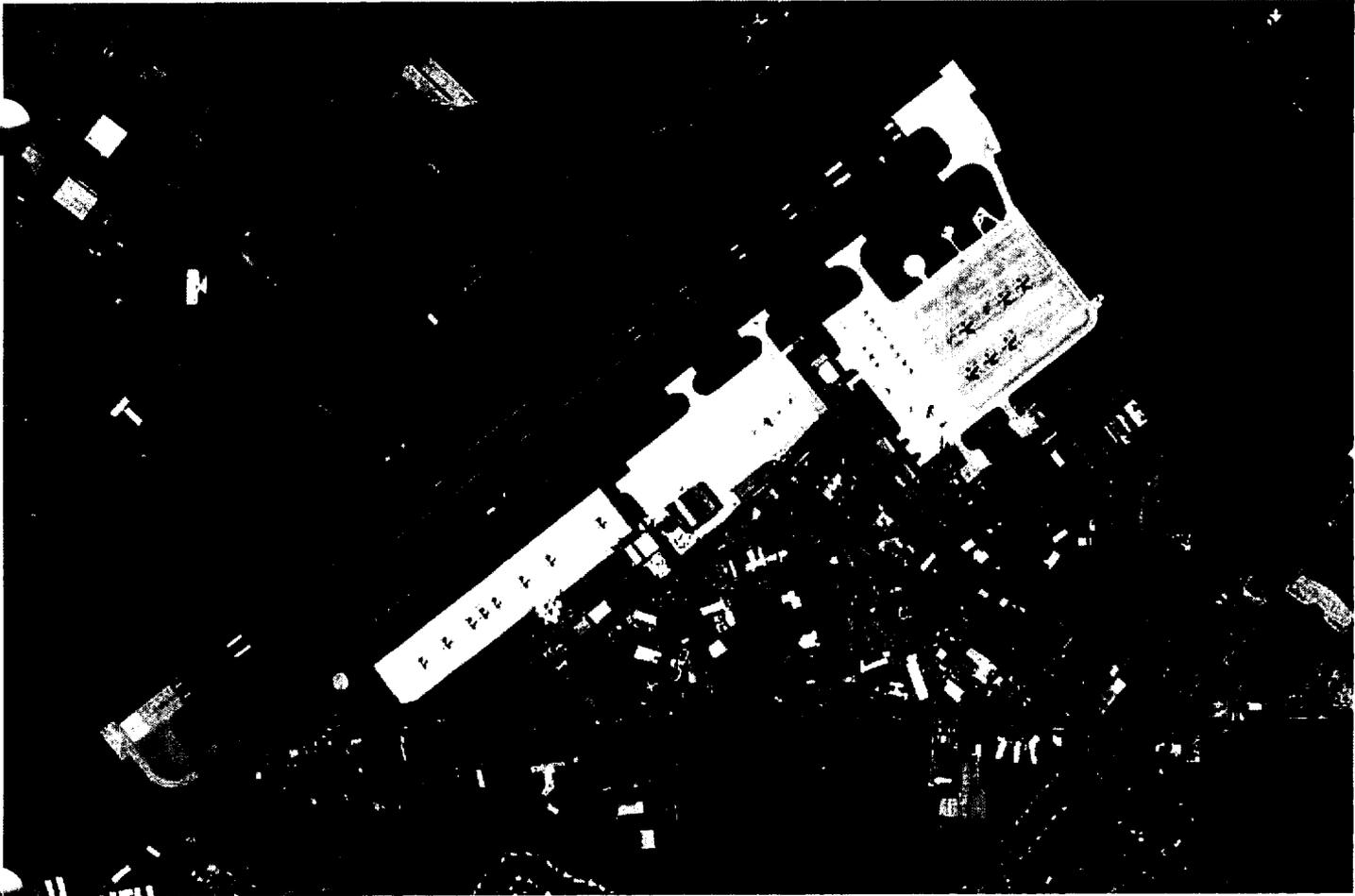




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# NAS JRB WILLOW GROVE



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# NAS JRB WILLOW GROVE



The Honorable Allyson Y. Schwartz  
Member of Congress



Mr. Ed Ebenbach  
 Suburban Horsham Willow Grove  
 Chamber of Commerce

NAS JRB WILLOW GROVE

<p><b><u>NAVY</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commander Reserve Patrol Wing (5 Squadrons)</li> <li>• VP-66 Patrol Squadron (4 P-3C)</li> <li>• VR-64 Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (4 C-130)</li> <li>• VR-52 Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (4 C-9B)</li> <li>• Naval Air Reserve Anti-Sub Warfare Training Center</li> <li>• Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Department</li> <li>• Naval Air Reserve; (Including Reserve Intel)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•24 Additional Navy Reserve Units (1,200+ Reserves)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Navy Medical / Dental Clinic / Pharmacy</li> <li>• Reserve Recruiting, Child Development Center</li> <li>• Navy Exchange, Navy Commissary (on hold)</li> <li>• Naval Criminal Investigative Unit</li> <li>• Sea Cadets</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>AIR FORCE RESERVES</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 913<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•327<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron</li> <li>•31<sup>st</sup> Aerial Port Squadron</li> <li>•92<sup>nd</sup> Aerial Port Squadron</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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<p><b><u>ARMY RESERVE</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•99<sup>th</sup> Regional Readiness Headquarters</li> <li>•1215<sup>th</sup> Army Reserve Garrison Support Unit</li> <li>•Inspector General</li> <li>•656<sup>th</sup> Area Support Group</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>OTHER AGENCIES</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FAA – Alternate Flight Operations Center</li> <li>• Federal Emergency Mgt Agency (FEMA)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Alternate Operations Center</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Southeast Counterterrorism Task Force               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Future CBRNE training</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Pa Emergency Mgt Agency (PEMA)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Advanced Radiological Training</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Community First Responders               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Aircraft Firefighting training</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Delaware Valley Historical Aircraft Association and Museum</li> <li>• AF, ARMY, NAVY JROTC Programs</li> </ul>

## NAS JRB Willow Grove

### Willow Grove – Substantial Deviations

- Erroneous Assumptions and lack of analysis in assessing jointness
- Substantial miscalculations in the assessment of the availability of land, facilities, and associated airspaces
- Lack of consideration of the base's strategic location with respect to Homeland Defense and Homeland Security
- Substantial deviations and inconsistencies in the Evaluation Process
- Improper deactivation of an Air National Guard Wing
- Inadequate consideration of demographics, manpower, and skill set losses
- Inadequate consideration of future mission capabilities

## Economic Impacts

- DoD substantially understates economic loss to community from closing Willow Grove.
- Our independent \* review of job losses shows:

SERVICE	ACTIVE DUTY	CIVILIAN	RESERVE	DIRECT TOTAL	INDIRECT	GRAND TOTAL
Navy	1,050	213	2,414	3,677		
Marines	438	0	209	717		
Air Force Reserve	8	331	1126	1,465		
Air Guard	68	201	935	1,204		
Army	5	9	184	198		
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>1,569</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>4,755</b>	<b>7,261</b>	<b>3,147</b>	<b>10,408</b>
<b>DoD:</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1,232</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>1,930</b>

Our area will lose 5 times more jobs than DoD estimated.

\* Study completed by Econsult using payroll figures obtained from NAS JRB Willow Grove

## Economic Impacts

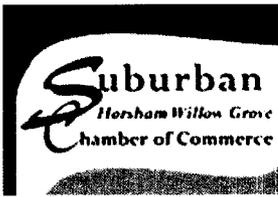
Branch of Service	Service Total in Millions
Navy	\$224
Air Force Reserve	\$79
Air National Guard	\$57
Army Reserves	\$2

• **10,400 jobs lost**

• **4,750 Reservists NOT Counted**

• **\$378M Economic Impact**

• **Concentrated Area**



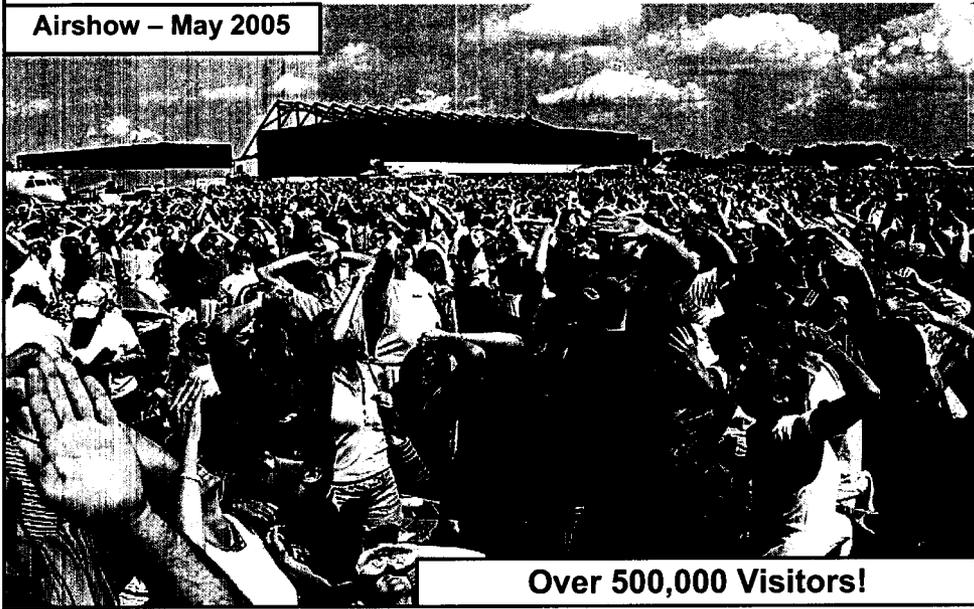
## Community Support

- The Horsham Willow Grove Community wants to SAVE OUR BASE:



## Community Support

Airshow – May 2005



Over 500,000 Visitors!

