

**DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION  
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**MEMORANDUM OF MEETING**

DATE: July 14, 2005

TIME: 1300

MEETING WITH: Allies for Cherry Point's Tomorrow

SUBJECT: The importance of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point and how the community stands ready to support the future DOD mission at Cherry Point.

***PARTICIPANTS:***

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**MEETING SUMMARY:**

After introductions, General Overholt explained that his law firm represented Allies for Cherry Points Tomorrow, and wanted to provide the BRAC commission data to show Cherry Point would be an excellent location to receive additional fighter squadrons. (See attached packet of information).

We also discussed the environmental challenges at Cherry Point and the uncertainty of legislation. Major General Overholt noted that the Cherry Point community is committed to the support of the outlying landing field in Craven County and is a strong support of our military at Cherry Point.

We briefly discussed the Depot at Cherry Point and how it provided many civilian job opportunities. The group was pleased that the Depot was not slated to be relocated as recommended in prior BRAC recommendations.

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Ms. Alison commented on complaints of "the red tape" made by health care providers in dealing with TRICARE patients. We noted that during our visit to Cherry Point we were told that local physicians and hospitals were able to absorb the projected inpatient workload estimated in the conversion of the hospital at Cherry Point to an outpatient clinic. It was noted that military patients prefer receiving inpatient care at the base hospital and that preference is not measured in the BRAC recommendation.

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