

**DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION  
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**MEMORANDUM OF MEETING**

DATE: July 14, 2005

TIME: 1300

MEETING WITH: Allies for Cherry Point's Tomorrow

SUBJECT: The importance of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point and how the community stands ready to support the future DOD mission at Cherry Point.

*PARTICIPANTS:*

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Tom Pantelides, Senior Analyst\*

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MEETING SUMMARY:

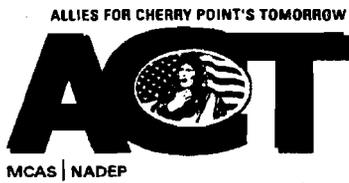
After introductions, General Overholt explained that his law firm represented Allies for Cherry Points Tomorrow, and wanted to provide the BRAC commission data to show Cherry Point would be an excellent location to receive additional fighter squadrons. (See attached packet of information).

We also discussed the environmental challenges at Cherry Point and the uncertainty of legislation. Major General Overholt noted that the Cherry Point community is committed to the support of the outlying landing field in Craven County and is a strong support of our military at Cherry Point.

We briefly discussed the Depot at Cherry Point and how it provided many civilian job opportunities. The group was pleased that the Depot was not slated to be relocated as recommended in prior BRAC recommendations.

Ms. Alison commented on complaints of “the red tape” made by health care providers in dealing with TRICARE patients. We noted that during our visit to Cherry Point we were told that local physicians and hospitals were able to absorb the projected inpatient workload estimated in the conversion of the hospital at Cherry Point to an outpatient clinic. It was noted that military patients prefer receiving inpatient care at the base hospital and that preference is not measured in the BRAC recommendation.

\* Person responsible for this Memorandum



# Allies for Cherry Point's Tomorrow

Data and Documentation Related to

## Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point NAVAIR Depot Cherry Point Halyburton Naval Hospital

Presented to the  
 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission

**ACT Recommendations.....Tab A**

**ACT Background.....Tab B**

**NAVAIR Depot.....Tab C**

**Halyburton Hospital.....Tab D**

**MCAS Cherry Point.....Tab E**

**Community Support Documentation.....Tab F**

Library Routing Slip 2005 BRAC Commission Materials

Title of Item: memo of mtg attachment  
 Installation or Community: Cherry Point NC  
 Source: Community meeting at BRAC building  
 Material? yes  no  
 Order: Tom Pantelides Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

103-06A – NMC4 – Memorandum of Meeting  
 Navy/MC–Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point –NC  
 BRAC COMMISSION – FY 2005  
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**Allies for Cherry Point's Tomorrow**

Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point

NAVAIR Depot Cherry Point

Halyburton Naval Hospital

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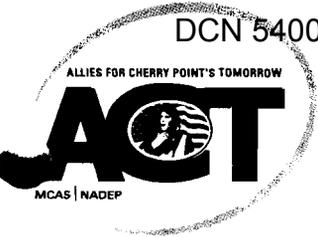
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## ADVANTAGES OF MCAS CHERRY POINT AS HOME-BASING SITE FOR EAST COAST F/A-18 SUPER HORNET SQUADRONS

MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina offers several significant advantages as a home-basing site for the Navy's East Coast F/A-18 Super Hornet squadrons:

**Proximity to Fleet.** MCAS Cherry Point is strategically located within close proximity to the home port for our Atlantic Fleet carriers. For deployment, training, and routine operations alike, the base's location close to the Atlantic ocean and Norfolk provides an advantage over other bases, such as Moody AFB, under consideration as alternatives to NAS Oceana.

**Availability of Training Areas.** MCAS Cherry Point has several training facilities within close proximity that would be used by the F/A-18s, including Piney Island Bombing Range, R5306A, Dare County Bombing Range, Phelps MOA, and the proposed Gunnery MOA. Suitable sites for an Outlying Landing Field (OLF) also are available within close proximity, including Site C Washington County, Site E Craven County, and possibly others.

**Excess Capacity.** MCAS Cherry Point has approximately 3 hangar modules available for use by F/A-18 squadrons. Even with the announced deployment of 2 squadrons of F/A-18s in 2007-2008, MCAS Cherry Point has capacity available to accommodate additional squadrons.

**Air Traffic Control.** Much of the air space in eastern North Carolina is controlled by ATC Cherry Point, which is equipped with the very latest technology. Managing this airspace to include additional Super Hornet squadrons would be entirely feasible.

**No Encroachment Problems.** Unlike NAS Oceana and NLF Fentress, MCAS Cherry Point is buffered on the north by the extremely wide (5 miles) Neuse River and on the other three sides by the Croatan National Forest. The City of Havelock and Craven County have adopted zoning restrictions and noise disclosure requirements that date back to the 1970s to ensure encroachment does not jeopardize the base. As a result, MCAS Cherry Point does not have any long-term encroachment problems.

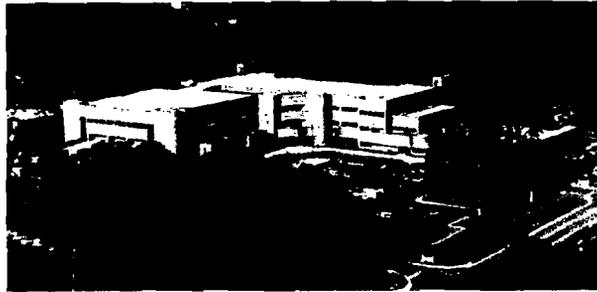
**Adequate Infrastructure Capacity.** The Base has excess water treatment capacity of 2 million gallons per day and excess sewage capacity of 1 million gallons per day. MCAS Cherry Point also is the largest MCAS in the Nation, with over 13,000 acres on base and 17,000 acres of training areas. The installation has over 2,000 family housing units with ongoing construction of new, modern residential units. Also, if all 10 squadrons plus the FRS were home-based at MCAS Cherry Point, the only significant infrastructure additional potentially would be a parallel runway. Ample space is available within the 13,000 acres of the base to accommodate a parallel runway.

**Air Station Excellence.** MCAS Cherry Point is the only 7-time winner of the prestigious Commander in Chief's Award for Installation Excellence and has received 54 environmental awards. This is one of the finest installations in the Nation's military.

**Extremely Receptive Local Community.** Citizens of Havelock and the entire 4-county surrounding region have been unwavering in their support of the base and military community at MCAS Cherry Point over the years. With almost 5,000 civilian employees working on board MCAS Cherry Point and an estimated 50,000 persons in the local area affiliated with the military, strong community support is part of the fabric of the community. The same, warm reception awaits Navy pilots, crews and their families upon deployment of the F/A-18 squadrons. As evidenced by a letter from ACT President Jimmy Sanders to BRAC Chairman Anthony Principi dated May 24, 2005, any squadrons realigned from NAS Oceana can find a friendly community home at MCAS Cherry Point.

**Conclusion.** In the event that NAS Oceana is realigned or closed, MCAS Cherry Point is an ideal location for some or even all of the Super Hornet squadrons currently deployed there. MCAS Cherry Point has the capacity, training areas, strategic location, and receptive community to ensure that such an assignment of aircraft would be successful and in furtherance of BRAC goals.

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**HALYBURTON NAVAL HOSPITAL**  
**MCAS Cherry Point**



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- Realignment negatively impacts base community; the Department of Defense recommends disestablishing the inpatient mission at Halyburton Hospital and converting the hospital to a clinic with an ambulatory care center. This would end newborn and delivery services and could limit emergency services.
- The Department of Defense's recommendation could result in 38 direct job losses and 31 indirect job losses.
- **Halyburton Hospital should remain a full-service hospital in order to preserve the level of care Cherry Point active duty and retired personnel deserve.**
- Access to a full-service hospital is important to active duty and retired military personnel:
  - Excellent healthcare services are needed locally. The two closest civilian hospitals are 25 and 29 miles away.
  - Newborn and delivery medical services help ensure positive family morale.

The present Halyburton Hospital was opened in 1994 and continues to provide professional healthcare to the Cherry Point community. The \$34 million replacement is a 3-story, 201,806 square foot health care facility. The full range of Halyburton medical services are needed in order to ensure continuity of healthcare.

| Measures of Excellence by Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations   | Halyburton Score | Civilian Average |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Overall JCAHO Score<br>(100 is highest; 0 is lowest)  | 95               | 92               |
| <b>JCAHO Subscores (1 is highest; 5 is lowest)</b>  |                  |                  |
| <b>Credentialing:</b> Certifying that healthcare professionals are licensed and qualified to provide care;                                | 1                |                  |
| <b>Competence Assessment:</b> Verifying that healthcare professionals are actually providing Quality healthcare;                          | 1                |                  |
| <b>Infection Control:</b> Monitoring the rate of hospital infections and taking measures to minimize their occurrence;                    | 1                |                  |
| <b>Nursing:</b> Assuring that patients receive the highest quality nursing care and services;   | 1                |                  |
| <b>Patient Education:</b> Providing a wide variety of programs and courses designed to promote healthy behavior;                          | 1                |                  |
| <b>Patient Rights:</b> Ensuring that every patient is respected and encouraged to exercise their right to receive world-class healthcare. | 1                |                  |

# MCAS Cherry Point and NAVAIR Depot

Supporting Our Nation's Defense



Base Realignment and Closure Commission

Charlotte Regional Hearing—June 28, 2005



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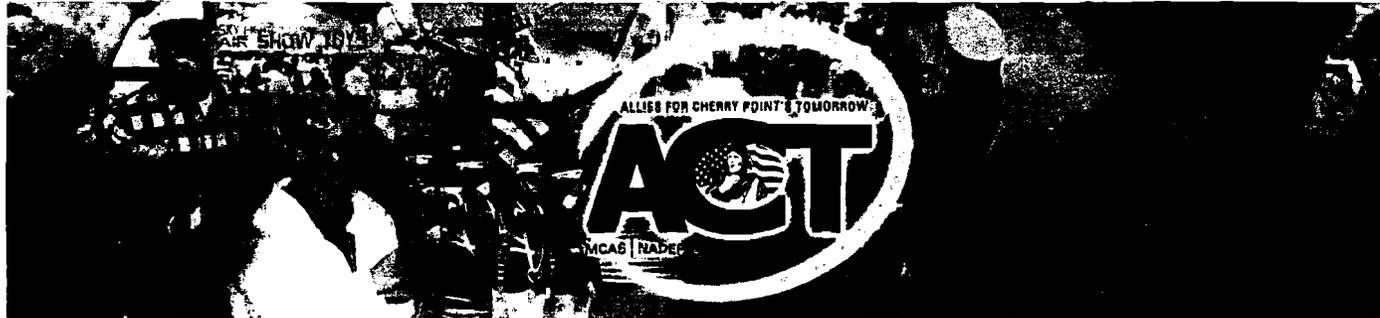
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# Allies for Cherry Point's Tomorrow



- ACT is a non-profit group comprised of governments, businesses, educational institutions, and others concerned with regional economic development.
- We are committed to promoting MCAS Cherry Point and NAVAIR Depot Cherry Point.





