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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subj: MEETING WITH BEAUFORT MILITARY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Encl: (1) Beaufort Military Enhancement Committee Informational Brochure

1. Mr. Wayne Army, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Installations and Environment (ASN (I&E)); BGen Willie J. Williams, USMC, Assistant Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics (Facilities); and Mr. Paul Hubbell, Deputy Assistant Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics (Facilities), HQMC met with members of the Beaufort Military Enhancement Committee, including John Payne (Col, USMC (Ret.)), Chair, Military Enhancement Committee; Samuel Murray, Mayor, Town of Port Royal; Wm. Weston J. Newton, Beaufort County Council; William Rauch, Mayor, City of Beaufort; Robert Semmler (Col, USMC (Ret.)), Vice-Chair, Beaufort Military Enhancement Committee; James Shufelt (BGen, USA (Ret.)), Chair, Greater Beaufort Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee; and, Laura Solomon, Executive Director, Beaufort Military Enhancement Committee in Room 4D583 at the Pentagon at 1330 on 1 September 2004. Additionally, CAPT James Heffernan, USN, OASN (I&E); CDR David Sienicki, CEC, USN, OASN (I&E); LtCol Mark Dahl, USMC, OLA; CDR Christopher Dour, USN, OLA; and, Capt James A. Noel, USMC, ODASN (IS&A) were also present.

2. The members of the community delegation provided enclosure (1). They highlighted that the 4000 ft runways of the MCAS Beaufort were expandable to 8000 ft, and encroachment is minimal since the base is located in a rural area. They indicated that the installation provides the only location on the east coast where simulated attacks from the sea are possible and suggested that the available unique training range can't be reconstituted elsewhere on the east coast. Additionally, they noted that the mutual support between the military and local community for emergency services and improvements to Quality of life and are additional benefits of MCAS Beaufort. The locality's education system continues to improve, especially with the addition of DOD schools and a new four-year degree granting institution and housing rental units in the locality are renting below BAH rates for E-1 to E-3. The delegation further noted that the capacity to handle surge at MCRD Parris Island was important to the DON recruit training mission. Lastly, the delegation commented while the Naval Hospital continues to be an important military and community asset, 75% of military doctors are granted privilege at the local hospital in Beaufort, possibly allowing for outsourcing or privatization of medical services.

3. Mr. Army noted that the Navy owned land that currently hosts the Naval Hospital could be useful for other DOD activities. After thanking the delegation for visiting, he highlighted the transformational imperative of this BRAC round, explaining that the BRAC process will comport with law and statute. He described the process as a simple matter of giving primacy to the 20 year Force Structure Plan (FSP), establishing the inventory required to support the FSP,

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determining the current inventory, and reducing the excess. Mr. Arny emphasized that there are no preconceived lists of bases for closure or realignment. He stated the DoN policy of collecting detailed, certified data, to allow for decisions based solely on the selection criteria that treats all bases equally. Mr. Arny further stated that DON will listen to the community and keep any information received; however, community information will not be included as part of the certified data for decision-making.

4. The meeting concluded at 1400.


J. A. NOEL
Captain
United States Marine Corps
Recorder, IAT

A RESOLUTION
BY THE BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL
IN SUPPORT OF OUR U.S. MILITARY

WHEREAS, the Beaufort County Council recognizes the contribution the U.S. Military makes to Beaufort County; and

WHEREAS, the Beaufort County Council endorses and commits to the on-going success of the individual missions of the Naval Hospital Beaufort, Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort and the Marine Corps Training Station, Parris Island; and

WHEREAS, the Beaufort County Council wishes to participate in and take a lead role in the promotion and support of a coordinated effort to actively retain our military facilities based in Beaufort; and

WHEREAS, the Beaufort County Council recognizes that the Greater Beaufort Chamber of Commerce has created a Military Affairs Committee, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Beaufort County Council resolves to adopt the following:

1. That Beaufort County Council will support the Greater Beaufort Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee as our representative in the coming base realignment and closure process; and
2. Beaufort County Council will financially support the effort of the Military Affairs Committee with a fiscal year 2002-03 contribution from the County general fund in the amount of \$50,000; and
3. Beaufort County Council encourages every municipality, defense contractor, and any and all citizens located and working in Beaufort County to join Beaufort County Council in fiscally and morally supporting the Military Affairs Committee.