## Community's Conclusions

- Our committee, the State and other local officials have worked hard to understand the basis for the DoD Willow Grove Recommendations.
- We find that the data and evaluations of NAS JRB Willow Grove and the Willow Grove Air Reserve Station are incomplete, unavailable, or masked.
- Installation was not evaluated in whole as a joint facility
- The lack of data undermines the supposed fairness of the BRAC process
- Multiple substantial deviations invalidate recommendation

## NAS JRB WILLOW GROVE



Major General William B. Lynch  
Pennsylvania Base  
Development Committee

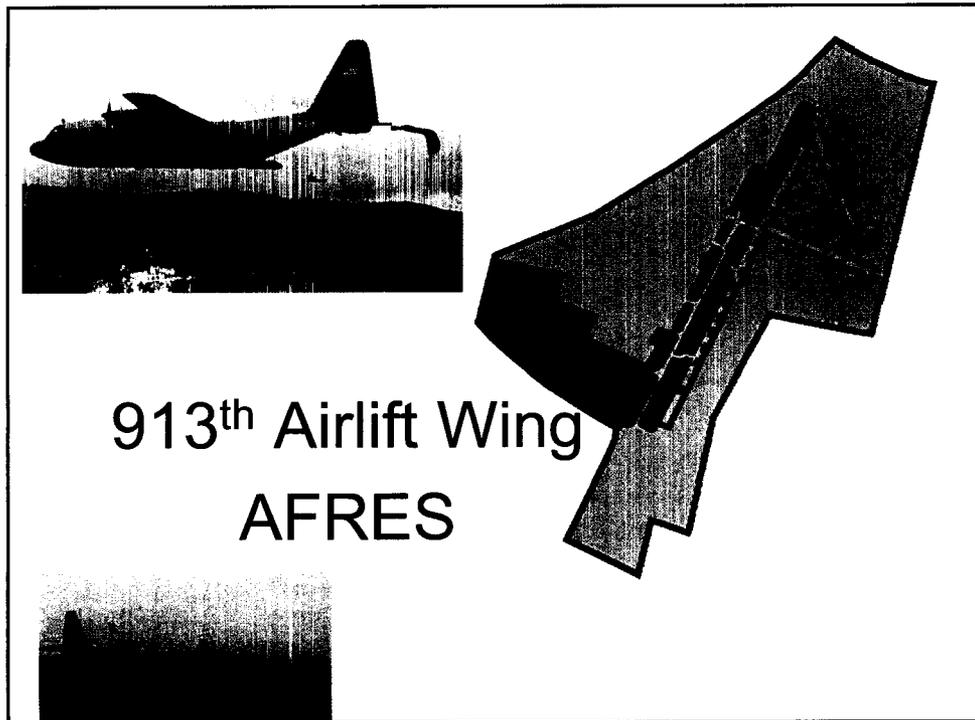
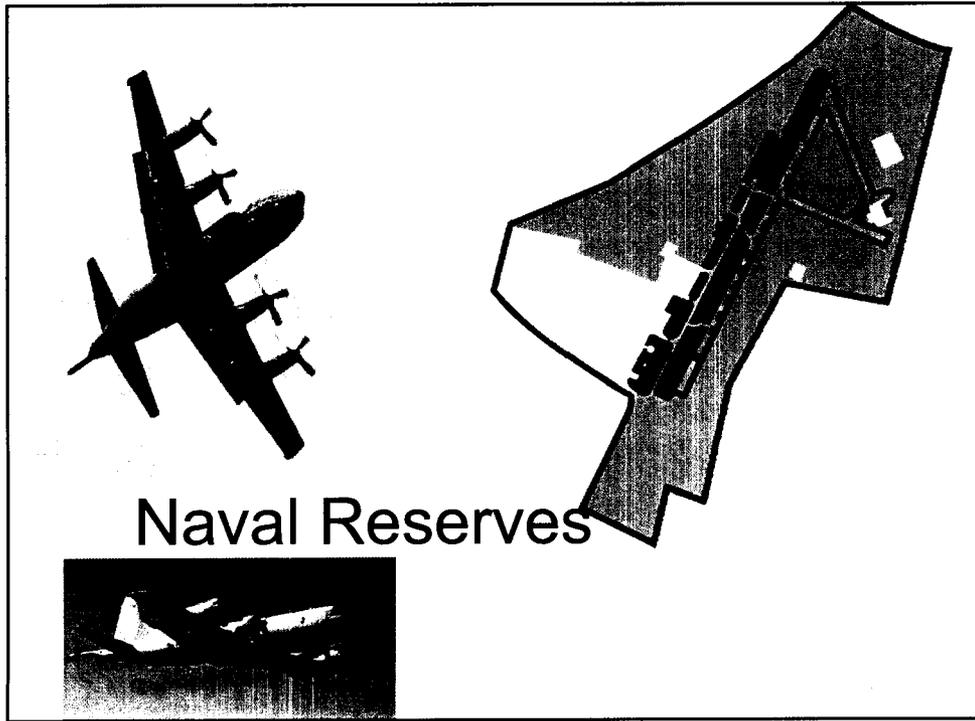
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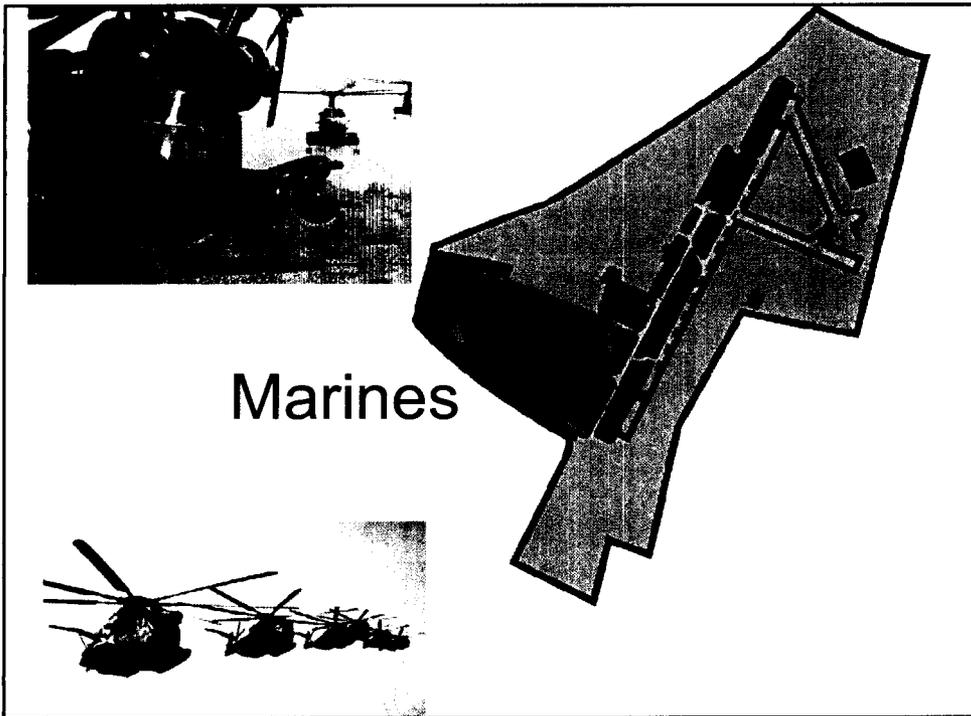
- ***“For the first time, the BRAC deliberations took place with an emphasis on “Jointness.” The Department recognized that operating jointly***
  - *reduces overhead costs,*
  - *improves efficiency, and*
  - *facilitates cooperative training...”*

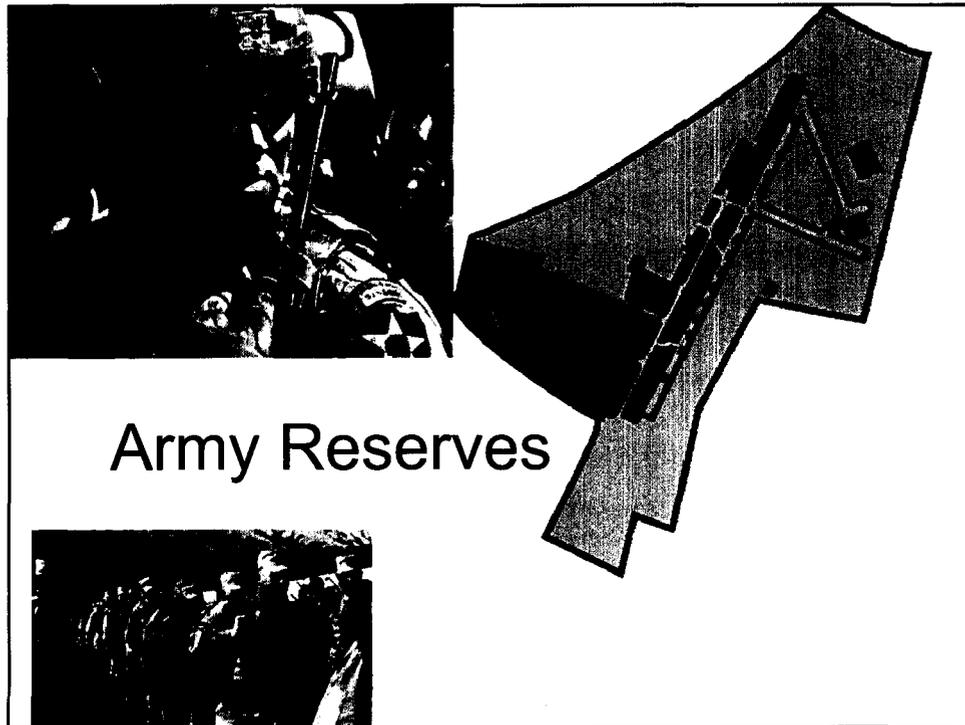
Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld

## JOINTNESS

**NAS JRB Willow  
Grove is joint  
today!**







## Jointness

- ***Military Value Criterion # 1.*** The current and future mission capabilities and the impact on operational readiness of the total force of the Department of Defense, including the impact on joint warfighting, training, and readiness.
- DoD's recommendation for Willow Grove substantially deviates from the first military value criterion.

