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Welcome to the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) Commission's official website. Our goal is to assist the American public, including interested stakeholders, to fully understand the open and transparent process through which our work is conducted. The website will also serve as a medium by which you may share your thoughts, concerns, or suggestions with the Commissioners. [Your input is appreciated.](#)

The Congress established the 2005 BRAC Commission to ensure the integrity of the base closure and realignment process. As directed by law, the Commission will provide an objective, non-partisan, and independent review and analysis of the list of military installation recommendations issued by the Department of Defense (DoD) on May 13, 2005. The recommendations provided by DoD are extremely complex and interrelated and will require in-depth analysis and careful attention to detail. The Commission will follow a fair, open, and equitable process, as set forth by statute. The Commission's mission is to assess whether the DoD recommendations substantially deviated from the Congressional criteria used to evaluate each military base. While giving priority to the criteria of military value, the Commission will also take into account the human impact of the base closures and will consider possible economic, environmental, and other effects on the surrounding communities.

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## Final Deliberations and Decisions

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***Motion voting results are now available.***

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## About the Commission

BRAC is the commonly used acronym for the formal name of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission. The 2005 BRAC Commission is an independent entity that submits its findings and recommendations to the President of the United States on or before September 8, 2005.

The 2005 BRAC Commission is authorized by Congress through the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-510), as amended. (Click [here](#) for the statute).

There are [nine commissioners](#) who have been appointed to serve on the BRAC Commission by President Bush.

The BRAC Commission was created to provide an objective, thorough, accurate, and non-partisan review and analysis, through a process determined by law, of the list of bases and military installations which the Department of Defense (DoD) has recommended be closed and/or realigned. The DoD list of recommendations was formally presented to the BRAC Commission on May 13th, 2005.

The Commission is required to assess each recommendation to ensure it meets the eight [selection criteria](#) set forth by Congress in P.L. 108-375. Recommendations by DoD that substantially deviate from these selection criteria can be modified or rejected by the Commission by a simple majority vote of the Commissioners.

The Commission can also add installations to the closure or realignment list recommended to the President, but only through a process in which seven of nine Commissioners vote to do so, the Secretary of Defense is properly notified in writing 15 days prior to the proposed change, and only after at least two Commissioners physically visit the military installation in question.

To avoid any appearance of a lack of impartiality and to enhance the public's confidence in the integrity of the BRAC process four commissioners have recused themselves from participation in matters relating to installations in their home states. Commissioners Coyle and Gehman recused themselves because of their participation in BRAC-related activity in California and Virginia respectively. Commissioners Bilbray and Hansen recused themselves because of their long-time representation in the Congress and other public offices of Nevada and Utah respectively. As a result of their recusals, the commissioners cannot deliberate or vote on matters relating to installations in their home states or to installations in others states that are substantially affected by closures and realignments of installations in their home states.

The BRAC Commission will seek extensive public input through a series of regional hearings, installation site visits by Commissioners and staff, and individual meetings. The Commissioners are deeply mindful of the human impact of the DoD installation recommendations, and have pledged to ensure that a full review of the facts, and consideration of community and related interests will be made prior to making their final

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## Commission Process

On May 13, 2005, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment and Commission received the list of bases suggested by the Department of Defense for realignment or closure.

The BRAC Commission will perform an independent analysis and evaluation of the list, which includes [opportunities for public/community input](#). The Commission will furnish the report of its findings and suggestions to the President and to the American public on September 8, 2005.

By September 23, 2005, the President must either forward the report to the Congress or return it to the Commission for further evaluation.

If the report is returned to the Commission, the BRAC Commission has until October 20, 2005 to resubmit the report to the President. If the report is returned to the Commission and then re-submitted to the President, the President must transmit his approval and certification of resubmitted report to Congress by November 15, 2005.

Congress has 45 days from the day it receives the report from the President to enact a joint resolution that rejects the report in full, or the report becomes law.

Should the President fail to approve or transmit either the initial or revised Commission recommendations by the above dates, the BRAC process will be terminated.

The Commission will be terminated by law on April 15th, 2006.

Choose from one of the links provided for more information.

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## CHARTER

### Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission

A. Official Designation: The Committee shall be known as the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

B. Objectives and Scope of Activities: The Commission, in accordance with Public Law 101-510, as amended, shall review the recommendations and analysis of the Secretary of Defense, and provide the President its recommendations on the timely closure and realignment of military installations inside the United States.