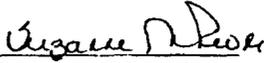
Adopted this 10th day of March 2003.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

By: _____

Wm. Weston J. Newton, Chairman

ATTEST:


Suzanne M. Rainey
Clerk to Council

A RESOLUTION
BY THE BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL
IN SUPPORT OF OUR U.S. ARMED FORCES

WHEREAS, the Beaufort County Council is the governing body of Beaufort County, a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Beaufort County has the honor of being home to U.S. Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, U.S. Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, and Naval Hospital Beaufort; and

WHEREAS, the men and women on active duty in our U.S. Armed Forces, and their spouses and children, enhance and contribute tremendously to life in Beaufort County; and

WHEREAS, the men and women who serve as U.S. Armed Forces reservists and National Guardsmen, and their spouses and children, enhance and contribute tremendously to life in Beaufort County; and

WHEREAS, world events and crises call our family, friends and neighbors in the U.S. Armed Forces to the service of our country both at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, the Beaufort County Council desires to thank and honor the men and women of our U.S. Armed Forces at this time and at all times.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Beaufort County Council does hereby extend its sincere and heartfelt gratitude to our U.S. Armed Forces family here and abroad, and asks that God protect and guide them. Further, the Beaufort County Council does hereby pledge its unending support and admiration for the men and women of Beaufort County's military community, as they in turn preserve, protect and defend our nation.

Adopted this 24th day of February, 2003.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY

By: Wm. Weston J. Newton
Wm. Weston J. Newton, Chairman

ATTEST:

Suzanne M. Rainey
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Clerk to Council



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Beaufort recognizes the social, cultural and economic importance of all military installations within Beaufort County; and

WHEREAS, the Beaufort Tri-Command has demonstrated its value to the defense of our country throughout the base closure process; and

WHEREAS, the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) 2005 will be a major challenge as the Department of Defense is resolved to close an estimated 23% of the country's military capacity; and

WHEREAS, over fifteen percent of Beaufort's labor force will be lost if our bases are closed; and

WHEREAS, a study by Georgia Southern University estimates that it could take seventeen years for the regional economy to recover to current levels if these military installations are lost; and

WHEREAS, the training opportunities afforded by the location of the Marine Corps Air Station-Beaufort with respect to the Atlantic and Savannah theater ranges are impossible to replicate at any other location; and

WHEREAS, the strategic and fiscal benefits created through the shared facilities at MCAS-Beaufort, the Beaufort Naval Hospital, and Parris Island Recruit Depot support and enhance the missions of the Marine Corps, the Navy, and the Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, the community has unabashedly proclaimed its support for these installations; and

WHEREAS, the Beaufort Military Enhancement Committee (MEC) serves to strengthen and protect our three military bases; and

WHEREAS, MEC's goals are to enhance the quality and value of the military installations in Beaufort County and defend our bases in the 2005 Department of Defense Base Realignment and Closure process.

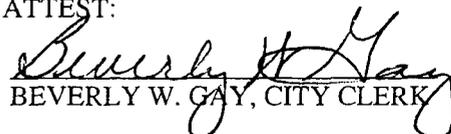
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Beaufort, South Carolina, hereby strongly supports the efforts of the Military Enhancement Committee in trying to preserve the bases in Beaufort.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Beaufort to be affixed this 27th day of July, 2004.



