

BRAC Commission

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Mr. Anthony Principi  
2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 S. Clark St, Ste 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Principi,

I am very disappointed with your decision to close NAS Brunswick and move all the aircraft and personnel to the already overcrowded Jacksonville, Florida, area.

I don't know if it was ever considered to do the reverse and move the Florida planes and personnel to Brunswick where a new hangar was recently built in anticipation of the P-3 replacement aircraft. NASB has miles of unencumbered air space. The planes departing and landing at NASB do so over open water rather than miles of residential area.

NAS Brunswick has some unique squadrons that NAS Jax does not and NASB is aware of their needs and concerns and has the infrastructure to maintain the squadrons at the level necessary to keep our sailors and nation safe.

Moving SERE school south with the mild weather will take away the Navy's ability to do cold-weather survival training.

NAS Brunswick has the facilities already built and ready for any transition of airplanes. NASB does not have to wait for new facilities to be built where Jacksonville does. I do not see the cost savings that DOD reports would happen.

Please reconsider your decision.

Very respectfully,



Rose Hill