# MCAS and NAVAIR Depot Cherry Point



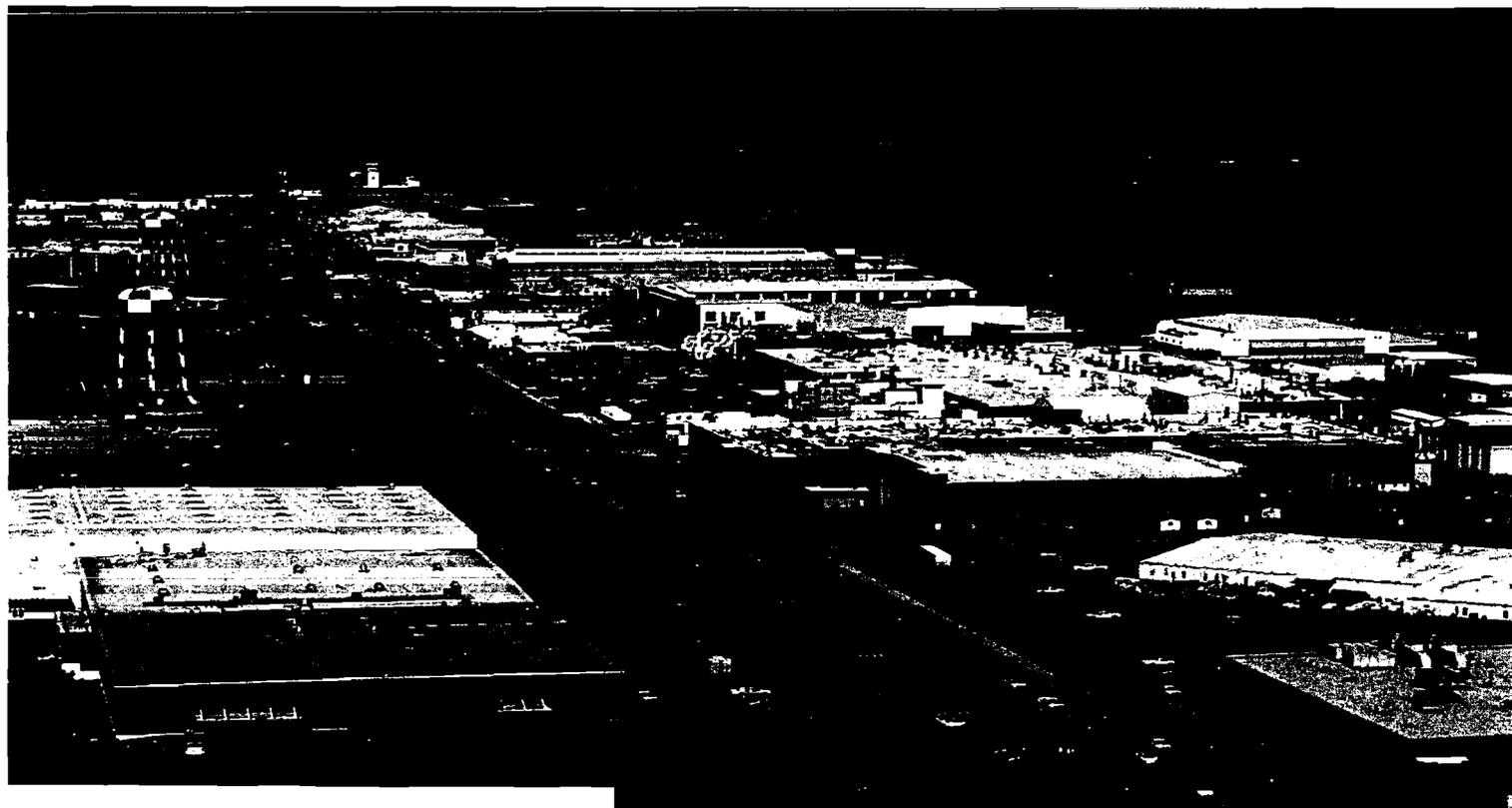
**Military Value**  
**Transformation**  
**Jointness**

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# NAVAIR Depot Cherry Point



NAVAIR Depot is a tenant  
command of MCAS Cherry Point



# Depot Awards and Commendations



- 2004 Secretary of Defense Environmental Excellence Award
- 2004 NC Environmental Stewardship Citation
- 2004 Governor's Award for Workforce Development
- 2004 Chief of Naval Operation's 2004 Aviation Safety Award





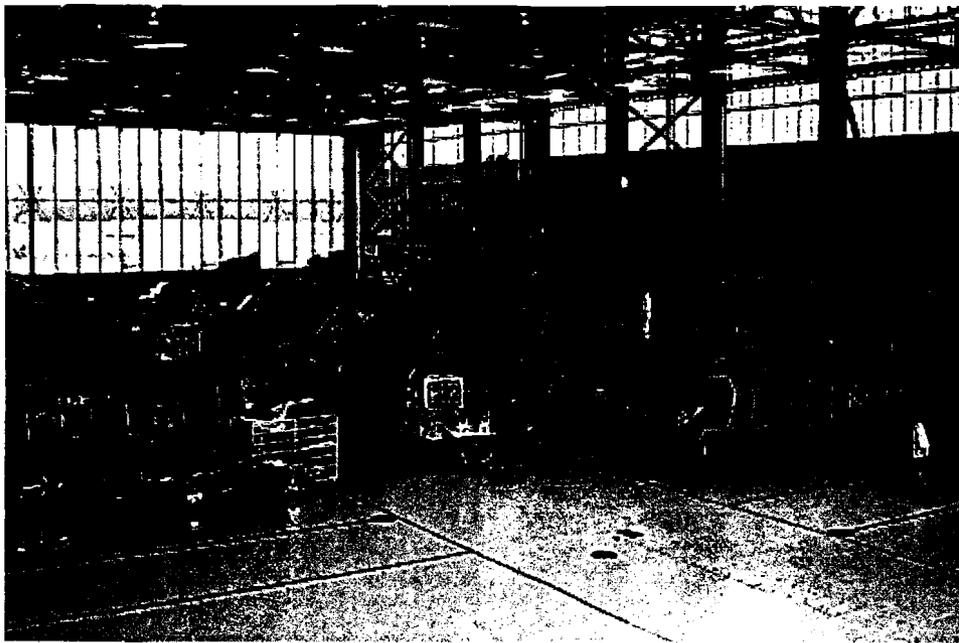
# Industrial Excellence and Military Value



- Depot management and industrial practices meet the highest international private-sector standards
- Certifications include: ISO 9001, ISO 9002, AS 9100, ISO 14001, and Occupational Safety System 18001
- **The Depot is the only federal facility to have earned all of these certifications**



# NAVAIR Depot Excellence



***UNSURPASSED SERVICE TO THE FLEET,  
RELENTLESS FOCUS ON QUALITY***



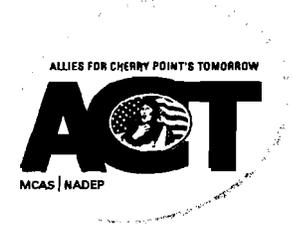
# Capabilities



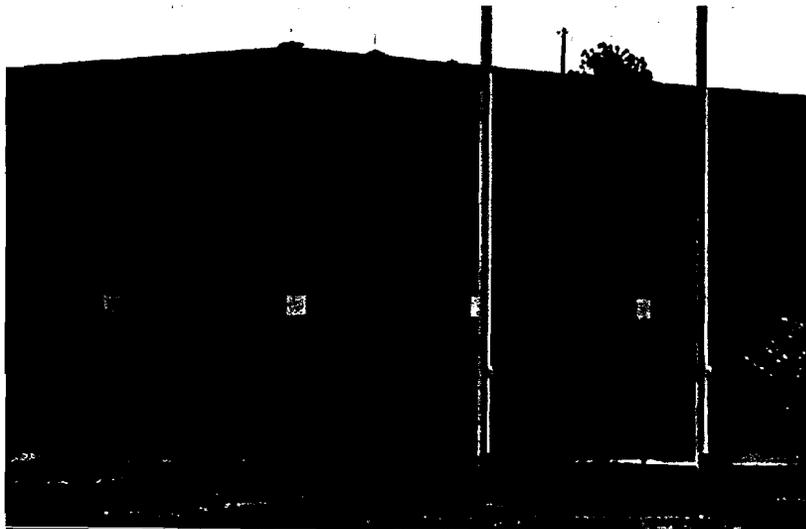
- Airframes
- Engines
- Components
- Supporting over 162 Type/Model/Series aircraft
- APU: DRP for 19 different Type/Model/Series encompassing 135 different units
- Other Support: Engineering/Logistics



# Institute of Aeronautical Technology



- Provides a constant supply of skilled aviation maintenance artisans for the Depot; opened 2003





# Institute of Aeronautical Technology



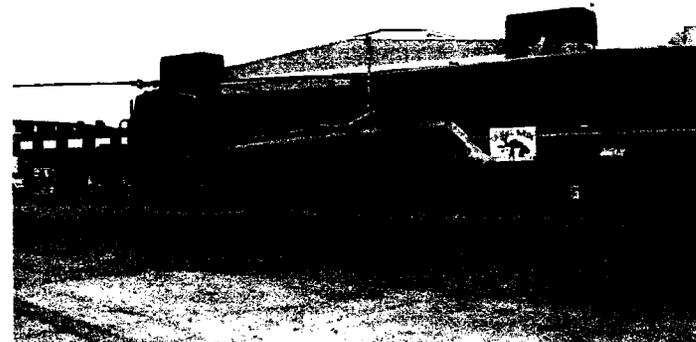
- Prepares students for the FAA written and oral examinations
- Division of Craven Community College
- IAT represents community, county, and statewide efforts to support our military and the Depot.
- Building and equipment valued at \$5 million



# DoD Recommendations for the Depot



- New method of depot maintenance
- Impact not clearly known at this point
- Estimated Job Loss: 632 civilian





# Direct Labor Hour Realignment



- Relocate depot maintenance workload and capacity to other sites
- Work includes: Aircraft Avionics, Electronics Components, Aircraft Hydraulic Components, Aircraft Landing Gear Components, Aircraft Other Components, Aircraft Structural Components, Aircraft Rotary Aircraft VSTOL, Aircraft Cargo/Tanker, Aircraft Other Calibration, Other Commodity
- **Total of 547,871 Direct Labor Hours realigned to 6 other newly established "Fleet Readiness Centers"**



# ACT's Depot Recommendations



- Desire to support strategic change
- Desire to be treated equally with the other air depots
- Use BRAC to maintain the 50/50 rule
- **Depot welcomes and can accept additional responsibilities, including joint and foreign work**

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# HALYBURTON NAVAL HOSPITAL



- **Realignment Impacts Base Community**
- **Modern Facility**
- **Important to Active Duty and Retired Military Personnel**

