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MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE BARSTOW, CA Recommendations

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COMMISSION BASE VISIT
JULY 11, 2005**

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TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	POC	ACTION
11-Jul	Chairman arrives	MCLB Barstow	Valerie Mills (804) 690-8033	Meet
1220-1230	En route	MCLB Barstow	Valerie/Kathleen	Meet
1230-1300	Pre-Brief Commissioner	MCLB Barstow	Valerie/Kathleen	Review Briefing Book
1300-1430	BRAC Recommendations	MCLB Barstow	Karen Gray	Brief Chairman
	Medical and Dental	MCLB Barstow	Karen Gray	Brief Chairman
	Efficiencies FSD, MCB and MCLB	MCLB Barstow	Karen Gray	Brief Chairman
	Supply and Storage	MCLB Barstow	Karen Gray	Brief Chairman
	Fleet Support Div	MCLB Barstow	Karen Gray	Brief Chairman
	DLA	MCLB Barstow	Karen Gray/John Crain	Brief Chairman
	DRMO	MCLB Barstow	Karen Gray/Kathy Kennedy	Brief Chairman
	Maintenance Center	MCLB Barstow		Brief Chairman
	Organization/Mission	MCLB Barstow	Gary Baker	Brief Chairman
	Engineering Dept	MCLB Barstow	Jack Whittle	Brief Chairman
	Production Management	MCLB Barstow	Carl Chisam	Brief Chairman
	Trades Dept	MCLB Barstow	Brad Hart	Brief Chairman
	Quality Management	MCLB Barstow	Fred Alley	Brief Chairman
	Wrap Up	MCLB Barstow	Col Sass, Commander	Brief Chairman
1430-1600	Tour impacted organizations	MCLB Barstow		Touring facilities
1600	Chairman departs	MCLB Barstow	Valerie Mills	
1600-1615	En route to Corona	Corona	Les Farrington (774) 262-2430	

DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION

BASE SUMMARY SHEET

Marine Corps Logistics Barstow, CA

INSTALLATION MISSION:

- The mission of the Logistics Base is to procure, maintain, repair and rebuild, store, and distribute supplies and equipment as assigned; to conduct such schools and training as may be directed by the Commandant of the Marine Corps or the commander, MCLB Albany, GA. These services are generally provided to Marine Corps forces west of the Mississippi River and to the Far East. The counter-part to MCLB-Barstow is located in Albany and supplies installations east of the Mississippi. The desert site was chosen for two reasons. First, it has excellent outdoor storage conditions (made possible by the absence of rainfall and low humidity) which limit mold, rust and mildew to the equipment. The outdoor cost of storage is minimal compared to the cost of erecting warehouses to store large items like tanks, cranes and other heavy equipment. The second reason is the availability of transportation. Barstow is served by three major highways – Interstates 15 and 40, both of which pass by the Base, and state Highway 58.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND JUSTIFICATIONS:

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Recommendation: Realign Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, CA. Disestablish the depot maintenance of Aircraft Other Components, Aircraft Rotary, and Strategic Missiles. Consolidate depot maintenance of Engines/Transmissions, Other Components, and Small Arms/Personal Weapons at Anniston Army Depot, AL. Consolidate the depot maintenance of Conventional Weapons, Engines/Transmissions, Material Handling, Powertrain Components, Starters/ Alternators/Generators, Test Measurement Diagnostic Equipment, and Wire at Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, GA. Consolidate depot maintenance of Electronic Components (Non-Airborne), Electro-Optics/Night Vision/Forward-Looking-Infrared, Generators, Ground Support Equipment, Radar, and Radio at Tobyhanna Army Depot, PA. Consolidate depot maintenance of Tactical Missiles at Letterkenny Army Depot, PA. Realign Fleet Support Division Maintenance Center Barstow and Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow operations to increase efficiencies and reduce infrastructure.

Justification: This recommendation follows the strategy of minimizing sites using maximum capacity of 1.5 shifts while maintaining a west coast depot maintenance presence at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow to provide west coast operating forces with a close, responsive source for depot maintenance support. Required capacity to support workloads and core requirements for the DoD is relocated to other DoD Centers of Industrial and Technical Excellence, thereby increasing the military value of depot maintenance performed at these sites.

This recommendation decreases the cost of depot maintenance operations across DoD through consolidation and elimination of 30 percent of duplicate overhead structures required to operate multiple depot maintenance activities. This recommendation supports transformation of DoD's depot maintenance operations by increasing the utilization of existing capacity by up to 150 percent while maintaining capability to support future force structure. This recommendation also results in utilization of DoD capacity to facilitate performance of interservice workload. In addition, based on present and future wartime surge projections, Marine Corps Logistics Center Barstow will establish an additional 428 thousand hours of amphibious vehicle capacity.

This recommendation along with other recommendations affecting supply and storage functions, optimizes the depot maintenance operations at Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow.

Payback: The total estimated one-time cost to the Department of Defense to implement this recommendation is \$26.02 million. The net of all costs and savings during the implementation period is a savings of \$56.49 million. Annual recurring savings to the Department after implementation are \$18.40 million with an immediate payback. The net present value of the costs and savings to the Department over 20 years is a savings of \$230.61 million.

MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS OF THIS RECOMMENDATION (EXCLUDES CONTRACTORS)

	<u>Military</u>	<u>Civilians</u>	<u>Students</u>
Baseline			
Reductions	(137)	(323)	
Realignments			
Total			

Economic Impact on Communities: Assuming no economic recovery, this recommendation could result in a maximum potential reduction of 796 jobs (409 direct jobs and 387 indirect jobs) over the 2006-2011 period in the Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA Metropolitan Statistical Area, which is less than 0.1 percent of economic area employment. The aggregate economic impact of all recommended actions on this economic region of influence was considered and is at Appendix B of Volume I.

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Community Infrastructure: A review of community attributes indicates no issues regarding the ability of the infrastructure of the communities to support missions, forces, and personnel. There are no known community infrastructure impediments to implementation of all recommendations affecting the installations in this recommendation.

Environmental Impact: Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, GA is in Attainment although Title V permit modifications will be required. There are potential impacts to cultural, archeological, or tribal resources; threatened and endangered species or critical habitat; waste management; and wetlands. Anniston Army Depot, AL is in Attainment. There are impacts anticipated for threatened and endangered species or critical habitat. Letterkenny Army Depot, PA is in Marginal Non-attainment for Ozone (1-Hour and 8-Hour) and an Air Conformity determination is required. Tobyhanna Army Depot, PA is in Moderate Non-attainment for Ozone (1-Hour) and an Air Conformity determination is required. No impacts are anticipated for the remaining resource areas of dredging; land use constraints or sensitive resource areas; marine mammals, resources or sanctuaries; noise; or water resources.

This recommendation indicates impacts of costs at the installations, which report \$884 thousand in costs for waste management and environmental compliance. These costs were included in payback calculation. This recommendation does not otherwise impact the costs of environmental restoration, waste management or environmental compliance activities. The aggregate environmental impacts of all the recommended BRAC actions affecting the installations in this recommendation have been reviewed. There are no known environmental impediments to implementation of this recommendation.

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RECOMMENDATION: Recommendation: Realign Marine Corps Logistics Base, Barstow, CA, by consolidating the supply, storage, and distribution functions and associated inventories of the Defense Distribution Depot Barstow CA, with all other supply, storage, and distribution functions and inventories that exist at the Maintenance Center Barstow, CA, to support depot operations, maintenance, and production. Retain the minimum necessary supply, storage, and distribution functions and inventories at Defense Distribution Depot Barstow, CA, that are required to support the Maintenance Center Barstow, CA, and to serve as a wholesale Forward Distribution Point. Relocate all other wholesale storage and distribution functions and associated inventories to the San Joaquin Strategic Distribution Platform.

