

SOUTHWEST GEORGIA ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS
TESTIMONY BEFORE BRAC COMMISSION

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Members of the Commission

I come before you today to speak as a representative of the Albany community and the Southwest Georgia Alliance for Progress. I appreciate this opportunity to provide you with information about our community



and our Marine Corps Logistics Base.

It is important for you to know that Albany and the Southwest

Georgia region are vibrant and growing. Our area has the residential, educational, transportation and health-care resources to easily accommodate the additional personnel recommended for re-assignment to Marine Corps Logistics Base. We are particularly proud of the capabilities of our technical colleges, which respond quickly to workforce development requirements.

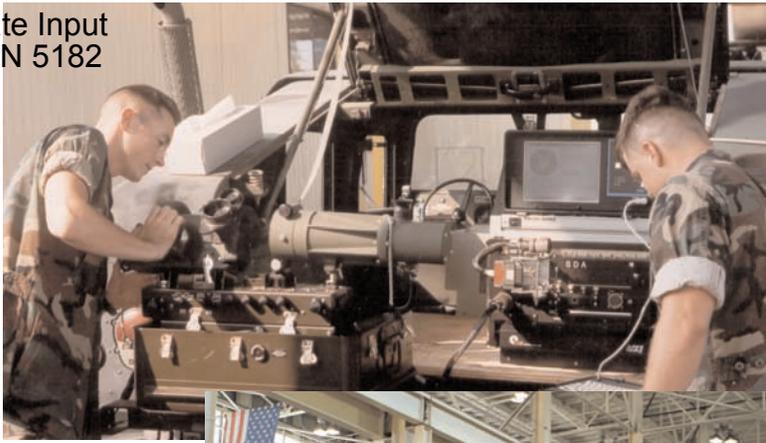
My experience as a previous Maintenance Center Commander and my knowledge of workload capabilities



leaves no doubt in my mind that the planned increase in mission is well within the Depot's capacity and can be accommodated and sustained. The Maintenance Center is a quality facility, performing joint workload, with over 1200 dedicated, highly skilled artisans and technicians, who are on the leading edge of business standards and process improvements, such as ISO, Lean, Theory of Constraints, C.I.T.E., and others. Additionally, there is no environmental, encroachment, or union issues that impede Marine Corps Logistics Base operations. This Secretary of Defense recommended-mission growth has the added benefit of driving down the already attractive cost of doing business, which will in turn enhance competitiveness and increase an already robust inter-servicing and



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private-industry environment. In 2002, the General Accounting Office ranked public-private partnerships at MCLB, Albany in the top four of 14

Department of Defense depots.

Albany is also home to the Headquarters of the Marine Corps Logistics Command, the single, centralized control of maintenance and logistics for the entire Marine Corps. This worldwide asset visibility, coupled with a flexible, rapid response, multi-commodity maintenance capability, is also vital to support of the Maritime Prepositioning Ships program at Blount Island Command, Florida. These coordinated functions have time and again proven successful in support of combat and humanitarian operations. Our sustainment of the longest logistics tail in modern warfare during the initial invasion of Iraq, our production of sizeable numbers of vehicle armor kits for Marine and Army units in Iraq, and our support of Tsunami victims are but a few recent examples of this effective level of accomplishment.

To summarize, in Albany we have a

community devoted to Country, Faithful to the Corps and proud and honored to have been chosen to serve. We also have a Base with significant military value. Both the community and base are fully able and eager to accept and sustain this recommended mission increase, as well as additional ones should the need arise.

This concludes my remarks. Thank you for your time and attention. Also, thank you for your service in this important work.



