

BRAC Commission

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President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Honorable Commander-in-Chief:

Today is Memorial Day 2005, a time we remember our fallen comrades and those who are serving in the War on Terrorism. Having served as the first 911th Airlift Wing Senior Enlisted Advisor (now Command Chief Master Sergeant) for the last fifteen years of my forty-three year military career, my primary responsibility was to advise each of the four commanders I served with. Never could I have suggested the creation of a BRAC Commission in wartime.

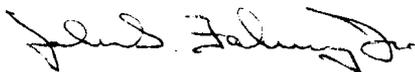
Presently, our C-130 crews are flying daily missions into Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as other destinations worldwide. Please note the significant numerical identifier (911) of the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Reserve Unit now on the BRAC list. What a terrible blow to the morale of every man and woman who bravely serve this country to come home to a unit that no longer exists.

I, along with most of our military personnel, have been there for you at election time 2000 and 2004. Please consider us now and decommission the present BRAC Commission. We desperately need your support. If we can fight to win the freedom of others with billions of taxpayer's hard-earned dollars, surely we can divert a portion of those funds to support the troops fighting to accomplish that resolve.

It is with the utmost respect, Mr. President, that I ask you to consider keeping the 911th Tactical Airlift Wing and all military units open at this important time in history. As we share our faith in God, may we all live in the practice of the Golden Rule.

God Bless you and God Bless America.

Respectfully,



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