

**W.E. Kellogg Air Guard Station**

**Battle Creek MI**

**28-29 July 2005**

**COMMISSION STAFF:**

Ken Small

**LIST OF ATTENDEES:**

MG Culter	Michigan Adjutant General	
BG Heaton	Michigan Assistant Adjutant General	
Col Seidel	Commander, 110 <sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing	269 580-3221
Col Augustine	Vice Commander, 110 <sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing	
Col Lanezy	Michigan Civil Engineer	
Capt Bagby	Commander, USN Reserve Unit, Battle Creek	
Col Nadrasik	Commander, Fort Custer Training Center, Michigan National Guard	
Lt Col Hinga	Commander, 51 <sup>st</sup> WMD Civil Support Team, MI NG	
Lt Col San Clamente	110 <sup>th</sup> FW Chief of Safety (Project Officer for visit)	269 873-2417
Mr. Dehn	Administrator, Battle Creek Tax Increment Finance Authority	

**MAIN FACILITIES REVIEWED:**

Munitions Storage Area (storage, munitions maintenance, missile maintenance)  
Vehicle Maintenance  
Engine Test Stand  
Phase Dock and Maintenance Hangar  
Munitions Load Training Facility  
Tanks, Racks, Adaptors, Pylons Maintenance/Gun Maintenance Shop  
Engine Maintenance Shop  
Avionic Maintenance Shop  
Simulator Building  
Security Police Building  
Ramps  
Wing Headquarters

**KEY ISSUES IDENTIFIED:**

Values assigned by model for MCI understate the military value and capacity of the Battle Creek AGS.

Ramp Area and serviceability of ramp are under valued  
Land available for additional construction is under valued

Airfield elevation is 900' but runway length is 10,000 ft  
Munitions storage new, licensed, and in use for high explosives , missiles and gun munitions

Large state managed ranges north of airport; 7,500 acre Ft Custer adjacent to AGS  
Unit experience and patriotism unrewarded

A-10 pilots have high time in type (one over 4000 hours),

A-10s have all modifications completed

Manning level over 100%, highest of ANG A-10 units since 2001

One of three fighter units in the ANG to have deployed to three combat operations

Facilities under valued: Facilities are 12 years old or less:

Purpose designed for the ANG and the fighter mission

New munitions storage and maintenance area

Runway extension paid by citizens through millage assessment

Control tower match fund paid by citizens

Extensive rehab project complete on aircraft munitions loading training hangar

Reservists and key Air Guard Technicians not expected to move to Selfridge

Commander estimates 3 years to attain C-1 status for A-10 unit conversion at Selfridge

Training bulge for aircrews and maintenance personnel; AETC capacity questioned

Briefing materials included analysis of MCI by the Upjohn Institute.

#### **INSTALLATION CONCERNS RAISED:**

One of two secure State locations within Michigan

State contingency operating location for many activities

Provides second runway with significant state infrastructure available

#### **COMMUNITY CONCERNS RAISED:**

Do not want to see guard unit closed.

Citizens extended the runway to provide better service to guard

Citizens purchased land to prevent encroachment

Economic impact will be significant as there are only 73,000 people in area

#### **REQUESTS FOR STAFF AS A RESULT OF VISIT:**

None