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As a new resident in Virginia Beach, My family and I reside outside the gates of NAS Oceana. As a child, my father was based on an Air force base. My fondest memories as a child was hearing the jets fly over at night. Today, as an adult, I once again go to sleep at night with the jet noise and know that I will once again feel at peace!

Sleeping peacefully,

April Young

Support of NAS Oceana keeping my days/nights safe!!!!





Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission

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you don't have to move the Squadrons all at once.

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August 2, 2005

Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark St Suite 600
Arlington, Va. 22202

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Dear Sirs:

I believe we need to keep Oceana Base here because the area has grown to fit Oceana's needs. The schools, medical facilities, retail businesses, churches have all expanded and build for a growing community of military needs.

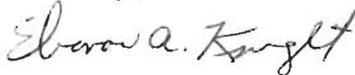
All of our schools are accredited with the best teachers available. This area sends a large percent of their students to college each year.

Should Oceana leave it would not only hurt the whole Tidewater area but also people drive from near by North Carolina town for their jobs? Could you imagine the effect on the economy should it leaves. It would be more people unemployed than you could imagine, civil service personal, school teachers, doctors, merchants, builders, auto dealers, churches, banks and mortgage companies, real estate people just to name a few.

I have been here since 1995; we have seen Virginia Beach grow as the base has grown. Yes, there is danger, it has been here all along, but so is danger driving your car even on a country road.

I beg you to look at the whole picture, before you decide.

Sincerely,



Eleanor A. Knight

BRAC Commission

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Base Realignment & Closure Commission
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I write today supporting realignment of the Naval Air Station Oceana by relocating ALL jet aircraft to another facility.

The reasons for this position can be supported by the enclosed letter dated January 8, 2001. Not much has changed in the last 4 1/2 years except the fact we can be assured of the situation getting even worse as a result of the Navy's and City's recent decision to relocate F-18 Super Hornets to Oceana.

It is hard to imagine the severity of the situation unless you are living it everyday. The most unbearable, in regards to noise, let alone air pollution and safety issues, is the "touch and go" practices done over our neighborhood all hours of the night and day. In many cases, these practices go on day after day, hour after hour, minute after minute. I have literally clocked jet aircraft going over my house every 60 seconds for considerable periods of time.

My personal views remain as those expressed in the enclosed letter. However, I feel confident that these views are still held by many of my neighbors and fellow citizens.

Again, I would ask that the Commission consider and ultimately decide to site ALL jet aircraft currently at NAS Oceana to another facility.

Kindest regards,



Nancy M. Johnson

Enclosures

January 8, 2001

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The Oceana Operations Task Force
c/o Mayor Meyera E. Oberndorf
Virginia Beach Municipal Center
Building One
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456

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The following serves to identify the concerns and views of the Salt Marsh Point Neighborhood in regards to current and future F-14's and F-18's stationed at Oceana Naval Air Station and their affect upon our community. These concerns are not limited to noise issues.

1. **Pollution**-It only takes the naked eye to see the amount of exhaust being emitted into the air from these aircraft. Great concern is expressed in regards to the quality of air we breathe and thus the health of our families. One of the greatest gifts in life is the gift of health. When this is compromised by the pollution of our air, to which jet aircraft contribute, all citizens should be concerned. As reported in the Virginian Pilot recently, a recent study has concluded that air quality in the City of Virginia Beach has declined since 1985 while other Hampton Roads cities have remained the same or improved. One would reasonably conclude that the presence of F-14's and F-18's flying over our communities has contributed to this decline.
2. **Safety**-As the number of aircraft and the frequency of operation continue to increase, so does the chance of an accident. F-14's and F-18's flying over a city of nearly half a million people is courting disaster.
3. **Noise Level**-The noise level makes it impossible to carry on a normal conversation or talk on the phone. Some individuals work from home. Some individuals work at night and "try" to sleep during the day. On occasion a member of the family may not feel well and need to rest. All are near impossible to achieve with such noise levels. Home should be a place of refuge and peace. When it becomes impossible to talk to family members seated next to you, watch a TV program or listen to music, or talk on the phone in your own home, an important part of normal, everyday life is lost—one which is no longer taken for granted. In regards to the noise level outside the home—children can be seen covering their ears and running inside, some often crying. A person who is an avid gardener or one who simply enjoys barbecuing on the grill may find it impossible to enjoy either as a result of the oftentimes constant bombardment of jet aircraft flying overhead.
4. **Frequency of Flight**-Flight operations over our neighborhood have been as long as 12 hours a day, up to 4 days in succession—one after the other, hour after hour, day after day. It is a source of great physical and emotional stress and antagonism.
5. **Level of Flight**-Aircraft personnel and plane identification are often visible.
6. **Property Values**-There are valid concerns regarding lower property values.

