

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

<b>Walter Reed Army Medical Center</b>	
<b>Gains</b>	<b>Losses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory from Naval Submarine Base New London to Forest Glen</li> <li>• Army Institute of Research, Division of Retrovirology to Forest Glen</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tertiary care functions and legal medicine and pathology program management to the National Naval Medical Center</li> <li>• All Non-tertiary care to a new, expanded Dewitt Army Hospital on Ft Belvoir</li> <li>• The Armed Forces Medical Examiner, DNA Registry and Accident Investigation to Dover Air Force Base</li> <li>• Legal Medicine and pathology program management to WRNMMC Bethesda, MD</li> <li>• Combat Casualty Care research from the Naval Medical Research Center at Walter Reed to Ft Sam Houston, TX</li> <li>• Enlisted histology technician training and Combat Casualty Care research to Ft Sam Houston</li> <li>• Medical biological defense research to Ft Detrick</li> <li>• Medical chemical defense research to Aberdeen Proving Ground</li> </ul>

<b>Army Net Personnel Impacts</b>			<b>Active Army MILCON (\$M)</b>	<b>Army Economic Impact (\$M)</b>
<b>Military</b>	<b>Civilian</b>	<b>Student</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>	<b>Total State Salary Change</b>
-2,417	-2,357	-234	\$24.0	-\$312.8

- The highly developed medical infrastructure in the region and expansions of the medical facilities at both Ft Belvoir and Bethesda will ensure that Soldiers, families and veterans will continue to receive quality medical care.
- Walter Reed's importance as a preeminent Army Medical Center is recognized as its missions, functions and name are relocated within the region to form a world-class Joint Medical Center.
- Approximately 60% of the jobs leaving Walter Reed Main Post remain in the NCR.

## **Walter Reed**

**BRAC 05 recommendations realign medical functions, creating the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center at Bethesda and expanding patient capacity at Dewitt Hospital on Ft. Belvoir. The recommendations retain the medical research facilities at Forest Glen Annex and the housing area at Glen Haven Annex.**

### **Incoming Activities**

What: Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory from Naval Submarine Base New London, CT.

Why: This relocation consolidates Hyperbaric and Undersea Medicine Research at the Forest Glen Annex of Walter Reed and creates a “Center of Excellence”.

What: Army Institute of Research, Division of Retrovirology to Walter Reed Forest Glen Annex.

Why: This relocation establishes a Center of Excellence for Infectious Disease Research.

### **Departing Activities**

What: Tertiary care functions to the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD.

Why: This proposal transforms legacy medical infrastructure in the NCR and establishes the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC) Bethesda, MD. The recommendation eliminates excess capacity in the NCR that is generated by the four military hospitals in the region.

What: All Non-tertiary care to a new, expanded Dewitt Army Hospital on Ft. Belvoir.

Why: This proposal transforms legacy medical infrastructure in the NCR and enables the establishment of the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center Bethesda, MD. The recommendation eliminates excess capacity in the NCR that is generated by the four military hospitals in the region and aligns the stationing of care providers with the population distribution of beneficiaries.

What: Legal Medicine and pathology program management to WRNMMC Bethesda, MD.

Why: This relocation co-locates the management of health care and pathology consulting with the National Military Medical Center.

What: The Armed Forces Medical Examiner, DNA Registry and Accident Investigation to Dover AFB, DE.

Why: This relocation co-locates the medical examiner functions at the military casualty receiving site.

What: Enlisted histology technician training to Ft. Sam Houston, TX.

Why: This relocation supports the co-location of multi-service medical training at Ft. Sam Houston.

What: Combat Casualty Care research from the Naval Medical Research Center at Walter Reed to Ft. Sam Houston, TX.

Why: This relocation supports the creation of a tri-service dental and combat casualty care science and technology center at Ft. Sam Houston, the only current biomedical science and technology location with a military trauma center. The combined research center will provide more improved joint capabilities for development of new combat care techniques and technology.

What: Medical biological defense research to Ft. Detrick, MD.

Why: This relocation consolidates biomedical research at the US Army Medical Research Institute for Infectious Diseases on Ft. Detrick. It also supports co-location of Army, Navy & Air Force biomedical program management and research functions at Ft. Detrick. This will promote integration in program planning, optimize the use of the limited pool of expertise in biomedical defense, increase interaction with the US Food & Drug Administration and coordinate life-cycle management for medial logistics

What: Medical chemical defense research to Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD.

Why: This relocation supports the consolidation of chemical defense research at APG and provides for integration of all biochemical program management at APG.

### Quantitative Results

Net Personnel Impacts <sup>1</sup>			MILCON Cost Estimate <sup>2</sup>
Military	Civilian	Student	
-2,525	-2,370	-234	\$ 24 Million

**Implementation Timeline:** According to BRAC law, these actions must be initiated within two years and completed within six years from the date the President transmits the report to Congress.

**Internal Communications :** (Walter Reed Work Force)

- The highly developed medical infrastructure in the National Capital Region and expansions at both DeWitt Hospital at Ft. Belvoir and Bethesda will ensure that Soldiers, families and veterans will continue to receive quality medical care.

<sup>1</sup> Based on FY03 ASIP data. Does not reflect any personnel changes resulting from standard programming and Command Plan actions since FY03.

<sup>2</sup> MILCON is for a Hyperbaric Research facility at the Forest Glen Annex.

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**External Communications:** (Civilian community)

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**Approving BRAC Recommendations - Statutory Steps :**

- 16 May 05 SECDEF forwards Recommendations to BRAC Commission
- 08 Sept 05 BRAC Commission recommendations due to President
- 23 Sept 05 President approves/disapproves Commission recommendations
- 20 Oct 05 Commission resubmits recommendations (if initially rejected by President)
- 07 Nov 05 President submits final recommendations to Congress. Once submitted, the plan becomes final within 45 legislative days, unless Congress passes a joint resolution to block the entire package.

**BRAC Recommendations impacting Walter Reed**

- Realign Walter Reed
- Hyperbaric & Undersea Medical Research
- Retrovirology Research
- OSD 4th Estate to Ft Belvoir