





PURPOSE

The citizens of the Bath-Brunswick region and of Maine have formed the Brunswick Naval Air Station Task Force to provide information that is relevant, accurate, complete and verifiable to the Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC)



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NAS Brunswick Closure Rejected by Department of Defense in BRAC 2005

Commander, Fleet Forces Command

“Closure of NAS Brunswick supports operational synergies associated with a single-site P-3/MMA force at the unacceptable expense of closing a base offering numerous transformational and maritime Homeland Defense basing opportunities.”

- CFFC input to DON Analysis
Group, March 2005



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Chief of Naval Operations -

*"This is a military value question more than anything else...
We're really keeping a strategic capability in the Northeast.
That's what it boils down to."*

*- ADM Vern Clark
Testimony to BRAC Commission,
May 17, 2005*



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**Undersecretary for Defense Acquisition, Technology, and
Logistics -**

"It came to our mind that having a strategic presence near borders in America made sense from a homeland security standpoint, made sense from a strategic surge and a future capability standpoint...."

*- The Hon. Michael W. Wynne,
Testimony to BRAC Commission,
July 18, 2005*



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Vice Chief of Naval Operations -

"In the later considerations, regarding Brunswick, there was a strategic aspect of Brunswick different from the strategic part that it played during the Cold War, and in this case it dealt with homeland defense and the desire to have access to the maritime domain for both maritime domain awareness, situational awareness, as well as interception capability. And we were evaluating our ability to meet our homeland defense requirements from the maritime domain throughout the East Coast and along the West Coast of the United States, and Brunswick provided us that strategic ability to readily access the maritime environment in the extreme Northeast."

*- ADM Robert Willard
Testimony to BRAC Commission,
July 18, 2005*



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NAS Brunswick Closure was Rejected Due to *Strategic Value and Requirements for Homeland Defense*

**Strategic Value reconfirmed immediately after
September 11, 2001**

Operation Vigilant Shield

Ready Alert requirements

Homeland Defense Strategies under formulation

Maritime Defense requirements *certain,
but undefined at that time*



NAS Brunswick *Requirements for Homeland Defense* ***“Strategy for Homeland Defense and Civil Support”*** **- Department of Defense, June 2005**

- “Terrorists or rogue states will attempt multiple, simultaneous mass casualty CBRNE attacks against the US Homeland.”
- An attack by terrorists armed with a nuclear device would kill at least 50,000 and as many as 1 million Americans. (CRS Study)
- “The United States must have a concept of operations for the active, layered maritime defense of the US homeland. Such a concept will require naval forces to be responsible to US Northern Command, consistent with maritime mission requirements, and will require that Navy forces be placed under periodic command and control of US Northern Command as appropriate.”



NAS Brunswick *Requirements for Homeland Defense* ***“Strategy for Homeland Defense and Civil Support”*** **- Department of Defense, June 2005**

Key Objectives

- “Achieve maximum awareness of potential threats”
- “Deter, intercept, and defeat threats at a safe distance”

