DCN: 7077

BASE VISIT REPORT

Texas Army National Guard

28 June, 2005

LEAD COMMISSIONER: None

ACCOMPANYING COMMISSIONER: None

COMMISSION STAFF:
Mr. Tim Abrell
Mr. Wes Hood

LIST OF ATTENDEES:
MG Charles Rodriguez, TAG
COL Lisa Hines, CFMO

BASE'S PRESENT MISSION:
- Texas Army National Guard provides Command and support for training and mobilization for Texas Army National Guard units.

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE RECOMMENDATION:
RC Transformation in Texas (Pg. Army-91 VOL I, Part 2)
Recommendation: This recommendation closes 75 USAR and ARNG facilities located throughout Texas.

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE JUSTIFICATION:
This recommendation transforms Reserve Component facilities throughout the State of Texas. The implementation of this recommendation will enhance military value, improve homeland defense capability, greatly improve training and deployment capability, create significant efficiencies and cost savings, and is consistent with the Army's force structure plans and Army transformational objectives.

MAIN FACILITIES REVIEWED:
Camp Mabry, TX
Austin Readiness Center, Austin TX

KEY ISSUES IDENTIFIED
- Command and Governor support this recommendation.
- Closes 42 TX ARNG facilities and consolidates into 17 new AFRCs
- Will greatly enhance support for homeland security mission

- Many of the facilities do not meet force protection standards. Upgrading those facilities will be costly. Moving out of these older facilities into new facilities that meet DoD FP standards avoid these costly upgrade and provides a safer facility for troops to train in.
- The newer facility will allow for modern capabilities in IT and HVAC to be utilized to provide an efficient and more capable training facility.
- The move to AFRCs will provide for many joint training opportunities
- There are some facilities that may require repayment of federal investment as a result of closure. This could total $4 million. TX ARNG is willing to pay this if necessary but would like to see the cost waived as part of federal restructuring requirement from BRAC
- Concerned about funding for non-construction related expense: IT, furniture, kitchen equipment. These things are not paid for in MILCON appropriation but are paid for out of other accounts. Not sure if BRAC funding will cover these costs.

INSTALLATION CONCERNS RAISED
None noted

COMMUNITY CONCERNS RAISED:
Not clear on disposition of closed facility

REQUESTS FOR STAFF AS A RESULT OF VISIT:
Will research aspect of BRAC funding for non construction costs