

BASE VISIT REPORT

**NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING FIELD ACTIVITY NAVY CRANE CENTER
LESTER PA**

11 JULY 2005

LEAD COMMISSIONER: None

ACCOMPANYING COMMISSIONER: None

COMMISSION STAFF: Senior Analyst C. W. Furlow and Senior Analyst Joe Barrett

LIST OF ATTENDEES:

Mr. Samuel E. Bevins, Director, Navy Crane Center
Mr. Dennis Felts, Executive Director/Acquisition Director, Navy Crane Center
Mr. Jim Richardson, Field Support Director, Navy Crane Center
Mr. Matthew Jarrett, District Representative, Congressman Robert E. Andrews (NJ)
Mr. Christopher Donnelly, Special Projects Director, Senator Jon S. Corzine (NJ)
Mr. Jim Davis, Business Representative, National Federation of Federal Employees

BASE'S PRESENT MISSION:

- The Navy Crane Center (NCC) is a component of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC)
- The NCC is responsible for direction and oversight of the Navy's weight handling program

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE RECOMMENDATION:

- Relocate Navy Crane Center, Lester, PA to Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Norfolk, VA

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE JUSTIFICATION:

- Enhances the Navy's long-standing initiative to accomplish common management and support on a regionalized basis by consolidating and collocating Naval Facilities commands with the installation management Regions in Jacksonville, FL, Great Lakes, IL and Norfolk, VA
- Collocation aligns management concepts and efficiencies and may allow for further consolidation in the future
- Naval Facilities Engineering Field Division South, Naval Facilities Engineering Field Activity Northeast and **Navy Crane Center** are **located in leased space, and this recommendation will achieve savings by moving from leased space to government-owned space**

- Naval Facilities Engineering Command is undergoing organizational transformation and this recommendation facilitates the evolution of organizational alignment
- This recommendation will result in an increase in the average military value for the remaining Naval Facilities Engineering Field Division/Engineering Field Activity activities, **and it relocates the Navy Crane Center to a site with functional synergy**

MAIN FACILITIES REVIEWED:

- A Command Brief was presented by Mr. Samuel Bevins, NCC Director (attached)
 - Function can be performed at Naval Shipyard Norfolk
- At the conclusion of the Command Brief, the NCC leadership departed and Mr. Jim Davis, National Federation of Federal Employees Union Representative, provided a community brief (attached)
 - Mr. Davis represented the “non-professional” personnel of the Navy Crane Center
 - Discussed differences in DOD COBRA Scenario DON-0154, Relocate NCC to NSY Norfolk and DON-0160, Relocate NCC to Philadelphia Business Center
 - Move to Norfolk vice Philadelphia Business Center requested by both NCC and NAVFAC
 - NCC move to Philadelphia has lower cost and quicker return than move to NSY Norfolk
 - Only 10 – 15 of the 55 total NCC personnel will relocate

KEY ISSUES IDENTIFIED:

- None

INSTALLATION CONCERNS RAISED:

- None

COMMUNITY CONCERNS RAISED:

- Move the NCC to the Philadelphia Naval Business Center instead of NSY Norfolk
- Number of personnel that will relocate to Norfolk overstated
- Moving NCC to Norfolk would “create a conflict of interest and cause one shipyard to have influence over decisions made by the NCC

REQUESTS FOR STAFF AS A RESULT OF VISIT:

- None