## Jointness

- NAS JRB Willow Grove has 10 years of experience in jointness!
  - **Many day-to-day operations involve joint interactions.**
  - **These joint operational activities involve more than mere co-location.**
- Willow Grove should be considered a **JOINT CENTER OF EXCELLENCE**

## Jointness

- Actual joint operations will be significantly degraded by the recommended closure at Willow Grove.
- Closing NAS JRB Willow Grove & Willow Grove ARS will break significant present and future joint support activities
  - 28th Division, the 56th Stryker Brigade, and the current forces stationed at Willow Grove

## Jointness

- DoD did not evaluate NAS JRB Willow Grove as a total structure.
  - The Air Force did its evaluation and Navy did its own independent evaluation without accurately evaluating or assigning proper military value to the total base.
- A joint analysis for NAS JRB Willow Grove as a total force structure is not provided and can not be found.

## Jointness

Willow Grove was penalized for being joint in the military value evaluations of the separate services.

## Jointness

- Willow Grove is a great example joint operations and joint training
  - Day-to-day joint operations at NAS JRB Willow Grove mirror joint operations at forward operating locations.
  - A joint working group of all the services oversees joint use on a regular basis.
  - The 111th FW trains and fights with the 28th Infantry Division of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard.
  - Units from Willow Grove participated in 24 joint training opportunities in the last year, many using the nearby range at Fort Indiantown Gap.

## Joint Warfighting Examples

- 111<sup>th</sup> PaANG A-10s **deployed** for OIF and OEF
- VR-52 C-9s **deployed** for OIF and OEF
- HMH-772 H-53s **deployed** to USS Nassau
- MAG-49 **deployed** for OIF
- 913<sup>th</sup> C-130s **mobilized/deployed** for OIF
- MWSS 472 **deployed** to IRAQ
- VP P-3s Squadrons **deployed** for Joint Drug Ops
- VP P-3s Squadrons **deployed** for Kosovo Ops
- RIA 16 Support for OIF and OEF

OIF – Operation Iraqi Freedom

OEF – Operation Enduring Freedom

## Jointness

Willow Grove is the prototype joint base and the best example of joint service cooperation in the country



WILLOW GROVE, PA

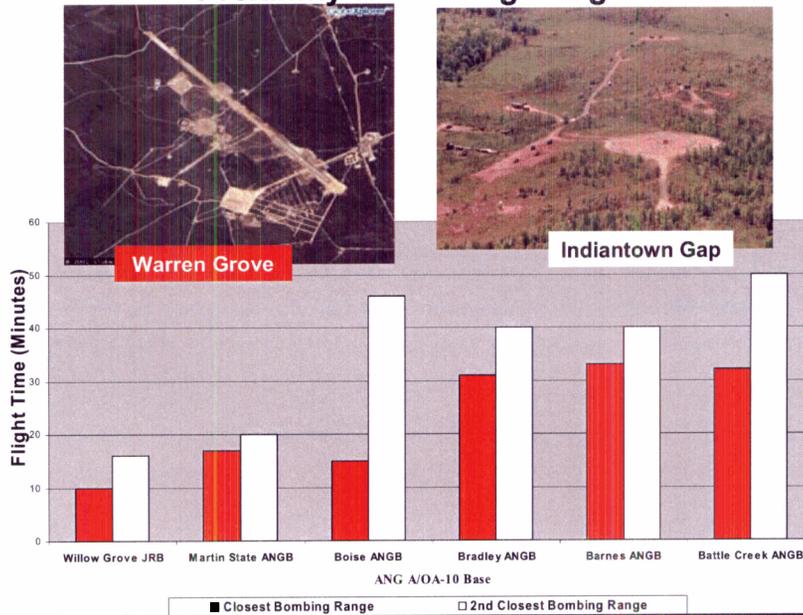
Willow Grove mirrors jointness of forward operating locations like Bagram

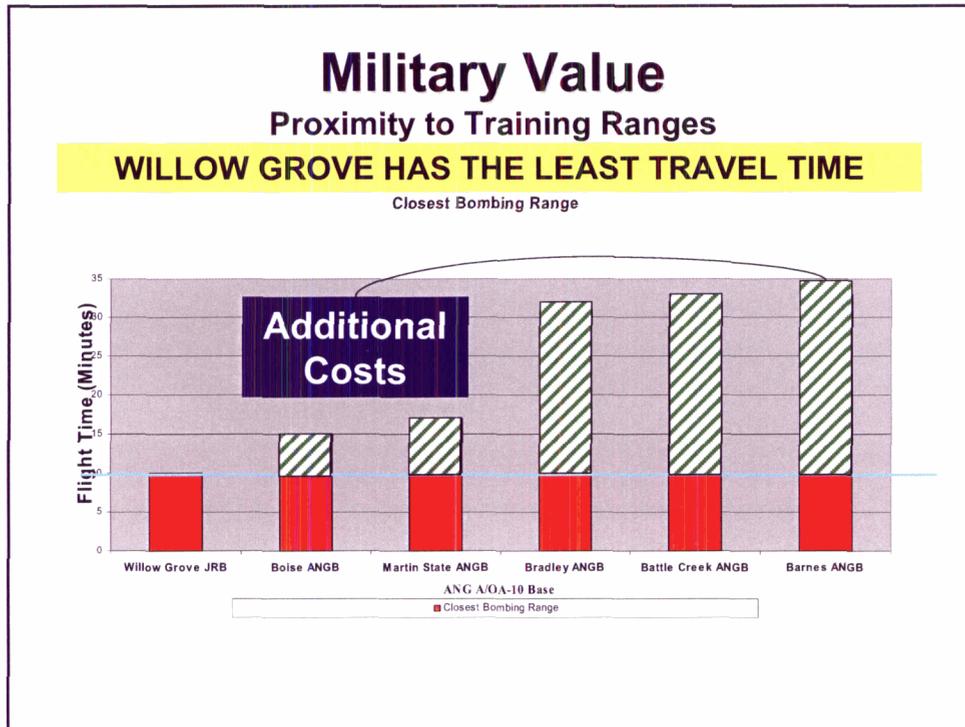


BAGRAM, AFGHANISTAN

## Military Value

Proximity to Training Ranges





## Land, Facilities, Airspace

- DoD Substantially Deviated from BRAC Criteria in evaluation of Willow Grove's Land, Facilities and Airspace
- *Military Value: The availability and condition of land, facilities, and associated airspace (including training areas suitable for maneuver by ground, naval, or air forces throughout a diversity of climate and terrain areas and staging areas for the use of the Armed Forces in homeland defense missions) at both existing and potential receiving locations.*
  - Military Value Criterion #2

## Land, Facilities, Airspace

- The Navy and Air Force land analyses were seriously flawed.
  - Neither service accurately evaluated total lands at Willow Grove
  - There is ample room for increasing assigned aircraft (up to 24 A-10s and 16 C-130s) at the Air Reserve Station without need for Navy facilities
  - There is ample room for increasing assigned aircraft for Navy and Marines without need for AF facilities
  - AND, the biggest flaw of all, DoD failed to consider total joint land use potential.



### **Land, Facilities, Airspace**

- NAS JRB Willow Grove does not have significant encroachment issues.
- McGuire AFB is slated to receive Navy and Marine Corps assets of NAS JRB Willow Grove and Johnstown.
  - McGuire has potential encroachment issues .

### **Land, Facilities, Airspace**

- Legislative language requires older C-130, and older KC-135 to be retained.
- The Navy plan depends on “retirement” of KC-135s at McGuire.
  - “The capacity created by the Air Force force structure retirement of KC-135Es (16 primary aircraft authorized) from McGuire AFB enables the execution of this recommendation.”
    - BRAC Report DoN Page 22 (Navy and Marine Corps)
- MILCON NOT required to keep Willow Grove
- Willow Grove airfield is precious national asset at key location.



## The ANG 111<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing

- **1023 Authorized Positions**
  - ✓ 749 Traditional / 205 Technician / 69 AGR
  - ✓ 99% Manned
  - ✓ 75% of members have combat experience
- **First ANG unit to deploy to Kuwait & Afghanistan**
- **Only A-10 unit to deploy for both Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM in 2003**
- **Five deployments to Southwest Asia in eight years**
  - ✓ 2005 – Gallant Unit Citation
  - ✓ 2004 – Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor
  - ✓ 2003 – ANG Distinguished Flying Unit Award
  - ✓ 2002 – Air Force Outstanding Unit Award



## Deactivation of the ANG 111th Fighter Wing

- Governor Rendell has advised Secretary Rumsfeld that he does not consent to, or approve of, deactivation of this ANG unit.
  - Federal law requires the consent and approval of the Governor for certain actions affecting National Guard units.
  - The DoD BRAC recommendations for the 111th Fighter Wing overlooked or ignored the role of the state with regard to its National Guard unit.