JUSTIFICATION: Justification: This recommendation achieves economies and efficiencies that enhance the effectiveness of logistics support to operational joint and expeditionary forces. It reconfigures the Department's wholesale storage and distribution infrastructure to improve support to the future force, whether home-based or deployed. It transforms existing logistics processes by creating four CONUS support regions, with each having one Strategic Distribution Platform and multiple Forward Distribution Points. Each Strategic Distribution Platform will be equipped with state-of-the-art consolidation, containerization and palletization capabilities, and the entire structure will provide for in-transit cargo visibility and real-time accountability. Distribution Depots, no longer needed for regional supply, will be realigned as Forward Distribution Points and will provide dedicated receiving, storing, and issuing functions, solely in support of on-base industrial customers such as maintenance depots, shipyards and air logistics centers. Forward Distribution Points will consolidate all supply and storage functions supporting industrial activities, to include those internal to depots and shipyards, and those at any intermediate levels that may exist. This consolidation eliminates unnecessary redundancies and duplication, and streamlines supply and storage processes.

In addition to the actions in this recommendation, the Department is abolishing the Defense Distribution Depot at Red River Army Depot. This action is included as part of a recommendation to close the Red River Army Depot installation. The recommendation to fully close the installation achieves the objective of disestablishing the Defense Distribution Depot and is consistent with the intent of this recommendation.

Payback: The total estimated one-time cost to the Department of Defense to implement this recommendation is \$192.7M. The net of all costs and savings to the Department of Defense during the implementation period is a savings of \$1,047.3M. Annual recurring savings to the Department after implementation are \$203.2M with a payback expected immediately. The net present value of the costs and savings to the Department over 20 years is a savings of \$2,925.8M.

MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS OF THIS RECOMMENDATION (EXCLUDES CONTRACTORS)

	<u>Military</u>	<u>Civilians</u>	<u>Students</u>
Baseline			
Reductions	(3)	(7)	
Realignments			
Total	(3)	(7)	

Economic Impact on Communities: Assuming no economic recovery, this recommendation could result in the maximum potential job reductions (direct and indirect) over the 2006-2011 period, as follows: The aggregate economic impact of all recommended actions on these economic regions of influence was considered and is at Appendix B of Volume I.

Community Infrastructure Assessment: A review of community attributes indicates there are no issues regarding the ability of infrastructure of communities to support missions, forces, and personnel. There are no known community infrastructure impediments to implementation of all recommendations affecting the installations in this recommendation.

Environmental Impact: Additional operations at Tinker may impact wetlands and may restrict operations. At Susquehanna and San Joaquin, permits may be required for new boilers, generators, and paint booths. Increased solid and hazardous waste may also require new permits. Drinking water consumption will increase at these two locations and MILCON projects require storm water permits. This recommendation has no impact on cultural, archeological, or tribal resources; dredging; land use constraints or sensitive resource areas; marine mammals, resources, or sanctuaries; noise; or threatened and endangered species or critical habitat. This recommendation will require spending approximately \$0.7M for waste management and environmental compliance activities. This cost was included in the payback calculation. This recommendation does not otherwise impact the costs of environmental restoration, waste management, and environmental compliance activities. The aggregate environmental impact of all recommended BRAC actions affecting the bases in this recommendation has been reviewed. There are no known environmental impediments to implementation of this recommendation.

REPRESENTATION

U.S. Senators:

Barbara Boxer (D)

Dianne Feinstein (D)

Congressman

Howard "Buck" McKeon (R)

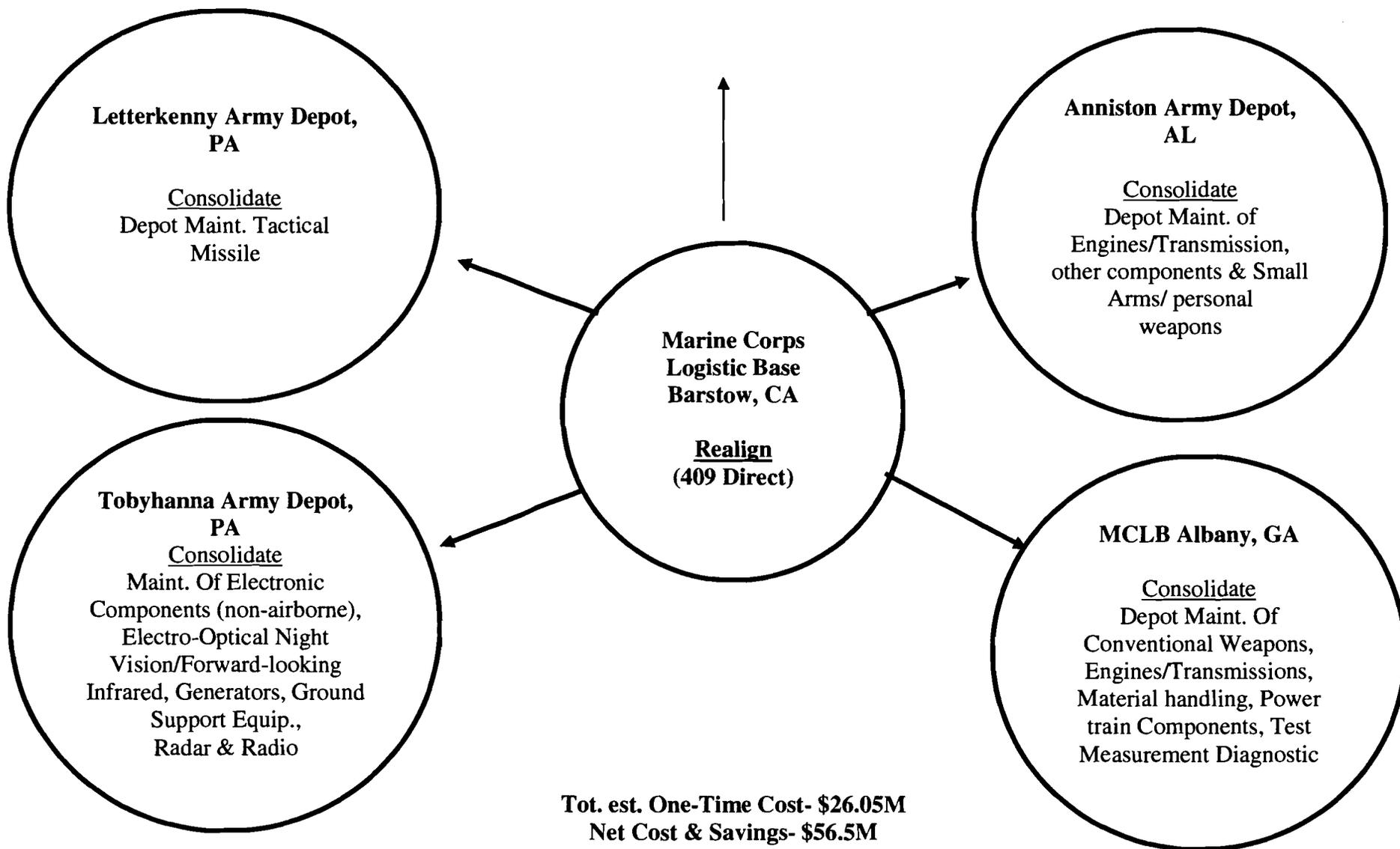
California 25th District

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/ISSUES

ITEMS OF SPECIAL EMPHASIS

MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE BARSTOW, CA

**Disestablish Depot Maint. Of Aircraft
Other Components, Rotary, Strategic Missile**



**Tot. est. One-Time Cost- \$26.05M
Net Cost & Savings- \$56.5M
Annual Savings- \$18.4M
Payback- 20 yrs
NPV- \$230.6M**

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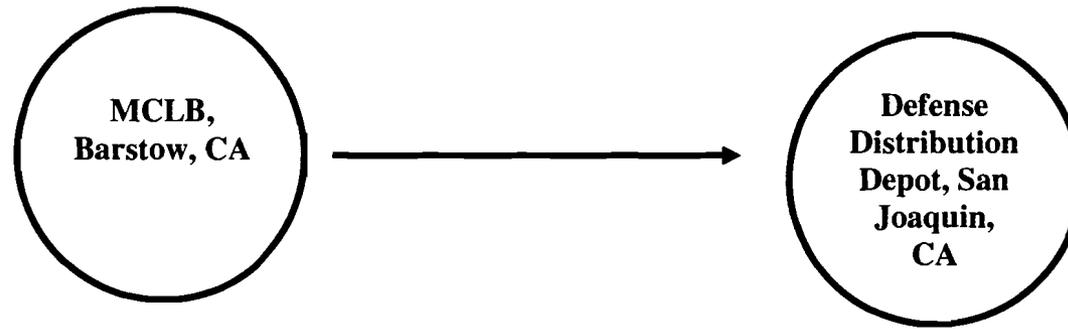
MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE BARSTOW, CA