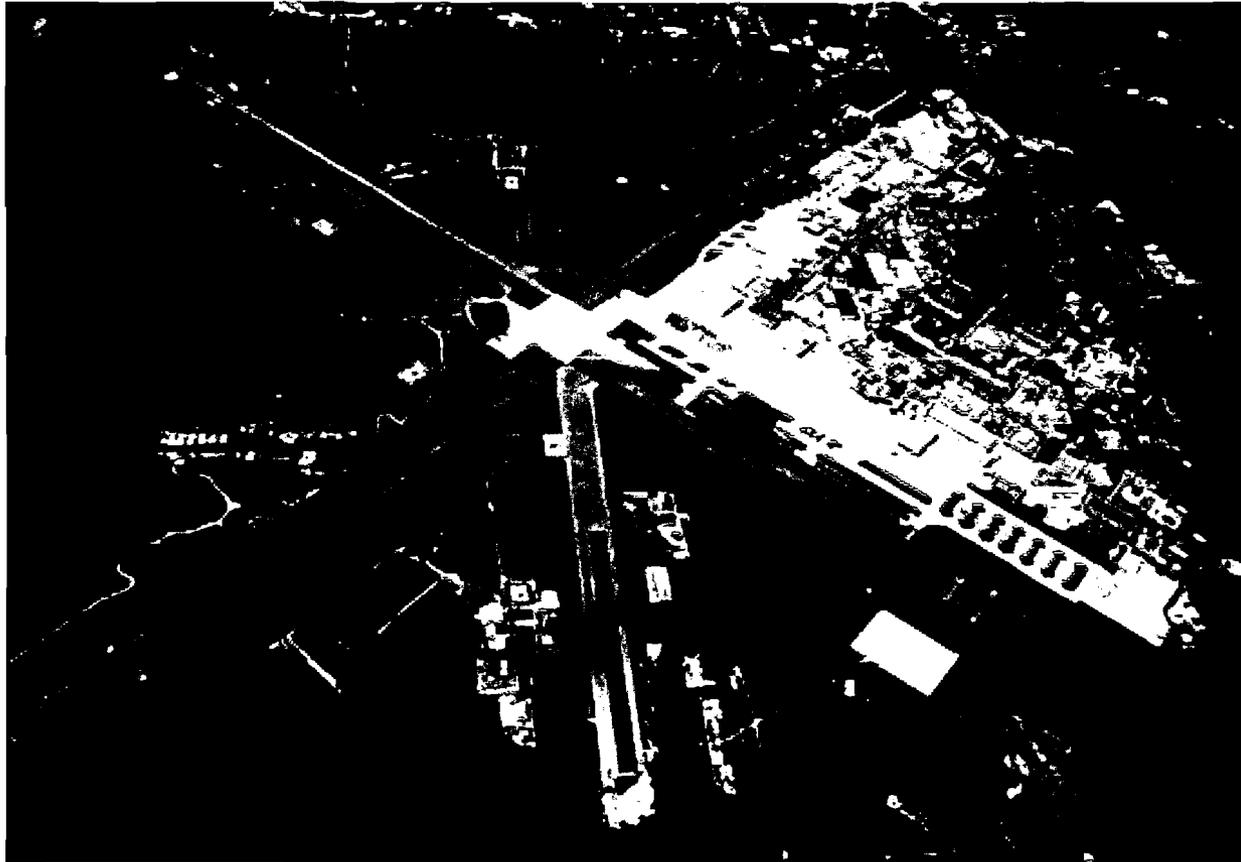


- **Potential Direct Job Loss: 33 military, 22 civilian**

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# MCAS Cherry Point





# Military Value



**Department of the Navy**  
**Infrastructure Analysis Team**

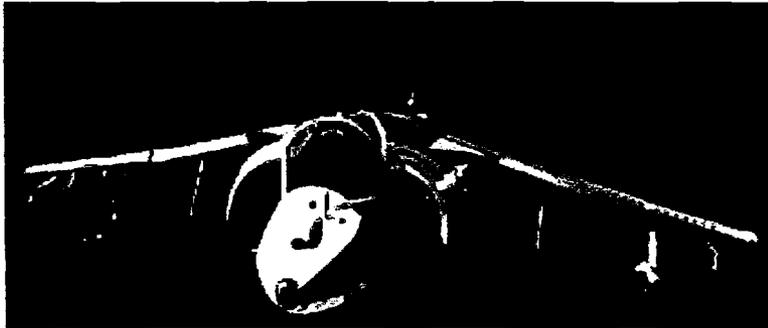
## Military Value Ranking

| Rank | Base               | Value | Rank | Base                | Value |
|------|--------------------|-------|------|---------------------|-------|
| 1    | NAS Jacksonville   | 72.58 | 19   | NAS Kingsville      | 57.76 |
| 2    | MCAS Cherry Point  | 68.81 | 20   | MCAS New River      | 57.58 |
| 3    | NAS Pensacola      | 68.66 | 21   | MCAS Yuma           | 56.66 |
| 4    | NAS Whidbey Island | 67.95 | 22   | NAWS China Lake     | 56.08 |
| 5    | MCAS Miramar       | 66.61 | 23   | MCAS Camp Pendleton | 55.70 |
| 6    | NAS Oceana         | 65.49 | 24   | NAS JRB New Orleans | 53.77 |
| 7    | NAS North Island   | 65.22 | 25   | NAF El Centro       | 52.49 |

### MCAS Cherry Point: Recognized for its high military value



# Military Value



**\* Largest MCAS—13,164 acres plus 17,000 acres of training areas**

**\* One of Two Master Jet Bases**

**\* 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing**

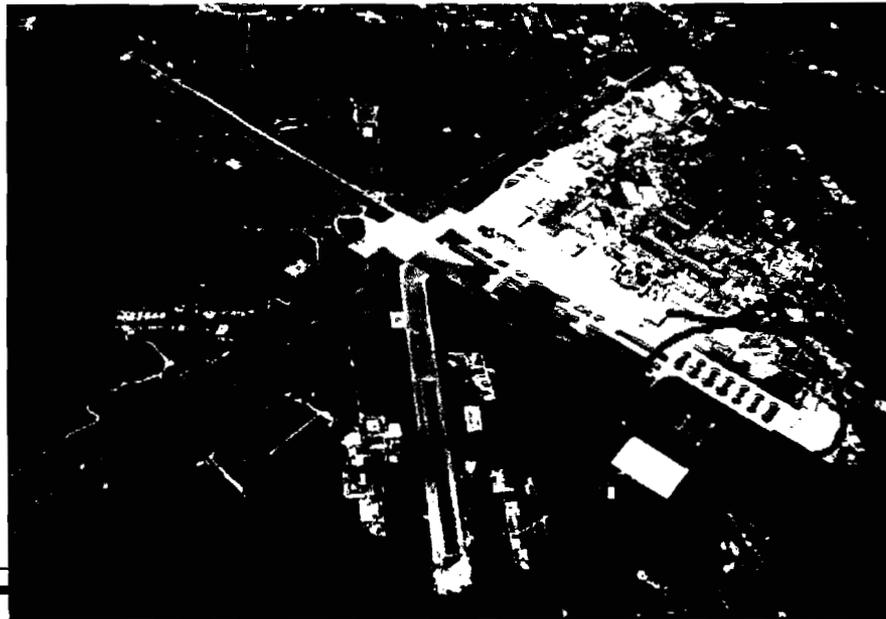




# MCAS Military Value



- Aerial Port of Embarkation—Upgraded capability for fueling and materiel handling for *joint service operations*



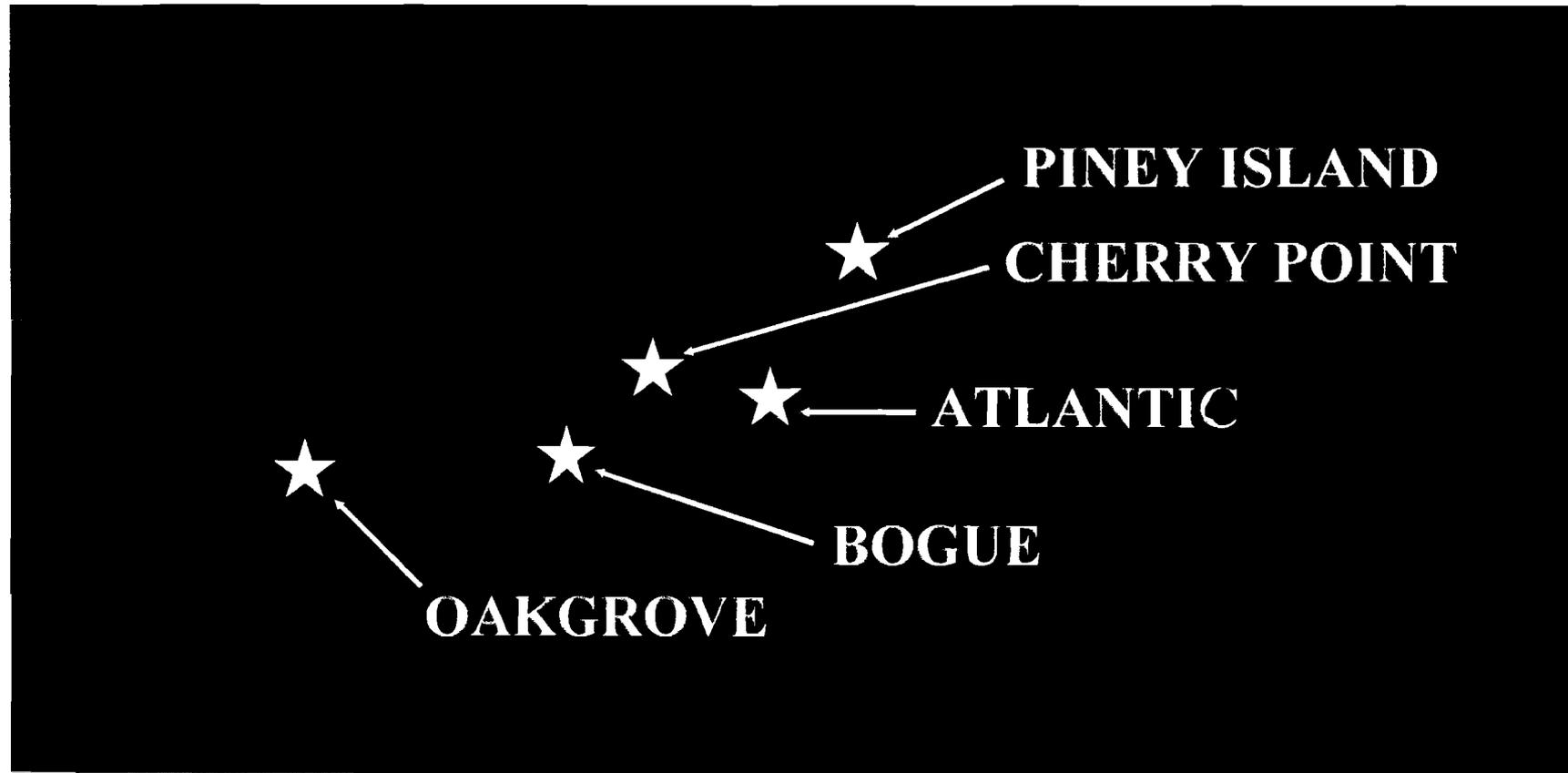


# Training





# Training Areas





# Air Station Excellence

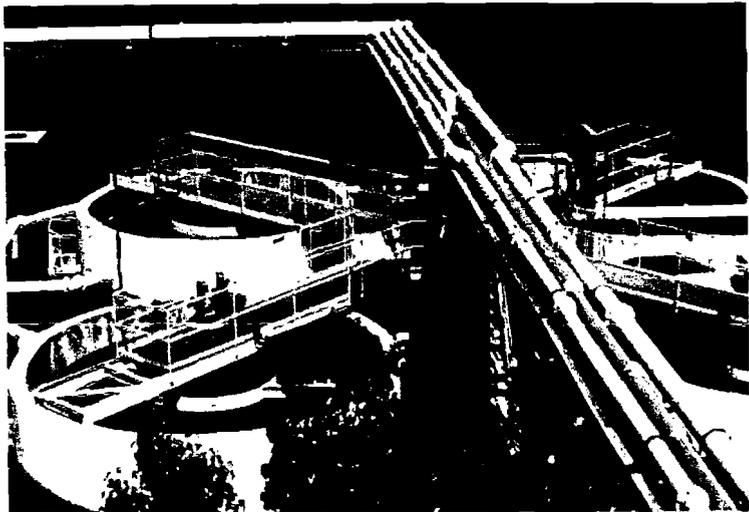


- 54 Environmental Awards
- The only 7-time winner of Commander in Chief's award for installation excellence