BILL RAUCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:



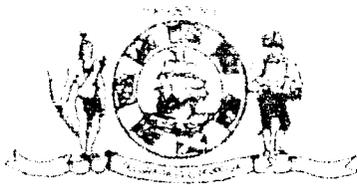
BEVERLY W. GAY, CITY CLERK

Samuel E. Murray
Mayor

Council

Yvonne Butler
Mayor Pro Tempore

Vernon H. DeLoach
Mary Beth Heyward
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Town of Port Royal South Carolina

Resolution 8-2004

A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN OF PORT ROYAL COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF OUR U.S. MILITARY

WHEREAS, the Town of Port Royal Council recognizes the contribution the U.S. Military makes to the Town of Port Royal; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Port Royal Council endorses and commits to the on-going success of the individual missions of the Naval Hospital Beaufort, Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort and the Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Port Royal wishes to participate in and take a lead role in the promotion and support of a coordinated effort to actively retain our military facilities based in Beaufort County; and

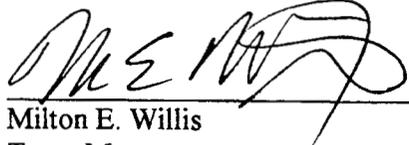
WHEREAS, the Town of Port Royal Council recognizes that the Greater Beaufort Chamber of Commerce has created a Military Affairs Committee; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Town of Port Royal duly assembled and with authority of same that the following be adopted:

1. That the Town of Port Royal will support the Greater Beaufort Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee as our representative in the coming base realignment and closure process; and
2. The Town of Port Royal has financially supported the effort of the Military Affairs Committee with a fiscal year 2003-04 contribution from the Town of Port Royal general fund in the amount of \$5,000; and
3. The Town of Port Royal Council encourages every municipality, defense contractor, and any and all citizens located and working in the Town of Port Royal to join the Council in fiscally and morally supporting the Military Affairs Committee.

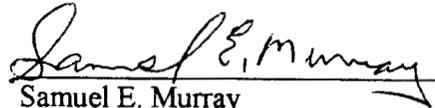
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REQUESTED:



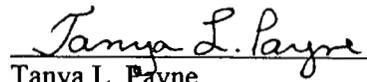
Milton E. Willis
Town Manager

APPROVED:

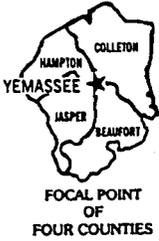


Samuel E. Murray
Mayor

ATTEST:



Tanya L. Payne
Municipal Clerk



J.L. GOODWIN
MAYOR

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A RESOLUTION BY THE YEMASSEE TOWN COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF OUR U.S. ARMED FORCES

WHEREAS, the Town Council is the governing body of the Town of Yemassee, a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Our community has the honor of being home to the U.S. Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, U.S. Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, and Naval Hospital Beaufort; and

WHEREAS, the men and women on active duty in our U.S. Armed Forces, and their spouses and children, enhance and contribute tremendously to life in the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the men and women who serve as U.S. Armed Forces reservists and National Guardsmen, and their spouses and children, enhance and contribute tremendously to life in our community; and

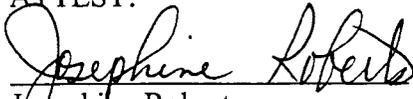
WHEREAS, world events and crises call our family, friends, and neighbors in the U.S. Armed Forces to the service of our country both at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, the Yemassee Town Council desires to thank and honor the men and women of our U.S. Armed Forces at this time and at all times.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Town of Yemassee Council does hereby extend its sincere and heartfelt gratitude to our U.S. Armed Forces family here and abroad, and asks that God protect and guide them. Further, the Town of Yemassee Council does hereby pledge its unending support and admiration for the men and women of our military community, as they in turn preserve, protect and defend our nation.

ATTEST:


Josephine Roberts
Clerk to Council

TOWN COUNCIL OF YEMASSEE

By:


J.L. GOODWIN, MAYOR