REALIGN

Out		In		Net Gain/(Loss)		Net Mission Contractor	Total Direct
Mil	Civ	Mil	Civ	Mil	Civ		
(137)	(323)	0	0	(137)	(323)	51	(409)

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SUPPLY, STORAGE, AND DISTRIBUTION MANAGEMENT RECONFIGURATION



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MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE, BARSTOW, CA

REALIGN

Out		In		Net Gain/(Loss)		Net Mission Contractor	Total Direct
Mil	Civ	Mil	Civ	Mil	Civ		
(3)	(7)	0	0	(3)	(7)	0	(10)

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**QUESTIONS FOR MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE BARSTOW,
CA 7/12/05**

DEPOT MAINTENANCE FUNCTIONS

1. The Navy justification states “Marine Corps Logistics Base will establish an additional 428 thousand hours of Amphibious Vehicle capacity”. Can you discuss the increase capacity?
2. The Navy justification also states through consolidation and elimination of 30% of duplicate overhead structures required to operate multiple depot maintenance activities.
 - a. As of today does Letterkenny Army Depot, PA provide depot maintenance for tactical Missiles?
3. How many authorized military and civilian positions do you have for the depot maintenance functions being consolidated and disestablished out of Barstow?
4. Are you currently working overtime in order to meet current workload?
5. Is there any additional information that you would like to communicate that might impact on these recommendations?

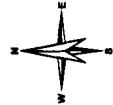
SUPPLY, STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION FUNCTIONS

6. The Joint Cross Service Group recommendation “to relocate all other wholesale storage and distribution functions and associated inventories to the San Joaquin Strategic Distribution Platform”.
 - a. How much storage will become available once remaining wholesale assets are relocated?
 - b. How many FTE’s are supporting this mission?

Recommended California Base Realignments and Closures



Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow



Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow Statistics

Total Acres: 1,879	Total Personnel: 1,474
Acres Owned: 1,879	Mil: 270
	Civ: 1,204
	Other: 0



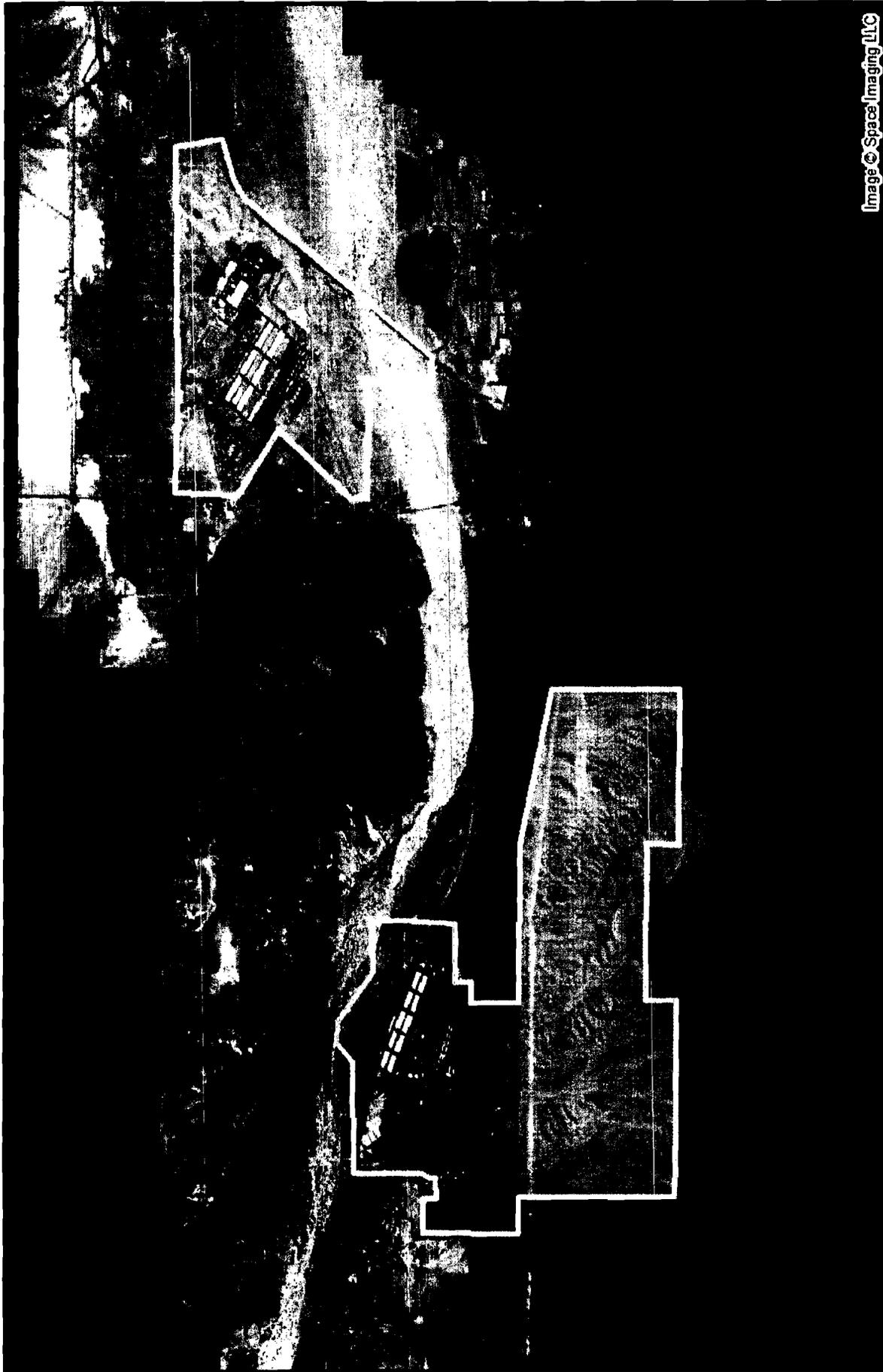


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MCLB Barstow

Installation Boundary Range Complex Boundaries



COMMANDING GENERAL (B170) MCCS Personal Services,
building 129 RELOCATION ASSISTANCE MARINE CORPS
LOGISTICS BASE BARSTOW, CA 92311-5001

The Marine Corps Logistics Base is located 134 miles east of Los Angeles and 152 miles southwest of Las Vegas in the San Bernardino County High Desert. The City of Barstow has a population of over 22,000.

Major Commands include: Command Headquarters, Special Staff Offices (including the Office of General Counsel, Base Inspector, Quality Management, SJA, Public Affairs, Chaplain, Information Systems, Communications), Headquarters Battalion, Comptroller, Marine Corps Family Team Building/Semper Fit, Public Safety, Installation & Logistics, Maintenance Center, Facilities Services Center, Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), DRMO.

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advanced technical knowledge in their respective fields, this increasing the capabilities of the field commander. Some 500 Marines and sailors work side-by-side with approximately 1,500 civilian employees, in many instances performing identical work. The Departments are directed by a Marine Officer, except for the Comptroller Department, and many tenants and division heads are headed by civilian employees.

Active duty military are approximately 500 (Navy & Marines); Family members living here are approximately 1,000; Retirees living in a 30 mile radius number approximately 8,000; Civilian employees number around 2,500; Army Personnel living on base are around 230 personnel and their families.