# Infrastructure



**Modern utilities plant**

**Excess capacity: 2 million gallons water daily; 1 million gallons sewage daily**



# Infrastructure

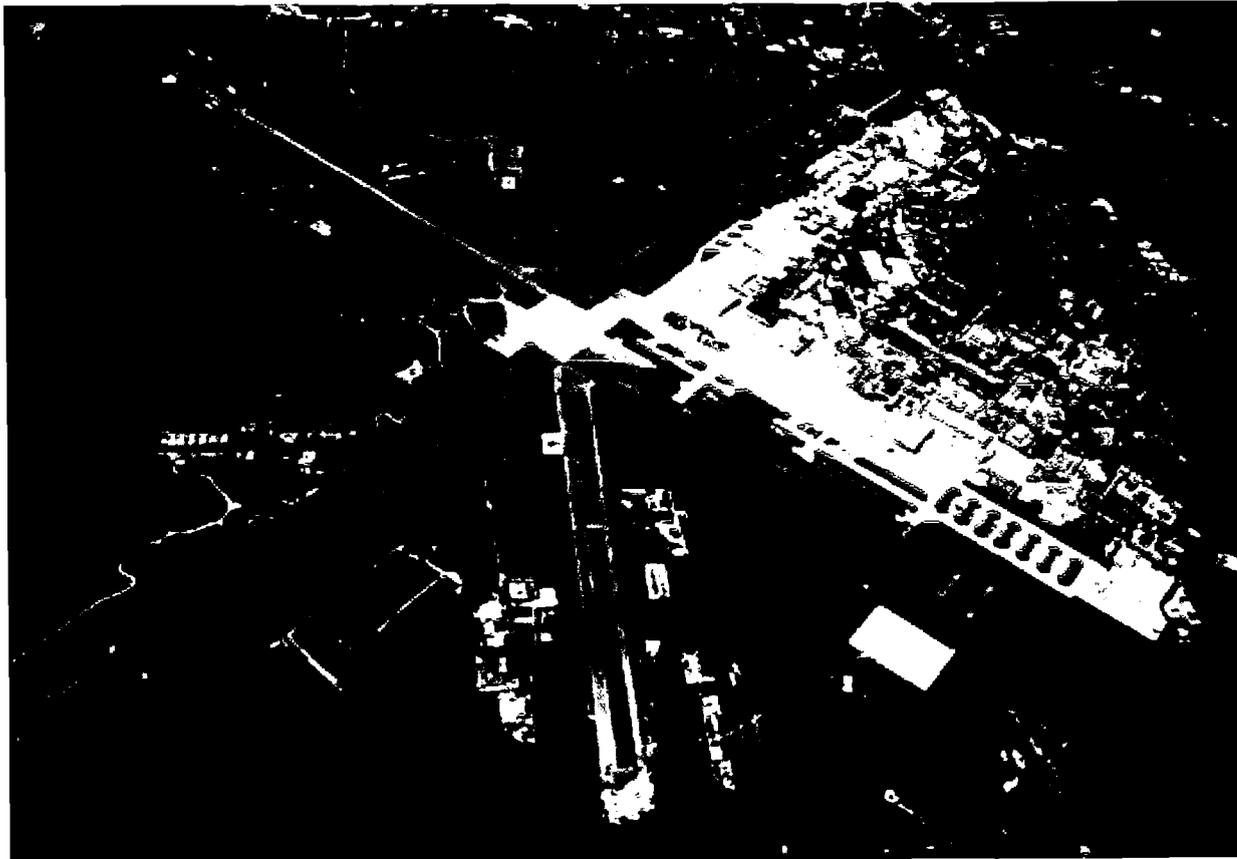


- 10,970,416 sq. ft. of building space
- 92.48 miles of streets
- 3.47 miles of railroad tracks
- 2,000 family housing units; ongoing construction
- 3,750 barracks units





# No Encroachment





## Protection Against Encroachment



- Long history of community cooperation in the interest of military value
- Nationally award-winning Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) and implementation
- Ongoing land and air easement acquisition
- \$3 million allocated by the State of NC for buffer zone purchases

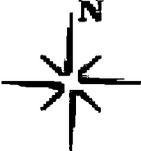


# MCAS Cherry Point Encroachment Partnership

~ Craven County NC ~

The Cherry Point Encroachment Partnership is a partnership between MCAS Cherry Point and the NC Coastal Land Trust to identify lands of ecological and military significance around the base and its surrounding fields.

-  Priority Conservation Parcels  
(Storage Basin Craven County Use Only)
-  Cherry Point Easements
-  Cherry Point Land Owned in Fee
-  Milton Project
-  MCAS Cherry Point
-  Croatan National Forest
-  Accident Potential Zones
-  Noise Contours

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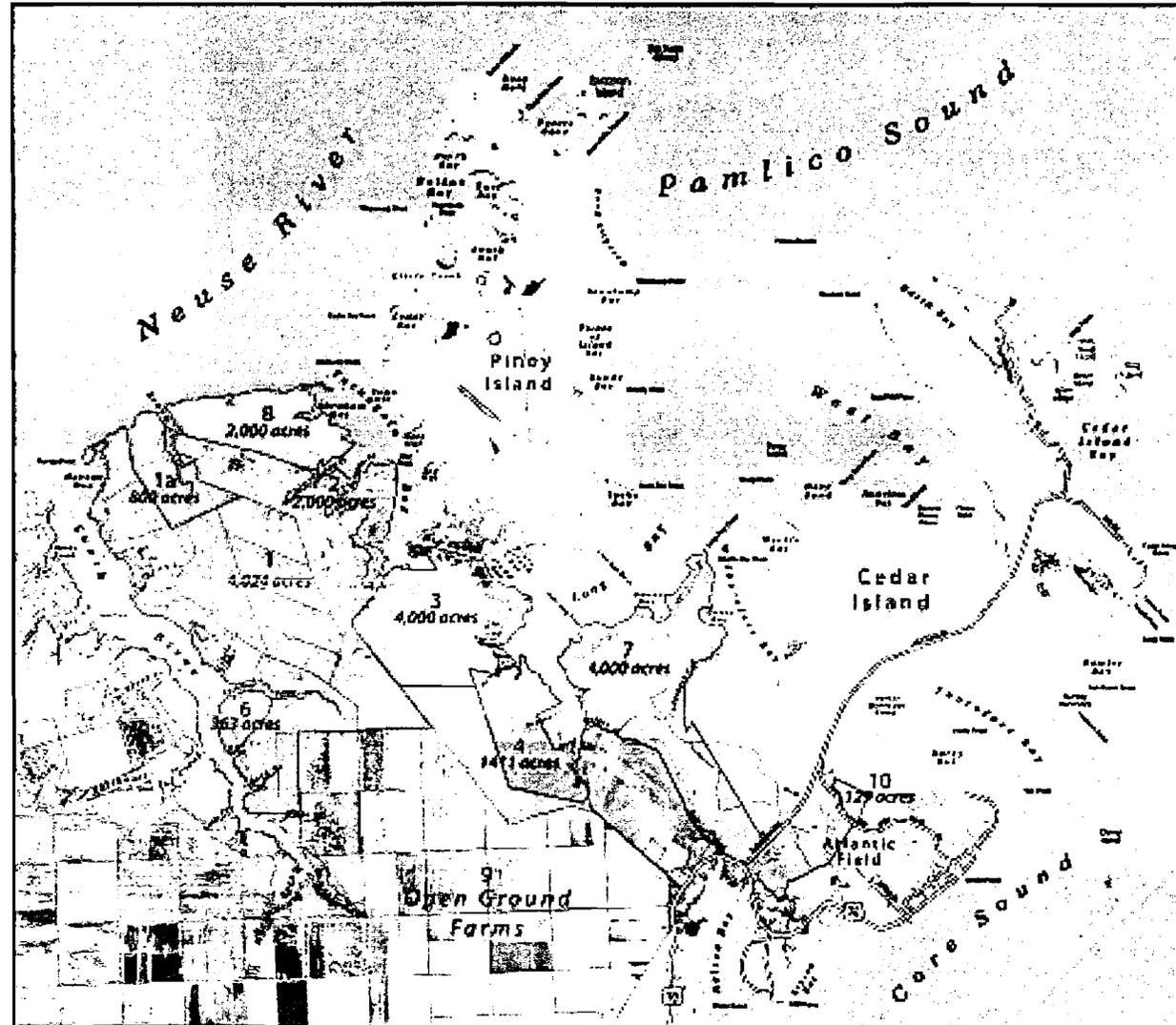


**NORTH CAROLINA  
COASTAL LAND TRUST**

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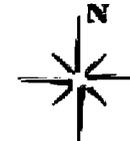
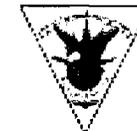


## MCAS Cherry Point Encroachment Partnership Piney Island and Atlantic Field Focus Area

— Carteret County, NC —

The Cherry Point Encroachment Partnership is a partnership between MCAS Cherry Point and the NC Coastal Land Trust to identify lands of ecological and military significance around the base and its outlying fields.

-  Priority Conservation Parcels (coverage from Carteret County tax official)
-  Piney Island and Atlantic Field
-  Cedar Island National Wildlife Refuge

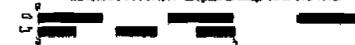


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Map No. 0013 Conservation



# Local AICUZ Ordinances



| Locality         | Zoning Restrictions | Noise/Safety Disclosures |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Craven County    | √                   | √                        |
| Carteret County  | √                   | √                        |
| City of Havelock | √                   | √                        |
| Emerald Isle     | <b>N/A</b>          | √                        |
| Bogue            | <b>N/A</b>          | √                        |

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# North Carolina OLF



- Cherry Point Neighbors Support an OLF
- Resolutions in Support of Craven County OLF by:
  - Craven County
  - Carteret County
  - Pamlico County
  - City of Havelock
  - City of New Bern
  - Town of Newport
  - Town of Morehead City



## BRAC Criteria and Cherry Point's Military Value



- **MCAS Cherry Point and the NAVAIR Depot meet each of the five BRAC military value criteria:**
  - High military value
  - Joint service experience and capabilities
  - No encroachment
  - Room to accommodate additional missions



# Conclusion



- Hangars and ramps can absorb additional aircraft
- Depot's excellence merits additional responsibilities
- Sustained and unqualified community support
- Commitment from North Carolina's leaders



# The Sound of Freedom



PARDON OUR NOISE

*It's the sound of freedom*

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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GRANT  
APPLICATION FOR ACQUISITION OF LANDS TO PROTECT  
MCAS CHERRY POINT**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust, in coordination with MCAS Cherry Point, has applied to the North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund for a grant to acquire properties in the vicinity of MCAS Cherry Point and its outlying training areas that support the future mission of MCAS Cherry Point; and

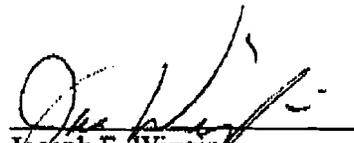
WHEREAS, protection of land around our military bases from incompatible development is one means of ensuring the continued operational and training capability of military installations located in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the military contributes over \$18 billion annually to North Carolina's economy and MCAS Cherry Point contributes over \$1 billion annually to the economy of Jones and other nearby counties; and

WHEREAS, the Jones County recognizes the importance of the military to our local community and economy and wishes to support measure that will help protect our local base;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jones County Board of Commissioners supports and endorses the application submitted by the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust, in coordination with MCAS Cherry Point, for grant funds to be used in conserving properties of interest in the vicinity of MCAS Cherry Point and its outlying training areas.

This the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2005.

  
Joseph F. Wiggins  
Chairman

  
Jennifer Stroud  
Clerk to the Board

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GRANT APPLICATION  
FOR REQUISITION OF LANDS TO PROTECT MCAS CHERRY POINT**

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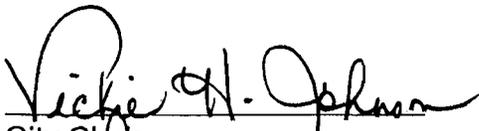
**WHEREAS,** the military contributes over \$18 billion annually to North Carolina's economy and MCAS Cherry Point contributes over \$1 billion annually to the economy of Craven and other nearby counties; and

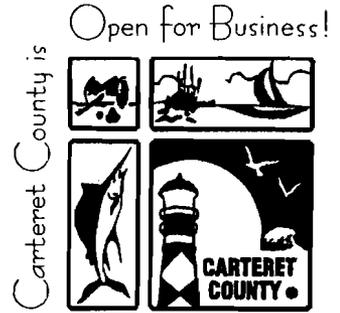
**WHEREAS,** the City of New Bern recognizes the importance of the military to our local community and economy and wishes to support measures that will help protect our local base.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of New Bern that the Board of Aldermen supports and endorses the application submitted by the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust, in coordination with MCAS Cherry Point, for grant funds to be used in conserving properties of interest in the vicinity of MCAS Cherry Point and its outlying training areas.

ADOPTED THIS THE 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2005.

