑ Supported the development of the data collection and analysis plan, resulting in changes to the current OP Plan.

- ☑ In summary, the value proposition for **NWDC** as part of NWC, CNO's Strategic Studies Group and NUWC, leverages the combined intellectual capabilities to improve current warfighting strategies while addressing future warfighting requirements.

# Rhode Island Reinforces its Military Value

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- Land, Buildings and Support Infrastructure
  - ☑ RI has met the Navy's realignment plans over the past 30 years with necessary infrastructure to support education and R&D.
  - ☑ RI has identified additional land for expansions
  - ☑ RI has enacted legislation to support capital investments of mission related capabilities

# Rhode Island Reinforces its Military Value

- Cost of Operations & Manpower Implications
  - ☑ RI recognizes the challenges of working and living in the northeast, and has creatively -
    - ☑ Restructured electricity rate classification for NSN generating savings of >\$1.1M annually
    - ☑ Reclassified NSN solid waste fees creating annual savings of >600K

# Rhode Island Reinforces its Military Value for Military Personnel & Families

- Cost of Operations & Manpower Implications

- ☑ Creation of ***RI Salutes*** Program with over 250 area merchants for active duty military personnel and their families. Provides cost savings on purchases.



# Rhode Island: "A Value Add for the Navy"

- Strategic Location for Mission Capabilities
  - ☑ NSN – Education Commands
  - ☑ NSN – Central Repository of Undersea Warfare Systems Knowledge
    - ☑ "The Newport Advantage"
  - ☑ Narragansett Bay for T&E, and Quality of Life
  - ☑ Quonset Air Lift Capabilities
  - ☑ State of Rhode Island is a Vested Partner
  - ☑ Military Value is Second to None

**Statement of Senator Jack Reed of Rhode Island  
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
Regional Hearing  
July 6, 2005**

Commissioner Newton, Commissioner Principi, and Commissioner Turner. Good morning and thank you for inviting Rhode Island to speak today. I would like to introduce our panel: Governor Donald Carcieri, Senator Lincoln Chafee, Congressman Patrick Kennedy, Congressman Jim Langevin and Mr. Keith Stokes, Executive Director of the Newport Chamber of Commerce.

The Navy and Newport have been partners in providing for our nation's defense since the Civil War. We are pleased that the Department of Defense has recognized the high military value of Rhode Island's facilities in its recommendations. Naval Station Newport, anchored by the Naval War College, is the Navy's center of officer training, with a stellar faculty and ample, quality facilities. The Naval Undersea Warfare Center is the intellectual heart of the research and development of undersea warfare and will benefit greatly from the addition of maritime sensor, warfare and electronic work.

Rhode Island is also proud to be the receiver of five additional C130Js, filling out our 143<sup>rd</sup> Airlift Wing at Quonset Point, which was the first to fly the C130J in combat in Iraq.

I believe the acknowledged military value of the naval facilities at Newport compels a reevaluation of two Defense Department recommendations which would move the Navy Warfare Doctrine Command and the Maritime Information Systems RDAT&E from Rhode Island.

The Navy Warfare Development Command was relocated to Newport from Norfolk a mere seven years ago. After that move, it took the Command three to five years to rebuild the necessary intellectual capital. The Command is now at full capacity and providing the Navy with doctrine and concept of operations. In addition, while NWDC serves the fleet of today, it still benefits from the perspective gained from a physical distance from the fleet. If NWDC was returned to Norfolk, the Command may suffer from another dearth in intellectual capital and may become preoccupied with day-to-day fleet operations rather than focusing on the near future. I would argue, therefore, that the Navy would be best served by keeping the Naval Warfare Development Command in Newport.

The Department of Defense has also recommended moving the Maritime Information Systems RDAT&E from NUWC to San Diego. While San Diego has experience in surface antennas, submarine communication systems are much different and the repository of knowledge and expertise in submarine antennas and radio rooms resides in Newport. Since past experience shows that only about 15% of the personnel would relocate, a move would result in a major loss of intellectual capital. In addition, NUWC has created a "virtual submarine" in Newport which allows operational testing of

systems that would otherwise have to be done on operating platforms. Because of its complexity and sensitivity, moving part of the communications complex across the country would destroy the present ability to provide comprehensive testing of the communications system. It is estimated that it will cost approximately \$230 million to replicate this testing capability at San Diego, a cost not considered by the Defense Department.

Finally, much of what we do in Rhode Island complements the work done at the Submarine Base in New London, Connecticut. I have been invited to be a member of the Connecticut panel so I will be speaking further about this relationship at that time.

Rhode Island is proud to be the home of such significant military facilities. We have worked hard to lower base operating costs – providing the Navy with significant savings in electricity and trash removal costs and water rate structures. We will continue hard to ensure that Navy operations are cost efficient and military personnel are welcomed and cared for. Thank you.

I would now like to turn to Governor Carcieri.