Core Capabilities

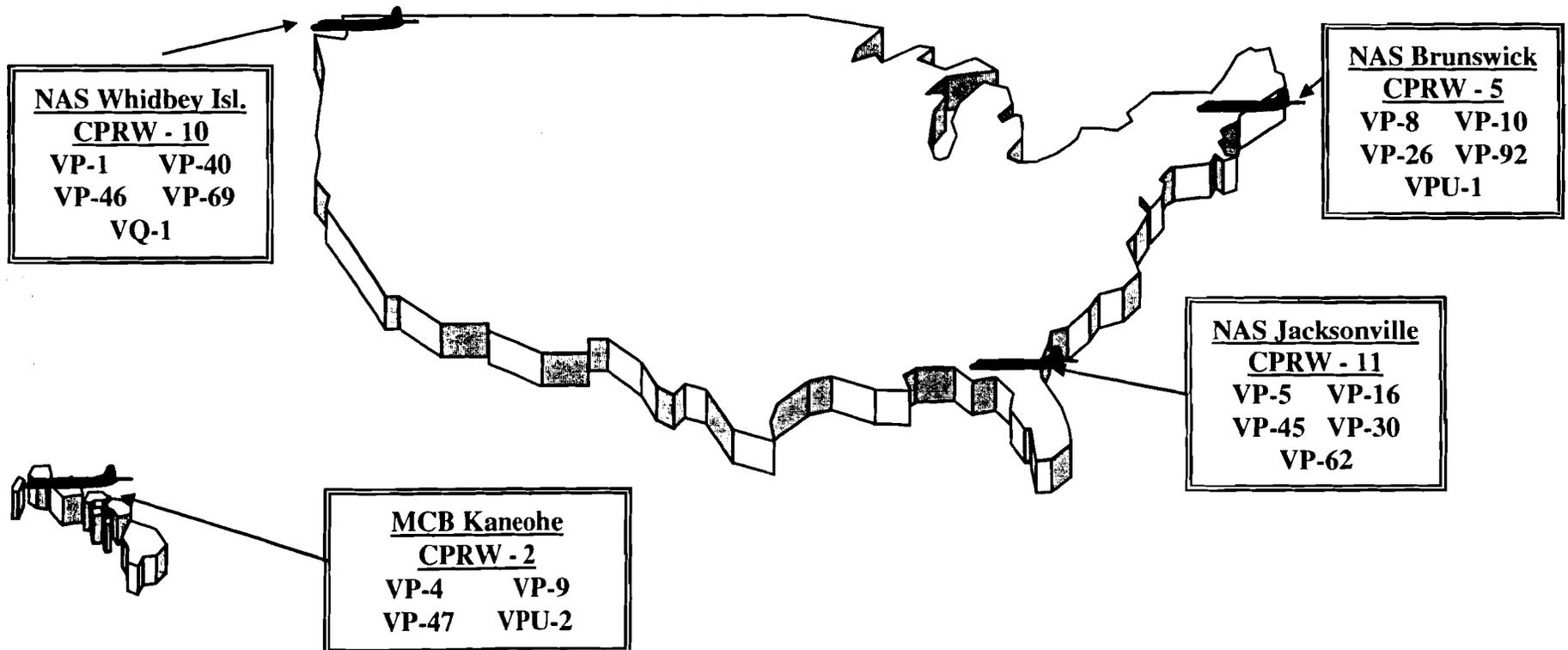
- Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Capabilities
- Detection, identification, and tracking of emerging threats in all operational domains

“Timely in response and readily accessible, Homeland Defense and Civil Support missions require a rapid response, *often measured in hours, not days.*”



