

**GRAND FORKS, ND  
REGIONAL HEARING**

**JUNE 23, 2005**

**INFORMATION PACKET**

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# ITINERARY

Tuesday, June 21

8:08 p.m. Commissioners and staff arrive at Grand Forks International Airport  
(Mil Air will fly from Rapid City, SD)  
Mission Number: N2J 151902  
Aircraft: C12

Passengers: Commissioners Bilbray, Coyle and Skinner  
Cowhig, Hill, Napoli, Cook, and Delaney

8:30p.m. Depart Airport en route to:  
4301 Dartmouth Drive  
Grand Forks, North Dakota 58203  
Tel: (701) 775 6000  
Fax: (701) 746 0298

(Approximately 6 miles)

Transportation provided by:  
Staff with car rentals upon arrival in Grand Forks, ND

8:45 p.m. Arrive at Hotel

## Dinner Recommendations:

The Green Mill, *Italian*  
1930 Columbia Road South  
Grand Forks, ND 58201  
Phone: 701-780-9000  
Fax: 701-780-8900  
Aprox. 1 mile away

The Blue Moose, *American*  
507 2nd Street NW  
East Grand Forks, MN 56721  
Phone: (218) 773-6516  
FAX: (218) 773-3547  
Aprox. 3 miles away

## Thursday, June 22

- 8:00a.m. Base Visit Prebrief
- 8:15a.m. Depart Hotel for Grand Forks AFB  
Via: Rental Cars with police escort  
Passengers: Bilbray, Coyle, Skinner, MacGregor
- 9:00a.m. Arrive Grand Forks AFB Wing Headquarters Building  
Met by: Colonel Bill Bender, 319 ARW/CC
- 11:00a.m. Depart for Windsheild Tour  
Via: Surrey Bus
- 1:00p.m. Arrive at Officer's Club for lunch  
Attendees: Senators Conrad and Dorgan, Senators Dayton and Coleman, CM Pomeroy, Governor Hoeven, and retired AF Chief of Staff, General Ronald Fogleman.
- 2:00p.m. Depart Club for hotel  
  
Afternoon at leisure
- 6:30p.m. (Optional) Invitation to attend award ceremony of the Abilene Trophy to Grand Forks AFB
- 7:15p.m. Invitation to casual dinner at the John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences, University of North Dakota (next to hotel)  
Sponsor: Dean Bruce Smith - assistant Jane Olson  
(701) 777-2645  
Invited Guests: Commissioners and staff, Senior ND Delegation members, the Governor, the Mayor and other city officials (Exact list pending)

## Thursday, June 23

Check out of room prior to departure - have bags ready for transport

- 7:45a.m. Depart Hotel en route to Hearing  
Depart via ND Sponsored bus
- 7:50a.m. Arrive at Hearing Site; proceed to Hold Room

8:00a.m. Pre-Hearing Briefing by R&A

8:20a.m. Depart Hold Room for Hearing Room

8:30a.m. Hearing Begins

Agendas attached

11:30a.m. Hearing Concludes  
Proceed to Press Availability downstairs

11:45a.m. Press Availability  
Chester Fritz Auditorium Rehearsal Room

As able Depart Hearing Site en route to Grand Forks Intl Airport

1:00p.m. Commissioners Bilbray and Coyle depart for Clovis NM via Milair  
Mission Number: WAC 153788  
Aircraft: C-21  
Arrive: Lubbock 3:45p.m.

Depart: Lubbock 6:30p.m.  
Arrive: Cannon 5:55p.m.  
Contact: Lt Col Larry Deist Cell: 703-946-2970