Base Operator - DSN 282-6444 commercial 760-577-6444 Duty Officer - DSN 282-6611 commercial 760-577-6611

HISTORY - The Marine Corps Logistics Base, presently the 2nd largest employer in the Barstow area, was established at its present location on December 28, 1942, when the United States Navy turned it over to the Marine Corps. It had originally been planned as a naval supply depot, but the Chief of Naval Operations directed that the facility be transferred to the Marine Corps as a storage site for supplies and equipment needed for the Fleet Marine Forces in the Pacific theater during World War II. It was then known as the Marine Corps Depot of Supplies and was under the military command of the Commanding General, Marine Corps Depot of Supplies in San Francisco, CA. The first local commander was Major David F. Ross. The land was purchased from several individuals, including the family of Walter Ross, whose tomb is located on the base in the Nebo area and is given perpetual care by the Marine Corps. By the end of WWII in 1945, the depot had outgrown its original facilities. In October of 1946, a 2,000-acre holding and re-consignment point belonging to the Army was annexed by the depot. Located 3 miles west of the town of Yermo, this became the Yermo-Annex. In 1954 the Commanding General, Marine Corps Depot of Supplies, moved his flag from San Francisco to Barstow. Since that time, the Logistics Base has grown in stature, strength and size. On November 1, 1978, the base was re-designated to its present title to emphasize its broad support mission. The base is divided into 2 areas, Nebo and the Yermo Annex. The base headquarters as well as administrative, storage, shopping, recreational and housing facilities are located at Nebo. Nebo is a Biblical word, and at one time, on the site where the base headquarters is now located, Mormon settlers organized the Nebo Sheep Company. Then the railroad came and when a name was

needed for the railhead, Nebo was chosen. Thus, when the base was activated in 1942, its railhead name was Nebo, which has been translated to mean "Little Shepherd." History tells us that at least 3 Indian tribes lived in and around the Barstow-Yermo area. The word Yermo, according to longtime residents of the town of Yermo, is an Indian word meaning "Desert Flower." MCB repair facility is located at the Yermo Annex as well as the base stables, Obregon Park, and the bulk of Fleet Support Division's outdoor storage.

MCLB Barstow: Installation
Installation Overview

Name : COMMANDING OFFICER (B170)	POC : COL MARK A. COSTA	
Address : MCLB - HEADQUARTERS BUILDING 15		
City : Barstow	State : CA	Zip : 92311-5000
Phone : 760-577-6555 OR DSN 282-6555	Fax : 760-577-6805	



APPENDIX L

BASE CLOSURES AND REALIGNMENTS BY STATE

1988, 1991, 1993, 1995

ALABAMA

1988	Alabama Army Ammunition Plant	CLOSE
1988	Coosa River Storage Annex	CLOSE
1991	Fort Rucker	REALIGN
1993	Naval Station Mobile	CLOSE
1993	Naval Reserve Center Gadsden	CLOSE
1993	Naval Reserve Center Montgomery	CLOSE
1993	Anniston Army Depot	REALIGN
1995	Fort McClellan	CLOSE
1995	Naval Reserve Center Huntsville	CLOSE

ALASKA

1995	Fort Greely	REALIGN
1995	Naval Air Facility Adak	CLOSE

ARKANSAS

1991	Eaker Air Force Base	CLOSE
1991	Fort Chaffee	CLOSE
1993	Naval Reserve Center Fayetteville	CLOSE
1993	Naval Reserve Center Fort Smith	CLOSE
1995	Fort Chaffee	CLOSE

ARIZONA

1988	Navajo Army Depot Activity	CLOSE
1991	Williams Air Force Base	CLOSE
1995	Williams Air Force Base	REDIRECT

CALIFORNIA

1988	George Air Force Base	CLOSE
1988	Hamilton Army Airfield	CLOSE
1988	Mather Air Force Base	CLOSE
1988	Naval Station San Francisco (Hunters Point)	REALIGN
1988	Norton Air Force Base	CLOSE
1988	Presidio of San Francisco	CLOSE
1988	Salton Sea Test Base, Imperial County	CLOSE
1991	Beale Air Force Base	REALIGN
1991	Castle Air Force Base	CLOSE
1991	Fort Ord	CLOSE
1991	Hunters Point Annex, San Francisco	CLOSE
1991	Integrated Combat Systems Test Facility San Diego	CLOSE
1991	Letterman Army Institute of Research Presidio of San Francisco	DISESTAB
1991	Fleet Combat Direction Systems Support Activity San Diego	REALIGN

1991	March Air Force Base	REALIGN
1991	Mather Air Force Base	REDIRECT
1991	Naval Air Station Moffett Field	CLOSE
1991	Naval Electronic Systems Engineering Center San Diego	CLOSE
1991	Naval Electronic Systems Engineering Center Vallejo	CLOSE
1991	Naval Space Systems Activity Los Angeles	CLOSE
1991	Naval Station Long Beach	CLOSE
1991	Naval Weapons Center China Lake	REALIGN
1991	Pacific Missile Test Center Point Mugu	REALIGN
1991	Sacramento Army Depot	CLOSE
1991	Marine Corps Air Station Tustin	CLOSE
1993	Castle Air Force Base (B-52 Combat Crew Training redirected from Fairchild AFB to Barksdale AFB and KC-135 Combat Crew Training from Fairchild AFB to Altus AFB)	REDIRECT
1993	Data Processing Center Marine Corps Air Station El Toro	CLOSE
1993	Data Processing Center Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division China Lake	CLOSE
1993	Data Processing Center Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division Point Mugu	CLOSE
1993	Data Processing Center Naval Command Control & Ocean Surveillance Center San Diego	CLOSE
1993	Data Processing Center Navy Regional Data Automation Center San Francisco	CLOSE
1993	Defense Contract Management District West El Segundo	RELOCATE
1993	Defense Distribution Depot Oakland	DISESTAB
1993	Hunters Point Annex to Naval Station Treasure Island (Redirect to dispose of all property in any lawful manner, including outlease)	REDIRECT
1993	March Air Force Base	REALIGN
1993	Mare Island Naval Shipyard	CLOSE
1993	Marine Corps Air Station El Toro	CLOSE
1993	Marine Corps Air Station Tustin (Relocate MCAS Tustin helicopter assets to NAS North Island, NAS Miramar, or MCAS Camp Pendleton)	REDIRECT
1993	Marine Corps Data Processing Center Regional Automated Services Center Camp Pendleton	CLOSE
1993	Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow	REALIGN
1993	Mather Air Force Base (940th Air Refueling Group redirected from McClellan AFB to Beale AFB)	REDIRECT
1993	Naval Air Station Alameda	CLOSE
1993	Naval Aviation Depot Alameda	CLOSE
1993	Naval Electronics Systems Engineering Center San Diego (Consolidate with Naval Electronics Systems Engineering Center Vallejo into available space in Air Force Plant #19, San Diego, vice new construction)	REDIRECT
1993	Naval Electronics Systems Engineering Center Vallajo (Consolidate with Naval Electronics Systems Center San Diego into available space in Air Force Plant #19, San Diego, vice new construction)	REDIRECT
1993	Naval Hospital Oakland	CLOSE
1993	Naval Station Treasure Island, San Francisco	CLOSE
1993	Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach	REALIGN

