BRAC Base Realignment and Closure 2005

Future Total Force

DOD-Win/GTF-Win/ DHS-Win Solutions for BRAC Commission Consideration Regarding MANG/Malmstrom Associate Unit

103-06A – AF12 – Community Input
Air Force – Great Falls International Airport Air Guard Station – MT
BRAC COMMISSION – FY 2005
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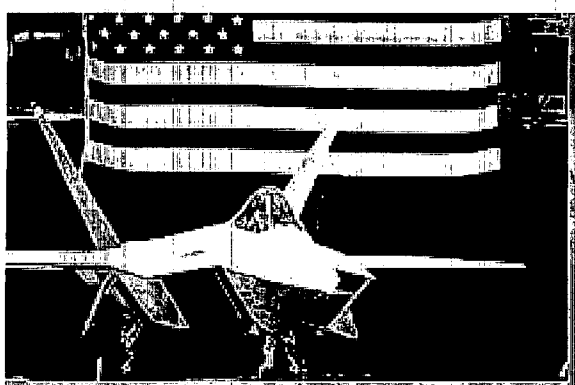
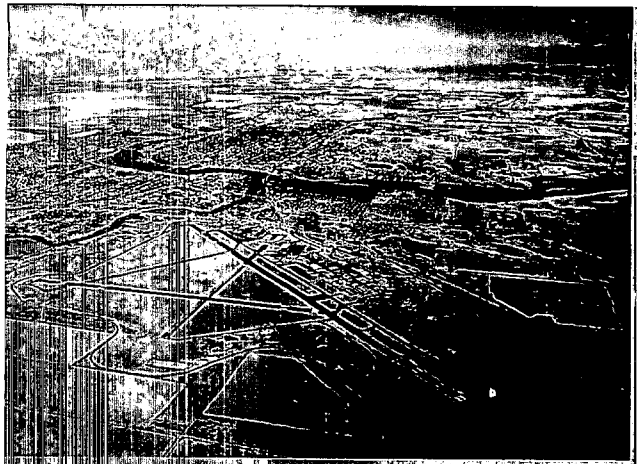


We Salute the Wisdom the BRAC Process is Supporting

- DOD Transformation Objectives are Paramount to Continued Domination of the Nations Defense Posture
- We Support Objectives of BRAC to Deliver Infrastructure Solutions and Create Culture Shifts Necessary to Achieve Future Total Force Efficiencies
- Request a Second Look at Great Falls Ability to Support Those Objectives



Goals

MANG - GTF

MAFB

- Respond to Commissioner Coyle's Question About Combining MANG/Malmstrom Assets
- Illustrate the Role Great Falls Should Play in the Future Total Force based on the Increase in Military Value Represented by Malmstrom Ground Assets and Associating MANG with Malmstrom
- Retain the 15 F-16's and Add 3 F-16's
- Maintain DOD Goal of Retiring 9 F-16's

Malmstrom/MANG Solution

- Request MCI/Cobra Analysis of MANG/Malmstrom Associate Unit to Support AEF FTF Combat Wing Operations Activating the Malmstrom Runway
- Ground Assets at Malmstrom complete the Already Expansive Air Assets for a Military Value that Competes with Gaining Units
- Supports Long Term AF Flight Plan Objectives of Joint War Fighting and Blended Wings

Malmstrom Ground Assets vs MCI Benchmarks in Parenthesis

- Ramp 431,835 sy (>241,000 sy)
- Fuel Storage 2.7 M Gal (>2.5 M Gal) Type 3 Hydrant, Tanks Epoxy Coated
- Hangar Storage est 50+ a/c (>24 a/c)
- Encroachment 0 development in protection zones rated 107 out of 100 possible (extra credit for community controls)
- Buildable Space 729 acres (>150 acres)
- 11,500 ft x 200 ft Concrete Runway + GTF 10,500 ft x 150 ft Runway (3 Runways w/n 50 nm)

Military Value

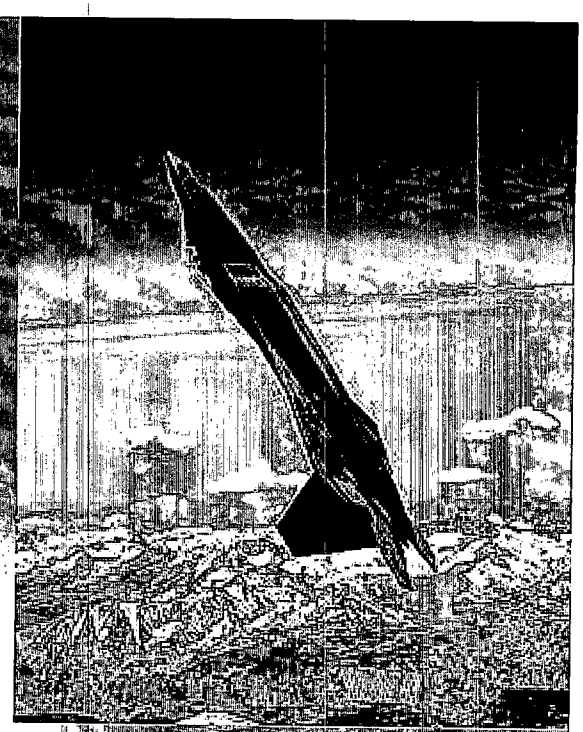
- Community Estimates an increase of Fighter MCI rating of 17 points
- Resulting MCI would be higher than any enclaved unit
- Resulting MCI would be in the league of gaining units