  
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Mayor

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk



**Resolution in Support  
of Grant Application for Acquisition of Lands  
to Protect Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point**

Whereas, the North Carolina Coast Land Trust, in coordination with Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, has applied to the North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund for a grant to acquire properties in the vicinity of MCAS Cherry Point and its outlying training areas that support the future mission of MCAS Cherry Point; and

Whereas, protection of land around our military bases from incompatible development is essential to ensure that these military installations can continue to satisfactorily meet their future operational and training needs; and

Whereas the military contributes more than \$18 billion annually to North Carolina's economy and MCAS Cherry Point and the NAVAIR Depot Cherry Point contribute in excess of \$158 million in direct payroll to residents of Carteret County; and

Whereas, the Carteret County Chamber of Commerce, as the region's leading business association, recognizes the importance of the military to our regional economy and is firmly committed to supporting measures that help protect and enhance the quality of life in the communities we serve;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Carteret County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors supports and endorses the application submitted by the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust, in coordination with MCAS Cherry Point, for grants to be used in conserving properties of interest in the vicinity of MCAS Cherry Point and its outlying training areas.

Adopted this the 3rd day of February 2005.

William N. Horton, Chair  
Carteret County Chamber of Commerce

Attested by:   
Michael A. Wagoner, President  
Carteret County Chamber of Commerce

Craven County

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
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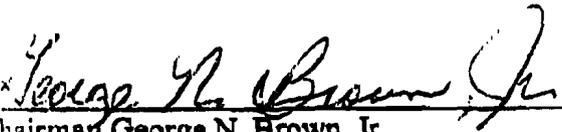
**WHEREAS**, protection of land around our military bases from incompatible development is one means of ensuring the capability of military installations continued operational and training located in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the military contributes over \$18 billion annually to North Carolina's economy and MCAS Cherry Point contributes over \$1 billion annually to the economy of Craven and other nearby counties; and

**WHEREAS**, Craven County recognizes the importance of the military to our local community and economy and wishes to support measures that will help protect our local base;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Craven County Board of Commissioners supports and endorses the application submitted by the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust, in coordination with MCAS Cherry Point, for grant funds to be used in conserving properties of interest in the vicinity of MCAS Cherry Point and its outlying training areas.

This the 18th day of January, 2005.

  
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Craven County Board of Commissioners

  
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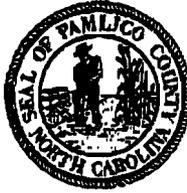
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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR ACQUISITION OF LANDS TO  
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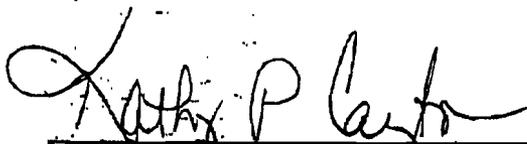
**WHEREAS**, protection of land around our military bases from incompatible development is one means of ensuring the continued operational and training capability of military installations located in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the military contributes over \$18 billion annually to North Carolina's economy and MCAS Cherry Point contributes over \$1 billion annually to the economy of Pamlico and other nearby counties; and

**WHEREAS**, that Pamlico County recognizes the importance of the military to our local community and economy and wishes to support measures that will help protect our local base;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners supports and endorses the application submitted by the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust, in coordination with MCAS Cherry Point, for grant funds to be used in conserving properties of interest in the vicinity of MCAS Cherry Point and its outlying training areas.

This the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2005.

  
Clerk to the Board

  
Chairman

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# MOREHEAD CITY NORTH CAROLINA

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## RESOLUTION 2005-04

### IN SUPPORT OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR ACQUISITION OF LAND TO PROTECT MCAS CHERRY POINT

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust, in coordination with MCAS Cherry Point, has applied to the North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund for a grant to acquire properties in the vicinity of MCAS Cherry Point and its outlying training areas that support the future mission of MCAS Cherry Point; and

**WHEREAS**, protection of land around our military bases from incompatible development is one means of ensuring the continued operational and training capability of military installations located in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the military contributes over \$18 billion annually to North Carolina's economy and MCAS Cherry Point contributes over \$1 billion annually to the economy of Carteret County and other nearby counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Morehead City recognizes the importance of the military to our local community and economy and wishes to support measures that will help protect our local base;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Morehead City Council supports and endorses the application submitted by the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust, in coordination with MCAS Cherry Point, for grant funds to be used in conserving properties of interest in the vicinity of MCAS Cherry Point and its outlying training areas.

Dated this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2005.



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Gerald A. Jones, Jr., Mayor

Attest:  
  
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Jeanne M. Giblin, City Clerk

DCN 5400  
Lynda Clay, Chair  
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**RESOLUTION  
IN SUPPORT OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR ACQUISITION OF LANDS  
TO PROTECT MCAS CHERRY POINT**

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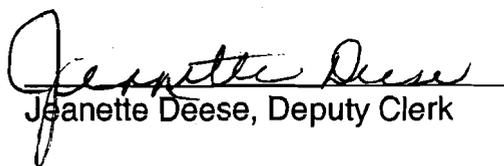
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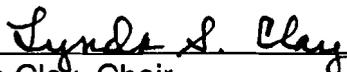
**WHEREAS**, the military contributes over \$18 billion annually to North Carolina's economy and MCAS Cherry Point contributes over \$1 billion annually to the economy of Carteret County and other nearby counties; and

**WHEREAS**, Carteret County recognizes the importance of the military to our local community and economy and wishes to support measures that will help protect our local base;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Carteret County Board of Commissioners supports and endorses the application submitted by the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust, in coordination with MCAS Cherry Point, for grant funds to be used in conserving properties of interest in the vicinity of MCAS Cherry Point and its outlying training areas.

**ADOPTED**, this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2005.

  
Jeanette Deese, Deputy Clerk

  
Lynda Clay, Chair

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
GRANT APPLICATION FOR  
ACQUISITION OF LANDS TO  
PROTECT MCAS CHERRY POINT**

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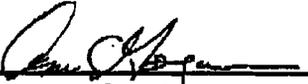
**WHEREAS, the military contributes over \$18 billion annually to North Carolina's economy and MCAS Cherry Point contributes over \$1 billion annually to the economy of Carteret and other nearby counties; and**

**WHEREAS, the Town of Bogue recognizes the importance of the military to our local community and economy and wishes to support measures that will help protect our local base;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Bogue Board of Commissioners supports and endorses the application submitted by the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust, in coordination with MCAS Cherry Point, for grant funds to be used in conserving properties of interest in the vicinity of MCAS Cherry Point and its outlying training areas.**

**This the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2004.**

  
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**Harold Shipp, Mayor**

  
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**Town Clerk**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
GRANT APPLICATION FOR  
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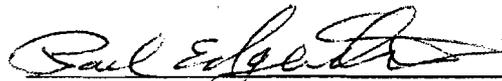
**WHEREAS, protection of land around our military bases from incompatible development is one means of ensuring the continued operational and training capability of military installations located in North Carolina; and**

**WHEREAS, the military contributes over \$18 billion annually to North Carolina's economy and MCAS Cherry Point contributes over \$1 billion annually to the economy of Onslow and other nearby counties; and**

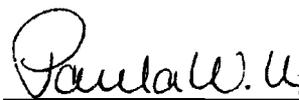
**WHEREAS, the Town of Swansboro recognizes the importance of the military to our local community and economy and wishes to support measures that will help protect our local base;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Swansboro Board of Commissioners supports and endorses the application submitted by the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust, in coordination with MCAS Cherry Point, for grant funds to be used in conserving properties of interest in the vicinity of MCAS Cherry Point and its outlying training areas.**

This the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2004.



Paul Edgerton, Mayor



Town Clerk



**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
GRANT APPLICATION FOR ACQUISITION  
OF LANDS TO PROTECT MCAS CHERRY POINT**

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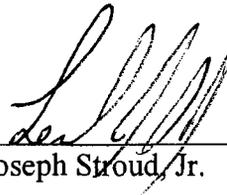
**WHEREAS**, protection of land around our military bases from incompatible development is one means of ensuring the continued operational and training capability of military installations located in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the military contributes over \$18 billion annually to North Carolina's economy and MCAS Cherry Point contributes over \$1 billion annually to the economy of Carteret County and other nearby counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Atlantic Beach recognizes the importance of the military to our local community and economy and wishes to support measures that will help protect our local base.

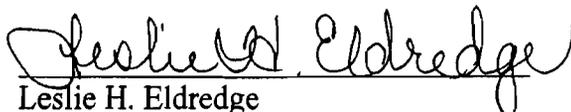
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Atlantic Beach Town Council supports and endorses the application submitted by the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust, in coordination with MCAS Cherry Point, for grant funds to be used in conserving properties of interest in the vicinity of MCAS Cherry Point and its outlying training areas.

**ADOPTED** this 20th day of December, 2004.

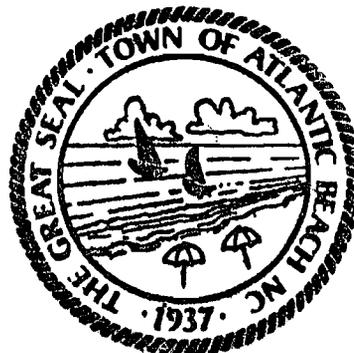


L. Joseph Stroud, Jr.  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Leslie H. Eldredge  
Town Clerk



**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
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ACQUISITION OF LANDS TO  
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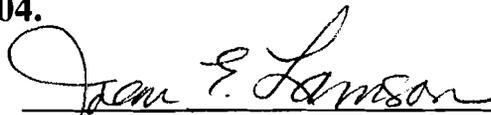
**WHEREAS, protection of land around our military bases from incompatible development is one means of ensuring the continued operational and training capability of military installations located in North Carolina; and**

**WHEREAS, the military contributes over \$18 billion annually to North Carolina's economy and MCAS Cherry Point contributes over \$1 billion annually to the economy of Carteret and other nearby counties; and**

**WHEREAS, the Town of Pine Knoll Shores recognizes the importance of the military to our local community and economy and wishes to support measures that will help protect our local base;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Pine Knoll Shores Board of Commissioners supports and endorses the application submitted by the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust, in coordination with MCAS Cherry Point, for grant funds to be used in conserving properties of interest in the vicinity of MCAS Cherry Point and its outlying training areas.**

This the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2004.

  
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Joan Lamson, Mayor

  
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Town Clerk



**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
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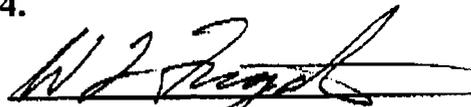
**WHEREAS, protection of land around our military bases from incompatible development is one means of ensuring the continued operational and training capability of military installations located in North Carolina; and**

**WHEREAS, the military contributes over \$18 billion annually to North Carolina's economy and MCAS Cherry Point contributes over \$1 billion annually to the economy of Carteret and other nearby counties; and**

**WHEREAS, the Town of Indian Beach recognizes the importance of the military to our local community and economy and wishes to support measures that will help protect our local base;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Indian Beach Board of Commissioners supports and endorses the application submitted by the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust, in coordination with MCAS Cherry Point, for grant funds to be used in conserving properties of interest in the vicinity of MCAS Cherry Point and its outlying training areas.**

This the 8 day of December, 2004.

  
Buck Fugate, Mayor

  
Town Clerk

**Resolution #04-R-17**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR  
ACQUISITION OF LANDS TO PROTECT MCAS CHERRY POINT**

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust, in coordination with MCAS Cherry Point, intends to apply to the North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund for a grant to acquire properties in the vicinity of MCAS Cherry Point and its outlying training areas that support the future mission of MCAS Cherry Point; and

**WHEREAS**, protection of land around our military bases from incompatible development is one means of ensuring the continued operational and training capability of military installations located in North Carolina; and

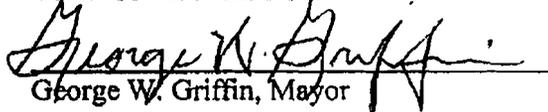
**WHEREAS**, the military contributes over \$18 billion annually to North Carolina's economy and MCAS Cherry Point contributes over \$1 billion annually to the economy of Craven and other nearby counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Havelock recognizes the importance of the military to our local community and economy and wishes to support measures that will help protect our local base;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Havelock Board of Commissioners supports and endorses the application submitted by the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust, in coordination with MCAS Cherry Point, for grant funds to be used in conserving properties of interest in the vicinity of MCAS Cherry Point and its outlying training areas.