## Deactivation of the ANG 111th Fighter Wing

- Using the BRAC process to deactivate ANG units subverts the BRAC process.
  - No other ANG unit in the country was “deactivated” through the BRAC process.
  - BRAC was to have fairly evaluated installations
- The official Navy justification for “deactivation” of the 111<sup>th</sup> FW states:
  - “This recommendation enables Air Force Future Total Force transformation. . . .”
  - (Section 2: Recommendations, DoN Page 22)*
- **DOD RED TEAM** identified the problems.
- Deactivation of the 111<sup>th</sup> FW is WRONG!



## Deactivation of the ANG 111th Fighter Wing

- National Guard is Federalism in Action
- Collaboration, Cooperation, Coordination
- In BRAC 2005, the Army got the process right!
- The Air Force and Navy got it wrong!

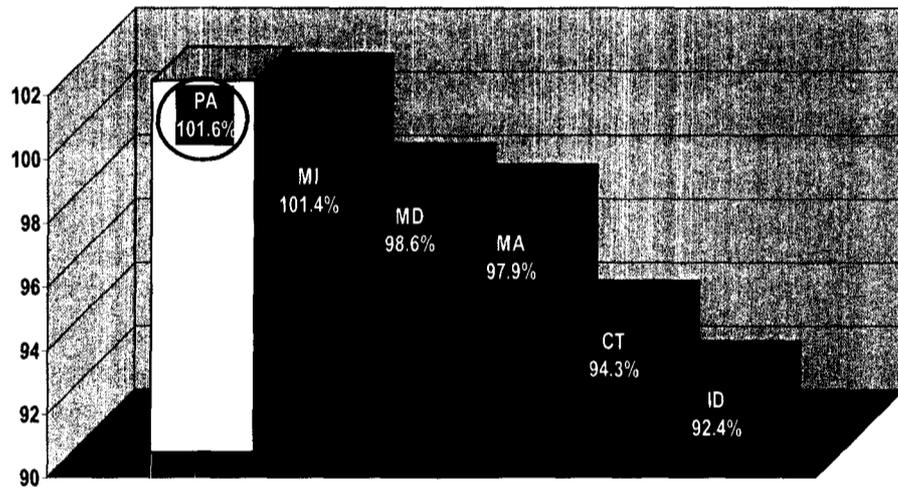


## Deactivation of the ANG 111th Fighter Wing

- Manpower, training, and expertise is lost forever and would be expensive to recover
  - Many aircrew, mechanics, and support personnel with extensive combat experience and extremely expensive training will be lost.
    - This violates BRAC Criterion 1 as it decreases readiness of the current force.
  - The DoD recommendations fail to capture the costs of retraining or replacing these experienced personnel.
    - This violates BRAC Final Criterion #4, which relates to costs of operations and manpower considerations.



## 111<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Recruiting & Retention A-10 Manning 2002-Present (ANG)



Willow Grove provides a rich recruiting environment for all units!

## Recruiting and Retention



### Manpower Concerns Nationwide

- Challenging recruiting environment
- Applies to all Willow Grove Units
- Loss of highly skilled Reservists
- Community Based Military being eroded

## The BRAC Process

### Willow Grove: What Went Wrong?

– The AF and Navy Minutes tell the Story:

- Dec 2004: AF discusses impacts on other service
- 10 February 05: Navy justifies closure in part because of AF leaving
- 3 March 05: AF justifies action because of Navy closure.
- 3 May 05: AF justifies deactivation because it enables DON 0084
- Each service was using the other as the reason to depart
- Assumptions NOT Analysis

### **The BRAC Process**

- NAS JRB Willow Grove was never properly evaluated or considered as an installation in its entirety by either the Navy or the Air Force.
- All available documents indicate that Navy analyzed its side of the installation, and the Air Force studied how/where to move units based on assumption that airfield would be closed.

### **The BRAC Process**

- Failure to evaluate alternatives
- ***What if the Navy goes away?***
- There are alternatives to keep flying operations at Willow Grove.
  - Marines, Army Reserve, AFRES, or ANG could maintain flight operations.
  - Joint civilian/military use not considered.

## The BRAC Process

- In the process of this partial analysis, entire units stationed at NAS JRB were overlooked:
  - Example: Marine Wing Support Squadron (MWSS) 472 for USMCR is hardly mentioned at all.
  - No justification or rationale is offered for the changes to the 913<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing!
    - This important airlift unit just disappears with hardly a word of explanation.

## The BRAC Process

- “Enron-like” accounting in COBRA Analysis.
  - The Navy’s COBRA analysis is flawed in that it eliminates 52 more personnel in each year from 2007 through 2011 than actually are assigned.
  - Error results in significant overstatement of savings
  - In this DoD recommendation, personnel positions associated with force structure are eliminated at the losing installation, but not ‘bought back’ at the gaining site. This is an incorrect action.

## **The BRAC Process**

- Both the Navy and the Air Force applied active force constructs to reserve component units.
  - Reserve component personnel cannot simply be reassigned or ordered to other units.
    - Many aircrew, mechanics, and support personnel with combat experience and extremely expensive training will be lost.

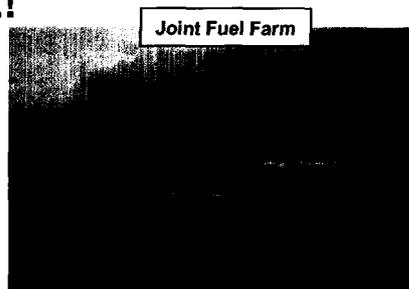
## **Reserve Component vs. Active Duty**

### **Reserve Components Offer**

- Three times the experience
- One third the cost
- **MILITARY VALUE!**

### **Willow Grove JRB**

- Shared Facilities
- Joint Projects



## **Reserve Component vs. Active Duty Personnel Impacts**

### **111<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Survey**

**Full-Timers → 80% Will Not Move**

**Part-Timers → 87% Will Not Move**

**Average: 85%**

**Our Members ARE a part of the Community**

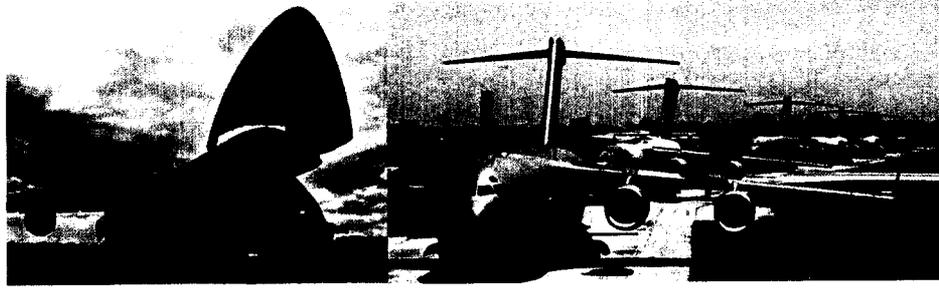
**They can't just be transferred like AD**

## **The BRAC Process**

- The DoD recommendations fail to capture to costs of retraining or replacing these experienced personnel. This violates BRAC Final Criterion #4, which relates to costs of operations and manpower considerations.
- AF Military Compatibility Indices were slanted to favor active duty installations over reserve component installations
  - Seemingly objective criteria involve factors favoring active duty installations
  - There were significant errors in the MCIs for Willow Grove ARS

### Military Value – C-5/C-17 Capability

Aircraft		Incorrect Data has skewed the Air Force MCI Numbers
C-5		
C-17		



### Published SOF/CSAR MCI's

BASE	OVERALL
BOISE	41.35 (1)
MARTIN STATE	39.45 (2)
WILLOW GROVE	37.71 (3)
BARNES	35.50 (4)
BRADLEY	35.40 (5)
BATTLE CREEK	30.50 (6)

**Corrected SOF/CSAR MCI's**

<b>BASE</b>	<b>OVERALL</b>
WILLOW GROVE	42.12 (1)
BOISE	41.35 (2)
MARTIN STATE	39.45 (3)
BARNES	35.50 (4)
BRADLEY	35.40 (5)
BATTLE CREEK	30.50 (6)

**Military Value**

**Willow Grove was both  
underrated in some  
instances and not rated  
at all in others.**

## NAS JRB WILLOW GROVE



Major General Jessica L. Wright  
The Adjutant General  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

### **Deactivation of 111<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing**

- AF approach to BRAC 2005 is a national issue of concern to all TAGs.
- You heard about our concerns in Atlanta.
- Discussed alternative scenarios for ANG Units
- Include 111<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing if ANG wings are considered in aggregate

### **Deactivation of 111<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing**

- Deactivation of 111th FW NOT approved by state governor
- Deactivation of 111th FW NOT coordinated with me or my staff

### **Willow Grove Provides Jointness NOW**

- Habitual joint training with 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division
- Air Support Operations Squadrons (ASOS) and Special Tactics Squadrons (STS) come to Fort Indiantown Gap to train in part because 111<sup>th</sup> provides air-to-ground range training.
  - Units from across nation train here because of realistic joint training.
- AF justified adding to Reserve A-10 unit at Barksdale because of proximity to joint training but gave no credit to Willow Grove and 111<sup>th</sup>.



NAS JRB WILLOW GROVE



The Honorable Curt Weldon  
Member of Congress

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# TAB B

Statement of Honorable Allyson Schwartz  
Member of Congress







**Statement of  
The Honorable Allyson Y. Schwartz  
Before the  
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
Washington, D.C.**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My name is Congresswoman Allyson Schwartz, and I represent Willow Grove Joint Reserve Base in the United States House of Representatives.

Let me first say that I acknowledge and appreciate the scope and importance of the task before the BRAC Commission – and the nation is grateful for your dedication to this effort. I strongly support the goal of streamlining and modernizing our military, as a part of the larger mission of ensuring our nation's defense. I believe this goal will best be met if Willow Grove is part of the future force.