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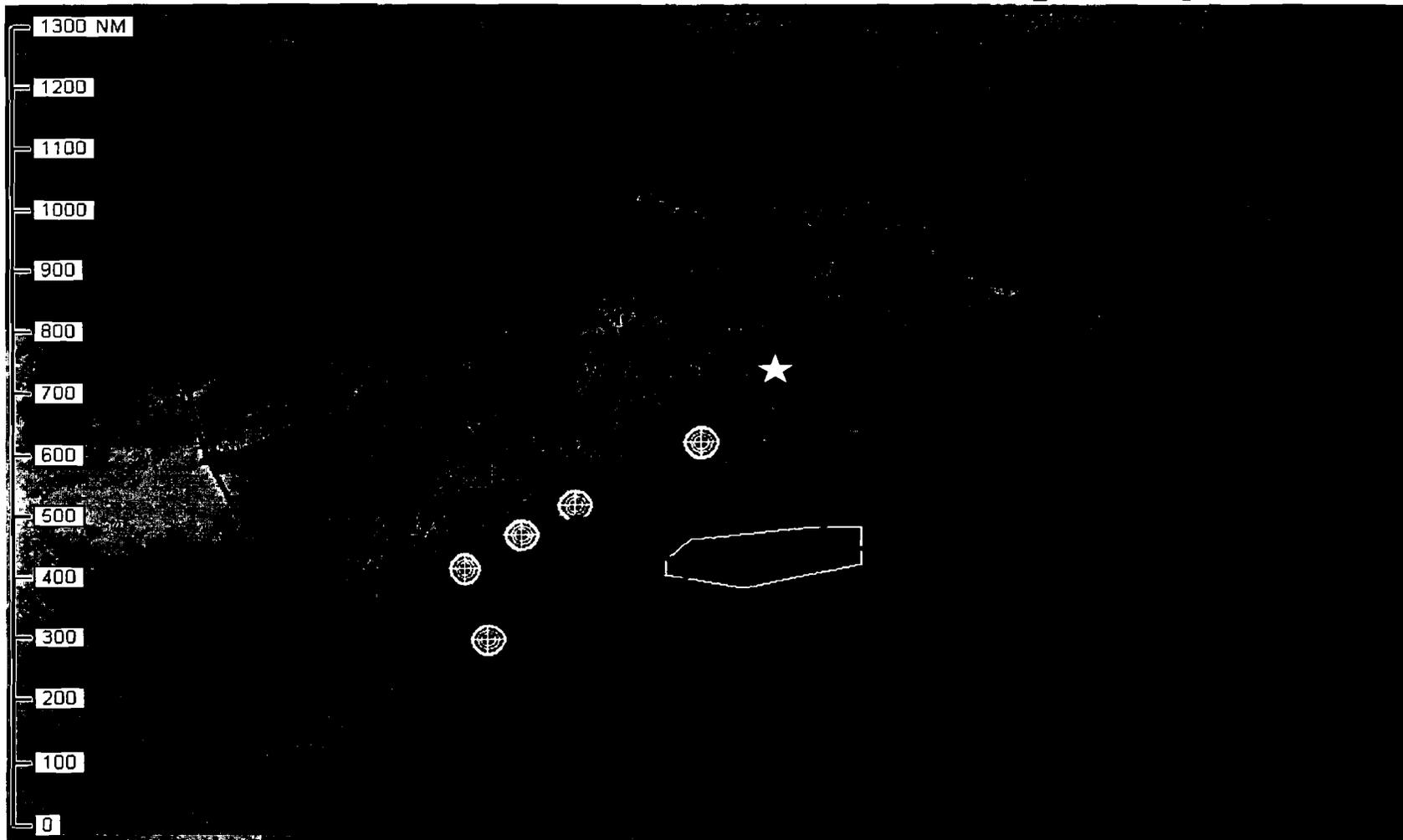
**Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Basing for
Homeland Defense – *When defending a geographic area,
geography matters!***





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NAS Brunswick's Strategic Importance





NAS Brunswick – Strategic Value

- “The major thrust of the evaluation of operational bases was to retain only that infrastructure necessary to support future force levels while at the same time, not impeding operational flexibility for the future deployment of that force. In that latter context, the Commander-in-Chief, US Atlantic Fleet (CINCLANTFLT) expressed an operational desire to have as fully-capable an air station as possible north of Norfolk with the closest geographic proximity to support operational deployments. Satisfaction of these needs both to further reduce excess capacity and to honor CINCLANTFLT’s **operational imperative** can be accomplished best by the retention of the most fully capable air station in this geographic area, NAS Brunswick, Maine, in lieu of the reserve air station at South Weymouth.”

- *BRAC 1995 Final Report*

- NORTHCOM’s **operational imperative** is even more valid in today’s post-9/11 world than CINCLANTFLT’s was ten years ago