January 8, 2001

7. Quality of Life—Quality of life is greatly deminished or nonexistent as a result of all of the aforementioned.

The above circumstances are not only reason for individual neighborhood concern. They are reason for citywide concern. Go to the beach, play a game of golf or tennis, go to the mall—you will be confronted by the same. While driving on 264 you can often count as many as 6 jets in the sky at any one time, flying in from all directions, polluting our air, endangering our lives, and destroying our quality of life. It is as though the entire city is one giant air base.

Enclosed with your November 14 letter asking for this input was a list, "Some Noise Abatement Provisions Instituted as a Result of Community Feedback"—these being initiated by Captain Zobel. Well, to date, we can say we have noticed no difference in the way aircraft are flying over our neighborhood. And if indeed all practice approaches into Oceana have been stopped after 11 pm, then why were jets flying over our neighborhood on November 28 and 29 at 12:30 am? If indeed we are initiating policy as a result of community concerns, then steps need to be taken to insure that such initiatives have been taken and they are being adhered to. Otherwise, we are not reaching any solutions. We are only being given "lip service".

In regards to the existing circumstances, perhaps a hush house, an outlying field, initiation and adherence to flight pattern and time changes may help. They certainly would be a beginning. However, it is beyond comprehension to imagine that all of the above could become even worse with the stationing of additional aircraft at Oceana. It is our judgement that no additional aircraft should be stationed at Oceana because of the severe adverse impact such would have not only on our neighborhood but on our entire city. They should be stationed at an air base already open in a less populated area or the reopening of Cecil Field should be considered.

All of the above is submitted in behalf of the Salt Marsh Point Neighborhood.



Nancy M. Johnson
President
Salt Marsh Point Civic League



MEYERA E. OBERNDORF
MAYOR

City of Virginia Beach

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November 14, 2000

Dear Civic League President:

On behalf of the *Oceana Operations Task Force*, I am seeking your assistance to obtain civic league input on noise issues associated with current operations at NAS Oceana. This Task Force was established by the Virginia Beach City Council to facilitate meaningful dialogue between the community and the Navy.

The Oceana Operations Task Force includes myself, Council members Nancy Parker and Robert Mandigo, Rear Admiral Fred Metz, USN (ret.), and Citizens Concerned About Jet Noise (CCAJN) president Capt. John Shick, USN (ret.).

As you're probably aware, the Navy has been proactively conducting ongoing meetings in the community in an effort to build understanding and address community concerns. The work of this Task Force should complement this healthy discourse.

It is important that we keep an open dialogue with all citizens and we look to you for help in identifying the views of your civic league members. I would appreciate it if you would discuss this at your next civic league meeting and forward your membership's input to:

The Oceana Operations Task Force
c/o Mayor Meyera E. Oberndorf
Virginia Beach Municipal Center, Building One
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

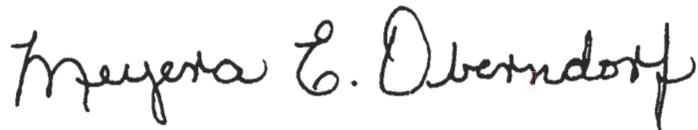
To ensure your civic league is aware of the actions taken to date, I'm enclosing several items for your review which include: the letter to City Council establishing the Oceana Operations Task Force; steps NAS Oceana is taking to address operational concerns from residents; and a letter from Admiral Robert J. Natter, USN, Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, announcing the exploration of an additional outlying field to accommodate Super Hornet training.

Civic League President
November 14, 2000
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It is vital that all concerned parties work together to forge solutions that are in the best interest of the community and the region.

Thank you very much in advance for your assistance in obtaining meaningful feedback from our citizens – feedback that will help us find solutions, build bridges and common understanding in our city as it relates to this most critical issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Meyera E. Oberndorf". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'M'.

