



GENERAL MITCHELL AIR RESERVE STATION
440TH AIRLIFT WING

MILWAUKEE, WI

CLOSURE OF 440th IS A MISTAKE

- Negative impact on retention and recruitment
- Infrastructure corrections / airspace
- 440th contributions overlooked / distinctions
- Cost/Savings not considered
- Airplane grab

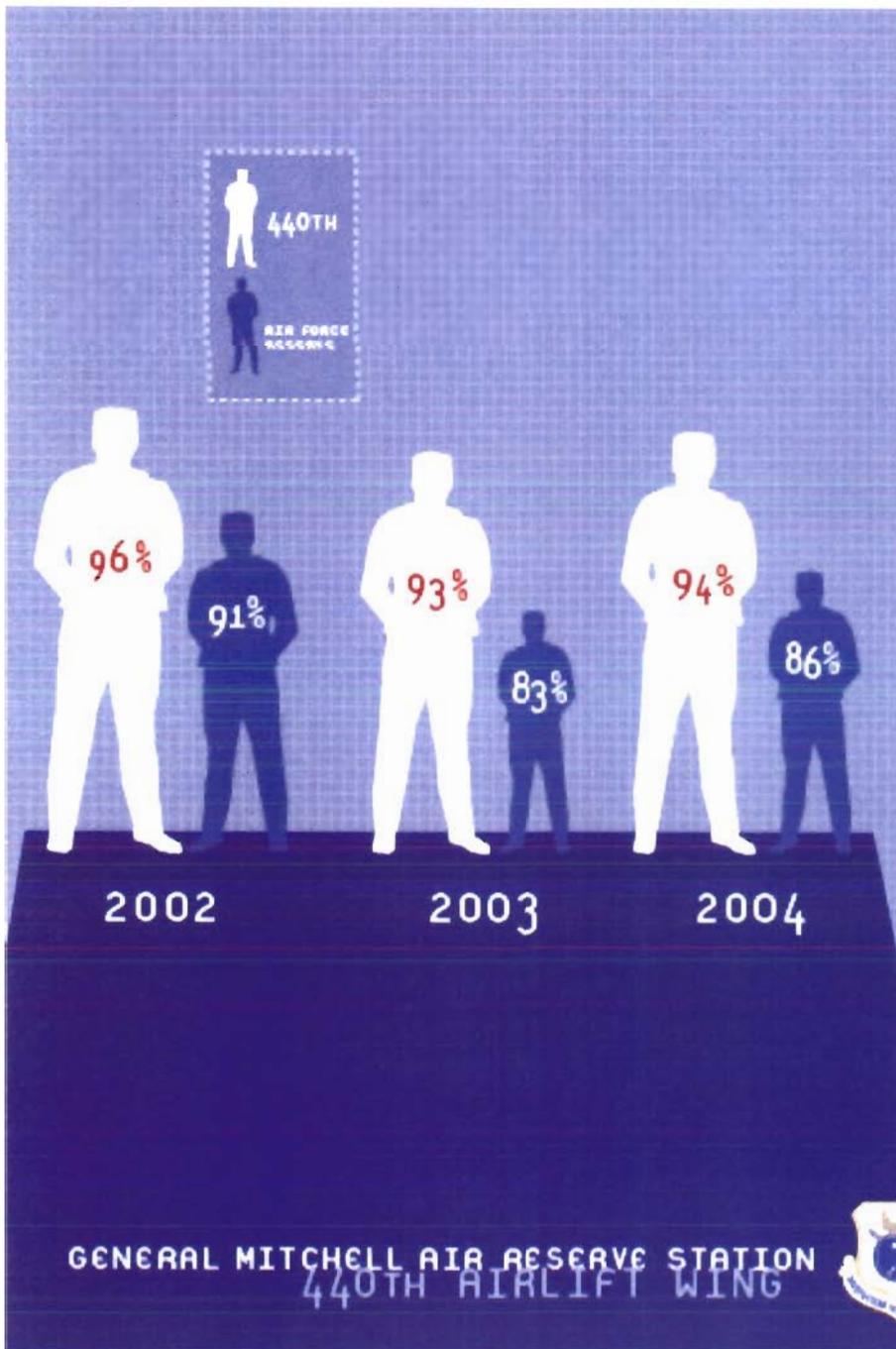
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NEGATIVE IMPACT ON Retention

