

MEMO OF COMMUNITY MEETING

Date: 5 AUG 05
Attendees: BRAC Commission:
-Army Team: Gary Dinsick, Don Manuel, Mike Avenick
-Navy Team: Dave Epstein
Community Representative: BG (R) Shane, Office of the Kentucky Governor

BG Shane identified community areas of concern outlined below and indicated that the Commission may receive a letter about the following concerns from a Kentucky Senator McConnell.

Gary Dinsick indicated that the concerns will be considered in BRAC analysis and as appropriate may be forwarded to the OSD Clearinghouse for comment. BG Shane appeared satisfied with that approach.

BG Shane's questions/concerns are listed below. Responses are requested from the OSD BRAC Clearinghouse.

1. Maneuver Training Recommendation

Is the Army planning flexibility in moving the Armor Center and school from Fort Knox to Fort Benning, in terms of relocation timing and organizations as indicated below?

- a. Disruption The community expressed concern that the ongoing war effort may be adversely impacted by disturbing the efficient production of trained Armor soldier produced by the Armor Center and School at Fort Knox. Does the Army believe this will be a problem?
- b. Flexibility What timing flexibility exists to reschedule the relocation of the Armor Center and School to Fort Benning to accommodate Fort Knox community concerns?
- c. Capacity The community expressed concern that the Armor Center and School may not be able to fit into Fort Benning due to insufficient training land and facilities at Fort Benning for Armor Center and School functions, including training, garrison, maintenance, maneuver, ranges, community encroachment and restrictive Indian relic areas. Does the Army believe that Fort Benning can provide all required capabilities for the Armor Center and School functions?
- d. Environment/MILCON Does the Army plan to provide the military construction funds necessary to enable Armor Center and School functions at Fort Benning on a timeline to support reception of Fort Knox organizations, and is this possible in a timely manner if Fort Benning has not initiated planning such as for environment studies that must precede construction?
- e. Organizations It is unclear what specific organizations/units/functions from Fort Knox the Army plans to retain at Fort Knox and which are to be relocated to Fort Benning or elsewhere. (Separately, the Columbus,

GA/Fort Benning community raised similar questions.) Consequently it appears useful for both the Commission and the affected communities for the Army to identify the organizational intention and location for each of the following:

- (1) 1st Armor Bde
- (2) Armor BOLC
- (3) 16th Cavalry Regt
- (4) UAMBL
- (5) Patton Armor Museum
- (6) 81st RRC Equipment Consolidation Site (both organization and equipment).
- (7) Mounted Warfare Testbed
- (8) Mounted Battlespace Battle Lab
- (9) CV2 Battle Lab
- (10) UA Experiment Element, Experimental Force Brigade Cadre
- (11) (AMC) Armor Maintenance Unit
- (12) (AMC) M1 Tank Engine Rebuild Unit
- (13) (APG) Tracked Vehicle Maintenance Center of Excellence for equipment concentration and 63B, 63D,
- (14) 63H 2 BCT Battalions from Fort Knox
- (15) Discretionary units that the Army may consider for potential assignment to Fort Knox: Kentucky-provided suggestion-Relocate the Recruiting School from Fort Jackson to join the Recruiting Command at Fort Knox.
- (16) Discretionary units that the Army may consider for potential assignment to Fort Benning: Columbus, GA-provided suggestion-Locating a Brigade Combat Team or other units at Fort Benning when additional units may need to be stationed/restationed.

2. HRC Kentucky officials heard rumor that other states (Missouri and Virginia) were discussing the potential availability of leased space that the Human Resources Command elements might consider occupying rather than relocating to Fort Knox as recommended by DOD BRAC. Please indicate whether or not the Army plans to modify its plan for the locating of HRC elements associated in the DOD BRAC plan with Fort Knox?

3. Knox Medical BG Shane provided a copy of a White Paper on Knox medical issues, and said that it had previously been provided to the BRAC Commission officials working medical issues. (The White Paper was passed on to Lesia Mandzia of the BRAC staff who handles medical issues.)

4. Naval Center, Louisville BG Shane provided to Dave Epstein, Navy Team Commission staff member, a White Paper related to the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Louisville, KY.