

BRAC Commission

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Our Community is looking forward to the arrival of the uniformed and civilian

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**Honorable Philip Coyle**

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**Honorable Samuel K. Skinner**

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August 11, 2005

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The Honorable Anthony Principi, Chair  
Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 S. Clark St. , Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Principi:

I support the BRAC recommendations made by the Secretary of Defense regarding the development of a Naval Integrated Weapons and Armaments Center at China Lake and the realignment of the Sensors, Electronics Warfare and Electronics RDATE&E from Point Mugu to China Lake. It should create a more efficient and coordinated organization.

The necessary growth to accommodate the arrival of the incoming Naval and civilian personnel is already occurring and planning is ongoing. Ridgecrest has always put the mission of the China Lake base first whenever changes and plans are made for the city. We know we are a Navy town and are proud and supportive of its activities.

I urge your approval of the recommendations made regarding China Lake.

Sincerely ,

Russell and Phyllis Wise

*Russell Wise*  
*Phyllis Wise*

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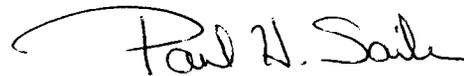
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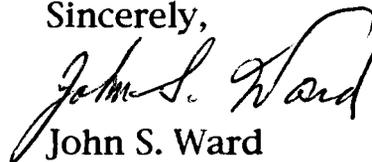
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Our community is looking forward to the arrival of the uniformed and civilian employees and support contractors. Ridgecrest, Kern County and California hosts for the Naval Air Weapons Station, have already made the necessary long-term infrastructure investments in anticipation of growth, and plans are in place to support the new arrivals.

I am a long time employee, now retired as active member of the Ridgecrest community. We are a Navy town that supports our base and its users from our own services and our allies. I urge your approval of the Secretary's recommendations regarding China Lake.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



John S. Ward

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2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 S. Clark St., Ste. 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Gentlemen,

I am writing to comment on the proposed BRAC realignment. I am totally in favor of the recommendations for consolidating work at the Naval facility at China Lake. I do so from what, I believe, is an unusual perspective:

Though I am now retired, I have been employed at each of the following:

Naval Ordnance Laboratory - White Oak, Md - here I performed research on propulsion systems

Naval Sea Systems Command - while there I directed the SysCom's programs in explosives, pyrotechnics, power supplies and warhead development

Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, CA - I served as Head of the Chemistry Research Dept.

(You will note that the names of all of the above have been changed.)

I also was employed at the Stanford Research Institute - I headed the Departments of Physical and Analytical Chemistry and of Liquid Propulsion Systems.

Thus I bring an unusual breadth of experience both within the Navy Department and private industry.

During all these years of being involved, one way or another, in the Navy's R&D programs in energetic materials, warheads and propulsion, it was clear to me that the research efforts were unduly fragmented and dispersed. Related programs, of various sizes, were conducted at the following locations, among others: White Oak, and Dahlgren, Md.; Crane, Indiana; China Lake, CA; Yorktown, Md; Indian Head, Md; Socorro, NM. Aside from the fact that this scattering of the effort made it difficult for scientists and engineers to coordinate with each other, it was clear that much of the work being done on the East Coast was constrained, unfortunately, by proximity to growing civilian communities. Furthermore, some types of weapon testing were limited by air traffic patterns.

I attempted, at times, to recommend a consolidation of much of this work, but always met with opposition from managers who opposed threats to their jobs. Clearly you now have the opportunity to implement the appropriate changes and, judging from your recommendations, are planning to do so.

Now, speaking as a resident of Ridgecrest, I think you should note that, unlike the situation existing on so many communities, residents of this region welcome the Navy and are enthusiastic supporters of their activities. Furthermore, the facilities for accommodating the additional personnel proposed in your recommendations, either already exist or can be readily provided. Some years back the population of Ridgecrest and the surrounding area exceeded 35,000 people - this is the number to which the community would grow if your recommendations are implemented.

I repeat that I am an enthusiastic supporter of your present recommendations.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Adolph B. Amster". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Adolph B. Amster

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12 August 2005

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Respectfully,



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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi  
Chairman, BRAC Commission  
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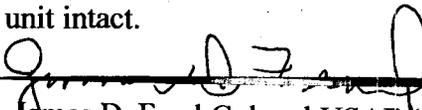
Dear Chairman Principi

I attended the public town hall in Portland Oregon on June 17 to support retaining the 123 FS ORANG. The two most important reasons as presented for keeping the 123FS intact:

1. Not downgrading homeland security for me, my family and the 11 million people living in the Northwestern United States.
2. The significant cost to me and all taxpayers by moving the aircraft elsewhere.