Meyera E. Oberndorf
Mayor

Enclosures (3)

cc: Members of City Council
Oceana Operations Task Force Members
Captain Skip Zobel



MEYERA E. OBERNDORF
MAYOR

City of Virginia Beach

October 19, 2000

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Honorable Members of City Council
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Dear Council Members:

Based on the discussion at our last Council meeting on the SuperHornet Commission and also discussions that we have had in the interim, the creation of the SuperHornet Commission will be back on our agenda at the October 24, 2000 meeting. We are enclosing two sets of Ordinances and By-Laws that create the SuperHornet Commission. The first Ordinance and By-laws (Exhibit A) follow our previous commitment to create a commission to review the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the siting of the SuperHornets which Council adopted by resolution in July. The Alternative Ordinance and By-Laws (Exhibit B) would create a dual purpose commission that would address both the E.I.S. issues and operational items as suggested by CCAJN.

After considerable thought and discussion, we believe that the creation of a dual purpose commission is not appropriate chiefly because it would effectively exclude the Navy from the process and work to resolve current operational issues. This would be unwise particularly since the Navy has expressed a desire to be a part of the effort to reach solutions where they are realistically achievable.

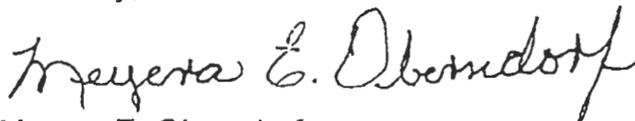
We would therefore, recommend that in addition to the original Super Hornet Commission to address the E.I.S., that we also create an Oceana Operations Task Force. This group would be comprised of the Mayor, Councilmembers Parker and Mandigo, Fred Metz, and John Shick. It is envisioned that this task force will be able to work on a day to day basis with the Navy to reduce the impact of operations at Oceana and also better inform the public of the need for Oceana operations. Captain Zoebel has a meeting planned for October 30th to bring together representatives from Citizens Concerned About Jet Noise (CCJAN), The Navy League, The Association of Naval Aviation, and the business community to begin this dialog. It is envisioned that the task force would work

closely with Captain Zoebel's on-going efforts. The Task Force will initiate a dialogue with all citizens, the CCAJN Board, Chamber of Commerce, and Navy officials including the Commanding Officer of Oceana. The goal is to identify concerns related to noise caused by arrival of aircraft from Cecil Field, and assist the Navy in a partnership, to identify solutions whenever possible. The task force would provide a report back to Council within three months and a final report in no more than six months.

We strongly recommend this course of action because the Navy has been a vital part of the Virginia Beach community for more than 50 years. The Navy is not only a great contributor to the area economy, those stationed here and their families contribute immensely to the overall productivity and quality of our community. Our area is proud of those who continuously serve throughout the world, proudly representing and defending the Nation especially in light of events, such as last week's tragedy in Yemen.

Over the past year, there has been increased concern by citizens over the impact that the additional aircraft from Cecil Field have brought to the area. The Navy has already taken many steps to mitigate these concerns; however, certain concerns still exist. It is essential that a meaningful dialogue be established between the Navy and Virginia Beach elected officials who represent the concerns of all citizens. This dialogue will positively address the concerns of the citizens and the operational requirements of the Navy. The goal of the dialogue will be to work for solutions that will ensure the Navy will continue to be a vital part of the community. We believe the task force will establish a meaningful dialogue and work toward solutions for a win-win for all involved.

Sincerely,



Meyera E. Oberndorf
Mayor



W. D. Sessoms, Jr.
Vice-Mayor

MEO/RRM/ljc

cc: James K. Spore

Some Noise Abatement Provisions Instituted as a Result of Community Feedback

Capt "Skip" Zobel, Commanding Officer, NAS Oceana, has initiated the following changes to the standard aircraft operating procedures at Oceana:

- Moved most air show practices to Dare County, NC
- Re-routed helicopter arrivals/departures over Camp Pendleton vice Rudee Inlet
- Elevated aircraft instrument approach altitudes to 2000ft vice 1500ft
- Restricted Field Carrier Landing Practice (FCLP) at Oceana to "overflow" only (exceptions are due to inclement weather/compressed training schedules)
- Emphasized tighter landing pattern to aircrews
- Stopped all practice approaches into Oceana after 11pm
- Initiated several changes to the aircraft arrival/departure procedures to Oceana's main runways (higher approach altitudes, quicker climbs to altitude after take-off, limited use of engine after-burners, more direct routing to training areas)

Callie Berman
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In addition, the acoustical "Hush House" (for aircraft engine ground testing) is under construction

Capt Zobel welcomes the opportunity to brief local civic leagues and service clubs and organizations on NAS Oceana operations



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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Naval flight operations and associated jet noise continue to be topics of great interest for all citizens of Hampton Roads. An additional local issue is the potential selection of Oceana as the location for the Navy's new Super Hornet aircraft, which will replace the F-14 and F/A-18 C/D aircraft. The Navy and the Hampton Roads community have enjoyed a superb and mutually beneficial relationship for years and it is in our collective interests to ensure we continue working together to address these important concerns.

