

Niagara Military Affairs Council

BRAC Commission

Supporting the Military of Niagara



July 27, 2005

August 3, 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 2300 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 92,000 letters with more to come!

Regards,


Jennifer Overholt
Executive Assistant, NIMAC

BRAC Commission

AUG 03 2005

Received

Dr. Kendall W. Davis
114 Brookdale Drive
Williamsville, NY 14221
633-2877

April 16, 2005

Senator George D. Maziarz
60 Professional Pkwy
Lockport, NY 14094

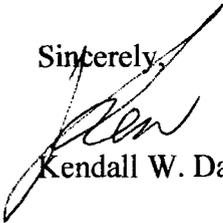
Dear George::

The **Deputy Superintendent of Programs** at Albion Correctional Facilities will be an open position. The present Deputy of Programs is being transferred.

If you could assist me in obtaining this position I would appreciate it.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,


Kendall W. Davis

George
Ken gave
this to me
and asked me
to talk to you.
Sue Hempel

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Williamsville, NY 14221
633-2877

December 22, 2004

Senator George D. Maziarz
60 Professional Pkwy
Lockport, NY 14094

Dear George:

I need your help in getting an appointment. My experience and education should be a factor in appointing me to this position.

I would like to be appointed to a **Deputy Superintendent of Programs** at one of the Correctional Facilities in Western New York. I am a Vocational Instructor IV at Albion. At present Albion does not have a Superintendent. There is going to be some movement at Albion and this position may come open.

You would need to talk to the Governor personally. The Governor would need to contact Mr. Glenn S. Goord Commissioner.

The Governor's appointment office would not be able to help me in this appointment.

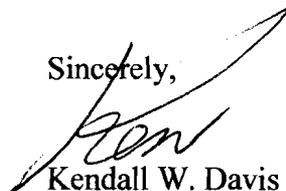
I have a B.S. in Business Administration, a Master of Industrial Engineering, a Master of Vocational/Technical Education from SUCB, and a Doctorate of Education in Curriculum Planning/Administration from SUNY at Buffalo. I have worked in the private Business Sector as V.P. and General Manager for 20 years.

I have taught at secondary level (High School) for ten years and taught at College level SUNY since 1985.

I hold all the New York State Education Department Administration Certifications SAS; SDA; and SBA. Also I hold ten New York State Teaching Certifications.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,



Kendall W. Davis

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7/19/05

DEAR B.R.A.C. Commission,

PLEASE REVERSE DECISION TO CLOSE N. FALB AIR BASE
IN WESTERN N.Y. A FEW EXAMPLES WHY NOT TO CLOSE

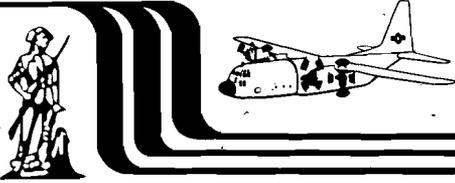
A) ONLY MAJOR BASE IN WESTERN N.Y.

- 1) BETTER RECRUITMENT
- 2) INTERNATIONAL BORDER
- 3) WEATHER

B) WHY TAKE PEOPLE + MACHINES TO MORE EXPENSIVE
"ACTIVE DUTY" BASES?

THE GOVERNOR OF N.Y. IS IN CHARGE OF THE GUARD (SP)
PLEASE DON'T TAKE THE BASE AWAY FROM NEW YORK.

Sincerely,
[Signature]



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*State of New York
Department of Military and Naval Affairs*

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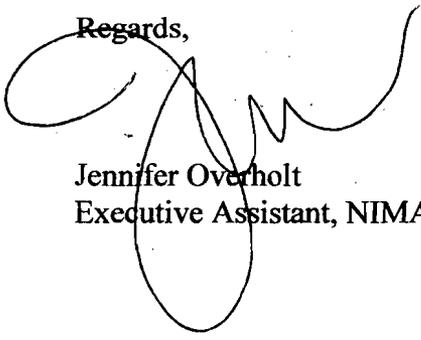
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Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners,

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We understand and appreciate that the major function of this review is to insure effective military readiness to meet any and all threats against the United States. With the security of our nation paramount during these reviews and decisions. Our hope in the community is that there is an expanded role for the Niagara base in homeland security. We are situated within minutes and a couple hours of major border crossings with Canada where we know from September 11th that many of the terrorists transited. An expanded role for the base would help enhance the security of the Great Lakes region, where we have major power plant facilities, border crossing infrastructure and the Great Lakes themselves an important source of the nation's fresh water supply.

We can't profess to be military experts, but we are military history buffs and after visiting Pearl Harbor and then reading up further on the history of Pearl and comments of Winston Churchill, "If we don't learn from our history we are doomed to repeat it". We find it difficult to understand why we would concentrate the bulk of our heavy air transports into one base, just like they did with planes at Pearl Harbor?