2:10p.m. Commissioner Skinner departs via Northwest Airlines

**Grand Forks Regional Hearing of the BRAC Commission**  
**Grand Forks Air Force Base**  
Chester Fritz Auditorium, University of North Dakota  
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- 7:00 am      Doors Open
- 7:30           Musical program begins
- 8:30           **Mayor Brown:** *Welcome to the Grand Cities*
- 8:32           Swearing in of Grand Forks witnesses
- 8:33           **U.S. Senator Kent Conrad:** *Why Grand Forks? Opening Argument and How We Embrace the UAV Mission*
- 8:40           **U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan:** *Quality of Grand Forks Air Force Base - Excellent and Underrated*
- 8:47           **U.S. Congressman Earl Pomeroy:** TBD. *Either Enhancing the UAV Mission through Retaining Tankers or Grand Forks' Performance Reflects Unmeasured Quality and Intangibles*
- 8:54           **N.D. Governor John Hoeven:** *The State Strongly Supports the Military and is Ready to Receive New Missions*
- 9:01           **Gen. Ronald Fogleman, USAF (Ret):** *The Air Force's Grand Plans for Grand Forks (UAVs)*
- 9:13           **Mayor Lynn Stauss:** *The Grand Cities are a Great Place for the Air Force*
- 9:16           **U.S. Senator Norm Coleman:** *Why the Air Force Should Stay in "This Part of the Country"*
- 9:22           **U.S. Senator Mark Dayton:** *Grand Forks AFB is the Economic Engine for a Huge, Two State Region*
- 9:28           **Grand Forks City Council President Hal Gershman:** *Grand Forks Remains Fragile Economically*
- 9:32           **John Marshall:** *What GFAFB Means to Us*
- 9:37           **Questions from the Commissioners**
- 9:45           **Grand Forks Presentation Ends**

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**Fargo's Hector International Airport Air Guard Station**  
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- 9:46 am Swearing in of Fargo Witnesses
- 9:47 **Dick Walstad:** *Welcome*
- 9:49 **ND Governor John Hoeven:** *Overview: The North Dakota Air National Guard embraces the UAV mission, stands ready to support other "Emerging Missions" or tankers, and seeks removal of the no flying mission backfill clause.*
- 9:55 **U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan:** *The proud tradition of the Happy Hooligans*
- 10:01 **U.S. Congressman Earl Pomeroy:** *The Air Force's military value assessment of Hector Field does not reflect its true value.*
- 10:07 **Major General Haugen:** *The North Dakota Air National Guard is the best home for a Predator mission in association with Grand Forks. We also stand ready to take on other associate relationships.*
- 10:15 **Major General A.P. Macdonald (ret.):** *The "No flying mission backfill" justification language should be removed because it unduly constrains the Air Force and disregards the Hooligans' excellence.*
- 10:23 **119<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Pilot:** *The Hooligans have met all challenges and are ready for a new one.*
- 10:28 **Mayor Furness:** *Fargo is a great location for the Air Guard, and the community is critical to the Hooligans' success.*
- 10:33 **U.S. Senator Kent Conrad:** *Summary, Wrap Up and Action Items*
- 10:39 **Questions from the Commissioners**

# FACT SHEET

## COMMISSIONERS ATTENDING

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Commissioner James H. Bilbray  
Commissioner Phillip Coyle, III  
Commissioner Samuel Skinner

## STAFF ATTENDING

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### Review & Analysis

Mr. Robert Cook, Deputy Director  
Mr. Tim MacGregor, DoD Analyst  
Mr. Nate Sillin, Associate Analyst  
Mr. Michael Delaney, Senior Analyst

### Congressional Affairs

Ms. Christine Hill, Director

### Legal Counsel

Ms. Dan Cowhig, Deputy General Counsel

### Communications

Mr. James Schaefer, Director

### Advance

Ms. Christina Estrada  
Ms. Cynthia Simmons

**HEARING LOCATION**

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Chester Fritz Auditorium  
University of North Dakota  
University Avenue and Yale Drive  
P.O. Box 9028  
Grand Forks, ND 58202  
Tel: (701)777.3076

**HEARING ROOM**

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Chester Fritz Auditorium

**CAPACITY**

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2400

**HOLDING ROOM**

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Green Room

**COMMISSIONERS HOLDING ROOM**

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Green Room

**PARKING**

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Free parking is available behind the auditorium

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**SIGNERS**

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Provided by Community

**WEATHER**

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Wednesday



Thunderstorms  
HI: 85  
LO: 69

Thursday



Partly Cloudy  
HI: 79  
LO: 61