Adopted this 22nd day of November, 2004.

CITY OF HAVELOCK

  
George W. Griffin, Mayor

Attest:

  
Kathleen G. Townsend, City Clerk



*Carteret County, Where Business is a Pleasure!*

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GRANT APPLICATION  
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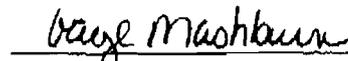
WHEREAS, the military contributes over \$18 billion annually to North Carolina's economy and MCAS Cherry Point contributes over \$1 billion annually to the economy of Carteret County and other nearby counties; and

WHEREAS, the Carteret County Economic Development Council recognized the importance of the military to our local community and economy and wishes to support measures that will help protect our local base;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Carteret County Economic Development Council Board of Directors supports and endorses the application submitted by the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust, in coordination with MCAS Cherry Point, for grant funds to be used in conserving properties of interest in the vicinity of MCAS Cherry Point and its outlying training areas.

This the 18th day of November, 2004.

  
Derryl Garner, President

  
Gaye Mashburn, Secretary/Treasurer

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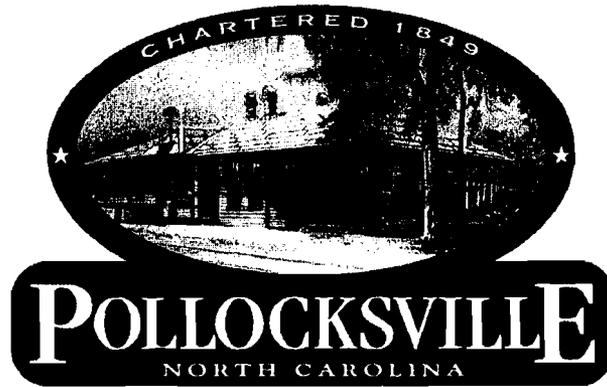
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RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE TOWN OF POLLOCKSVILLE  
FOR SUPPORT OF MCAS CHERRY POINT

**WHEREAS,** The Department of the Navy ("Navy") plans to deploy ten fleet squadrons of F/A-18 Super Hornet aircraft, plus a Fleet Replacement Squadron ("FRS") starting in 2004, and

**WHEREAS,** the Navy plans to construct a new Outlying Landing Field ("OLF") for use in conducting Field Carrier Landing Practices for training Super Hornet pilots; and

**WHEREAS,** the Navy published a 1600 page Final Environmental Impact Statement in July 2003 which details the anticipated environmental impacts of the Super Hornet deployment, together with the construction of an OLF at each of five possible sites in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS,** the deployment of F/A-18 Super Hornet squadrons to MCAS Cherry Point may very well be dependent on the construction of a new OLF without delay; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Pollocksville wishes to express its continuing support for deployment of at least two squadrons of F/A-18 Super Hornets to MCAS Cherry Point, and to urge the Navy to make every effort to construct an OLF at the best possible location.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Pollocksville strongly supports the deployment of at least two squadrons of F/A-18 Super Hornets to MCAS Cherry Point; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town of Pollocksville continues to endorse the desirability of deployment of additional assets

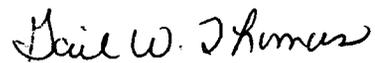
at MCAS Cherry Point and reminds the Navy of the steadfast support for the military by the communities around MCAS Cherry Point.

**ADOPTED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2004

**TOWN OF POLLOCKSVILLE**

  
James V. Bender, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Gail W. Thomas, Town Clerk

**MOREHEAD CITY**  
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[www.townofmorehead.com](http://www.townofmorehead.com)R. RANDY MARTIN  
*City Manager***RESOLUTION 2004-29****IN SUPPORT OF MCAS CHERRY POINT, NORTH CAROLINA AND  
DEPLOYMENT OF F/A 18 SUPER HORNET AIRCRAFT SQUADS**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of the Navy ["Navy"] plans to deploy ten [10] fleet squadrons of F/A-18 Super Hornet Aircraft, plus a Fleet Replacement Squadron ["FRS"], starting in 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, the Navy plans to construct a new Outlying Landing Field ["OLF"] for use in conducting Field Carrier Landing Practices for training Super Hornet pilots; and

**WHEREAS**, the Navy published a 1,600 page Final Environmental Impact Statement in July 2003, which details the anticipated environmental impacts of the Super Hornet deployment, together with the construction of an OLF at each of five [5] possible sites in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the Navy issued an official and final Record of Decision in September 2003, announcing deployment of two [2] squadrons of Super Hornets to MCAS Cherry Point and selection of Site C in Washington County for a new OLF, with the remainder of squadrons and the FRS based at NAS Oceana; and

**WHEREAS**, the deployment of F/A-18 Super Hornet squadrons to MCAS Cherry Point may very well be dependent on the construction of a new OLF at Site C without delay; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Morehead City wishes to express its continuing support for deployment of at least two [2] squadrons of F/A-18 Super Hornets to MCAS Cherry Point and to urge the Navy not to construe any continuing opposition to the construction of an OLF in Washington County as a lack of support for the OLF, the Navy, and the military in North Carolina.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Morehead City strongly supports the deployment of a least two [2] squadrons of F/A-18 Super Hornets to MCAS Cherry Point; and that the Town of Morehead City strongly supports the Navy's decision regarding siting of an OLF; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Town of Morehead City continues to endorse the desirability of deployment of additional assets at MCAS Cherry Point and reminds the Navy of the steadfast support for the military by the communities around MCAS

Cherry Point, including the willingness to accept an OLF in the local area if the Navy deems that to be the best location; and

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Morehead City urges the Navy to proceed with its plans to deploy two [2] squadrons of F/A-18 Super Hornets to MCAS Cherry Point despite any opposition expressed by local citizens in the vicinity of Site C in Washington County.

**Adopted** this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2004.



TOWN OF MOREHEAD CITY

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Gerald A. Jones, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jeanne M. Giblin", is written over a horizontal line.

Jeanne M. Giblin, Town Clerk

*Board of Commissioners*

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**CARTERET COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION  
IN SUPPORT OF MCAS CHERRY POINT  
AND THE NAVAL AVIATION DEPOT**

**WHEREAS**, Carteret County is part of the Eastern North Carolina home of MCAS Cherry Point, widely recognized as one of the finest military installations in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Naval Aviation Depot (NADEP), located at MCAS Cherry Point, is an outstanding aircraft maintenance facility with over 3,000 civilian employees that is the largest employer in Eastern North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, MCAS Cherry Point and NADEP are vital to the economic well-being and community life of Carteret County and the entire region; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Navy is considering the deployment of ten squadrons of F/A-18 Super Hornet aircraft, with MCAS Cherry Point being one of three alternative locations under study; and

**WHEREAS**, in conjunction with the deployment of F/A-18 Super Hornets, the Navy is studying seven possible alternative locations for a new Outlying Landing Field (OLF) that could support carrier landing exercises for the F/A-18 aircraft, with Site E in Craven County being one of two preferred sites identified by the Navy, and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States has gone on record as supporting the establishment of a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission to conduct a new round of base closures and/or realignment in 2005, which review could threaten the continued existence of MCAS Cherry Point and NADEP, and

**WHEREAS**, the Carteret County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its strong support for the assignment of additional assets to MCAS Cherry Point, with a supporting OLF, and the continued viability of NADEP.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Carteret County Board of Commissioners strongly supports the assignment of additional assets to MCAS Cherry Point, specifically including at least four squadrons of

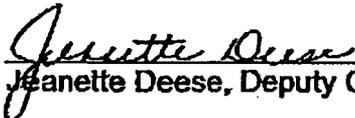
F/A-18 aircraft as identified as Alternative 4A in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, and pledges its cooperation to the Navy in making all the necessary arrangements in support of such assignment.

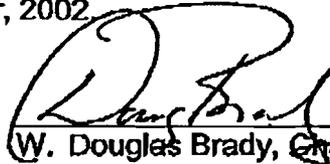
**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Carteret County Board of Commissioners strongly supports NADEP and expresses its appreciation to the Navy, NADEP personnel and NADEP management for the outstanding service this facility provides to our Nation and appreciation for NADEP's contribution to the well-being of Carteret County.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Carteret County Board of Commissioners urges the Navy to give full consideration to the exceptional quality of life, schools, community activities, natural surroundings, and the unflinching community support for the military that characterizes Carteret County and its citizens during the Navy's deliberations concerning the deployment of East Coast fighter squadrons.

**FINALLY, IT IS RESOLVED**, that the Carteret County Board of Commissioners supports construction of a new OLF at Site E in Craven County, provided Super Hornet squadrons are assigned to MCAS Cherry Point.

ADOTPED, this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2002.

  
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Jeanette Deese, Deputy Clerk

  
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W. Douglas Brady, Chairman

RESOLUTION 2002-09

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
TOWN OF MOREHEAD CITY, NORTH CAROLINA  
IN SUPPORT  
OF MCAS CHERRY POINT  
AND THE NAVAL AVIATION DEPOT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Morehead City is part of the Eastern North Carolina home of MCAS Cherry Point, widely recognized as one of the finest military installations in the world, and

WHEREAS, the Naval Aviation Depot (NADEP), an outstanding aircraft maintenance facility with over 3,000 civilian employees that is the largest employer in Eastern North Carolina, is located at MCAS Cherry Point, and

WHEREAS, MCAS Cherry Point and NADEP are vital to the economic well-being and community life of the Town of Morehead City and the entire region, and

WHEREAS, the United States Navy is considering the deployment of several squadrons of F/A-18 Super Hornet aircraft, with MCAS Cherry Point being one of four alternative locations under study, and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the deployment of F/A-18 Super Hornets, the Navy is studying seven possible alternative locations for a new Outlying Landing Field (OLF) that could support carrier landing exercises for the F/A-18 aircraft, two of which sites are located near the Town of Morehead City area, and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has gone on record as supporting the establishment of a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission to conduct a new round of base closures and/or realignment in 2005, which review could threaten the continued existence of MCAS Cherry Point and NADEP, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Morehead City wishes to express its strong support for the assignment of additional assets to MCAS Cherry Point and the continued viability of NADEP and MCAS Cherry Point during the upcoming BRAC review, and to offer its cooperation in identifying a suitable OLF in support of those additional assets ,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town of Morehead City strongly supports the assignment of additional assets to MCAS Cherry Point, specifically including F/A-18 aircraft, and pledges its continued cooperation to the Navy in making all the necessary arrangements in support of such assignment.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Morehead City strongly supports NADEP and expresses its appreciation to the Navy, NADEP personnel and NADEP management for the outstanding service this facility provides to our Nation and for NADEP's contribution to the well-being of the Town of Morehead City area.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Morehead City urges the Navy to give full consideration to the exceptional quality of life, schools, community activities, natural surroundings, and the unflinching community support for the military that characterizes the Town of Morehead City and its citizens during the Navy's deliberations concerning the deployment/realignment of East Coast fighter squadrons.

FINALLY, IT IS RESOLVED that the Town of Morehead City will cooperate with the Navy to the fullest extent in identifying a suitable site for a new OLF in the region that would support additional assets assigned to MCAS Cherry Point, consistent with a thorough evaluation of the potential impacts and benefits of such an OLF to the citizens of the Town of Morehead City.

ADOPTED this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2002.



  
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Mayor Gerald A. Jones, Jr.

