

June 17, 2005
 Mr. and Mrs. Daniel DiFrancesco
 655 Trevelyan St.
 North Tonawanda, NY 14120

BRAC Commission

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P.O. Box 231

Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

Dear Commissioners:

We are concerned about the Defense Dept's recommendation to close Niagara Falls AFRB. Please consider:

- 1) This well-run, cost-efficient and land rich base has been significantly upgraded within the past 10 years.
- 2) We have personally known a family that while stationed at the base and living in Niagara Falls found the unique geography and history of the area enriching to their family.
- 3) This base is particularly attractive to those who wish to serve as reservists, since many Western New Yorkers consider this area a great place to live and raise a family. The base location makes it very accessible to nearby communities.

- 4) We are personally acquainted with the commander of the base. He is an able leader and a great asset to the base and community.
- 5) The economic impact of the loss of the base would greatly harm Niagara County.

We ask that the BRAC Commission reconsider this issue. Please make every effort to keep Niagara Falls AFRB open.

Sincerely,

David Drances
Kathryn DiFrancisco

Support Our Troops ~ Remember Our Veterans

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I just thought I should say
 about a fewer photo
 we have several from
 such other veterans
~~and~~ the US in history
 any plans or anything
 to help of any thing
 should happen. Keep
 the bar

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My husband, Howard E.R. Hutton was one of
the first fifteen employees
hired by Bell Aircraft in 1935.
We witnessed the war time
growth, jet engine birth, and
the helicopter. Howard is
deceased.

H Eleanor Hutton

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Dear Mary Lou Rath:

Enclosed are ③ copies of a letter I wrote. One is your copy + the other ② are for the Chairman + Bea Commissioners.

What I brought up is very serious. If this base is closed + something happens. God help us all.

Sincerely
Anna A. Hackett

JUL 23 2005

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6/23/05

Dear Chairman + Brac Commissioners,

I don't understand how you can consider closing our Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve Base.

① We are close to the Canadian Border. If anything happens our planes could reach the border in record time to protect us.

② We have the powder plant right here at the falls where they could easily attack.

③ We also have all the tanks at the oil refinery.

These things are all close to the Canadian border + troops at the base could take off right away to protect the Canadian + American borders.

If the base is closed we are sitting ducks. The government will be making a huge mistake again.

Sincerely,
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P.S. Think real hard to what is at stake + w/ the terrorist trying to get in through Canada.

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Also, of major concern to myself & most people in this area, is the security of having this base close to our border, & our main supply of electricity, the Niagara Falls. In this age of terrorists we need this base to stay here.

Thank you

Marie B. Shaffer

376 Mang Ave.

Kenmore, N. Y. 14217

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May 25, 2005

The Honorable James Hayes (R)
Legislative Office Building 426
Albany, NY 12248

Dear Assemblyman Hayes,

I want to inform you of my opposition to Assembly Bill A4901 that would change the Real Property Law by increasing the tax assessment on certain residential Condominiums.

These bills will adversely affect fixed-income seniors, young families, and single parents, who are now significantly represented in Condominium communities.

These bills do not recognize the extensive services (street plowing, street side maintenance, street repair, trash collection, recycling, etc.) provided by Condominiums, which put them in an assessment category more like apartments than single-family houses. The current language of 339Y reflects this phenomenon and does not need to be amended.

Housing density is similar to apartments as well, reflecting the need for less infrastructure. In addition, Condominiums generate more tax revenue as a result of a greater number of units in a smaller area.

To arbitrarily amend the Real Property Law by height of units, date of construction or geographic region of the state is inappropriate. The current bill casts too large a net to catch the few cases where an inequity might exist.

Representatives of the upstate Chapters of the Community Associations Institute, of which we are members, have offered to meet with tax officials and legislators to find an equitable solution for assessment/valuation of all community association living (homeowners associations, condominiums & cooperatives). We have asked them to involve those people.

The current reduction in taxes does not cause an "unfair tax equation" and I am asking you to join me in opposing this bill.