Governor Rendell and Senator Specter have begun articulate the importance of Willow Grove Joint Reserve Base. I am pleased to join them and also appreciate the presence of the dean of our congressional delegation, Congressman John Murtha.

We are also joined this morning by my colleague, Congressman Curt Weldon, senior member of the Armed Services Committee, as well as Major Generals Bill Lynch and Jessica Wright, and Mr. Ed Ebenbach, Co-chair of the Willow Grove Regional Military Affairs Committee, who will present the specifics of our case.

Before turning to them, I would like to emphasize one particular point – how the closure of Joint Reserve Base Willow Grove will directly impact our nation's ability to retain some of the best, and most experienced, men and women in uniform.

The men and women who serve at Willow Grove Joint Reserve Base are accustomed to joint service cooperation, training and warfighting; the Navy, Air Force Reserves, Marines, Army Reserves, and Air National Guard are all represented on the

base and they work together on a daily basis. They are thoroughly prepared and committed to enhancing and expanding their joint operations – a key aspect of the DOD's modernization strategy.

Additionally, these highly skilled and experienced men and women are dedicated to the task of protecting our nation. For example, 75% of the personnel of the 111<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing have been deployed overseas since September 11, 2001, successfully completing combat missions in Iraq, and Afghanistan. And the volunteer members of the 913<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing have participated in thousands of deployments above and beyond the mobilizations and activations of their unit.

I urge the Commission to consider the consequences of closing a base in a state that has such a dynamic Reserve and Guard community, and in a region that would otherwise be without an installation to support these volunteers. The closure of Willow Grove will require DOD to expend a great deal of time, money, and effort to recruit and train replacements for these experienced and dedicated men and women.

As we continue to modernize our force structure and ensure that our military is skilled, efficient, and fully prepared to protect and defend our nation against both old and new threats, the Commission should consider the contribution that this base has already made – and the leadership it can provide for the future.

Thank you.

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# TAB C

Statement of Edgar Ebenbach  
Regional Military Affairs Committee







**Statement of  
Edgar Ebenbach  
Before the  
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
July 7, 2005  
Washington, DC**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank you Congresswoman Schwartz for your remarks and your outstanding support for our efforts to "Save Our Base."

My name is Ed Ebenbach and I am the immediate past Board Chairman of the Suburban Horsham Willow Grove Chamber of Commerce, and current Co-chair of the Regional Military Affairs Committee, a group formed by the Chamber, concerned businesses, organizations, and individuals to support and defend NAS JRB Willow Grove. I am a retired engineering and business executive from Motorola, Inc., and a lifelong resident of the region. It is an honor to appear before you today and lead off a panel of distinguished officials and leaders.

On behalf of the people of the Horsham and Willow Grove area, I want to thank Chairman Principi for visiting Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Willow Grove earlier this week, and I want to thank all of the Commissioners and the Commission staff for listening to our concerns.

I am pleased to be joined on the panel by Congressman Curt Weldon, Major General Jessica Wright and retired Major General William Lynch. General Wright is the Adjutant General of Pennsylvania. Congressman Weldon represents the nearby 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, and his presence here today reflects not only how closely he has worked on this issue with Congresswoman Alyson Schwartz and our neighboring Congressman Mike Fitzpatrick of the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, but also how the proposed closure of the base would have far-reaching impacts on the region.

Governor Ed Rendell, Senator Arlen Specter and Congresswoman Allyson Schwartz have touched on many of the reasons why we all believe that the proposed closure of Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Willow Grove, with the loss of Navy and Marine units along with the accompanying deactivation of the 111<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing and closure of the 913<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, is a colossal mistake. My job today is to give you a brief overview of the installation and to summarize the community concerns.

Let me start by introducing you to this great entity we call Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Willow Grove. As you can see from the satellite photo and text, it's a lot more than most people think and it's a whole lot more than what's reflected in the DoD BRAC recommendations. It's not just a Naval Air Station anymore, and it hasn't been for ten years.

NAS JRB Willow Grove consists of 1100 acres of Department of Defense (DoD) properties (Navy and Air Force) located in Montgomery County, PA, with an 8,000-foot runway, and a ASR-12 digital Air Traffic Control Radar. The United States Naval Reserve, United States Air Force Reserve, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, United States Marine Corps Reserve, and United States Army Reserve have had personnel, equipment, and units training and operating jointly on the facility since 1995. Joint operations, maintenance, and training are conducted at Willow Grove every day of the year. I don't understand how a mature joint installation can be closed by a process when one of the Air Force's four goals was to "capitalize on joint activity." (ref: Air Force Report, p. 1 The following slides illustrate the joint use and complexity of Willow Grove Joint Reserve Base.

The list of the military units that operate out of Willow Grove reads like a who's who of National Defense, with an emphasis on defending our homeland. Details of the individual military units will be covered later in General Lynch's presentation. What's more, as you can see, non-military agencies such as the FAA and FEMA and PEMA operate out of Willow Grove. For example, the ASR-12 digital radar, owned by the Navy, and operated by the FAA, is Philadelphia International Airport's sole backup unit. It is called on every two weeks for routine maintenance on the Philadelphia system, and has been called on three times in the last 1.5 years on an emergency basis. To the best we can tell, DoD did not consult the FAA as they were forming their closure recommendation for

Willow Grove. The base is clearly a key asset in a key strategic location. It should not be abandoned through short-sighted planning and without a fair and even-handed analysis.

Like other community groups around the country, we've had difficulties obtaining all the data and analysis on which the DoD based its recommendations. Still, we've been able to identify several substantial deviations from the BRAC criteria in the actions proposed for Willow Grove.

The DoD recommendation to close Willow Grove is based on erroneous assumptions and lack of clear analysis. There have been substantial miscalculations and an overall lack of consideration of key issues. Congressman Weldon, General Wright, and General Lynch will go into this in more detail, but I can tell you that, from the perspective of a successful businessman, the quality and transparency of the DoD report falls far short of what should be expected.

Take a look, for example, at the economic analysis. I know that every community you speak to tells you about the loss of jobs and economic activity if their local base is closed. We have these same concerns in our communities. However, we are particularly concerned that DoD substantially understated the negative economic impacts, giving a false impression. DoD estimated that our area will lose fewer than 2,000 jobs. But an independent consultant – Econsult Corporation -- who reviewed this for the Chamber estimated a loss of 10,000 jobs. Based on this estimate, our area will lose 5 times as many jobs as DoD estimated. DoD completely ignored the loss of nearly 5,000 Guard and Reserve slots at Willow Grove, but we know, and you know, that these Reserve personnel like in our communities and their pay makes significant contributions to economic activities. Our consultant estimated an accompanying loss of \$375million in annual economic activity. This is a significant error!

It's important for you to know that our community stands behind the effort to save our base. Just last week, Governor Ed Rendell spoke to a throng of about 750 at the Hatboro-Horsham Sr. High School and the support for the base was tremendous. And I'd also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge, and for you to see the strong support shown by the 200 supporters who, at substantial personal sacrifice, have traveled here today to participate in this hearing. Of course we care about jobs and economic impacts, but we also care about military value and homeland security and the importance of

Willow Grove as strategic location for important joint military missions, operations and training.

Community support for Willow Grove takes several forms. Over Memorial Day weekend, the base attracted over half a million visitors to the Air Show. This great event, which included the Blue Angels, was a bonanza for the units at Willow Grove in terms of helping to build recruiting and retention and support for our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines. It's astonishing that DOD would abandon an installation like ours.

We have worked hard to understand what DoD was trying to do when it recommended closing Willow Grove. The lack of data undermines the fairness of the process, and there are real and substantial deviations from the final criteria. Military value was supposed to be the key consideration of the BRAC process, however, the military value of Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Willow Grove was never assessed for the installation as a whole. We believe these errors and omissions cry out for action by the Commission to reverse the DoD recommendation.