1993	Navy Data Processing Center Facilities Systems Office, Port Hueneme	CLOSE
1993	Navy Data Processing Center Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, San Diego	CLOSE
1993	Presidio of Monterey Annex	REALIGN
1993	Presidio of San Francisco (6th Army remains at the Presidio of San Francisco, CA instead of moving to Fort Carson, CO)	REDIRECT
1993	Naval Civil Engineering Laboratory, Port Hueneme	CLOSE
1993	Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Western Engineering Field Division, San Bruno	CLOSE
1993	Naval Reserve Center Pacific Grove	CLOSE
1993	Naval Training Center San Diego	CLOSE
1993	Planning, Estimating, Repair, and Alterations Center (Surface) Pacific San Francisco	DISESTAB
1993	Naval Public Works Center San Francisco	DISESTAB
1995	Oakland Army Base	CLOSE
1995	Naval Shipyard Long Beach	CLOSE
1995	McClellan Air Force Base	CLOSE
1995	Ontario International Airport Air Guard Station	CLOSE
1995	Defense Distribution Depot McClellan	DISESTAB
1995	Fort Hunter Liggett	REALIGN
1995	Sierra Army Depot	REALIGN
1995	Onizuka Air Station	REALIGN
1995	Branch U.S. Disciplinary Barracks	CLOSE
1995	East Fort Baker	CLOSE
1995	Rio Vista Army Reserve Center	CLOSE
1995	Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Oakland	CLOSE
1995	Naval Command, Control, and Ocean Surveillance Center, In-Service Engineering West Coast Division San Diego	DISESTAB
1995	Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion, and Repair, USN, Long Beach	DISESTAB
1995	Naval Reserve Center Stockton	CLOSE
1995	Naval Reserve Center Santa Ana	CLOSE
1995	Naval Reserve Center Pomona	CLOSE
1995	Marine Corps Air Station El Toro	REDIRECT
1995	Marine Corps Air Station Tustin	REDIRECT
1995	Naval Air Station Alameda	REDIRECT
1995	Naval Recruiting District San Diego	REDIRECT
1995	Naval Training Center San Diego	REDIRECT
1995	Defense Contract Management District West, El Segundo	REDIRECT

COLORADO

1988	Bennett Army National Guard Facility, Arapahoe County	CLOSE
1988	Pueblo Army Depot	REALIGN
1991	Lowry Air Force Base	CLOSE
1993	Pueblo Army Depot (Redirects supply mission from Defense Distribution Depot Tooele, UT, to new location within the Defense Distribution Depot System)	REDIRECT
1995	Fitzsimons Army Medical Center	CLOSE
1995	Lowry Air Force Base	REDIRECT

MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE BARSTOW, CA

National News Articles

BRAC RECOMMENDATIONS SIGNIFY CHANGES AHEAD FOR MARINE CORPS

Local News Articles

L.A. BASE ESCAPES ROUND OF CLOSURES

Local bases could expand California does not avoid proposed military closures.

EXPERTS EVALUATE LIKELY ECONOMIC IMPACT OF POSSIBLE CALIFORNIA BASE CLOSURES

The Nation; State Would Lose One Major Base Under Proposal;

Net job loss would be 2,018; previous rounds of cuts hit California harder than other states.

Depot action will get a fight; BARSTOW: Officials lament the decision to downsize the base, eliminating 419 jobs.

Editorial/Opinion Articles

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National News Articles

BRAC RECOMMENDATIONS SIGNIFY CHANGES AHEAD FOR MARINE CORPS

US Fed News

May 19, 2005

The U.S. Marine Corps issued the following official news story:

Months of rumors and nationwide speculation were finally put to rest when Secretary of Defense, Donald H. Rumsfeld formally submitted the Department of Defense's Base **Realignment** and Closure recommendations to the BRAC Commission here May 13.

Minutes after uniformed service members were televised distributing hard copies of the list to members of Congress, word of major closings spread rapidly.

In contrast to previous BRAC rounds in the mid-90s, the Marine Corps will not have an active base completely closed. However, it will see significant transformation across many types of installations and installation functions within both the reserve and active communities. Changes range from relocation of reserve units and functions to major **realignments** of supply, storage and industrial capacity functions, to becoming a "receiver site" for another service organization.

"The Marine Corps was strategically positioned fairly well in advance of the 2005 BRAC process," said Brig. Gen. Willie J. Williams, assistant deputy commandant for Installations and Logistics. "These recommendations will improve our organizational alignments, and help us achieve a more efficient base infrastructure. We look forward to working with the BRAC Commission in their further analysis of these recommendations, and ultimately implementing the decisions made by the president and the Congress."

If the recommendations are approved, nine Navy-Marine Corps reserve centers in California, Ohio, Wisconsin, Louisiana, Oklahoma, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Alabama will close. Two inspector-instructor sites in Rome, Ga., and West Trenton, N.J., will be shut down as well. In a move designed to further joint interoperability among the services, personnel operating out of these facilities will be primarily reassigned to Armed Forces Reserve Centers located nearby in their respective states.

The Marine Corps Support Activity in Kansas City, Mo., will close and move its Mobility Command to Naval Air Station, Joint Reserve Base, New Orleans, but retain an enclave for the 9th Marine Corps District and the 24th Marine Regiment. Marine Forces Reserve Headquarters is scheduled to follow suit, moving out of its current location at the Naval Support Activity, New Orleans, also recommended for closure.

Four Marine Corps reserve aviation squadrons and other select aviation support units are recommended to make eventual moves from installations slated to close. Naval Air Station Atlanta will see its reserve Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 142 relocate to NAS Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth, Texas. Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 773 will relocate to nearby Robins Air Force Base. The reserve Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 772 out of NAS Willow Grove, Pa., will eventually move to McGuire AFB, and HMLA-775, Detachment A, from Johnstown, Pa., will also be relocated to McGuire AFB.

To eliminate excess infrastructure and functional redundancy, brigades on three major bases are being consolidated under the central management of joint correctional facilities - one on each coast. Inmates and staff members aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., and MCB Camp Lejeune, N.C., will be relocated to a mid-Atlantic Joint Regional Correctional Facility at the Naval Support Activity in Chesapeake, Va., while those aboard MCB Camp Pendleton, Calif., will eventually relocate to a joint correctional facility at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif. Each of the bases closing their brigades will maintain at least some pre-trial confinement capability.

Marine Corps Logistics Base **Barstow** in California will maintain its west coast presence to provide a close, responsive source for heavy depot maintenance support, while some of its selected commodity depot-level functions to be relocated to MCLB Albany, Ga. MCLB Albany will expand to meet the additional support requirement.

Other notable recommendations involve the eventual consolidation of service investigative departments aboard MCB Quantico. The base will become the host installation for Counterintelligence Field Activity and Defense Security Service, Naval Criminal Investigative Service and the Army Criminal Investigation Command. Such a move is expected to warrant an influx of more than 3,000 additional personnel to the base.

"This will facilitate multi-service missions by creating a joint organizational and basing solution that will not only reduce waste but also maximize military effectiveness," said Col. James Lowe, base commander, in a recent press statement.

In testimony to the BRAC commission May 17, Secretary of the Navy Gordon England summed up his view of the recommendations, "As I look at the infrastructure footprint, I'm confident that it is more than sufficient to support the Navy and Marine Corps force structure."

The Department of Defense's recommendations are by no means final. The BRAC Commission will review the recommendations and forward their report to President Bush by Sept. 8. He must approve or reject them on an all-or-nothing basis. By Sept 23, the president must send his

decision to Congress, which in turn has 45 legislative days to accept or reject the recommendations in their entirety. When that occurs, the recommendations then become law and must be implemented within 6 years.

Local News Articles

L.A. BASE ESCAPES ROUND OF CLOSURES

Lisa Friedman and Charles F. Bostwick
The Daily News of Los Angeles
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WASHINGTON - Los Angeles Air Force Base and other major military installations in California survived the Pentagon's closure list Friday, but Ventura County took the state's biggest hit with the potential loss of 1,500 military and civilian jobs.

The Pentagon's Base **Realignment** and Closure plan recommends the cut in jobs at Naval Base Ventura County, but officials at Los Angeles and Edwards Air Force bases as well as Fort Irwin National Training Center in the Mojave Desert breathed sighs of relief.

The Pentagon recommended leaving those facilities untouched or even adding new military operations.

"Bottom line, it's not too bad," Sen. Dianne Feinstein said of the Pentagon recommendations' potential impact on California.

Other job losses in California would occur in San Diego and Riverside counties, where each could lose about 1,000 positions. San Bernardino County could lose more than 500 jobs, mostly in **Barstow**.

Overall, California stands to lose 2,018 military and civilian jobs and could face the closure of 11 installations. State leaders noted that the loss is a fraction of what California suffered in four earlier rounds of base closings.