Sincerely,



Carol A Borrello
112 Harrogate Sq
Williamsville, NY 14221

May 25, 2005

The Honorable Mary Lou Rath (R)
Legislative Office Building
Albany, NY 12247

Dear Senator Rath,

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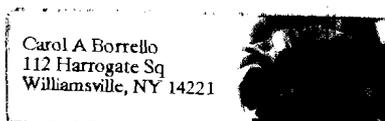
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Dear Chairman Principe + BRAC Commissioners

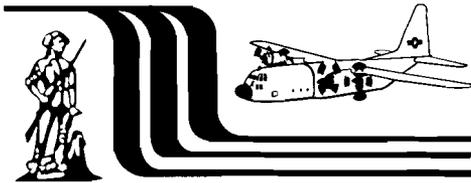
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I am disturbed by the ^{Received} Defense Dept.
recommendation to close Niagara Air Force
Reserve Base. I think it is a mistake

I urge the Commission to remove the N Falls
AFB from the recommended base closures and
to stop doing this to one of the most
important + strategic areas of the country.

Sincerely
Robert B. Kuyft



Niagara Military Affairs Council

Supporting the military of Niagara

BRAC Commission
Base Realignment and Closure Commission

July 227, 2005

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Chairman Anthony J. Principi
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark St.
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Mr. Principi:

Please find enclosed an additional 3000 Letters (bundled in groups of 100) to the BRAC from members of our community.

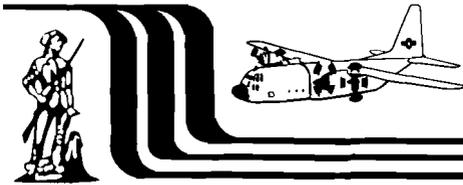
The letters include handwritten and typed letters, emails and on-line petitions from our web site.

We are emphasizing community support and are running an intense letter writing campaign to meet a goal of 100,000+. With this box, we have provided you with a total 67,500 letters with more to come!

Regards,

Jennifer Overholt
Executive Assistant, NIMAC

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Supporting the military of Niagara

July 27, 2005

Chairman Anthony J. Principi
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark St.
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Mr. Principi:

Please find enclosed an additional 2600 Letters (bundled in groups of 100) to the BRAC from members of our community.

The letters include handwritten and typed letters, emails and on-line petitions from our web site.

We are emphasizing community support and are running an intense letter writing campaign to meet a goal of 100,000+. With this box, we have provided you with a total 82,100 letters with more to come!

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Mr. Principi:

Please find enclosed an additional 5000 Letters (bundled in groups of 100) to the BRAC from members of our community.

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We are emphasizing community support and are running an intense letter writing campaign to meet a goal of 100,000+. With this box, we have provided you with a total 89,700 letters with more to come!

Regards,

Jennifer Overholt
Executive Assistant, NIMAC

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August 3, 2005

6894 East High Street
Lockport, N.Y. 14094
June 24, 2005

The Honorable Senator George D. Maziarz
2578 Niagara Falls Boulevard
Wheatfield
New York 14304

Dear Senator Maziarz,

Thank you so much for responding to my letter concerning the pending closure of the Orleans-Niagara BOCES Pre-K Program. I applaud your efforts on behalf of young, handicapped children.

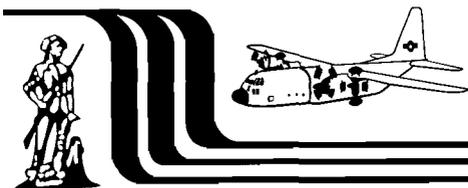
Steve Holesko and Kristin Sterling have been updating the BOCES staff on current developments. Your name is always mentioned as a pro-active force, fighting to preserve the integrity of quality educational services in Niagara County.

I look forward to your continued involvement in this process. It is my hope that the final decision will reflect a course of action that is in the best interest of children.

Respectfully,



Vera Giuliano



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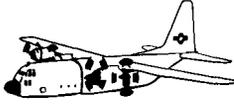
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July 27, 2005

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