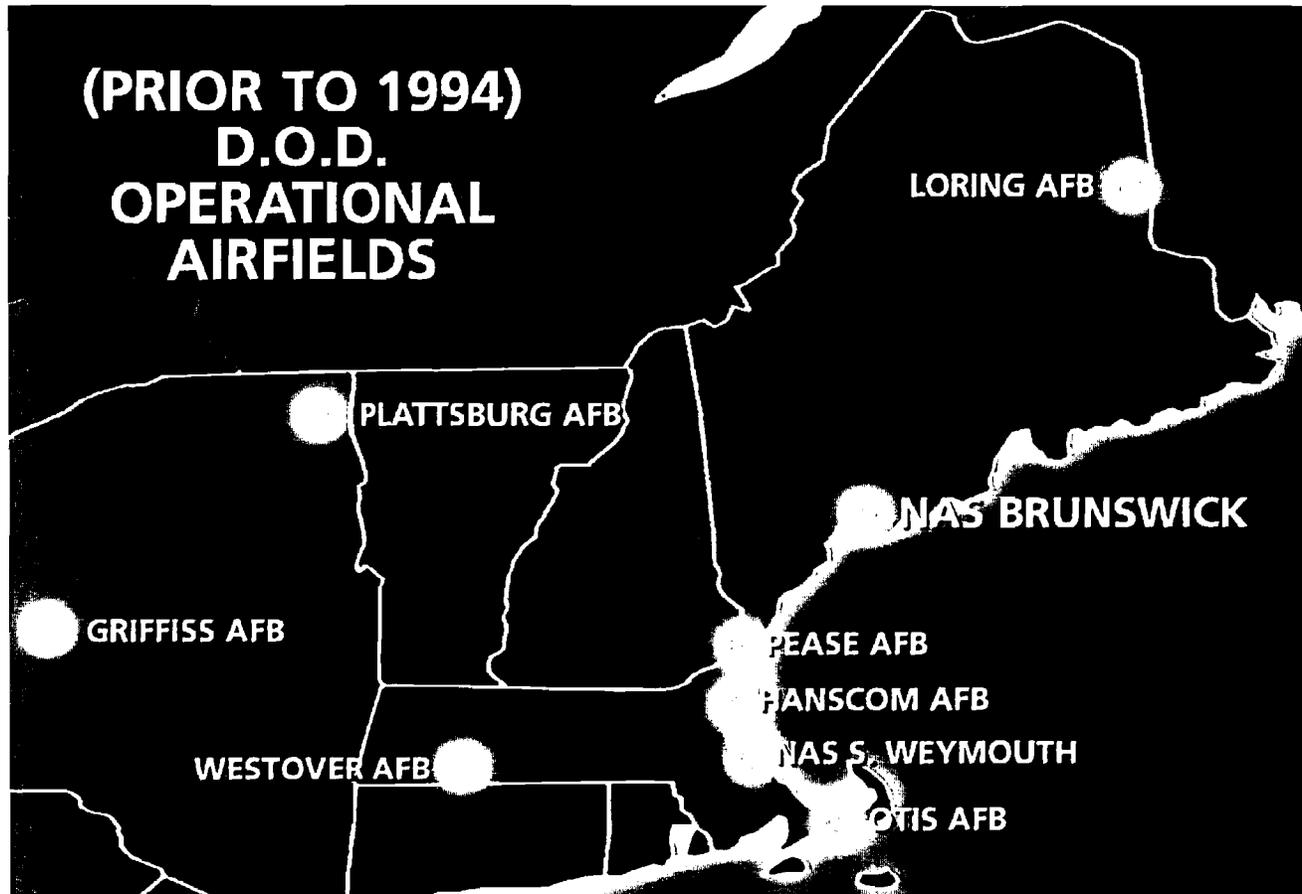
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NAS Brunswick in *BRAC 2005*

- NASB was the clear and obvious choice for Commander Fleet Forces Command and DOD to meet their requirements -



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NAVAL AIR STATION BRUNSWICK Current Capabilities

- **The last remaining fully-capable active duty military airfield protecting the northeastern U.S.**
 - **As close to Europe and the North Atlantic Sea lanes as is possible within the U.S.**
 - **Its strategic location is critical to carry out the emerging strategy for maritime defense of our homeland**
 - **Recognized by NATO with investment in key facilities**
- **Ideal for MPRA and other operational missions**
 - **Dual runways for flexibility and resilience**
 - **“Feet wet” at end of runway – optimal for live weapons missions**
 - **Outstanding weapons storage and handling capability and capacity**
 - **State-of-the-art command and control facilities**
 - **Fully secured perimeter for force protection and mission assurance**
- **Retains capability for surge of other type air assets to the region**
- **An “all-new” airfield with superb operational facilities and low operating costs**