  
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Clerk Jeanne M. Giblin

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
CITY OF NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA  
IN SUPPORT  
OF MCAS CHERRY POINT  
AND THE NAVAL AVIATION DEPOT**

WHEREAS, the City of New Bern is part of the Eastern North Carolina home of MCAS Cherry Point, widely recognized as one of the finest military installations in the world, and

WHEREAS, the Naval Aviation Depot (NADEP), an outstanding aircraft maintenance facility with over 3,000 civilian employees that is the largest employer in Eastern North Carolina, is located at MCAS Cherry Point, and

WHEREAS, MCAS Cherry Point and NADEP are vital to the economic well-being and community life of New Bern and the entire region, and

WHEREAS, the United States Navy is considering the deployment of several squadrons of F/A-18 Super Hornet aircraft, with MCAS Cherry Point being one of four alternative locations under study, and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the deployment of F/A-18 Super Hornets, the Navy is studying seven possible alternative locations for a new Outlying Landing Field (OLF) that could support carrier landing exercises for the F/A-18 aircraft, two of which sites are located near the City of New Bern, and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has gone on record as supporting the establishment of a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission to conduct a new round of base closures and/or realignment in 2005, which review could threaten the continued existence of MCAS Cherry Point and NADEP, and

WHEREAS, the City of New Bern wishes to express its strong support for the assignment of additional assets to MCAS Cherry Point and the continued viability of NADEP and MCAS Cherry Point during the upcoming BRAC review, and to offer its cooperation in identifying a suitable OLF in support of those additional assets ,

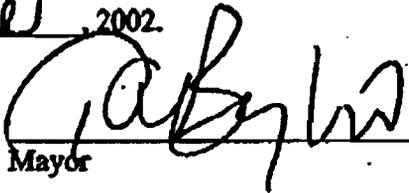
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City of New Bern strongly supports the assignment of additional assets to MCAS Cherry Point, specifically including F/A-18 aircraft, and pledges its continued cooperation to the Navy in making all the necessary arrangements in support of such assignment.

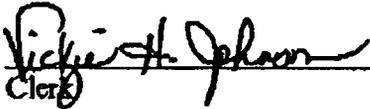
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of New Bern strongly supports NADEP and expresses its appreciation to the Navy, NADEP personnel and NADEP management for the outstanding service this facility provides to our Nation and for NADEP's contribution to the well-being of City of New Bern area.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of New Bern urges the Navy to give full consideration to the exceptional quality of life, schools, community activities, natural surroundings, and the unflinching community support for the military that characterizes the City of New Bern and its citizens during the Navy's deliberations concerning the deployment/realignment of East Coast fighter squadrons.

**FINALLY, IT IS RESOLVED** that the City of New Bern will cooperate with the Navy to the fullest extent in identifying a suitable site for a new OLF in the region that would support additional assets assigned to MCAS Cherry Point, consistent with a thorough evaluation of the potential impacts and benefits of such an OLF to the citizens of the City of New Bern.

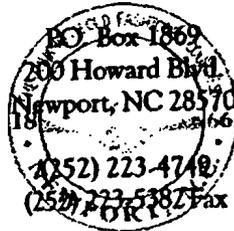
ADOPTED this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2002.

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk

# Town of Newport

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**RESOLUTION OF THE  
 TOWN OF NEWPORT, NORTH CAROLINA  
 IN SUPPORT  
 OF MCAS CHERRY POINT  
 AND THE NAVAL AVIATION DEPOT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Newport is part of the Eastern North Carolina home of MCAS Cherry Point, widely recognized as one of the finest military installations in the world, and

WHEREAS, the Naval Aviation Depot (NADEP), an outstanding aircraft maintenance facility with over 3,000 civilian employees that is the largest employer in Eastern North Carolina, is located at MCAS Cherry Point, and

WHEREAS, the United States Navy is considering the deployment of several squadrons of F/A-18 Super Hornet Jet Fighters, with MCAS Cherry Point being one of four alternative locations under study, and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the deployment of F/A-18 Super Hornets, the Navy is studying seven possible alternative locations for a new Outlying Land Field (OLF) that could support carrier landing training exercises for the F/A-18 Super Hornets and other aircraft, two of which sites are located near the Town of Newport area, and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has gone on record as supporting the establishment of a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission to conduct a new round of base closures and/or realignment in 2005, which review could threaten the continued existence of MCAS Cherry Point and NADEP, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Newport wishes to express its strong support for the assignment of additional assets to MCAS Cherry Point and the continued viability of NADEP and MCAS Cherry Point during the upcoming BRAC review and to offer its cooperation in identifying a suitable OLF in support of those additional assets,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Town of Newport strongly supports the assignment of additional assets to MCAS Cherry Point, specifically including F/A-18 Fighter Jets, and pledges its continued cooperation to the Navy in making all the necessary arrangements in support of such assignment.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Newport strongly supports NADEP and expresses its appreciation to the Navy, NADEP personnel and NADEP management for the outstanding service this facility provides to our Nation and NADEP's contribution to the well being of Newport area.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Newport urges the Navy to give full consideration to the exceptional quality of life, schools, community activities, natural surroundings, and the unflinching community support for the military that characterizes the Town of Newport and Carteret County area and its citizens during the Navy's deliberations concerning the deployment/realignment of East Coast fighter squadrons.

FINALLY, IT IS RESOLVED that the Town of Newport will cooperate with the Navy to the fullest extent in identifying a suitable site for a new OLF in the region that would support additional assets assigned to MCAS Cherry Point, consistent with a thorough evaluation of the potential impacts and benefits of such an OLF to the citizens of the Town of Newport.

ADOPTED this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2002

  
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Mayor, Derryl Garner

  
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Town Clerk, Penny Weiss

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
CRAVEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
IN SUPPORT  
OF MCAS CHERRY POINT  
AND THE NAVAL AVIATION DEPOT**

WHEREAS, Craven County is the home of MCAS Cherry Point, widely recognized as one of the finest military installations in the world, and

WHEREAS, the Naval Aviation Depot (NADEP), an outstanding aircraft maintenance facility with over 3,000 civilian employees that is the largest employer in Craven County and Eastern North Carolina, is located at MCAS Cherry Point, and

WHEREAS, MCAS Cherry Point and NADEP are vital to the economic well-being and community life of Craven County and the entire region, and

WHEREAS, the United States Navy is considering the deployment of several squadrons of F/A-18 Super Hornet aircraft, with MCAS Cherry Point being one of four alternative locations under study, and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the deployment of F/A-18 Super Hornets, the Navy is studying seven possible alternative locations for a new Outlying Landing Field (OLF) that could support carrier landing training exercises for the F/A-18 aircraft, two of which sites are located in the Craven County area, and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has gone on record as supporting the establishment of a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission to conduct a new round of base closures and/or realignment in 2005, which review could threaten the continued existence of MCAS Cherry Point and NADEP, and

WHEREAS, the Craven County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its strong support for the assignment of additional assets to MCAS Cherry Point and the continued viability of NADEP and MCAS Cherry Point during the upcoming BRAC review, and to offer its cooperation in identifying a suitable OLF site in support of those additional assets ,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Craven County Board of Commissioners strongly supports the assignment of additional assets to MCAS Cherry Point, specifically including F/A-18 aircraft, and pledges its continued cooperation to the Navy in making all the necessary arrangements in support of such assignment.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Craven County Board of Commissioners strongly supports NADEP and expresses its appreciation to the Navy, NADEP personnel and NADEP management for the outstanding service this facility provides to our Nation and NADEP's contribution to the well-being of Craven County.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Craven County Board of Commissioners urges the Navy to give full consideration to the exceptional quality of life, schools, community activities, natural surroundings, and the unflinching community support for the military that characterizes Craven County and its citizens during the Navy's deliberations concerning the deployment/realignment of East Coast fighter squadrons.

**FINALLY, IT IS RESOLVED** that the Craven County Board of Commissioners will cooperate with the Navy to the fullest extent in identifying a suitable site for a new OLF in the region that would support additional assets assigned to MCAS Cherry Point, consistent with a thorough evaluation of the potential impacts and benefits of such an OLF to the citizens of Craven County.

ADOPTED this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2002.

*P. W. Pete Clark*  
Chairman

*Gwendolyn M. Bryan*  
Clerk

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
PAMLICO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
IN SUPPORT  
OF MCAS CHERRY POINT  
AND THE NAVAL AVIATION DEPOT**

WHEREAS, Pamlico County is part of the Eastern North Carolina home of MCAS Cherry Point, widely recognized as one of the finest military installations in the world, and

WHEREAS, the Naval Aviation Depot (NADEP), an outstanding aircraft maintenance facility with over 3,000 civilian employees that is one of the largest employers in Pamlico County and Eastern North Carolina, is located at MCAS Cherry Point, and

WHEREAS, MCAS Cherry Point and NADEP are vital to the economic well-being and community life of Pamlico County and the entire region, and

WHEREAS, the United States Navy is considering the deployment of several squadrons of F/A-18 Super Hornet aircraft, with MCAS Cherry Point being one of four alternative locations under study, and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the deployment of F/A-18 Super Hornets, the Navy is studying seven possible alternative locations for a new Outlying Landing Field (OLF) that could support carrier landing exercises for the F/A-18 aircraft, two of which sites are located in nearby Craven County and Carteret County, and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has gone on record as supporting the establishment of a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission to conduct a new round of base closures and/or realignment in 2005, which review could threaten the continued existence of MCAS Cherry Point and NADEP, and

WHEREAS, the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its strong support for the assignment of additional assets to MCAS Cherry Point and the continued viability of NADEP and MCAS Cherry Point during the upcoming BRAC review, and to offer its cooperation in identifying a suitable OLF in support of those additional assets ,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners strongly supports the assignment of additional assets to MCAS Cherry Point, specifically including F/A-18 aircraft, and pledges its continued cooperation to the Navy in making all the necessary arrangements in support of such assignment.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners strongly supports NADEP and expresses its appreciation to the Navy, NADEP personnel and NADEP management for the outstanding service this facility provides to our Nation and for NADEP's contribution to the well-being of Pamlico County.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners urges the Navy to give full consideration to the exceptional quality of life, schools, community activities, natural surroundings, and the unflinching community support for the military that characterizes Pamlico County and its citizens during the Navy's deliberations concerning the deployment/realignment of East Coast fighter squadrons.

FINALLY, IT IS RESOLVED that the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners will cooperate with the Navy to the fullest extent in identifying a suitable site for a new OLF in the region that would support additional assets assigned to MCAS Cherry Point, consistent with a thorough evaluation of the potential impacts and benefits of such an OLF to the citizens of Pamlico County.

ADOPTED this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2002.

Johanna Grigg  
Chairman

Kathy P. Cayton  
Clerk

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
CITY OF HAVELOCK, NORTH CAROLINA  
IN SUPPORT  
OF MCAS CHERRY POINT  
AND THE NAVAL AVIATION DEPOT**

WHEREAS, the City of Havelock is the home of MCAS Cherry Point, widely recognized as one of the finest military installations in the world, and

WHEREAS, the Naval Aviation Depot (NADEP), an outstanding aircraft maintenance facility with over 3,620 civilian employees that is the largest employer in the City of Havelock and Eastern North Carolina, is located at MCAS Cherry Point, and

WHEREAS, MCAS Cherry Point and NADEP are vital to the economic well-being and community life of Havelock and the entire region, and

WHEREAS, the United States Navy is considering the deployment of several squadrons of F/A-18 Super Hornet jet fighters, with MCAS Cherry Point being one of four alternative locations under study, and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the deployment of F/A-18 Super Hornets, the Navy is studying seven possible alternative locations for a new Outlying Landing Field (OLF) that could support carrier landing training exercises for the F/A-18 Super Hornets and other aircraft, two of which sites are located near the City of Havelock, and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has gone on record as supporting the establishment of a Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission to conduct a new round of base closures and/or realignment in 2005, which review could threaten the continued existence of MCAS Cherry Point and NADEP, and

WHEREAS, the City of Havelock wishes to express its strong support for the assignment of additional assets to MCAS Cherry Point and the continued viability of NADEP and MCAS Cherry Point during the upcoming BRAC review and to offer its cooperation in identifying a suitable OLF in support of those additional assets ,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City of Havelock strongly supports the assignment of additional assets to MCAS Cherry Point, specifically including F/A-18 fighter jets, and pledges its continued cooperation to the Navy in making all the necessary arrangements in support of such assignment.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Havelock strongly supports NADEP and expresses its appreciation to the Navy, NADEP personnel and NADEP management for the outstanding service this facility provides to our Nation and NADEP's contribution to the well-being of the City of Havelock.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Havelock urges the Navy to give full consideration to the exceptional quality of life, schools, community activities, natural surroundings, and the unflinching community support for the military that characterizes the City of Havelock and Craven County area and its citizens during the Navy's deliberations concerning the deployment/realignment of East Coast fighter squadrons.