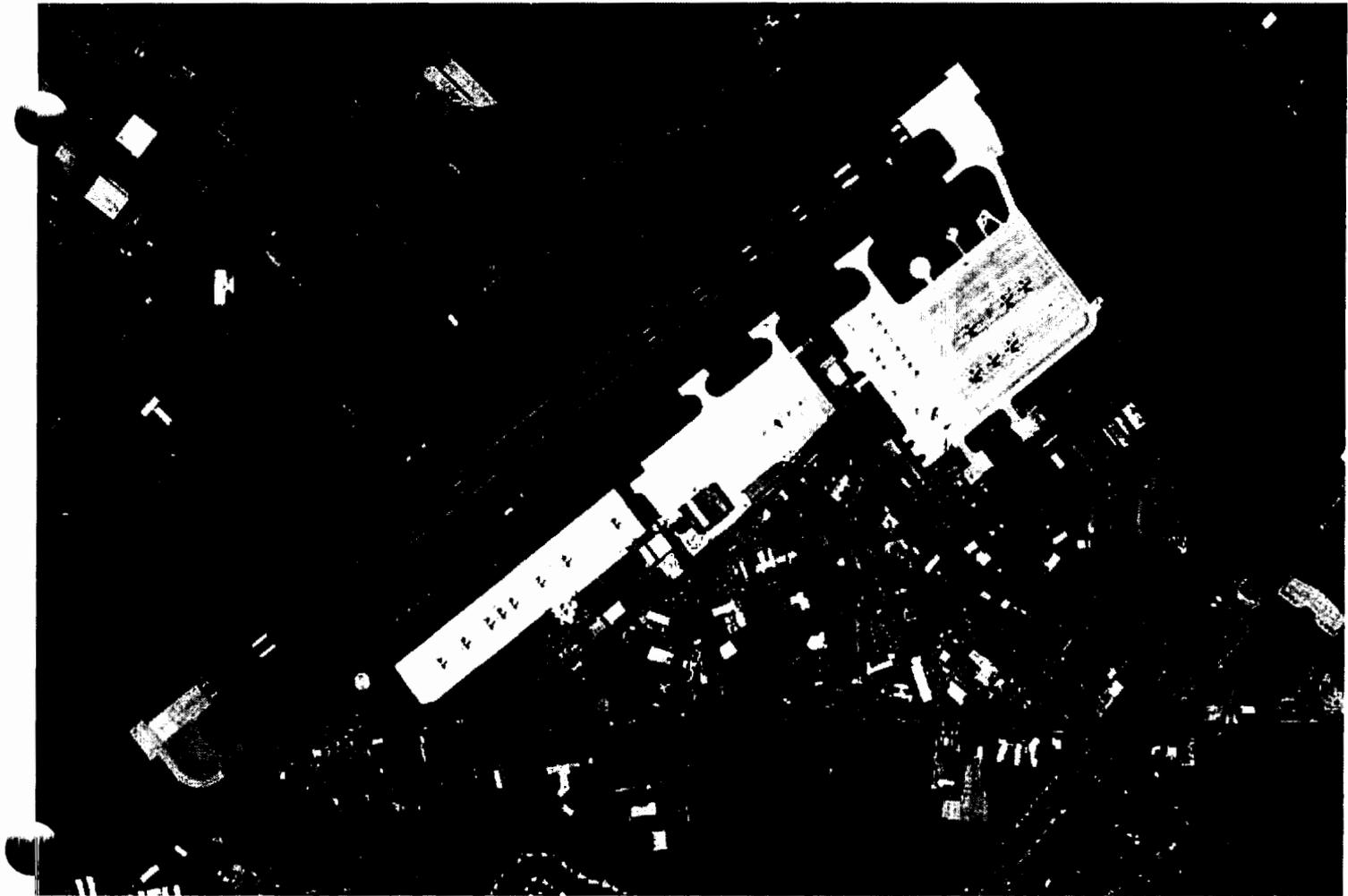
I've only had a few minutes here today to lay out the community's concerns regarding the recommendation to close NAS JRB Willow Grove.

So let's now get into the details. For that, I would like to turn the presentation over to General Lynch.



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# TAB D

Statement of Major General William Lynch  
Pennsylvania Base Development Committee







**Statement of  
William B. Lynch  
Before the  
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
July 7, 2005  
Washington, D.C.**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My name is Bill Lynch. I am a retired Air Force and Air National Guard guy. My last military assignment was as the Adjutant General of Pennsylvania. In addition, I serve as the Vice-Chairman for Air of the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) and as a member of Governor Rendell's Base Development Committee.

Secretary Principi, there are 1.2 million veterans in Pennsylvania, and on behalf of all of us, I thank you for your service at the VA. Now, we need your leadership again, and I thank you and all of the Commissioners for taking on these duties. You have the opportunity to change the DoD recommendations when you find substantial deviations. Understanding the seriousness of our request, we ask you to do just that with regard to the only truly joint base marked for closure---Willow Grove Joint Reserve Base.

The very first BRAC criterion is focused on the military value of jointness. Secretary Rumsfeld observed correctly that for the first time, BRAC decisions are to be made with an emphasis on jointness. Willow Grove is joint today. It is a functioning Joint Center of Excellence. As you look at these slides and see where these components are located on the base, you can see that this base has more than the mere potential for jointness, it is joint, right now. Willow Grove is home to the Navy Reserve, the Air Force Reserve, the Air National Guard, the Marine Corps Reserve, and the Army

Reserve. The DoD recommendation to close Willow Grove and shut down many of its units substantially deviates from the military value criterion that emphasizes jointness.

It has taken a long time to evolve a joint day-to-day working relationship and develop the significant joint training events that take place at Willow Grove, and with the Willow Grove units. This jointness paid off during our combat deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. It is beneficial for aircrews and support personnel to understand the Navy way of doing things, just as it's good for the Navy to understand the Air Force and Army. As we move toward a great deal more emphasis on jointness in the future, Willow Grove should serve as a model.

If you allow Willow Grove to close, the actual joint operations taking place today, as well as many future joint operational opportunities, will be lost. These opportunities come from our proximity to the air-to-ground bombing range and ground maneuver training opportunities. The 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry division and the 111<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing work together on joint training and operations, and there will be more opportunities with the new Stryker Brigade coming to Pennsylvania. These opportunities will involve the 913<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing and other Willow Grove units.

Perhaps the most substantial deviation with regard to the jointness of Willow Grove stems from the fact that no one, not the Navy, not the Air Force, not the Department of Defense, evaluated Willow Grove as a joint installation. In fact, all the data and analyses make it seem as though Willow Grove was penalized for being joint. This turns the first Military Value Criterion on its head! But, reflects the hidebound nature of some in DoD who apparently don't appreciate jointness and undervalue, the military value, of our reserve components.

Willow Grove is a great example of joint operations. Air Guard units participate in exercises with Marine Reserves and Army Guard. Soldiers on the ground use lasers to designate targets for aircraft at our range at Fort Indiantown Gap. A joint working group plans and executes training missions involving Army, Air and Guard and Marine forces. It works! As the slide says, there were 24 joint training events in the last year alone.

Why is this important? It's important, because it prepares us for warfighting. Units from Willow Grove have been deeply involved in joint warfighting since September 11, 2001. We train as we fight, and our joint base structure here is, just like

the joint base structure our forces encountered when they are deployed overseas. Willow Grove should not be penalized for jointness. That is a substantial deviation.

Another important military value, which relates to both military value criteria numbers one and two, is proximity to training. This is a key element in military readiness. As these slides show, Willow Grove is located in closer proximity to air-to-ground training ranges and important airspace than many bases not recommended for closure. This translates directly, into savings. These slides show how much flying time is saved as a result the proximity of these ranges and savings in flying time translate into savings in fuel dollars. For example, the A-10 costs \$4,000 per hour to operate.

Now to military value criterion number 2, which deals with the availability and condition of land, facilities and airspace. Here too, the DoD recommendations substantially deviated from the BRAC criteria. Neither the Navy nor the Air Force evaluated Willow Grove as a total base. There is ample room for expansion at Willow Grove without spending one dime of military construction money. Right now, the installation can accommodate 24 A-10s and 16 C-130s on the Air Reserve ramp. The satellite photograph shows there is room to "right-size" the Willow Grove units right now with no construction costs.

There are no significant encroachment issues at Willow Grove, but the same can not be said for McGuire AFB. The Navy recommendation for closing Willow Grove depends on the "retirement" of 16 KC-135s aircraft from McGuire, but Congress has told the services that these aircraft can not be retired.

Chairman Principi visited Willow Grove, and he can tell you of the fine facilities there. Most importantly, it has a functioning airfield located in a prime strategic location essential for the Homeland Defense and Homeland Security missions that come together only in the Guard and Reserve. Congressman Weldon will point out that this vital asset for homeland defense and homeland security can not be replaced.

Let me say a make a few important points about the 111<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. The Wing has a great record of service to our nation and our state. 75% of its members have combat experience.

Governor Rendell spoke about the recommended deactivation of the 111<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing. We believe this recommendation is illegal because it was not made with the consent or approval of the Governor.

What's more, the justification for the deactivation is a total subversion of the BRAC process. The Navy justified this deactivation by saying it enabled the Air Force Future Total Force transformation. But as you know, that justification is completely improper; it has nothing to do with infrastructure.

The Secretary of Defense employed a Red Team to review all DoD potential recommendations and provide a critique. The Red Team captured exactly what was going on with the Air Force recommendations. They observed that the Air Force is trying to use BRAC to move aircraft and gain MILCON funding rather than reducing, excess infrastructure. Air Force goals for BRAC 2005 focus on operational requirements rather than on the statutory purpose of BRAC, which is the reduction of excess infrastructure. This is simply wrong--- a substantial deviation---and you must act, to stop it.

Why would the Air Force and the Navy use BRAC to deactivate and Air National Guard unit? Could it be they sought to avoid the site specific Congressional scrutiny that would certainly come if they tried to take the same steps in the correct and legal manner?

Let me just say a few words from the perspective of a former Adjutant General and Guard leader. The National Guard, in Pennsylvania and across America, is federalism in action. It requires day-to-day collaboration and interaction between the state and federal governments. When the federal government wants to change National Guard units, it has to consult and coordinate with the states. This is how it should be. This is what the law intended. Governor Rendell has told you that no one asked for his consent to deactivate this Guard unit; and General Wright will tell you that no one consulted with her about it either.

I'm sure you know that when we undertake a collaborative effort, it is often more work than if you could just do it yourself. But, the results are usually much better. So it is with the National Guard. It is a continuous military collaboration between the states and the federal government, except when, as here, the Air Force apparently decided that it could use the BRAC process for cover, for just doing it themselves, without

coordination, without consultation, and without the Governor's consent! You will not hear us complain about the proposed relocations and moves under BRAC for the Army National Guard, because the Army did it right. They coordinated and they consulted. As a retired Air Force general, I have to tell you that I'm a little embarrassed to say that my Air Force got it all wrong this time. The deactivation of the 111<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing must be overturned.