California has lost more than 93,000 jobs and 29 bases since the first round of closures in 1988. More than 15,000 jobs drained out of California just in the latest one, in 1995.

"To some extent, California paid at the office. The bases that we have now really do play a very important role in terms of our national security. That's frankly what saved us," said Leon Panetta, co-chairman of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's commission that investigated how to support the state's bases.

The federal Base **Realignment** and Closure commission will hold hearings on the Pentagon recommendations until Sept. 8, when it will forward its own list to President George W. Bush.

Panetta noted that many of the Pentagon's recommended **realignments** in California actually moved jobs from one part of the state to another - including the 2,300 Ventura County jobs that could transfer to Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake in the Kern County desert or the 850 Corona jobs that could come to Ventura County.

California installations that could gain positions include Edwards Air Force Base (51 jobs); the Marine Corps Reserve Center in Pasadena (25 jobs); and Vandenberg Air Force Base in Santa Barbara County (145 jobs).

Tom Nielsen, spokesman for the Ventura County BRAC task force, said the news could have been worse.

``It's not as grim as potentially it could have been," he said. ``It could have been a 'lock the doors and give us the keys as you walk out.'"

But he also worried that the recommendations to move weapons and electronic warfare research and test work to Kern County could ``realign us into obscurity."

Both Rep. Elton Gallegly, R-Thousand Oaks, and Ventura County Supervisor John Flynn noted that the base employs more than 18,000 people and said the potential losses must be put into perspective.

``The base remains open, and if you count 1,500 jobs out of 18,000, I think we came out of the whole thing very well. But I'd have to say that 1,500 jobs lost is 1,500 people," Flynn said.

Gallegly said Channel Islands Air National Guard Station will add 19 jobs by replacing E model C-130 cargo planes with more modern J models.

Overall, assuming no economic recovery, the Pentagon estimates the total loss of Ventura County jobs, both directly from the military transfers and indirectly from job losses at other affected businesses, would be more than 6,000 over the next five years.

That is about 1.5 percent of the area's present total employment.

Mark Schniepp of the Goleta-based California Economic Forecast said the job losses, if they occur, will be virtually unnoticeable in a metropolitan area. They are no greater, he said, than what has occurred for a number of years through low-key defense cuts.

``It really is irrelevant to the economies here," Schniepp said.

Southern California officials said they were particularly grateful that Los Angeles Air Force Base, south of Los Angeles International Airport, was spared. Lewis said he personally spoke with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Vice President Richard Cheney about the base's importance, conversations that other lawmakers said directly helped save the base.

``This was the biggest battle in the war and I'm very pleased that we were successful," said Rep. Jane Harman, D-El Segundo.

Los Angeles Air Force Base supporters spent more than \$1 million on consultants to lobby for the base's survival.

Home to the Air Force's Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB employs 4,439 military and civilian workers and has authority over about \$60 billion worth of defense contracts. The base was long feared to be on the Pentagon's hit list, with its jobs likely to move to Colorado or New Mexico.

Others warned the fight isn't yet over.

"This is no time to let our guard down," Assemblywoman Jenny Oropeza, D-Carson, said in a statement. "Those bases now on the closure list will be lobbying to be spared. Should that occur, L.A. Air Force Base may again be targeted. We must not let that happen," she said.

Local bases could expand California does not avoid proposed military closures.

Denny Boyles
Fresno Bee
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Lemoore Naval Air Station and the Air National Guard's 144th Fighter Wing in Fresno should survive -- and expand -- Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld proposed Friday.

The Defense Department released a report Friday recommending the closing of 180 military installations from Maine to Hawaii. The Pentagon said the proposed changes would save about \$50 billion over the next 20 years. **Realignments** at overseas bases will save an additional \$12 billion. Rumsfeld said the changes will better position the U.S. to confront new threats.

Nationwide, 33 major bases would close, and 29 others would realign. The report also recommends moving 13,500 military personnel from overseas bases in Korea and Germany back to the United States.

A base closure committee will spend four months reviewing the report, then forward it to the Congress and President Bush for approval.

The two local bases would add nearly 400 new jobs and bring newer, updated aircraft to the Air Guard base under Rumsfeld's plan.

Fresno City Council Member Larry Westerlund, who led a local effort to support the Air Guard base, said he was thrilled to learn the base would grow.

"It appears that the decision makers are looking at the Valley and seeing that we do fill a vital national security role. They also see that this is an area that supports the military, and is a great place for people to live on a military budget," Westerlund said.

Fresno Mayor Alan Autry credited the work done by leaders at every level for the military growth at both Lemoore and in Fresno.

"This is a total team victory. There is still some uncertainty in terms of actual numbers of personnel that will come, but we went from a situation where we could be less secure, to knowing that we will be more secure. That's a significant victory, and a big turnaround," Autry said.

"This is a great day for Fresno, a great day for the Central Valley, and a great day for California."

Under Rumsfeld's plan, the 144th Fighter Wing would add more than 300 military and civilian personnel to the nearly 1,000 working there. Lemoore would gain 51 military and civilian jobs.

The Pentagon report also calls for the 144th to retire its fleet of 15 F-16C fighters, which would be replaced by 24 newer aircraft transferred from other bases.

Air wing officials aren't yet sure of the exact numbers or positions of the people who will be added, said 2nd Lt. Heather Pratt, 144th spokeswoman.

"I would imagine since we're getting additional aircraft, we would be getting pilots and aircraft maintainers," Pratt said.

Dennis McGrath, spokesman for Lemoore Naval Air Station, said every military base was required to provide information for the report, focusing primarily on mission capabilities and military value. But, McGrath said, other factors were also considered by the Pentagon.

"Things such as encroachment, community support and ability to grow were also important," McGrath said.

He added that while both military and community leaders were relieved that Lemoore was not proposed for closure, the process isn't over.

"The commission can change the list before it goes to the president, and that has happened in every BRAC [Base **Realignment** and Closure Commission] round. Until the list is approved by the Congress and the president, nothing is final," he said.

While the news was grim for many states, California leaders were relieved that the state appeared to fare much better than in past years, when California lost 25 major bases in four rounds of closures.

Ten other California sites also are slated to grow, including Edwards Air Force Base, Naval Air Weapons Station in China Lake and the Marine Corps Logistics base in **Barstow**.

California didn't escape unscathed. Some military bases are recommended for closure, including Onizuka Air Force Base in Sunnyvale, Naval Support Activity Corona, and separate military finance centers in Oakland, San Bernardino, San Diego and Seaside.

Other bases will be realigned, including a naval hospital in San Diego, the Marine Corps base at Camp Pendleton and March Air Reserve Base.

If the list is approved without changes, California would lose 785 military jobs and 1,200 civilian positions.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

INFOBOX

Commission recommendations

Local changes recommended by the Base **Realignment** and Closure Commission:

California Air Guard

144th Fighter Wing

Add 57 military positions, including pilots and aircraft maintainers

Add 254 civilian positions

Retire current fleet of 15 aging F-16C, Block 25 fighters

Transfer 24 newer F-16C, Block 32 fighters from bases in Arizona, Arkansas and Nevada to Fresno

Lemoore Naval Air Station

Transfer 39 military positions

Add 44 military positions, mainly aircraft maintenance personnel from bases in San Diego

Add 35 civilian positions, mainly aircraft maintenance

California bases recommended for closure

Armed Forces Reserve Center, Bell

Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Oakland

Defense Finance and Accounting Service, San Bernardino

Defense Finance and Accounting Service, San Diego

Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Seaside

Naval Support Activity, Corona

Naval Weapons Station, Concord

Navy-Marine Corps Reserve Center, Encino

Navy-Marine Corps Reserve Center, Los Angeles

Onizuka Air Force Station, Sunnyvale

Riverbank Army Ammunition Plant

EXPERTS EVALUATE LIKELY ECONOMIC IMPACT OF POSSIBLE CALIFORNIA BASE CLOSURES

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The latest round of military downsizing could take more than 1,500 Inland residents off the government payroll, but it won't have the catastrophic effect on local communities that followed a much more severe round of cuts a decade ago, experts said Friday.