We are a very proud and determined area, as I'm sure you're aware the Buffalo Bills are our football team, so you can expect us to never give up the fight for those who fight for us! We are extremely proud of the contributions to this nation and to our community that the men and women of these units have given over their storied history in Western New York. We hope that the commission will reconsider the closure of the Niagara Falls Air Force reserve base, while looking to expand its role.

Sincerely,

*Kathleen Ewert
3314 Wallace Dr.
Grand Island, N.Y. 14072*

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Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners,

It is with mixed feelings that I submit this letter to you for your thoughtful consideration. I fully appreciate the transparent and independent review that the commission undertook on military base closings. The importance and efforts required of these reviews has not gone unnoticed. But I am disappointed the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station was included on the list for closing. But also very hopeful that by taking a closer look at what this base means to the local communities it will enable the commission to look to grow the Niagara base.

The Western N.Y. area has been, how shall I say, not very robust when it comes to the economic picture. If I could state some examples of the problems our area is now facing, and how continuing to maintain the base and even grow it would be such a boost for the local communities.

The counties of Niagara (which includes the base) and Erie do not have the corporate base for creating a vibrant successful community. You will find that the Niagara Air Reserve Station to be one of the largest employers in our area. The loss of this employer would deal another devastating blow to the local economy. We have all heard the recent problems that General Motors is experiencing. Well GM is our other big employer.

The City of Buffalo a 20 minute drive from the base has been under a financial control board for close to a year now, because the city leaders could not manage the city effectively.

And now Erie County is on the verge of a control board because of poor fiscal management. From a pure economic point of view this argues two very strong reasons for keeping the base and growing the base. One, It maintains in our area a large employer. Additionally the local governments have shown they are unable to fiscally manage their respective communities. Thus closing the base and offering incentives to develop alternatives would not be a wise investment.

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I would be remiss if I did not mention the extreme pride the community has that comes from having the 914th Airlift Wing, 107th Air Refueling Wing, 865th Support Hospital and 277th Quartermasters as neighbors in our community. It has been one of the major bright spots for sometime in our community. The yearly air show they put on "Thunder over Niagara" is enjoyed by families and attended by hundreds of thousands. We are extremely proud of the contributions to this nation and to our community that the men and women of these units have given over their storied history in Western New York. We hope that the commission will reconsider the closure of the Niagara Falls Air Force reserve base, while looking to expand its role.

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Grand Island, N.Y. 14072

ST. TIMOTHY'S CHURCH

565 East Park Drive
Tonawanda, New York 14150

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July 6, 2005

Base Closure Commission
Mr Anthony Principe, Chair

Dear Sir,

Please recommend that the
Niagara Falls Air Base remain open.
It is important for our defense and
economy.

Thank you.

Monsignor John D'Amico

Pastor

Chaplain of the Port of Buffalo

BRAC Commission

AUG 03 2005

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K. Selvis
3770 25 Ave SW
Naples FL 34117

Niagara Military Affairs
PO Box 231
Niagara Falls NY

Re: Closing Reserve Base

Dear Sirs

I am concerned over the possibility of closing the Ft. Cav Reserve Base. This base is of strategic importance to the safety of the U.S.

I am a former western N.Y. resident whose brothers & cousins have served with the 107th & 914th units.

K.A. Selvis

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Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph M. Berlinger
5609 East River Rd.
Grand Island N.Y. 14072-1003

Mr. & Mrs. Richard A. Ball
100 Argonne Drive
Kenmore, New York 14217-2432
716-873-9553
mailmulerb@aol.com

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June 21, 2005

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Senator Mary Lou Rath
5500 Main Street
Williamsville, NY 14221

Dear Senator,

I am enclosing a letter voicing my concerns about the closing of the Niagara Falls Air Base. I did not know who to send it to for presentation to the BRAC Commission until my wife received a letter from you with a letter to sign. Please add my letter to the rest you receive for presentation. Thank you for your efforts and concern.

Sincerely,


Richard A. Ball

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Gerald Hallberg
9744 Lenox St
Angola, NY 14006

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Dear Chairman Principi:

I urge the Commission in the strongest possible terms to remove the Niagara Falls Air Guard Station from the Pentagon's recommended list of base closures.

Closing the Niagara Falls air base would have a \$150 million-a-year negative impact on the region -- besides eliminating nearly 3,000 military, civilian and reserve jobs. It would also mean an additional loss of hundreds of other quality jobs that support the work at the base.

Since 1995, Niagara has been modernized with \$35 million in new facilities and lengthened runways, which have improved the operational effectiveness of the wings. Base Operations Support costs have also been reduced by at least 33% (including a 25% reduction in utilities) to make the base one of the most cost-efficient facilities in the Air Force Reserve Command.

The communities and businesses of Western New York stand in strong support of the Niagara Falls Air Guard Station, and request that you vote to remove the base from the closure list.

Sincerely,

Gerald Hallberg

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Orchard Park, NY 14127

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Respectfully yours,

Cindy Sue Reid

June 13, 2005

Skve Heritage
152 Washington Ave
Albany, NY 12210

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Arcade, NY 14009

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