C. Commission Membership: The President shall appoint a Chairperson and eight additional Members for a total of nine Members. The Members shall be appointed for the life of the Commission as Special Government Employees under the authority of title 5, U.S.C. Each Member, other than the Chairperson, shall be paid at a rate equal to the daily equivalent of the minimum annual rate of basic pay payable for level IV of the Executive Schedule under 5 U.S.C. § 5315 for each day (including travel time) during which the Member is engaged in the actual performance of duties vested in the Commission. The Chairperson, like the other Members, shall be paid for each day engaged in the actual performance of duties vested in the Commission; however, the Chairperson shall be paid at the rate equal to the daily equivalent of the minimum annual rate of basic pay payable for level III of the Executive Schedule under 5 U.S.C. § 5314.

D. Commission Meetings: The Commission shall meet at the call of the Chairman, and the estimated number of Commission Meetings is 30.

E. Duration of the Commission: The Commission shall terminate on April 15, 2006. However, the Commission may extend its operations for an additional 60 days to facilitate the termination of the Commission under the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, as amended, and provide congressional testimony.

F. Agency Support: Federal Agencies, in accordance with Public Law 101-510, as amended, shall provide support as deemed necessary for the performance of the Commission. The Department of Defense, through the Director for Administration and Management, shall provide support as deemed necessary for the performance of the Commission's functions, and shall ensure compliance with the requirements of 5 U.S.C. § 6.

G. Termination Date: The Commission shall terminate upon completion of its mission or two years from the date this Charter is filed whichever is sooner or unless it is extended by

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H. Operating Costs: It is estimated that the operating costs, to include travel costs and contract support, for this Commission shall be \$10,000,000.00, as provided by Congress. The estimated cost in man-years to the Department of Defense is 20.

I. Charter Filing Date: April 13, 2005

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## Biographies of the Nine BRAC Commissioners

### The Honorable Anthony J. Principi - Chairman



Recently served as Vice President of Pfizer Corporation and is a decorated Vietnam War veteran. Mr. Principi was nominated to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs by President George W. Bush on December 29, 2000, and was confirmed by the Senate on January 23, 2001. He once served as a Republican chief counsel for the Senate Armed Services Committee and Senate Veterans Affairs Committee. He also has been a top official with defense contractor Lockheed Martin. Mr. Principi is a 1967 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, and first saw active duty aboard the destroyer USS Joseph P. Kennedy. He later commanded a River Patrol Unit in Vietnam's Mekong Delta. Mr. Principi earned his law degree from Seton Hall University in 1975 and was assigned to the Navy's Judge Advocate General Corps in San Diego, California. In 1980, he was transferred to Washington as a legislative counsel for the Department of the Navy.

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### The Honorable James H. Bilbray



Primary area of practice is government relations and administrative law. Former Congressman Bilbray received his B.A. in Government and Public Administration from the American University in Washington, DC in 1962, and his JD from the Washington College of Law in 1964. He is a Nevada native, and prior to being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1987, was a Nevada State Senator, where he served as Chairman on the Taxation Committee and was a member of the Judiciary Committee. During his four terms in the US Congress, he served as Chairman of the Small Business Sub-Committee on Taxation, Tourism and Procurement. He was also a member of the Foreign Affairs, Armed Services, and Intelligence Committees. He joined the firm of Kummer Kaempfer Bonner & Renshaw as Of Counsel in 1996, where he specialized in dealing with local, state and federal issues. In 2001, he received an honorary doctorate of laws from the University of Nevada Las Vegas for his extensive contributions to the State and U.S. government.

### The Honorable Philip Coyle



Philip Coyle is a Senior Advisor to the President of the Center for Defense Information and a defense consultant. Formerly, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Test and Evaluation, (1994-2001), Mr. Coyle is a recognized expert on U.S. and worldwide military research, development and testing. During the 1995 BRAC, he served as the Co-Chairman of the DoD Joint Cross-Service Group for Test and Evaluation. Prior to serving at the

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Pentagon, Mr. Coyle served as Laboratory Associate Director of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, California, and as Deputy to the Laboratory Director. During the Carter Administration, Mr. Coyle served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs in the Department of Energy. With more than 40 years of experience in testing and test-related matters, he was selected by Aviation Week magazine as one of its "Laurels" honorees for 2000, a select group of people recognized for outstanding contributions in the aerospace field.

