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Attn: Brac Commission

Friday May 13, 2005 the town of Clovis, New Mexico stood still. We met all the criteria and yet ....

- 330 days excellent flying days per year
- Our fighter pilots are a 15 minute flight away from Pantex, Amarillo, Tx A required element.
- Our Melrose Bombing Range no fees for training just off the end of the CAFB runway. Lower fuel consumption.
- Low cost Maintenance to operate a fighter wing.
- Base could house a two wing base as has been noted by the DoD on other closure lists.
- Supersonic path to handle F22 Super Sonic as well as other fighter planes.

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- The base opens dual training Only recently Navy and the base had a joint exercise. Excellent!

- A community that loves and supports those lucky enough to serve on CAFB.

- A school system that any Military parent will tell you takes care of Military Children. When they enter the Clovis school system they aren't told because you were not here before you won't be able to participate.

- Clovis Schools are an awarding winning district. Keeping Military children active and proud.

- So too is Cannon AFB award winning. Airmen that come to Cannon excel just review the many awards.... it is awesome.

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What 8 to 9 thousand Veterans in a one hundred mile radius. Their last base on a closure list first 1. Amarillo AFB, 2. Walker AFB, 3 Reese AFB and now Cannon AFB. You talk about hard hit our area has been.

Thank You for your understanding

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