

BRAC TASK FORCE WEEKLY UPDATE

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THIS WEEKS EVENTS:

Base closing costs and moving costs have been forwarded to our consultant for further COBRA analysis of costs. The results will be forwarded to BRAC staff. August 11 is the tentative last date for input to BRAC staff.

Governor Rendell, Senator Santorum, Mike Langley, De Peart, and Shawn Fox, plus a delegation from Willow Grove met with Kenneth Small and Mike Flinn of the BRAC Staff on Monday, August 1, 2005. Our case on the land, costs, and a host of other points we have made were well presented and received by the Staff. They asked for more information on the 911th AW base and for a site plan for the Commissary. BRAC Staff seems to reflect Chairman Principi's concern that patrons of Commissaries and Exchanges do not lose these benefits.

Yeager airport officials will meet with BRAC Staffers on August 11. They bought into our basic plan for Pope as developed by Joe Poznik. Milwaukee and Niagara have also expressed great interest in pursuing this plan of providing C-130 aircraft from existing ARC components without closing Pittsburgh and Yeager. We were asked to keep track of key points from last BRAC and be ready to challenge. Congressional requests for info have yet to reap results, except for one response among many. They have been identified as being "short stopped" in the DoD BRAC Clearinghouse.

Committee Reports:

911th Committee:

We are reviewing just received COBRA runs with "closing" / moving costs. It

appears more costly to close us than keep us, at first reading.

We recommend that a letter asking for re-computation of the 911th AW scores be sent to BRAC staff. Recruiting and retention is a DoD problem currently and we believe it will continue to manifest itself more so in the future.

Public Affairs Committee:

This week, the PA Team performed the following activities:

- >Drafted and transmitted a release to local media on the Governor's BRAC Staff briefing;

- >Provided media responses on several matters to local media outlets including WDUQ, Pittsburgh Tribune Review, and Beaver County / Allegheny Times;

- >Team members are also involved with the taping of an MCA Cable broadcast on Pit-BRAC activities next week. Dan Onorato, Mark Mustio, and John Pippy will be on the panel.

Economic Impact:

The Economic Impact Committee will be reviewing the impact of the recommendations and data of previous BRAC rounds to ensure its accuracy and report on any outcome.

Kelly/ 99th:

1998 Commissary / PX site plan has been received, along with cost estimates from 1998. These cost estimates have been updated by John Arin.

Hearing Visits:

Visits have been made to most of the Regional BRAC hearings by members of the BTF. Videos of these briefings are on file at the BRAC War Room. No more visits are anticipated to BRAC.

Data Still Sought:

Representatives of the BTF have worked closely with the consultant on COBRA data supporting the Joint Readiness Center proposal. Revised COBRA runs were received on 5 Aug for committee reviews and transmittal to BRAC.

BRAC Calendar:

August 5 - Last day to submit letters for BRAC Commissioners. Have them in the BRAC Room no latter than mid-day Friday.

August 8 - BTF Steering Committee Meeting @ 10:00 AM

August 10 - BTF Task Force Meeting @ 5:30 PM

August 23 - 26- Anticipated time frame when the BRAC Commissioners will deliberate and publish their draft recommendation list.

Western Pennsylvania BRAC Task Force

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Pennsylvania BRAC Task Force (BTF) from our Moon Township BRAC War Room. Anyone having appropriate information that should be considered for sharing with the BRAC Task Force Team should submit it weekly in time for Friday publication.

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