

BRAC TASK FORCE WEEKLY UPDATE

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THIS WEEKS EVENTS:

On Thursday, June 30th, BRAC Task Force members attend a practice of the July 7th Briefing at the Governor's house in Harrisburg.

BTF Meetings: Meetings on July 4th and 6th are cancelled due to practice sessions scheduled at the BTF Room for the July 7th hearing. Regular meetings will resume the following week.

Committee Reports:

911th Committee:

The 911th Committee has been busy working on the presentation, but as with anything that has a deadline, "crunch time" is here. We are down to the wire and some have not seen a day off in a while. We will continue to work over the holiday weekend. Anyone willing to donate an hour, or two, or ten; we would be happy to have your help. Many people have shown interest in the bus trip to DC, which is great. Please don't forget; however, that the hearing does not signify the end of our work. We will continue needing volunteers and will also continue searching for that "needle in the haystack," which will SAVE OUR BASE. We wish all of you a happy and safe 4th of July Weekend, and look forward to seeing you in Washington DC.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Carol Pirro at cp263@comcast.net or 412-787-0653 or show up at the BRAC Room.

Public Affairs Committee:

* Conducted interviews/answered media inquiries from Allegheny/Beaver Times, Tribune Review, and KDKA

* Transmitted two advisories – one via Dan Onorato's Communications Office, providing updated information on the July 7 BRAC Hearing in Washington DC.

* Drafted flyer promoting bus ride for local supporters to the DC hearing

* Coordinated 500-piece mailing of flyer to Veterans and related lists (thanks to the folks at the base credit union)

* Drafted Talking Points for use by US Representative John Murtha

Regional Hearing for PA Changed to July 7th:

PA's BRAC Regional hearing in Washington DC will present at approximately 10:30 AM at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center.

Anyone interested in attending the hearing in Washington DC can reserve a seat on the bus by signing up at www.paacc.com, or you can call the Airport Area Chamber of Commerce at 412-264-6270. Free parking is available at Robert Morris University.

Data Still Sought:

Data pours in daily. After the July 7 Hearing, work will begin preparing for further arguments to be presented at visits to the BRAC Staff in Washington DC.

BRAC Video:

The video will be part of the BRAC Hearing in Washington DC on July 7th.

BRAC Calendar:

Tentative BRAC Schedules for Western PA:
July 1- General Accounting Office review of the Secretary of Defense BRAC recommendations is due.

July 7- BRAC Regional hearing for PA in Washington DC. PA will present at approximately 10:30 AM at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center.

*Hearing schedules seem to change almost daily. Look for the current one on the Bulletin Board at the BRAC War Room.

July 23- Anticipated last date for an installation to be added to the list by the BRAC Commissioners.

August 23, 24- Anticipated time frame when the BRAC Commissioners will publish their draft recommendation list.

Western Pennsylvania BRAC Task Force

This is the fifth of the weekly publications being brought to you by the Western

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