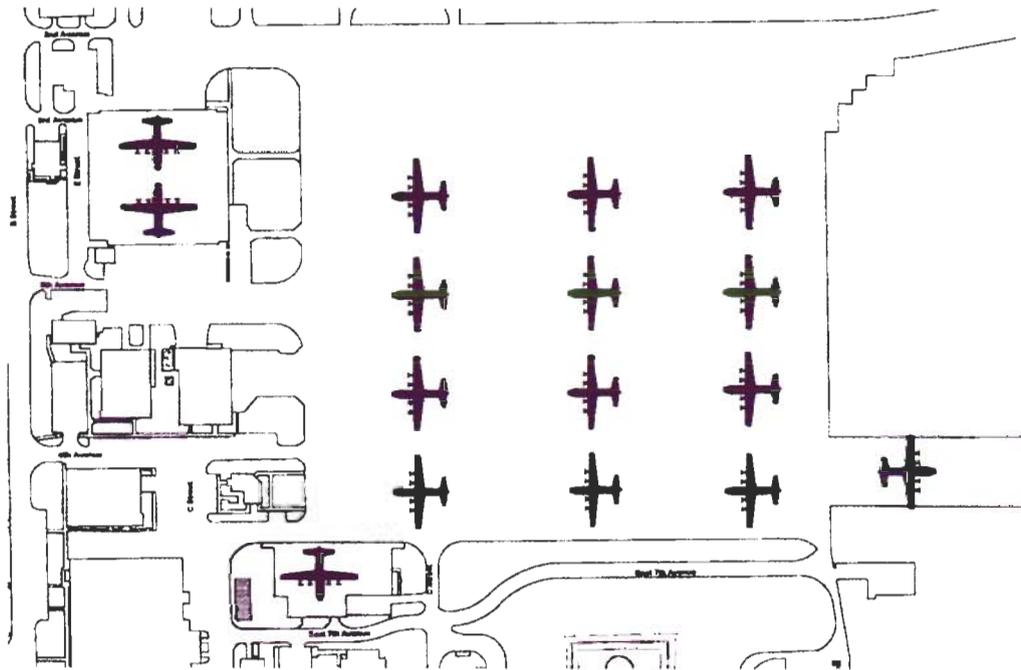
- Combat readiness designation status lost
- Thousands of flying hours and years of experience lost
 - **Average pilot has 3,400 hours of flying (15 years)**
 - **Loss of 1,800 years of flying experience**
 - **Loss of 2,880 years of maintenance experience**
 - **It will take years to rebuild proficiency**





NEGATIVE IMPACT ON Recruitment

- Recruitment numbers better than or equal to Air Force Reserve
- **Air Force Reserve is walking away from 12 million potential recruits**
- **Industry partnerships** / Derco Headquarters in Milwaukee – most experienced C-130 workers after Lockheed Martin
- Chicago – Milwaukee area provides huge pool of talent:
 - Experienced pilot
 - Experienced aircraft mechanics
 - Vast industrial base



INFRASTRUCTURE CORRECTIONS / AIRSPACE

- Today we can accommodate 12 C-130's
- Capable of accommodating 16 C-130's with minor funding
- Ramp project will be complete end of July, 2005
- 2nd taxiway complete
- Hangar in pristine condition
- Virtually unlimited use of the runway

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BASE	RANKING	TAKE OFF/ LANDINGS
ATLANTA	2	964,793
DALLAS/FT. WORTH	3	813,542
LOS ANGELES	4	654,787
DENVER	6	566,525
MINNEAPOLIS	8	540,727
PHILADELPHIA	13	474,624
NEWARK	16	440,437
SALT LAKE CITY	18	413,246
MIAMI	20	395,801
SEATTLE	23	358,894
SAN FRANCISCO	26	353,242
MILWAUKEE	68	212,655

INFRASTRUCTURE CORRECTIONS / AIRSPACE:

Uncrowded skies

- Major metropolitan areas with an Air Force Reserve presence
- Take off / landings and rank of those areas indicated
- All Major metro areas are covered
- 440th closes, walking away from the Chicago / Milwaukee area which ranks 68th in air congestion





INFRASTRUCTURE CORRECTIONS / AIRSPACE:

