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The Honorable Samuel K. Skinner
BRAC Commission
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I remember back when I was in school, a lot of my friends came from military families. Some of my friends now are either military dependents or the base brought them here and they have retired in Clovis because they like it so much. Yes, I have had friends that have left and we do try to stay in touch. But that is just part of living in a military town.

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Sincerely,

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