If Congress in the coming months approves the **realignment** of four military facilities in Riverside and San Bernardino counties, the region could lose more than 3,500 military and related civilian jobs. It could also take more than \$ 308 million a year out of the region's economy, according to estimates by Inland economist John Husing.

"About half those people will lose their jobs and not know why," said Inland economist John Husing. His estimate not only includes the military and related civilian job cuts, but the reduced spending for services ranging from accounting to janitorial.

Nearly 900 jobs will be lost at Navy facility in Norco, but workers at that site are expected to shift to other jobs rather than move out of state. Another 265 jobs at Computer Science Corp. will likely follow since the company relies on the Navy center, Husing said.

Together, those jobs have an average salary of \$ 70,000, twice the region's median income level, according to Husing's 2004 economic impact study of a possible closure of the Norco facility.

"These are highly specialized, very technical jobs," Husing said. "This is not average work."

He said most of the employees likely would seek high-tech employment elsewhere in the region, mostly in Orange and Los Angeles counties.

The Base **Realignment** and Closure process could also include about 120 jobs at an accounting facility in San Bernardino; 111 jobs at March Air Reserve Base; and 419 at the Marine Corps Logistics Base in **Barstow**.

While the job losses will be painful, the region will not be hurt as badly as an earlier round of base closures when about 10,000 jobs were lost in the San Bernardino area when Norton Air Force Base closed and more than 4,000 were disappeared when March Air Force Base in Moreno Valley shifted to reserve status.

That round of closures, which included George Air Force Base in Victorville, had an economic hit of about \$ 3.1 billion, Husing said.

Working in the Inland area's favor this time is the relative health of the local economy.

When the first round of closures hit, Southern California was reeling from a sour housing market, Kaiser's steel operations had closed about a decade earlier, Santa Fe Railway closed its repair facility in San Bernardino few years earlier and the end of the Cold War led to huge cuts in the region's aerospace industry.

Now the housing market is booming, job growth in the Inland region is the envy of the state and a burgeoning market for office space means most office buildings being used by the military will not sit empty very long.

In San Bernardino, for example, a group of local governments that is overseeing the

redevelopment of the former Norton base already is eyeing offices now occupied by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

If the employees there are relocated to three other facilities around the country, the Inland Valley Development Agency could gain a \$ 12 million asset in the process, said interim executive director Don Rogers. The military sank that much money into the offices at Mill Street and Tippecanoe Avenue a few years ago, making it prime real estate.

"We hate to lose the jobs, but we gain a \$ 12 million asset that we can rent out to generate funds for other projects," Rogers said.

The spot cannot compete with the most desirable office spot in the immediate area--Hospitality Lane--but it does offer close access to interstates 10 and 215, said Rick Lazar, president and managing partner of Lazar & Lauer Commercial Real Estate in Redlands.

"There's absolutely zero impact," Lazar said. "The county of San Bernardino is constantly looking for space, which would make them an ideal tenant for the place."

The development agency had toyed with the idea of asking the accounting agency to move from the site if it could have found a user for two buildings, instead of just one, Rogers said. That's a far cry from 10 years ago, when such a move would have been anathema.

The closure of Norton sent San Bernardino into a tailspin from which it only now is starting to recover.

"That was a horrendous time," said Rep. Jerry Lewis, R-Redlands. "It was a huge pulling of the plug, to say the least."

With warehouse development flowing east to large, open lots where companies can build state-of-the-art distribution centers, the local economy now is much more able to absorb such a loss.

Dallas-based Hillwood has brought several large warehouse and distribution centers to the area. The planned Stater Bros. Markets' headquarters and distribution center is the latest move in that transformation.

The two-county region is expected to add 40,000 jobs this year, mostly in retail, warehousing and construction. Since the early 1990s, the region has added 460,000 jobs, according to the California Employment Development Department.

The effects at Norco should be equally limited, Husing said. He said the site probably would end up as a corporate campus for a large company, although probably not as quickly as most people would like.

There is no way to predict how soon the jobs will be shifted or how long it will take to find a new user. The Inland office market is sizzling, with low vacancy rates, but Husing said the area is not nearly as ready to absorb such a large real estate asset as it will be by 2010.

"If this was happening five years from now, we would be able to flip it pretty quickly," he said.

Workers at the facility likely will seek continued employment in Southern California, Husing said. That will limit the harm to neighborhoods since workers will keep their existing homes, but

it will result in more of the most desirable types of employees working in the coastal counties.

"It's high-tech, exactly what we are trying to bring into the Inland Empire," Husing said. "To lose that is unfortunate because it is a blow to the strategy we have for this area."

The proposed loss of 111 jobs at March Air Reserve Base could be more than offset later in the year if local leaders are successful in attracting additional military resources, said Phil Rizzo, executive director of the March Joint Powers Authority.

March had an economic impact of \$ 423 million on the surrounding community in 2004, up from \$ 347 million the prior year, said Rizzo, who also is chairman of the Inland Empire Installation Support Committee, a group of business and political leaders trying to blunt the effects of the base closure process on March and the Naval facility in Norco.

About 9,100 people come through March during a month's time and about 1,200 employees are there every day, he said. Compared to that, the proposed job cuts are relatively minor.

"In the whole scheme of things, 111 people, I just don't see that as a huge issue," he said. "It's not a blip that I would worry about."

**The Nation; State Would Lose One Major Base Under Proposal;
Net job loss would be 2,018; previous rounds of cuts hit California harder than
other states.**

Los Angeles Times
Tony Perry
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Of the 30 major military bases in California, only one is on the list of bases that the Pentagon wants to close, the little-known Naval Surface Warfare Center in Corona, where civilians analyze modern weapons systems and other technology for all military branches.

Even though the center's closure has been proposed, its 892 engineers, scientists and other technical employees would be offered transfers to the Ventura County Naval Base.

The list unveiled Friday is a turnaround from four previous cutbacks, when California suffered more base closures and job losses than any other state, punching the state's economy in the gut.

"Looking back at prior base closure rounds, California dodged a bullet," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.).

High-profile California bases that local officials feared were vulnerable -- the Los Angeles Air Force Base, the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey and major Marine Corps and Navy bases in San Diego -- were spared. But closure of 10 smaller facilities was proposed.

Under the proposal, the Naval Base Ventura County would lose hundreds of jobs to the Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake, about 180 miles away, but gain hundreds from the transfer of workers from the Corona facility.

In San Diego, a school at the Naval Medical Center in Balboa Park that trains enlisted sailors to

become corpsmen -- the medics who follow Marines and sailors into battle -- would be transferred to Ft. Sam Houston, an Army base in Texas.

Once all the transfers and closures were accomplished, California, which has nearly 200,000 military and civilian defense jobs, would lose 2,018 of them under the plan unveiled by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld amid angst in military communities throughout the nation. In cuts from 1988 to 1995, California had 29 bases closed and lost 93,000 jobs.

On the list this time are the armed service reserve center in Bell; finance and accounting offices in Oakland, San Bernardino, San Diego and Seaside; Navy-Marine reserve centers in Encino and L.A.; the Onizuka Air Force Station in Santa Clara County; and the Riverbank Army ammunition plant in Modesto.

Military facilities in Concord, Modesto and Santa Clara County are included on the government's list of 33 so-called major bases slated for closure. However, the California Council on Base Support and Retention considers only the Corona base a major facility -- thus the announcement that the state faces only one major closure.

Concord, east of San Francisco, was the only California community that had asked the Pentagon to close its base -- the Concord Naval Weapons Station on Suisun Bay -- so that the property could be used for residential and commercial development and a greenbelt. Officials got half their wish when the inland portion of the station was put on the closure list.

Jobs will be lost at March Air Base in Riverside, the Marine maintenance facility in **Barstow**, a weapons station in Fallbrook and Beale Air Force Base in Yuba City, all of which are being downsized.

The Los Angeles Air Force Base, the Monterey facility and the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Miramar Marine Corps Air Station in San Diego had been considered candidates for closure as Rumsfeld seeks to transform the military.