Current Malmstrom Joint Support

WORLDWIDE COMBAT SUPPORT

Largest Least Encumbered Overland AirSpace in the Nation

- 280 NM x 90 NM
- 18,000-50,000 Ft
- VFR flying days > 330 per year
- Best Suited to Air Superiority Mission
- No Encroachment
- Population Projected to Decrease in Next 10 years



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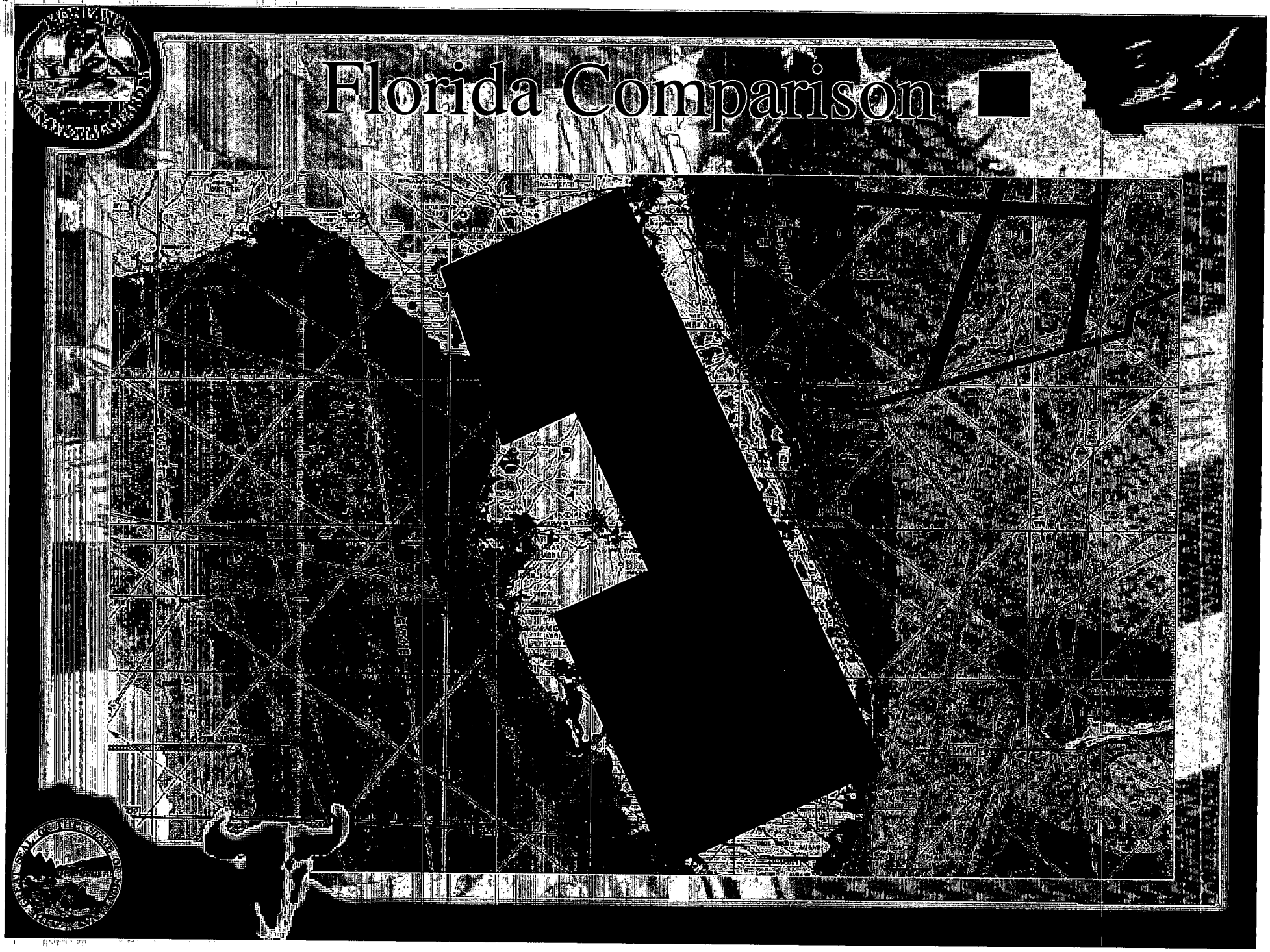
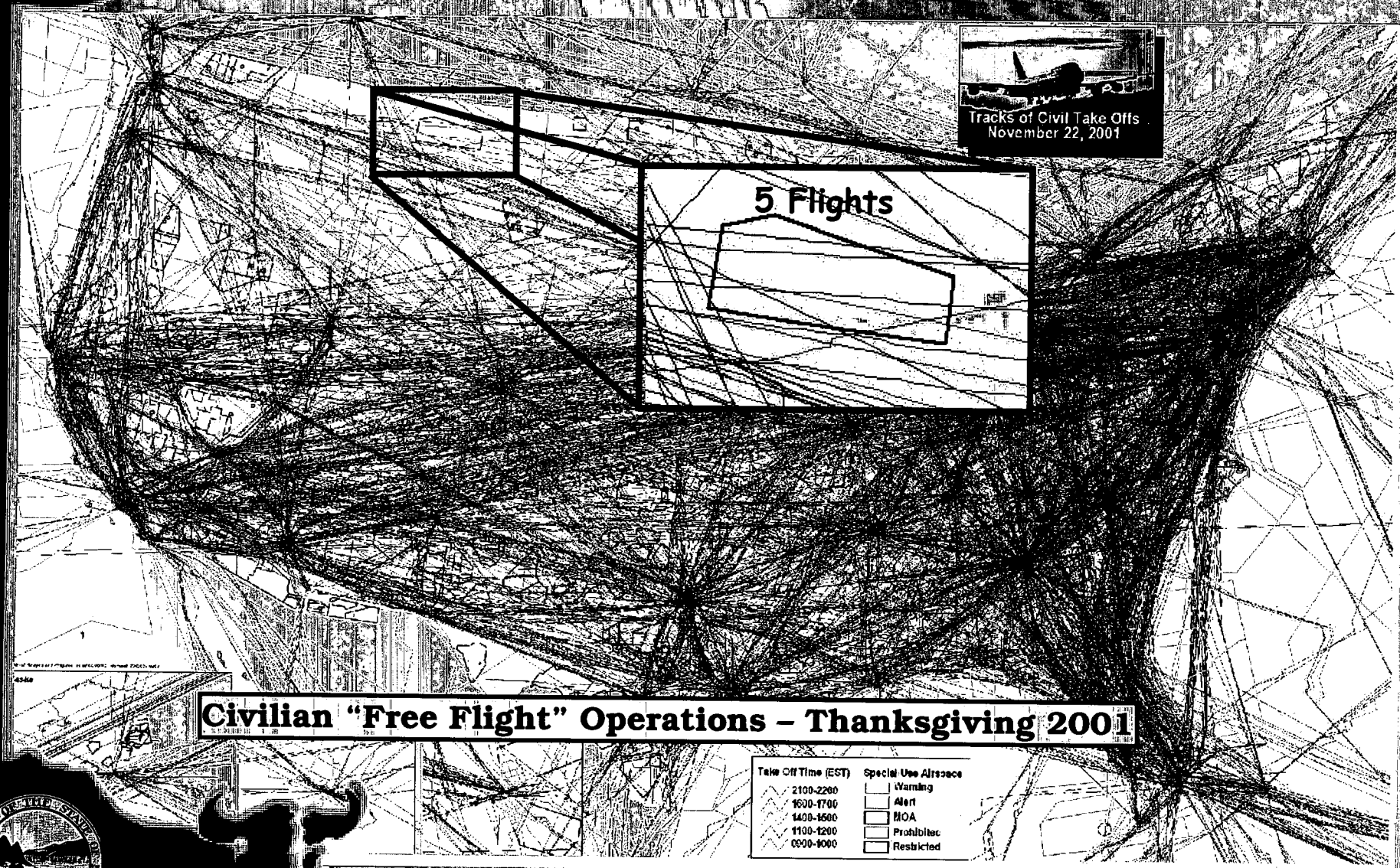
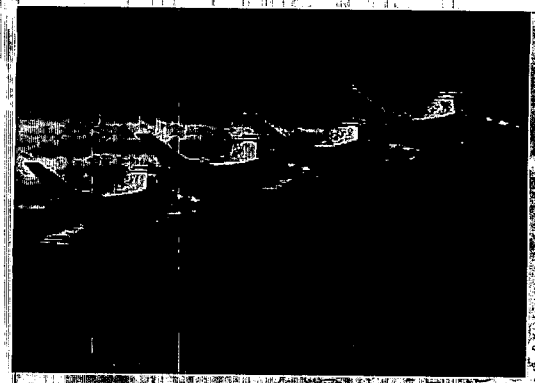