The Modernization of NAS Brunswick

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>COST (IN MILLIONS)</u>
Permanent Party Quarters	\$ 14.0
P3 Operations	3.0
Relocate Gate Entrance	1.4
Dyer's Gate Truck Entrance	1.1
Small Arms Range	.8
Taxiway Repairs	3.4
Hangar 6 (MMA / UAV Capable)	32.2
Housing Phase 2 (126 Homes)	19.1
Transient Quarters	17.7
Tower	9.8
Housing Phase 3 (22 Homes)	5.0
Runway / Apron Repairs	<u>5.9</u>
Total	\$113.4

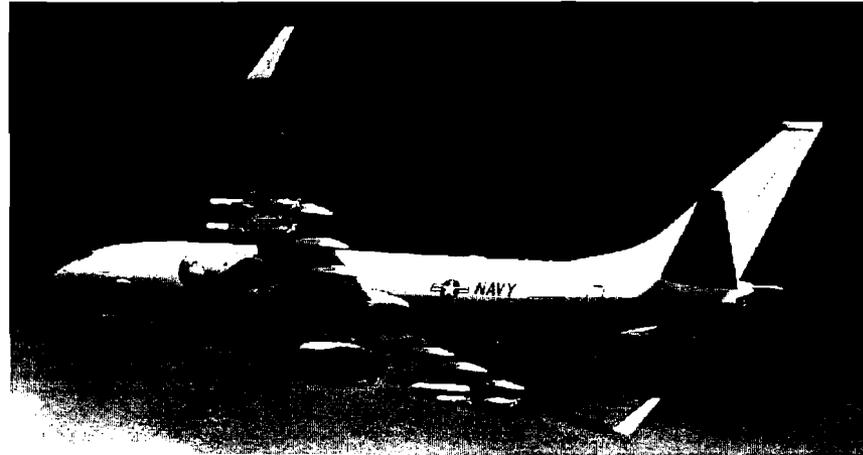


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NAVAL AIR STATION BRUNSWICK Current Capabilities

Multi-mission Maritime Aircraft Basing and Support

- NAS Brunswick is the *only* Air Station capable *now* of basing the MMA and its supporting Unmanned Aerial Vehicles





NAVAL AIR STATION BRUNSWICK Future Capabilities

Tremendous *added value* to DOD would be lost if NASB were to be closed.

- Seamless operations and training for Homeland Defense AND Homeland Security
Joint Armed Forces Reserve Center funded for NAS Brunswick
- Basing for Reserve units from NAS JRB Willow Grove
Support and space exist at NASB, but would have to be created at McGuire AFB - - **potential MILCON savings \$53.9M.**
 - Hangar space
 - C-130 Intermediate maintenance and supply
 - Naval Reserve support

Would leverage, rather than discard the Naval Reserve demographic in New England



NAVAL AIR STATION BRUNSWICK Future Capabilities (cont.)

Tremendous added value to DOD would be lost if NASB were to be closed.

- For AFRES Predator UAV units
 - Dual runways ideal for UAV ops
 - Immediate, unencumbered access to overwater airspace
 - BAMS UAV will come with MMA



NAS Brunswick – Closure Deliberations by USN during BRAC Process

- Navy BRAC deliberations were founded almost solely on quantitative measures based on eliminating “excess” capacity
 - A single methodology for depots, shipyards, air stations, naval bases, training sites
 - Founded in a pre- 9/11 mentality
- *Capacity analysis alone is inappropriate in determining where operational bases are needed.*
 - Savings from reduced capacity are meaningless if they result in an operational base not being *where it is needed, when it is needed.*
- The Navy’s overarching determination that single-siting like aircraft completely ignored strategic location and other key military value factors
- The Navy analysis also ignored:
 - Critical, imminent force structure considerations (MMA)
 - Impact on remaining fatigue life of P-3 force
- No new or other service missions or gaining scenarios received consideration



NAS Brunswick – Summary

Closure rejected by Department of Defense in BRAC 2005

- **Military judgment** was applied by the most senior DOD officials in the BRAC process:

OSD

Chief of Naval Operations

Commander, Northern Command

Commander, Fleet Forces Command

Their determination – *NASB is vital*

This is not 1940 – once lost, the capabilities at NASB could not be recovered or recreated

The determination was made because closing the only remaining facility which can meet strategic needs for the nation would clearly impose an unacceptable risk. The stakes are too high in the post-9/11 world.