In addition to the important federalism issues, this recommendation must be overturned for operational reasons as well. Sacrificing this unit makes no sense. It is a joint warfighter and it trains jointly, all the time. The Air Force applied active duty constructs and active duty assumptions to reserve component units. If we deactivate the 111<sup>th</sup>, aircrew and support personnel with invaluable combat experience and very expensive training needed for the ongoing Global War on Terror as Reserve and Air National Guard personnel continue to rotate in-and-out of the fight, will be lost forever. Our personnel have three times the experience and they cost nearly one-third as much to maintain as the active force. The recruiting and retention success of the 111<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing is notable, particularly in comparison to other A-10 units that are not on DoD's list. And, this fine level of success in recruiting and retention carries across to other reserve component units at Willow Grove. It's a rich recruiting environment that must not be abandoned. We ought to be trying to enhance units like the 111<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, not destroy them. This violates BRAC criteria. It is a substantial deviation.

Process produces results. And, when a process is fundamentally flawed, it produces results that are flawed. The phrase "garbage in, garbage out" seems appropriate here.

The minutes of the Navy and Air Force deliberations tell a story of services making assumptions rather than doing the required analyses. We know from Air Force and Navy minutes of meetings held between mid-December 04 and early May 05 that:

- In December 04 (7 Dec), the AF acknowledged that its actions would impact another service.
- Then, in Feb. 05 (10 Feb), part of the justification for the Navy's departure was based on "Army and AF assets were scheduled to move out of NAS JRB Willow Grove."

- But, it's not until May 05 that we note in a 3 May 05 meeting that AF unit relocations were justified because, "It enables DON 0084." That document is the Navy's Willow Grove closure action.

The Navy's action to close the base is justified by the assumption that the Air Force would relocate, and the Air Force's decision to relocate is justified by the assumption that the Navy would close the base. The records of minutes and justifications make it clear that each service was using the other, as a reason to depart, and neither, felt comfortable enough with the action to claim responsibility based on military value arguments. Willow Grove Joint Reserve Base was never properly evaluated as an installation in its entirety by either the Navy or the Air Force. The Navy analyzed its side of the field and the Air Force studied how and where to move based on the assumption that the Navy would close the base. That is a substantial deviation from BRAC criterion #7 and the Force Structure Plan.

It is quite clear that no analysis of Willow Grove as a joint base was ever performed. The Navy and the Air Force each analyzed its own portion and stopped.

For example, no credit was given by the Air Force for joint use of the Navy ramp and hangar space immediately available for mobility and deployment operations. No analysis of alternatives was performed with respect to either the Navy or the Air Force expanding into joint use facilities or facilities vacated by the other service.

In fact, in this case, being a joint base proved to be a detriment, as each service relied on assumptions made about the other's anticipated actions.

DoD should have evaluated alternatives. If the Navy wants to cease flying operations at Willow Grove, what alternatives were considered for maintaining the other flying units there? Willow Grove could be operated by the Marines or the Army Reserve or the Air Force Reserve or the Air National Guard. It could even be converted into a joint military civilian use airfield. But none of these alternatives was considered.

In the process of this partial analysis, entire units stationed at NAS JRB Willow Grove were overlooked. What happened to Marine Wing Support Squadron 472 of the Marine Corps Reserve? And the 913<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing of the Air Force Reserve just seems to disappear with no analysis, and no articulated justification.

The COBRA analysis was flawed as well. It overstates savings. In one case, the Navy takes credit for 52 more people than are actually assigned. What's more, the costs are understated because the positions proposed for elimination from Willow Grove are not, bought back in calculating the costs at the receiving installations. This has been termed "Enron-like Accounting" by other communities and is specifically criticized in the GAO Report on the DoD BRAC process released on July 1. It reports, "Based on our analysis we noted that the majority of the net annual savings (60 percent) are cost avoidances from military personnel eliminations. However, eliminations are not expected to result in reductions to active duty, Air Reserve, and Air National Guard end strengths, limiting savings available for other purposes." (ref: p.123)

Finally, both the Navy and the Air Force subverted the BRAC process by applying active duty mindsets to reserve component units. The Reserve Components offer three times the experience at one third of the cost. At Willow Grove, there are shared facilities now and the potential for many more in the future. Unlike their active duty counterparts, Reserve Component personnel at Willow Grove and across the nation are part of the communities where they serve. For example, the 111<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing surveyed its full and part-time personnel and found that 85% won't move if the unit is deactivated as scheduled in 2009. What's more over 50% of the full-time personnel may take advantage of retirement opportunities instead of moving, and their outstanding combat experience will be lost forever.

On the Air Force side, the seemingly objective Military Capability Indices, were prepared by weapons system rather than installation or supporting function, and were slanted to favor active duty installations over reserve component ones. At Willow Grove, the key SOF/CSAR MCI was flawed because of data errors. It's clear that Willow Grove was underrated, because of a data collection error. This slide shows the corrected MCI rating. Willow Grove was underrated in other instances, it wasn't rated at all as a total installation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide this statement.

I am proud to introduce the Adjutant General of Pennsylvania, Major General Jessica L. Wright.





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# TAB E

Statement of Major General Jessica L. Wright  
The Adjutant General  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania







**Statement of  
Major General Jessica L. Wright  
Adjutant General  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Before the  
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
July 7, 2005  
Washington, DC**

Thank you, Bill. My name is Jessica Wright, and I am the Adjutant General of Pennsylvania. As you can tell from my uniform, I am a member of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard. I am joined here today by Major General Wesley Craig, the Commander of the 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, the oldest division in the United States Army, and Major General Jim Skiff, my Deputy Adjutant General for Air and a former commander of the 111<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing. I appreciate the difficult task you have before you and thank you for your selfless service on this very important Commission.

Last week in Atlanta you heard from Adjutants General from across America about the huge flaws in the BRAC 2005 process as it applies to the Air National Guard. The Air Force and the Navy applied an active-duty mindset set to reserve component units. It clearly appears that the scoring of installations was slanted to favor large active duty bases and put the ANG bases at a disadvantage. I appreciate your recognition of this fact in the alternative scenarios that you presented last week to the Department of Defense. The Adjutants General hope you will reverse the Air Force recommendations for ANG flying wings in total. If you do so, I ask that you not forget that the 111<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing was covered by a Navy action for Willow Grove. As General Lynch told you there are realistic cost effective options to keep flying operations at Willow Grove.

As Governor Rendell has said, he was not asked to approve, and did not, in fact, approve, the recommendation for deactivation of the 111<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing of the

Pennsylvania Air National Guard. As Adjutant General, I was not consulted on the 111th Fighter Wing deactivation. In fact, between December 2003 and July 2004, I was led to believe the Wing would be plussed up with additional A-10's. Subsequent to July 2004 the message was that we would have wait until after BRAC to proceed with future force planning. We were assured that the BRAC process was not a substitute for future total force actions. I echo all the issues raised by my fellow Adjutants General. The Adjutants General are all good and loyal soldiers. But we cannot stand by and watch the important role of the states for oversight of state National Guard forces being subverted by recommendations based on flawed analyses biased in favor of the active forces.

My other purpose for speaking to you today is to point out the joint opportunities that exist and can be enhanced at Willow Grove in the future. The 111th Fighter Wing and the 28th Infantry Division have developed a habitual training relationship over the last five years that has been institutionalized with a joint working group co-chaired by the 111th Fighter Wing weapons and tactics officer and the 28th Division Operations officer (G3). They have conducted joint close air support to include joint live fire on a regular basis. In fact some of the larger exercises have included:

- Army infantry and artillery
- Marine aviation, including both active and reserve
- Air Force active duty, Guard and Reserve forces to include C-130's
- Army Aviation and Special Forces.

This training is, by all accounts, the benchmark against which joint training opportunities can be measured.

As you've already heard from General Lynch, the range at Fort Indiantown Gap, located in close proximity to Willow Grove, is the training site of choice for Air Force air support operation squadrons and special tactics squadrons responsible for integration with Army close air supports and joint fire support.

The Air Force BRAC report states in its justification for the Reserve unit at Barksdale AFB that it provides A-10 close air support of the Army's Joint Readiness Center, one of the nation's premiere joint training opportunities. Over 90% of the Air Strike Operations Squadrons and Special Tactics Squadrons train at For Indiantown Gap, which is in close proximity to Willow Grove. These combat airmen obviously believe it

is a premier joint training site. Deactivation of the 111th Fighter wing would degrade this joint training.

As you are well aware, the Army is transforming to brigade units of action, a paradigm shift to modularity. With the transformation of the 56th Brigade of the 28th Infantry Division to the only reserve component Stryker Brigade Combat Team, the Pennsylvania Army National Guard is certainly at the sharp end of these dramatic changes. I believe we are in this enviable position due our combat capability as well as our ability to provide the best in joint training.

Additionally, Willow Grove is in a key location to provide future support to the Stryker Brigade headquarters, one of its battalion headquarters, two infantry companies and a Division air defense artillery battalion headquarters and battery. Pennsylvania's 28<sup>th</sup> Division, commanded by General Craig, is the only National Guard division to host one of the new Stryker Brigades. The federal government is investing more than \$300 million in military construction for the new brigade. The Stryker units are located across Pennsylvania, with many located in Southeastern Pennsylvania. The Brigade headquarters is located fewer than 10 miles from Willow Grove. I believe there is a real potential to station Stryker units at Willow Grove in the future. These joint training and operation opportunities depend on continued flying operations being maintained at this key strategic location. This would significantly enhance planning and training as well as tactics, techniques, and procedures assessment for joint combat operations.

Last month, I saw off to Iraq 2,100 Pennsylvanians along with 1,900 Guard members from 30 other states. They form the 2nd Brigade Combat Team of the 28<sup>th</sup> Division. They were recognized as the best prepared, fit-to-fight, unit to date at the National Training Center. I believe this rating is in part due the training received leading up to mobilization. As difficult as these departure ceremonies are, it gives me great solace that the leaders of this brigade -- from Col John Gronski to the junior platoon leaders -- have the best joint training possible to assure their soldiers succeed on the battlefield and return home safely to their families.