National Airspace Usage



Human Assets

- Mechanics 5700 Combined Years Experience
- Pilots 55,000 F-16 Hours
- Proposed BRAC Changes Will Deplete the Human Assets. Most Will Not Follow the Aircraft



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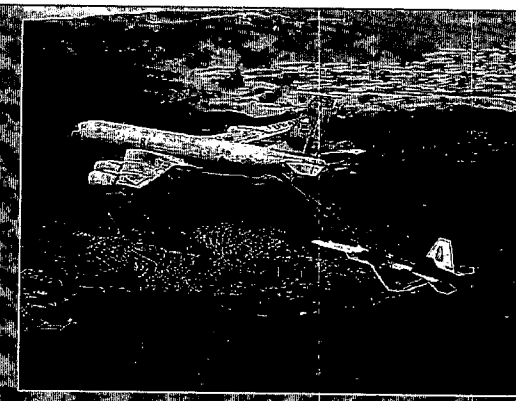

- Retain 15 and Add 3 F-16's at MANG and Associate with Malmstrom AFB
- Aircraft Come From Following Locations
  - Leave 15 Aircraft in Great Falls
  - 6 Block 30's from Richmond are going to Back Up Inventory. Send 3 to Des Moines and 3 to Dannelly as Backup (Active) Inventory
  - Send 3 of the 24 Block 30's going to Ft Wayne to Great Falls and retire 3
  - Retire 6 of the 24 Block 30's going to Andrews

Reverse Impact to Community and Aviation Network

- MANG Provides $3.1 Million in Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting to the Airport and Cascade County (Mutual Aid)
- Because of this Firefighting Capacity GTF is a Red Star Airport
- This Location is Relied upon in the Aviation System for any Aircraft with Medical or Mechanical Problems Between MSP, SLC and SeaTac
- DC-10 - Sioux City Iowa – Similar Resources
- Removing the F-16's would rob the Community and the Aviation System of Key Emergency Resources that Cannot be Replaced

US Air Force Transformation Flight Plan Goals

- Cold War to Post Cold War Force
- Enhance Joint War Fighting
- Shift from Threat Based to Capabilities Based Force – Vehicle AEF (Air and Space Expeditionary Force)
- Combat Wing Organizations specific to functional expertise

US Air Force Flight Plan Objectives Through BRAC

- Utilize BRAC to Accelerate the Desired Culture Shift
- Implement Base Changes To Facilitate Joint Training – Combat Wing FTF
- Reduce DOD Infrastructure to Levels Required to Support the Next Generation More Efficient Equipment

AF Plan for Reserve Forces

- Seamless Integrated Combat Wings to Host New Weapons Systems
- Assures Relevancy of Reserve as Legacy Systems are Retired
- Utilize Experience of Reserve forces to Maximize Output of New High Performance Aircraft and Act as a Force Multiplier
- Enhance Retention

AIR NATIONAL GUARD

Reverse DHS Mission Impact

- 120th Provides a Critical Resource to DHS
- Operation Noble Eagle 88 Fighters Flying Alert to Protect Significant Assets
- 32 of those Fighters were Cut in BRAC 2005 (36%)
- 24 (27%)of of those were on the Northern Border leaving a significant void in our ability to secure our border. Most of the remaining resources are on the East Coast.
- 3rd DHS Northern Border Aerial Surveillance Base Just Funded in Great Falls for FY 2006

New DHS Mission

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- Airport Authority Considering Submitting an Application to Transfer Malmstrom Runway to Civil Sponsor - Use Limited to DHS and DOD only under the FAA Military Airport Program (MAP).
- MAP funding is available through the FAA to assist opening the runway. Community could partner with DOD through our existing Joint Use Agreement.

DHS/DOD

- DOD Homeland Security CONOPS
- DOD is the Primary Defensive Resource for DHS
- Co-locating DHS Surveillance and DOD resources supports similar joint response philosophies of FTF
- An MANG/Malmstrom Associate Unit Creates a Benefit Beyond DOD to DHS to further enhance the Security of the Nation

Conclusion – Community Win

- Associate MANG with Malmstrom as Commissioner Coyle suggested
- Based on the Increased Military Value of Associate Unit Retain MANGS 15 F-16's and Add 3 F-16's to Right Size
- Open Runway at Malmstrom to Host Overseas Active Duty Missions Coming Home to Create AEF Combat Wing with MANG and as an alternate for MANG for in the interim
- Retain Key Aviation Emergency Resource

Conclusion - DOD/DHS Win

- Retires same # of F-16's to support critical funding for new equipment
- Fills DHS Void on Northern Border and NW Region with Capable DOD Assets
- Creates Consistent ANG Unit Size 18 aircraft
- Supports Jointness and Capitalizes on unmatched Air Assets available in Montana
- Further supports AF recruiting and retention goals with unmatched quality of life