FINALLY, IT IS RESOLVED that the City of Havelock will cooperate with the Navy to the fullest extent in identifying a suitable site for a new OLF in the region that would support additional assets assigned to MCAS Cherry Point, consistent with a thorough evaluation of the potential impacts and benefits of such an OLF to the citizens of the City of Havelock.

ADOPTED this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2002.

*George W. Duffin*  
Mayor

*Jatler H. Howard*  
Clerk

JOHN EDWARDS  
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**United States Senate**  
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September 23, 2002

The Honorable Gordon R. England  
Secretary of the Navy  
The Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20350

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As the Navy prepares to host another public information session in Beaufort County, North Carolina, I want to share my support for the deployment of at least four squadrons of F/A-18 Super Hornets to MCAS Cherry Point, with a supporting Outlying Landing Field (OLF) in Craven County.

Of the alternatives identified in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Alternative 4A and Site E offer the greatest benefit to the Navy and each of the affected communities in North Carolina and Virginia. MCAS Cherry Point is an outstanding military installation with ample capacity to accommodate several Navy squadrons. The local communities near MCAS Cherry Point have expressed to me their strong support for additional aircraft and are willing to accommodate an OLF in the area if additional assets are forthcoming.

The most equitable approach to meeting the Navy's missions on the East Coast is to base a substantial number of planes at MCAS Cherry Point, a location not constrained by years of urban encroachment. The neighboring communities of Havelock, New Bern and Morehead City offer a quality of life that make MCAS Cherry Point an attractive location for active and retired military personnel alike. As you probably know, many retired military personnel who were stationed at MCAS Cherry Point made eastern North Carolina their permanent home.

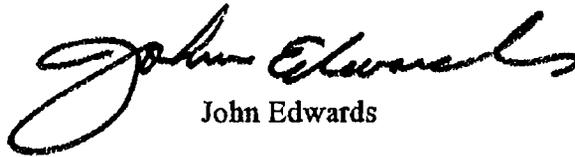
While I have heard from many residents and local leaders supporting Alternative 4A and Site E, I have heard from hundreds opposed to Site C in Washington County and I strongly urge you to exclude Site C and the other three sites from further consideration. Selecting an OLF site in northeastern North Carolina, whether the Super Hornets are deployed to MCAS Cherry Point or elsewhere, would be extremely unjust. Residents of that area should not be asked to absorb the noise of day and night training operations.

North Carolina is considered by many in the Pentagon to be the most military-friendly state. North Carolina has a long and proud working tradition with all branches of the military and I am certain the Navy will find North Carolina an extremely good host.

MCAS Cherry Point, with a supporting OLF in Craven County is the most effective and equitable alternative for basing the Super Hornets. I join with Governor Easley in urging your full consideration of this alternative.

I appreciate the Navy's hard work in keeping North Carolinians informed and I look forward to working with you as you complete the Draft Environmental Impact Study.

Yours sincerely,



John Edwards

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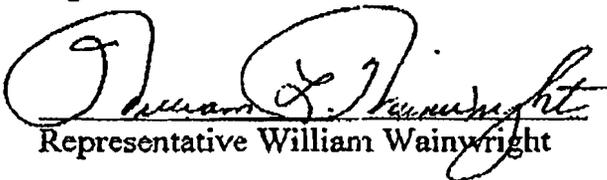
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Comments for F/A -18 E/F DEIS Public Hearing

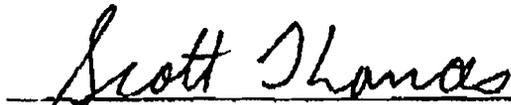
We regret that because of our duties in the General Assembly, we are unable to be at the public hearing regarding the DEIS (Draft Environmental Impact Statement) and the Navy's plans to locate F/A-18 Super Hornets at Cherry Point.

As legislators representing Craven, Pamlico, Jones and Carteret Counties, we strongly support the Navy's plans to place several squadrons of F/A-18 Super Hornets, provided that the DEIS shows no adverse environmental impact.

The positive economic impact of the jobs these squadrons would bring is clear, and we welcome a continued and strong military presence in our region.

  
Representative William Wainwright

  
Representative Alice G. Underhill

  
Senator Scott Thomas



ELIZABETH DOLE

August 20, 2002

The Honorable Gordon R. England  
Secretary of the Navy  
The Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20350

RE: Support for the Navy's Preference to Station F/A-18 Squadrons at MCAS Cherry Point

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I was pleased to learn of the Department of the Navy's preference for stationing from two to four squadrons of the Atlantic Fleet's new F/A-18 Super Hornets at MCAS Cherry Point, N.C. The Navy's conclusion that split-siting these squadrons represents the best operational decision for the Department is consistent with my own. In my judgment, the Navy's analysis, detailed in a recently released Draft Environmental Impact Statement, represents a prudent, thoughtful, and balanced approach to the varied interests, statutory requirements, and operational limitations confronting the Department.

As the process moves forward, please know that the Navy will continue to have my strong support for the deployment of additional assets to MCAS Cherry Point. Furthermore, I also look forward to working with the citizens of Craven County, N.C. to enable the Navy to expeditiously construct an outlying field subject to a final decision by the Navy to deploy significant new aviation assets to Cherry Point MCAS.

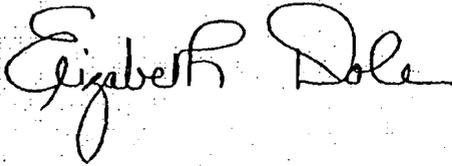
Cherry Point MCAS is widely recognized as one of our country's premier military facilities. The men and women assigned there and the communities surrounding Cherry Point MCAS were instrumental in its recent selection as the recipient of the prestigious Commander in Chief's award for Installation Excellence. To the objective observer, it is evident that the quality of life at Cherry Point compares favorably with any installation in the United States, save none.

As I travel around the state, I always am impressed with the wonderful support expressed for our men and women in uniform. Mr. Secretary, I know that you appreciate North Carolina's critical and unique role in support of our Nation's defense. Five major military installations support both our continuing operations in the war against terrorism as well as U.S commitments to provide security and humanitarian resources to numerous areas around the globe. People everywhere across the state, and especially in eastern North Carolina, have consistently exhibited the dedication and support for our military that helps to ensure that our cherished freedoms are protected.

Over the years, the communities surrounding MCAS Cherry Point have been singularly strong and unwavering in their commitment to and support for the Navy and Marine Corps. As this process continues, I encourage you to give full consideration to the faithful and stalwart support of the citizens of eastern North Carolina in making your final decisions.

The citizens of my state are ready and willing to receive these Navy squadrons and personnel. Most assuredly, we will make them feel welcome in years to come. Please let me know if there is anything I can do at this juncture or in the future to assist the Navy in meeting its commitments in North Carolina or around the world.

With my warmest best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Dole". The signature is written in black ink and is centered below the closing text.

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August 20, 2002

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Commander Atlantic Division  
Naval Facilities Engineering Command  
Attention: Fred Pierson BD32FP  
1510 Gilbert Street  
Norfolk, VA 23511-2699

RE: Deployment of the East Coast F/A-18 Super Hornets

Dear Sir:

I am writing in support of the deployment of at least four fleet squadrons of F/A-18 Super Hornets to the Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina. As a State Senator and member of the N.C. Military Affairs Commission, I can say that the State of North Carolina strongly supports our military and, in particular, stationing of the Hornet airplanes at Cherry Point.

My Senate district is composed of Carteret, Craven and Pamlico Counties. I can assure you that the local communities are prepared to support the additional assets. Since the initial BRAC93 decision to deploy Navy fighters in North Carolina, these communities have demonstrated their commitment to our military and support for additional airplanes. That strong support for the military was expressed again recently in the form of numerous resolutions adopted by various eastern North Carolina organizations and local governments.

In conclusion, I commend your selection of the preferred alternatives to this deployment and hope that you will favorably consider basing at least four squadrons at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide you with additional information concerning this request.

Sincerely,

Scott Thomas

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 29 July 2002**  
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## **SENATOR HELMS, REPRESENTATIVE JONES APPLAUD NAVY DECISION TO DEPLOY F/A-18 SUPER HORNET FIGHTER SQUADRONS TO MCAS CHERRY POINT, NORTH CAROLINA**

***Senator Helms and Representative Jones jointly stated, "We are both very pleased to learn of the Navy's decision to deploy these state-of -the-art Super Hornet fighters in North Carolina. In addition to recognizing the operational advantages of MCAS Cherry Point, the Navy has recognized the strong community support that exists for this outstanding base. The economic benefits to the citizens of Eastern North Carolina will be tremendous. In the coming weeks, the Navy will conduct a series of public hearings in Eastern North Carolina. These hearings will provide citizens with an opportunity to consider the Navy's recommendations and to express any concerns that they may have. We strongly encourage all who may be affected by the Navy's decisions to participate fully in the public hearing process."***

Washington, D.C. — After considering four Navy and Marine Corps air stations as potential receiving sites for the latest generation of F/A-18 fighter aircraft, the Navy has identified MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina as a preferred alternative for the deployment of the Navy's newest combat-proven strike fighter. The Department of the Navy intends to deploy either two or four squadrons of F/A-18 E/F Super Hornets to MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina by 2010. These aircraft, designed to serve the Navy for the next 30 years, will replace older F/A-18 Hornets and F-14 Tomcats now in service and stationed at NAS Oceana, VA. The Navy expects to deploy a total of 164 Super Hornets to support its East Coast Carrier Battle Groups, with from 24 to 56 of those aircraft to be assigned to Cherry Point and the remainder being stationed at NAS Oceana, VA. The Navy has also identified either Craven County or Washington County in North Carolina as the preferred alternative for the siting of a new Outlying Landing Field (OLF) for carrier-based aircraft landing practice.

Senator Helms and Representative Jones have long urged the Department of the Navy to base additional assets in North Carolina. It is estimated that each squadron represents at least \$10 million in annual economic benefits for Eastern North Carolina. One of the premier Marine Corps installations, MCAS Cherry Point possesses ample capacity to support additional operations and missions.

The Navy's decisions were included in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) that describes the benefits and potential environmental impacts of the Navy's proposed action. The Navy expects to announce a final decision in early 2003.



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Commander  
Atlantic Division  
Naval Facilities Engineering Command  
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Dear Commander:

As the Navy moves ahead with final review and decisions on bringing F/A-18 E/F Super Hornets to North Carolina, and the associated need for an outlying landing field to support training for these Atlantic Fleet jets, please be assured that the State supports and encourages this deployment identified under Alternative 4A in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement now under review. Our state agencies are reviewing the document and will provide specific comments during this process.

We have a good working relationship with the military and a history of working together on issues. We are proud of our State's strong position as host to several of the most mission-critical installations in the United States, and we are committed to maintaining and enhancing our reputation as the most military-friendly State in the nation. It is in this context that we appreciate and support the Navy's interest in Alternative 4A for the Super Hornet's homebasing operations.

I have recently given the North Carolina Advisory Commission on Military Affairs the charge of pursuing this goal through a variety of means, and I welcome the Navy's interest in basing these fighters at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, with a supporting OLF in Craven County.

Thank you for your continued consideration and interest in North Carolina.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Easley".

Michael F. Easley

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