You've heard about all the mistakes that DoD made in calculating the military value of NAS JRB Willow Grove and the 111<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing. To me, the most important military value is preparing soldiers to survive on today's battlefield. I know that Willow

Grove's joint training and operations do just that. I ask you to reverse the DoD recommendation to close this important installation.

It's now my honor to turn over the microphone to Congressman Curt Weldon, who will talk about the negative impacts the recommended closure of Willow Grove will have on homeland security and homeland defense, as well as recruiting and retention important issues.



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# TAB F

## NAS JRB Willow Grove Briefing Slides

Prepared by Captain Harry L. Myers

The following slides were used in a briefing for Chairman Principi on 5 July 2005. NAS JRB Willow Grove has granted permission for them to be included in this package as background information. The inclusion of these slides in these materials does not imply DoD endorsement of the views expressed by the Pennsylvania Base Development Committee.







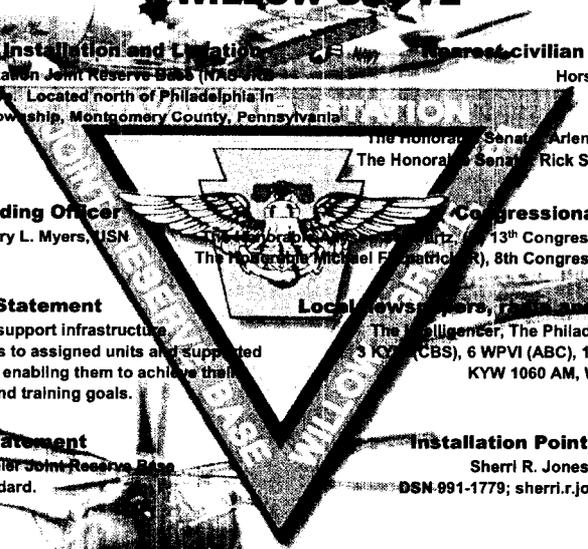
**Brief to Chairman Anthony J. Principi**

*Rear Admiral Stephen A. Turcotte*  
*Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic*

*Captain Harry L. Myers*  
*Commanding Officer, NAS JRB Willow Grove*

**July 5, 2005**

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**NAVAL AIR STATION JOINT RESERVE BASE  
WILLOW GROVE**

**Location of Installation and Location**  
 Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) Willow Grove, located north of Philadelphia in Horsham Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

**Nearest civilian community**  
 Horsham Township

**Senators**  
 The Honorable Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA)  
 The Honorable Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA)

**Commanding Officer**  
 Captain Harry L. Myers, USN

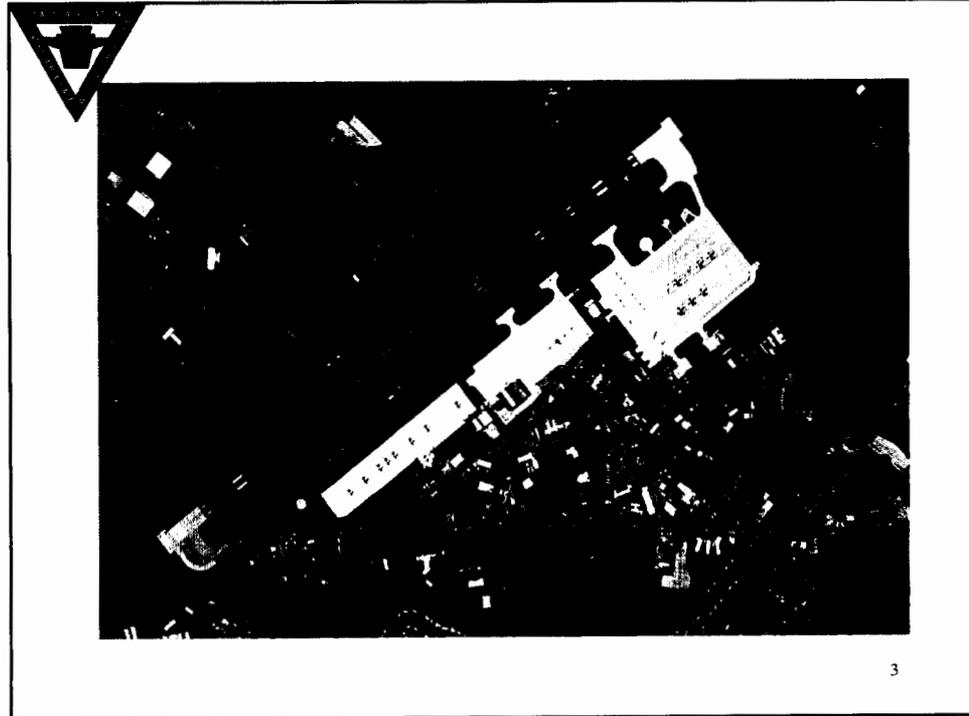
**Congressional Members**  
 The Honorable Congressman Charles W. Stutz, 13th Congressional District  
 The Honorable Michael Fitzpatrick (R), 8th Congressional District

**Mission Statement**  
 To provide support infrastructure and services to assigned units and supported commands, enabling them to achieve their readiness and training goals.

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**Vision Statement**  
 Be the premier Joint Reserve Base by any standard.

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## **NAS JRB Willow Grove History**

- 1926: Pitcairn Field opened
- 1943: NAS Willow Grove commissioned
- 1994: NAS Willow Grove redesignated as a Joint Reserve Base
- 2003: Naval Air Reserve Willow Grove established
- 2003: NAS JRB Willow Grove reports to Navy Region Mid-Atlantic

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	Active Duty	Civilian	Reserve
NAVY	<b>1,050</b>	<b>213*</b>	<b>2,414</b>
MARINE	<b>438</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>279</b>
AIR FORCE	<b>8</b>	<b>331**</b>	<b>1,126</b>
AIR GUARD	<b>69</b>	<b>205**</b>	<b>752</b>
ARMY	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>184</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,570</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>4,755</b>

\* Includes NAF employees  
 \*\* Civil Service and Air Reserve Technicians

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 <b>BRAC Recommendations</b>
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• <b>111<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing:</b> Disestablish/move assets

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## VP-66

- Antisubmarine Warfare (ASW)
- Counter Narcotics (CN)
- Intelligence / Reconnaissance / Surveillance
- P3 Orion
- Stands down as a result of Active Reserve Integration (ARI)

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## VR-52 / VR-64

- ◆ **VR-52**
  - 4 C-9 aircraft/ will be replaced by C-40
  - Navy's principle inter-theater lift asset
- ◆ **VR-64**
  - 3 C-130s
  - Transitioned from P-3C ASW aircraft
  - Model manager for aerial refueling

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## MAG-49

- ◆ **HMH-772, NAS JRB Willow Grove**  
**CH-53E Super Stallions**
  
- ◆ **HMLA-775, Johnstown, PA**  
**AH-1W Super Cobra/UH-1N Hueys**
  
- ◆ **VMGR-452, Ft. Stewart, NY**  
**C-130T**

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## 99<sup>th</sup> Regional Readiness 1215<sup>th</sup> Army Reserve Garrison Support Unit

- ◆99<sup>th</sup> RSC Inspector General
- ◆Company A, 2/228<sup>th</sup> Aviation
- ◆656<sup>th</sup> Area Support Group

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## Naval Air Reserve Willow Grove

### 24 Reserve units assigned

NR VTU INTELL 104	NR NAVAIRSYSCOM 0993
NR NMORA WG 1193	NR DIAHQ 0602
NR NAS KEF 0193	NR CVNE 0293
NR SUPPLOGINFO	NR WGVR 5093
NR FLTCOMCAMLANT 0293	NR NAVAIRLANT 0293
NR ONI 2393	RIAC 16
COS 16	NR DIAHQ 0593
NR NAWC AD 0193	NR NAS KEF 0393
NR NSF WILGRO	NR NPSTRU 9393
NR CMSRF 6 <sup>TH</sup> FLT 193	NR 4 <sup>TH</sup> MAW MAG 49
NR USEUCOM 0193	NR NNMCM BETH DET K
NR VOLTRAUNIT 9393	NR NAS KEF 0293

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## **Mobilized Personnel Since 9-11**

- ◆VR-52 Airlift Support to Bahrain, Kuwait, Djibouti Africa, Fujairah
- ◆HMH-772 deployed to USS Nassau
- ◆111<sup>th</sup> PaANG deployed to Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait
- ◆MAG-49 deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom
- ◆913<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing mobilized and deployed to SW Asia
- ◆MWSS 472 deployed to Iraq

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## **Recent Initiatives**

- ◆Air Fest 2005 - 4-day Airshow fostering exceptional community relations
- ◆52 room Navy Lodge grand opening June 29
- ◆Upgrade to Bachelor Quarters and the Orion's Club completed
- ◆Steam Plant upgraded with new boiler

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## **NAS JRB CAPABILITIES**

- ◆ **Key integration with FAA, complete compatibility with Philadelphia International Airport, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week**
- ◆ **8,000 ft. Runway – can accommodate any U.S. aircraft**
- ◆ **Uniquely situated for Mid-Atlantic Homeland Defense**



## **Since BRAC Recommendations**

- ◆ **Commissary/Navy Exchange – On Hold**
- ◆ **Fitness Center – On Hold**
- ◆ **Joint Munitions Facility – On Hold**

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# NAS JRB Willow Grove is

## READY

On duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

## WILLING

7,200+ military and DOD civilian employees

## ABLE

- ◆Disaster Relief
- ◆Homeland Security
- ◆Reserve Mobilization



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# Questions/Comments

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