#### **Admiral Harold W. ( Hal ) Gehman, Jr., (USN, Ret)**



Retired after 35 years of service on active duty in the U.S. Navy in October 2000, with his last assignment as NATO's Supreme Allied Commander, Atlantic and as the Commander in Chief of the U.S. Joint Forces Command, one of the five U.S. Unified Commands. Immediately after retiring, Admiral Gehman served as Co-Chairman of the Department of Defense review of the terrorist attack on the USS Cole. In 2003, he served as Chairman of the Columbia Accident Investigation Board. He graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering and received a commission in the Navy from the NROTC program. He served at all levels of leadership and command before being promoted to four-star Admiral in 1996. He became the 29th Vice Chief of Naval Operations in September 1996. As Vice Chief, he was a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, formulated the Navy's \$70 billion budget, and developed and implemented policies governing the Navy's 375,000 personnel.

#### **The Honorable James V. Hansen**



Former US Representative from Utah, Congressman Hansen was elected to the 97th Congress and to the 10 succeeding terms ( January 3, 1981 to January 3, 2003 ). Congressman Hansen did not seek re-election to the 108th Congress in 2002. During the 105th Congress, he served as Chairman on the Standards and Official Conduct Committee. During the 107th Congress, he served as Chairman of the Committee of Resources. He served in the United States Navy from 1951 to 1955. He also served as a member of the Farmington, Utah City Council from 1960 to 1972. He then was elected to the Utah State House of Representatives from 1973 to 1980 and served as Speaker of the House, 1979-1980.

#### **General James T. Hill (USA, Ret)**



Former Commander of the United States Southern Command. General Hill previously served as the Commanding General, I Corps and Ft Lewis. He is from El Paso, Texas, and was commissioned into the infantry following graduation from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, in 1968. He also graduated from the Command and General Staff College and the National War College. In addition, he holds a Master's degree in Personnel Management from Central Michigan University. General Hill's other key assignments include: Commanding General 25th Infantry Division and Deputy Commander United States Forces UN Mission Haiti.

#### **General Lloyd W. "Fig" Newton (USAF, Ret)**



Currently serves as Executive Vice President of Pratt & Whitney, Military Engines. Former Commander of Air Education and Training Command,

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headquartered at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. He was responsible for the recruiting, training and education of Air Force personnel. His command included Air Force Recruiting Service, two numbered air forces and Air University. He was also commander of three wings and an air division and held numerous staff positions. From 1993 to 1995, he was Director of Operations, J-3, U.S. Special Operations Command. General Newton is a command pilot with more than 4,000 flying hours in the T-37, T-38, F-4, F-15, C-12 and F-117 stealth fighter. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in aviation education from Tennessee State University and a Master of Arts degree in public administration from George Washington University.

#### **The Honorable Samuel K. Skinner**



Mr. Skinner is the retired Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of USF Corporation, one of the nation's leading transportation and logistics companies. He also served from 1993-1998 as President of Commonwealth Edison Company and its holding company, Unicom Corporation. Prior to joining Commonwealth Edison, Mr. Skinner served as Chief of Staff to President George H.W. Bush. Prior to his White House service, he served in the President's Cabinet for nearly three years as Secretary of Transportation. As Secretary, Mr. Skinner was credited with numerous successes, including the development of the President's National Transportation Policy and the development and passage of landmark aviation and surface transportation legislation. Mr. Skinner is currently an Adjunct Professor of Management and Strategy at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. He served as a member of the Illinois National Guard and the United States Army reserve from 1957-1968.

#### **Brigadier General Sue E. Turner (USAF, Ret)**



General Turner retired in 1995, following 30 years active duty. Her key assignments included: Director, Nursing Services, Office of the USAF Surgeon General; Chief Nurse, Wilford Hall Medical Center; and the Medical Inspection Team, USAF Inspector General. General Turner joined the Air Force Nurse Corps in 1965 and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Incarnate Word College and a Master of Science in nursing from the University of Alabama in Birmingham. She also completed Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, Air War College, and National Security Management. In recent years, she has served on the American Battle Monuments Commission and the Board of Directors of a large credit union.

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## Contact Us

The Base Closure and Realignment Commission's report to the President has been delivered and our web-based comment section is now closed.

Thank you for your interest in sharing your comments with us. Written correspondence can still be sent to the Commission at the following address through October 15, 2005.