It is precisely because of community concerns over jet noise that we are carefully exploring the establishment of an additional outlying field to accommodate Super Hornet training - should these aircraft come to our community - and reduce aircraft operations at our airfields at Oceana and Fentress.

The Navy, in keeping with the law, is presently conducting comprehensive studies to prepare an environmental impact statement, which will help us determine the best location for our Super Hornet aircraft. Integral to this process is the review of potential locations to establish an additional outlying field. The reviews of potential outlying fields that are being undertaken in connection with the environmental impact statement will further that goal.

It is important to understand that we are not exploring the establishment of an additional outlying field to eliminate air operations from Oceana and Fentress, although it would have the effect of *reducing* those operations. Oceana and Fentress remain critically important to fleet safety and training and, along with an additional outlying field, would be used to ensure the combat readiness of our aircrews.

We need a solution for today's concerns as well as issues we as a community will face in the future - over the next 50-100 years - when additional high-performance aircraft will join the fleet. I view an additional outlying field as the best solution for the Navy's concerns and our fellow neighbors in Hampton Roads.

Public understanding is critical to our efforts and I ask for your continued support as we move forward to address these important issues. I am convinced that if we work together, we can all benefit and contribute to a strong Navy and a quality community.


ROBERT J. NATTER

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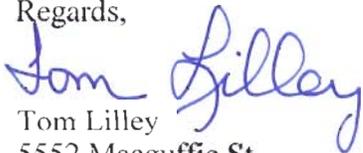
RE: Oceana Naval Air Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

My opinion is for the BRAC Commission to close Oceana and move it somewhere more friendly and safe. In the 20 years I have lived in Virginia Beach I have not seen or heard of a "controlled growth plan". The Planning Commission is all appointed and represents business interest the past and present City Council have gone along for the "encroachment ride" it will only get worse with the present "Slash and Build" that has been going on. People who live near the base complain about the noise and want less flying over their neighborhoods so now the new Super Hornet is the new complaint.

My safety concern is that when a jet does have a problem it may not be able to avoid a populated neighborhood such as the crash that happened around 1985 when a jet crashed onto General Booth Blvd.

When the next catastrophic event happens the Navy will get the blame not the City of Virginia Beach.

Regards,

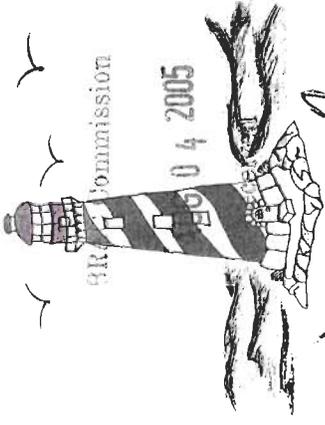


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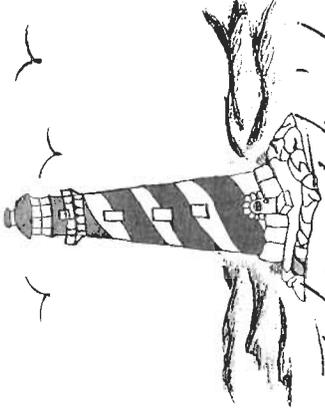
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Dear Sam:

This letter is for the BLAC Commission.

I am a 72 year old widow and the military has always been a part of my life. I was baby and raised in Portsmouth, Va. and every Sunday, mom and daddy would invite 4-5 service men in our home for dinner. Our family consist of 3 girls and 1 boy. Our brother was in the Army, my older sister married a sailor, my younger ~~brother~~ sister married a Coast Guard and mine, I married a sailor. I had 2 girls and they both married service men. We live in Va. Love the service men and women and want them to remain here. My family wants very much to have Ceann stay open. They have been a part of our lives for years. It is not

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The fault of the Ceann Base, that people built, Jones, do close and move in. What were they thinking (the people)? I know the jilt planer. For me it means I take security that is comfort to me. I guess don't close the Ceann Base.

Yours truly,
Ms. Dorothy H. Hissard