The third reason to retain the 123 FS (142FW) intact is the arguable fact of this squadron being recognized as the best fighter squadron in the USAF.

Please reverse the BRAC Commission recommendation and preserve this irreplaceable unit intact.

  
James D. Fearl Colonel USAF (retired)  
Command Flight Surgeon  
Oregon ANG



Harold M. Platzek  
542 W. Las Flores Ave.  
Ridgecrest, CA 93555-3448



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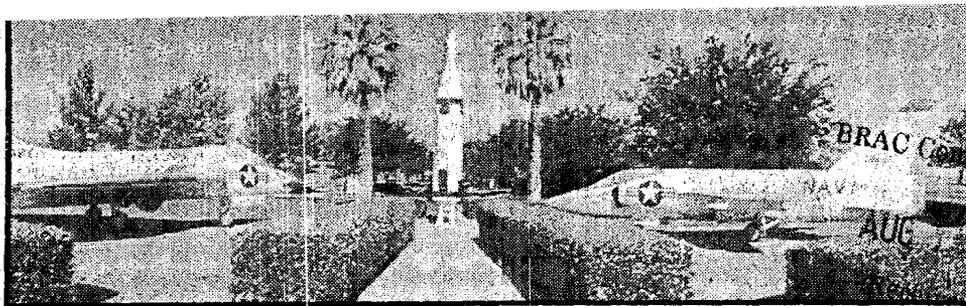
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Dear Mr. Principi:-

I support a Naval Integrated Weapons and Armament RDATE & E Center at China Lake and relocation of Sensors, E.lectronics Warfare, and E.lectronics RDATE & E from Point Mugu to China Lake.

Defense Department recommendations support BRAC criteria and secretary of Defense transformation goals.

The community is fully prepared and eager to accept new arrivals.



## The U.S. Naval Museum of Armament and Technology

*The community has room to grow  
and expand considerably.*

*Sincerely,  
Harold Platzeck*

*P.S.: I am adding my background  
profile from our U.S. Navy Mus-  
eum of Armament and Technology  
to show you that I have been  
around here for quite awhile, and,  
am still here.*



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I wanted to personalize what I suppose could be a form letter in support of the BRAC recommendations made by the Secretary of Defense to create a Naval Integrated Weapons and Armaments RDAT&E Center at China Lake.

I've lived (actually grew up) at China Lake since before the Korean War and returned here after college, and a stint in private industry, for some of the same reasons that the nation will discover after this BRAC round concludes. I realize that the president is trying to cut costs and eliminate redundancy with BRAC, but this recommendation concerning China Lake will reap, in my opinion, rewards that are unexpected.

We are a "one industry" community supporting the Department of Defense in the creation and testing of weapons systems. Young, talented people often join our work team and community for a year of experience, planning on moving on to industry after that year. They find that the isolation in the Mojave Desert, the clear air, and the community make an ideal work environment where support of our fighting troops makes the job exceptionally rewarding. Unlike a dispersed metropolitan work force, at China Lake work goes on after hours, during social gatherings, and on the weekends. This isn't "paid" work, but enthusiastic "help our troops" work.

I am excited that we now will be able to grow and support, like we've done in years past. All that I've experienced over the past 40 years of employment tell me that this BRAC recommendation is the right move and will surprise you with its success in years to come. For these reasons I urge your approval of the Secretary's recommendations regarding China Lake.

Sincerely,

Belmont Frisbee  
Senior Scientist, NAWC (Retired)

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 7, 2004

I send greetings to those gathered for the dedication of the Memorial Rock at the United States Naval Museum of Armament and Technology. This memorial honors civilians and military members who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country at the China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station.

America is safer because of the brave men and women who serve and sacrifice to defend our liberty. For more than half a century, NAWS China Lake employees have researched and developed innovative weapons and equipment for our military. Your commitment to excellence helps make our Armed Forces the finest in the world.

As we continue to fight terror and advance peace, America remains grateful for all those who contribute to the defense of our Nation. This occasion honors the heroes who have given their lives. Their selfless service will never be forgotten and will continue to stand as an example of patriotism to all our citizens.

Laura joins me in sending our best wishes. May God bless you, and may God continue to bless America.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "George W. Bush".

Having unfortunately arrived too late for the China Lake Memorial dedication ceremony, President Bush's letter is reproduced here. Letters of recognition were received for the memorial from all of our elected government representatives federal, state and local. These will be printed in the China Laker as space permits until all have been published