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

### Public Record Announcement

Information that you choose to provide to the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) Commission will be incorporated into the public record. The information you provide will be used to inform the BRAC Commission's evaluation of the recommendations of the Department of Defense regarding realignment and closure of defense installations and to formulate the recommendations of the BRAC Commission. If you do not want your contact information to be incorporated into the public record, do not include that information in your submissions. As a general rule, the BRAC Commission will not redact contact information from the record once it has been submitted. Obscene or otherwise unlawful submissions will not be incorporated into the public record. The BRAC Commission will not consider any information provided by the public that is obscene or otherwise violates the law.

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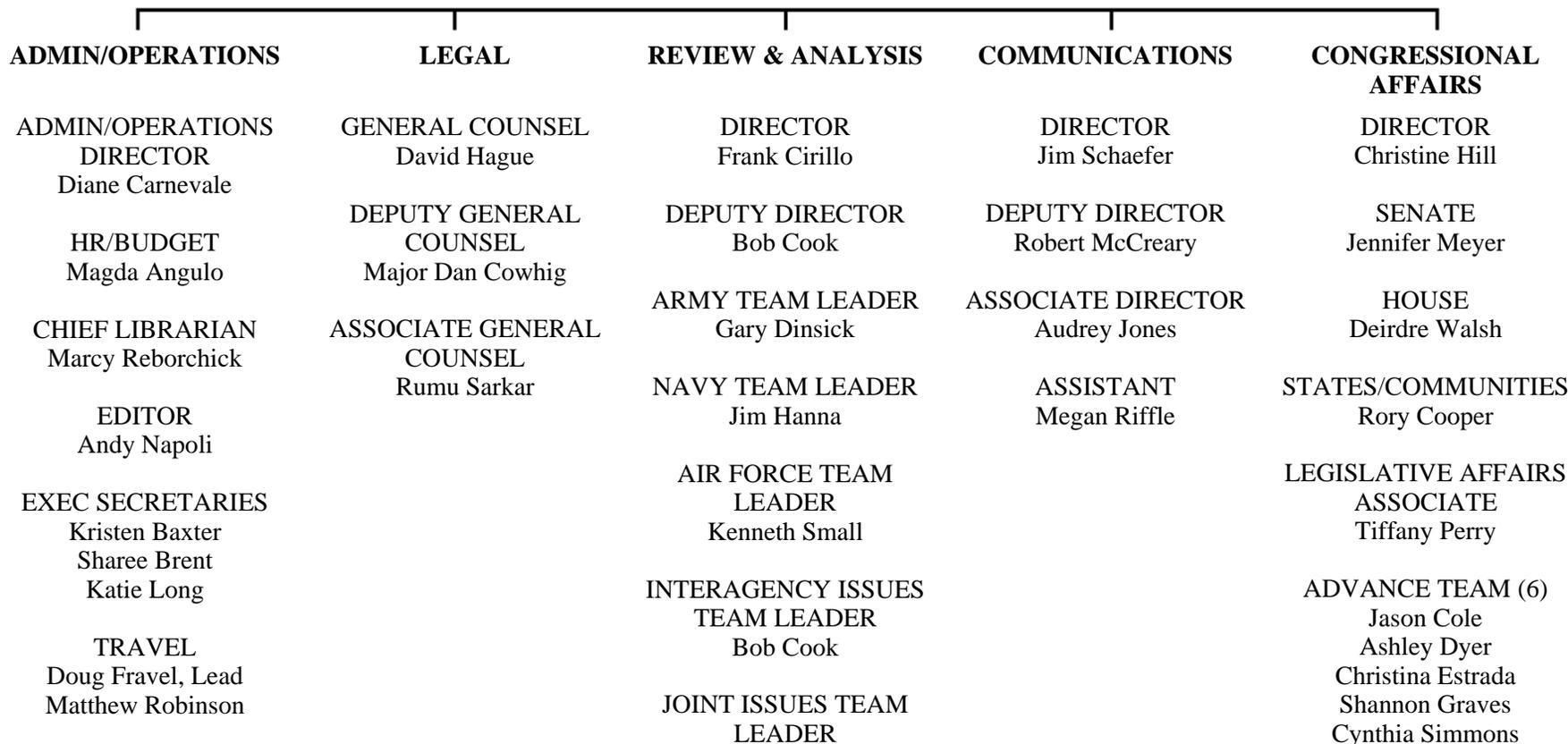
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