Open skies

- Wisconsin Military Training Routes minutes away
- 10 minutes to training routes
- Little competition for these training routes
- Random low-level training in Northern Wisconsin

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440th CONTRIBUTIONS OVERLOOKED / DISTINCTIONS:

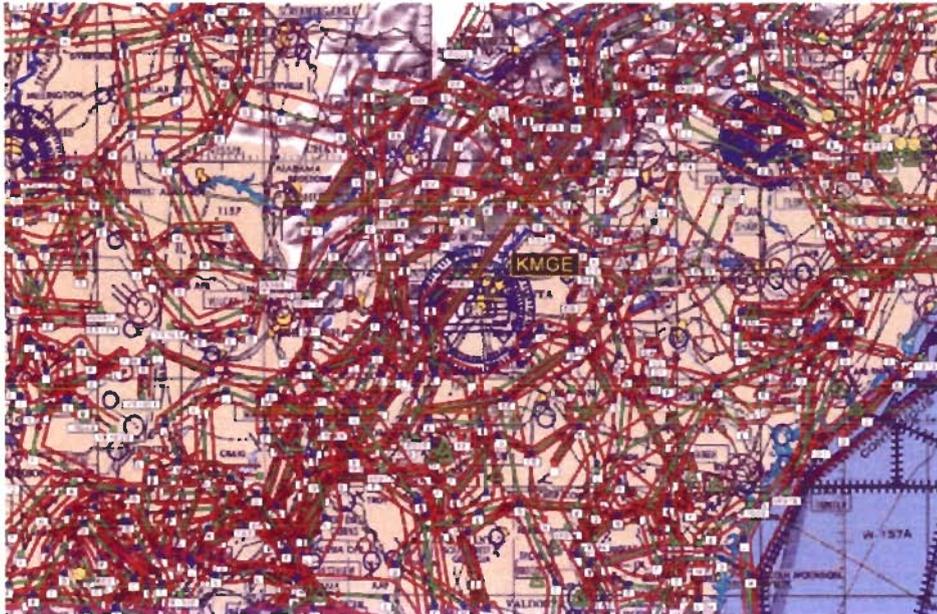
Expansion

- 440th has room to expand
- **22 adjacent acres available**
- State property available
- Additional land (up to 60 acres) could be made available

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440th CONTRIBUTIONS OVERLOOKED / DISTINCTIONS:

Congestion

- Military Training Routes – Atlanta area
- Competition for training routes from Air Force, Navy and Army
- Requires coordination among all the users in this part of the country
- Do not have this problem in Milwaukee

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COST / SAVINGS NOT CONSIDERED: Base Operating Support Costs (\$000)

- Costs to run a base (non-payroll)

BASE	BOS (\$000)
PITTSBURGH IAP ARS	\$5,317
GEN. MITCHELL IAP ARS	\$5,637
MINN./ST. PAUL IAP ARS	\$5,989
WILLOW GROVE ARS	\$6,452
NIAGARA FALLS IAP ARS	\$11,035
DOBBINS ARB	\$13,100

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COST / SAVINGS NOT CONSIDERED:

- Inconsistencies in the cost savings data
- \$1.138 million savings from the Depot not included
- Opportunity costs:
 - Combat ready designation
 - Pilot training
 - Available training hours
 - Increased training time (not waiting on the end of runways or circling waiting to get into a military training route)
 - Reduced recruiting costs
 - Industrial base cost savings
- There are more and we intend to come back to the Commission

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AIRPLANE GRAB: Outside the Scope of BRAC

- This is an airplane grab
- BRAC is not the forum to recapitalize the Active Duty C-130 Fleet
- Congressional intent
- Proud and confident that 440th is the best Air Reserve unit in the country
- Rather than moving individuals, makes sense to move additional planes to Milwaukee

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CLOSURE OF 440th IS A MISTAKE

- Support the need for BRAC
- In the case of the 440th mistakes have been made
- 440th will not survive the move intact – huge loss of experience and capability
- Infrastructure is better than reflected in the numbers (we encourage you to review)
- Airspace, encroachment, training – 440th is 2nd to none
- Conclusion: the 440th Air Lift Wing is best based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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Defense Base Closure and
Realignment Commission

Regional Hearing
St. Louis, Missouri

June 20, 2005

State of Wisconsin

Senator Herb Kohl

Senator Russ Feingold

Governor Jim Doyle



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