

BASE VISIT REPORT**LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE, ARKANSAS****JULY 8, 2005****COMMISSION STAFF:** Michael H. Flinn, Ph.D., Senior Analyst-Air Force Team**LIST OF ATTENDEES:** Dr. Flinn met with the following staff of Little Rock Air Force Base (AFB), AR at various times during the base visit.

- Col. Joseph M. Reheiser, (314 AW/CC)
- Brigadier Shelby G. Bryant (AR ANG/CC)
- Col. Travis D. Balch (189 AW/CC)
- Col. James J. Carroll (314 MDG/CC)
- Col. James R. Summers (189 OG/CC)
- Lt. Col. John Dugan (189 MDG/CC)
- Mr. Lucien Gillham (314 CES/CC)
- Capt. Wade Adair
- Major Barry Barnes (314 OSS)
- Captain Jason E. Browning (48 AS/DOV)
- MSgt. John Willis (373 TRS, Det 4/TXED)
- Captain Robert L. Boles (314 LRS/LGR)
- Lt. Col. Christopher Lyons, 314 Og/DR
- Sr. Airman Adele M. Brewer (314 AW/CCP)
- Col. Charles A. Hamilton (314 OG/CC)
- Col. James M. Marg (314 AW/DS)
- Col. Alice Sanders (189 MSG/CC)
- CMSgt David E. Spector (314 AW/CCC)
- Lt. Col. Rick Oxner (189 MSG/CD)
- Mr. Thomas Brockway (American Eagle Corp.)
- Captain Joseph Williams (373 TRS Det 4/CC)
- Mr. Michael Paul (Lockheed Martin Corp)
- MSgt. Timothy Fink (463 MOS/MXOE)
- CMSgt. Randy K. Smith (314 LRS/CEM)
- Ms. Roselyn K. Hutto (314 AW /CCP)
- Col. Robert D. Watson (314 AW/CV)
- Col. Randall L. Harvey (314 MXG/CC)
- Col. John J. Gomez (463 AG/CC)
- Col. John J. Samuhel (189 MXG/CC)
- CMSgt Victor J. Esparza (463 AG/CCC)
- Capt. John J. Sheets (314 AW/PA)
- Lt. Col. Timothy Anderson (314 OSS/DO)
- 1 Lt Donald Hudson (373 TRS Det 4)
- MSgt. John Willis (373 TRS, Det 4/TXED)
- Major Rhonda M. Soto (314 LRS/CC)

BASE'S PRESENT MISSION: Little Rock AFB (AETC) is home for 314th Air Wing (AW)(AETC), 463rd Airlift Group (AG) (AMC), the Headquarters of the Arkansas Air National Guard (ANG), and the 189th AW (ANG).

- The mission of the 314th AW is to “graduate world-class aircrews and maintainers to sustain global airlift operations, while developing fit-to-fight Expeditionary Airmen ready to support the AEF.”
- The mission of the 189th Airlift Wing, the 463rd Airlift Group is tactical airlift operations and training.

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE RECOMMENDATION: There is no single direct recommendation pertaining to Little Rock Air Force Base (AFB), Arkansas. Little Rock AFB receives C-130s from other units, primarily Pope AFB, NC and Dyess AFB, TX. Additionally, Little Rock receives aircraft from Air Force Reserve units, at Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, NY and General Mitchell Air Reserve Station, WI.

MAIN FACILITIES REVIEWED: The entire base was reviewed as part of a windshield tour. The base is between 6400 and 6600 acres in size, only a half of which is developed. There is a significant amount of open space on the installation and very little encroachment on the base perimeter. The base has a single runway. The base housing is currently undergoing an active privatization program. In general, the facilities are modern and in excellent condition. It is apparent that the base has received significant and recent military construction (MILCON) funding. Specific facilities visited include:

- C-130J Academic/Simulator Complex – Facility consists of three different C-130J cockpit simulators of increasing complexity, a C-130J crew maintenance trainer, and a C-130J engine repair trainer.
- Engine Regional Repair Complex – Little Rock Air Force Base is an intermediate engine repair facility.
- Hanger 207
- 189 AW Maintenance/Operations Complex
- 314 AW Mobility Processing Facility

KEY ISSUES IDENTIFIED: If all the Air Force BRAC recommendations are implemented, the total number of primarily assigned aircraft (PAA) will be 116 C-130s. This is an increase of the current PAA by about 50 airplanes. Discussion with Base personnel indicated that the existing support infrastructure had reached its maximum capacity. Consequently, the additional Military Construction (MILCON) would be required to support the aircraft consolidation. This fact was subsequently confirmed in a letter for Congressman Walsh of New York that indicated that a recent Air Force BRAC site survey described additional MILCON at Little Rock AFB of \$107 to \$270 million that resulted from the BRAC recommendations.

INSTALLATION CONCERNS RAISED: None

COMMUNITY CONCERNS RAISED: None

REQUESTS FOR STAFF AS A RESULT OF VISIT: None