"None of the big axes we've discussed have fallen," said Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-El Cajon), chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) said she would fight in Congress to keep as many of the 2,018 jobs as possible. "Every job loss represents a family's income," she said.

Boosters of the Los Angeles Air Force Base were exultant that the campaign to save the base appeared to be successful.

"This is a significant development for national security and great news for California's economic health and well-being," said Redondo Beach Councilman John Parsons.

"Nobody got much sleep last night," said Mayor Kelly McDowell of El Segundo, where the base is located.

The base, employing engineers and specialists involved in the design and purchase of satellites, launch vehicles and ground stations, has about 4,500 civilian and military workers and pumps \$8 billion a year into the regional economy.

The biggest job gains among California bases will be at the 32nd Street Naval Station in San

Diego, with 1,170 new jobs, and the Naval Air Weapons China Lake, with 2,469 jobs.

Rep. Lois Capps (D-Santa Barbara), who represents the Ventura County Naval Base, called for the Base **Realignment** and Closure Commission to reject the Pentagon's proposal as it prepares its own list for President Bush. Once the Corona employees are added and Ventura County employees are sent to China Lake, the base is expected to lose 1,534 positions.

The shifting of jobs away from Port Hueneme and Point Mugu, Capps said, will mean "serious disruptions to the lives of the military and civilian personnel on the base and their families."

March Air Base in Riverside will lose about 70 military personnel and 40 civilian workers as five refueling planes are redeployed out of state. But officials had feared an even greater setback for the base, which employs more than 9,000 people.

"This is like hitting a home run, a hole-in-one, winning the Super Bowl," said retired Air Force Col. Phil Rizzo, the base commander until 1992.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in November formed the California Council on Base Support and Retention, whose co-chairman was longtime Washington insider Leon Panetta, a former member of Congress and former White House chief of staff.

Schwarzenegger, at a news conference Friday, praised the council for educating the Pentagon about the California bases. But Feinstein suggested that lobbying by the state and various military communities probably had little effect on the list.

"I think the weighing in of people on Los Angeles Air Force Base might have helped, but my sense is that [the Department of] Defense is going to do what Defense is going to do," she said.

California has 30 major bases and dozens of smaller installations, more than any other state in the nation, spread from the Sierra Army Depot in Lassen County to the massive Navy and Marine Corps installations in San Diego.

For months, civic officials, politicians and lobbyists have prowled the corridors of Washington to plead the case for California's bases. Although the Pentagon's list is meant to be only the beginning of the process, history has shown that 85% of bases targeted by the Pentagon will end up closed.

Concord officials were delighted that the 5,170-acre inland portion of the base there, unused since 1999, is on the closure list. The 7,630-acre tidal area, where ships are loaded with ammunition, is to remain open.

"Everybody is just joyful and ecstatic," said James Forsberg, the city's director of planning and economic development.

Depot action will get a fight;

BARSTOW: Officials lament the decision to downsize the base, eliminating 419 jobs.

Press Enterprise (Riverside, CA)

DARRELL R. SANTSCHI

May 14, 2005

The potential loss of 419 jobs from the Marine Corps Logistics Base represents 9 percent of the city's jobs and 11 percent of its economy, city officials said Friday as they laid plans to fight **realignment** of the base.

Word that some operations at the base would be moved comes as it is hiring extra workers to help repair and refurbish equipment being shipped to **Barstow** from Iraq and Afghanistan, said Patricia Morris, assistant to **Barstow's** city manager.

Mayor Lawrence E. Dale said the Pentagon's recommendation doesn't make sense because it goes against the government's own desires.

"This recommendation is just plain wrong," Dale said in a press release.

Morris said the military claimed to want a West Coast depot presence.

"This cut would not maintain a depot presence on the West Coast," she said.

The base has survived four previous closure and **realignment** rounds, with some employees reassigned in 1993.

Department of Defense officials said it will cost \$ 26 million to downsize the base, but they expect to save \$ 56.5 million over a 20-year period. The department also said the **realignment** would eliminate 30 percent of duplicate supervisory structures at the depot.

Base officials refused to comment on the specifics of the government's recommendations.

"Yes, we've got the news," said W.M. "Bill" Bokholt, the base's civilian public-affairs officer. "But, as we've been telling people, it's not final. . . . They don't know how this will shake out."

Still, residents are worried. **Barstow** City Hall received numerous phone calls from residents on Friday wondering whether the news about the depot was good or bad, Morris said.

Frank Saiz, 48, a **Barstow** resident and maintenance supervisor at the **Barstow** Outlet Mall, fears the impact the action could have on the city.

"**Barstow** could wind up a ghost town," Saiz said.

And while the base is not slated for closure, city officials are still worried about the fallout from the recommendations.

"The jobs in question are Cadillac jobs in the community. The jobs pay very well and they have benefits," Morris said. "We're obviously grateful that it didn't close, but we're not happy with the decision."

Editorial/Opinion Articles

OUR VIEWS; Bitter BRAC

Press Enterprise (Riverside, CA)

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The Inland area should consider Friday's base-closing news bittersweet. The region was able to retain the foundation of its defense infrastructure at the March Air Reserve Base and the training facilities at Fort Irwin and Twentynine Palms.

But Inland Southern California took a disproportionate hit from job losses scheduled in Norco, San Bernardino and **Barstow**.

Riverside and San Bernardino counties are slated to surrender more than 80 percent of the 2,000 net jobs California would lose under this week's recommendations from the Defense Department. So while California absorbed a glancing blow - particularly compared with the four previous rounds of base-closing - the Inland region took a shot to the jaw.

Because the Base **Realignment** and Closure commission could amend Friday's list before sending a final version to Congress this fall, here's hoping the panel will restore some of those crucial local jobs.

The most jarring hit will be the closure of the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Norco. It is the Navy's only independent analysis center, where nearly 900 high-tech workers gauge the battle readiness of warships and aircraft. Meantime, the Marine Corps Logistics Base in **Barstow** is set for **realignment**, losing about one-fourth of its 1,800 workers. Because the **Barstow** base is the Marines' only repair depot west of the Mississippi River, local officials should continue to impress upon the commission the strategic importance of keeping this facility in full operation.

California endured far too many hits from the previous rounds of base closures - more than 35 bases have been shuttered or downsized, costing the state's economy nearly \$ 10 billion a year in lost activity. The Inland region alone lost the Norton and George air bases, and March was downsized to a reserve facility.

But with strategic threats looming from China and North Korea, the U.S. military will need more, not fewer, active facilities on the West Coast. The final BRAC list is scheduled to go to President Bush no later than Sept. 8; Congress is slated to accept or reject it by Thanksgiving. As always, Inland Southern California stands ready to serve.

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McKeon Statement on Marine Corps Logistics Base in Barstow

Washington, May 13 -

U.S. Rep. Howard P. "Buck" McKeon (R-Santa Clarita) today issued the following statement regarding the Pentagon's recommendation to realign the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Barstow:

"I am disappointed by the Department of Defense's recommendation to realign the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Barstow (MCLBB). MCLBB has done an outstanding job performing depot-level maintenance on military equipment, helping to ensure that the United States Armed Forces are able to meet training, operational, mobilization and emergency requirements.

"In the coming days and weeks, I will work closely with local, state, and federal officials to thoroughly analyze the Pentagon's decision, and to ensure that the BRAC commission receives all the facts, clarifications, and corrections to make an informed decision about the future of MCLBB.

"In addition, I plan to meet with Lieutenant General Richard Kelly, Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics, to discuss all of the options we have on the table.

"Earlier today, Marine Corp Commandant Michael Hagee personally called to express his support for the base and the important mission that it fulfills. He reiterated that MCLBB makes a viable and significant contribution to the Department of Defense, and he is hopeful it will acquire additional joint military operations in the future. I will eagerly work with the Marines and other services to pursue those possibilities.

"Today's announcement undoubtedly comes as bad news for hundreds of families in Barstow. However, I will do everything within my jurisdiction to help our community as we enter the next phase of the BRAC process."

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