

# Cash smugglers claim religious reasons for crime

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**COURTS: Three plead innocent to charges.**

**BY RICK PFEIFFER**  
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They did it for Buddha. Three Pennsylvania men linked to an attempt to smuggle \$180,000 in counterfeit cash across the Rainbow Bridge on Sunday, told a federal investigator. "The money was for Buddha." The discovery of the counter-

feit money also triggered a complete shutdown of the border after a number of Customs and Border Protection agents became ill while they were investigating the seizure. The agents reportedly suffered flu-like symptoms including coughing, sneezing and dizziness, as well as irritation in their throats and noses.

Tommy Nguyen, Thinh Nguyen and Cuong Tran all identified as United States citizens, living in Pennsylvania, were each charged in federal district court

in Buffalo on Tuesday with possession of counterfeit money and knowingly bringing counterfeit money into the United States. They each pleaded innocent and were jailed in lieu of bail ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

The trio are scheduled to return to court June 8 for attorney appearances.

Customs and Border Protection agents said the three men attempted to cross the Rainbow

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## More than just military support

**BRAC: Rainbow Bridge incident highlights another aspect of air base's importance.**

**BY JILL TERRERI**  
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One of the first responders to the incident at the Rainbow Bridge on Sunday evening was

the fire department from the Niagara Air Reserve Station.

Had the eight-member base Haz-Mat team not been available, the bridge probably wouldn't have reopened until Monday morning instead of late Sunday night, Niagara County Emergency Service Coordinator James Volkosh said.

The base fire department

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base.*

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## BASE ...

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Haz-Mat trailer was used as a triage site for first responders who began coughing and feeling sick on the scene.

The team was called in because of its expertise, the volume of people involved and its equipment, said Kevin Corsaro of U.S. Customs and Border Patrol. "Their response provided a much-needed backup to the Niagara County Haz-Mat team," said Niagara Falls Fire Chief John Jacoby. "Their support was critical and much appreciated."

The Rainbow Bridge was shut down for about five hours Sunday night after a vehicle search yielded \$180,000 in counterfeit bills and caused six border patrol agents to become sick. Authorities believe the money was sprayed with an irritant. The border agents were treated at Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center and released.

The incident prompted responses from emergency management agencies from across Western New York.

The base fire department is staffed around the clock with 52 paid civilian firefighters. All are

Haz-Mat technicians and are trained to handle mass casualty situations and nuclear biological contamination. The base department is part of the county's mutual aid system, and in addition to the bridge incident, the fire department was dispatched off-base to two other fires last month, Chief Ed McDonald said.

The department also responds to incidents at the Niagara Falls International Airport, which shares an airfield with the base and supports Upper Mountain Fire Company when it responds to Mount St. Mary's and the Niagara Power Project.

The Department of Homeland Security is also in talks with the base fire department to set up an agreement where the Haz-Mat team would be the first responder to any incidents at the bridge, base spokesman Neil Nolf said.

The Pentagon's base closure recommendations are under consideration by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, an independent panel with the power to remove a base from the closure list. A final list is due Sept. 8.

Contact Jill Terreri  
at (716) 282-2311, Ext. 2250.

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June 6, 2005

Dear Chairman, Frank and EPA Commissioner

During our Program Fall Air Board  
would strike a devastating blow to  
or area still reeling from the 9/11

New York City terrorist attack. If  
the goal of our funder was to

cripple the economy by destroying  
the World Trade Center tower, it

seems to be doing the trick in  
W.N.Y. Rather Buffalo now Program

falls far adequate place are  
fire protection now, as there

departments have all been severely  
wreaked havoc due to huge density.

There are three international bridge  
here; Buffalo's Erie Bridge and

Program falls Kanbar Bridge and  
to western bridge. There is also a

national bridge, all connecting the  
United States and Canada. Both

nations have their huge power plants  
across from one another along the

Niagara River. If we are deprived  
of the protection and security

provided by our U.S. Air Base, it  
will appear that we are sitting ducks

and easy terrorist targets.

I hope that you will wisely decide  
to overturn the Pentagon's recommendation  
to close the Program for Air Force  
and General Base. The dependency need  
the security they provide.

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Yours truly,

Paul M. Farenberg  
(Mrs. Charles J.)

1411 Baker Dr.

N. Tonawanda, N.Y. 14120  
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# Rainbow Bridge scare

Span closed, emergency declared after some fall ill

BY RICK PFEIFFER  
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The first sign of trouble at the Rainbow Bridge Sunday afternoon came in a phone call from the offices of Customs and Border Protection.

The voice said, "People down here are dropping like flies."

The call triggered a massive response from local law enforcement agencies, the Falls Fire Depart-

ment, emergency medical services and Hazmat teams. At one point, many ambulances stood by on the apron of the bridge, waiting to transport potential victims.

The bridge complex was shut down to all vehicle and pedestrian traffic at 5:45 p.m., along with the southbound Robert Moses Parkway from Findlay Drive to the bridge. Traffic lanes from the United States into Canada reopened at 10:15 p.m.,

while traffic into the states remained closed at press time.

"There was an incident that is still unfolding," Customs and Border Protection Agency spokesman Barry Morrissey said.

Morrissey was speaking from his office in Washington on Sunday night and said the agency was still piecing together what had happened.

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DENNIS STIERER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## TROUBLE AT THE BORDER:

The Rainbow Bridge in Niagara Falls was shut down around 5:45 p.m. Sunday due to a hazardous material scare. The Niagara County Hazmat Team was on the scene along with several ambulances. Emergency medical services personnel were seen treating people.

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"There were a number of officers who complained of irritation in their throats and noses and the supervisor made a decision to declare an emergency," Morrissey said. "We're not sure what the source of the irritation was at this time."

Sources told Greater Niagara Newspapers that Customs and Border Protection officers were conducting an investigation into the discovery of a quantity of counterfeit money in a vehicle that was attempting to enter the U.S. The sources said when CPB officers opened a bag that contained the counterfeit currency, a powdery substance was released.

"That's possible, but I can't confirm it," Morrissey said. "Is it an incident of contamination or the result of the activity that was taking place? It's hard to say."

Shortly after the release of the powdery substance, customs officers, and others in the complex began to feel ill.

Witnesses said they saw smoke above the bridge and police surround a white van.

"I saw a cloud of smoke, a brownish cloud of smoke," said Jackie Mueller, who was working at Twist of the Mist, an ice cream stand directly across from the bridge.

As a small army of federal, state and local law enforcement officers and agents swarmed to the bridge complex, tourists, packing the area for the holiday

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— **Barry Morrissey,**  
**Customs and Border Protection Agency spokesman**

weekend and a free concert at the nearby Seneca Niagara Casino, looked on in amazement.

"I went and asked them (what was happening) and they won't tell you anything," said Joseph Rocco, a Youngstown resident.

Jeff Daly, of Niagara Falls, and Diane Barnhardt, of Fort Erie, Ontario, were in the Falls for the casino concert. Daly had picked Barnhardt up in Fort Erie and the couple had driven to the Falls, Ontario and left their car on the Canadian side of the border.

"I said let's walk over," Daly said.

"And I'd never done that before," Barnhardt said.

"I thought it was a good idea, at the time," Daly said as he surveyed the roadblocks surrounding the bridge.

"I'm not sure it was worth it now," Barnhardt chimed in.

As the Niagara Falls Fire Department set up its decontamination operation, units from the Niagara Falls air base fire department joined in as part of the county's mutual aid system.

The airbase unit has increased hazardous materials capabilities, beyond those of the municipal fire department, said base spokesman Neil Nolf.

The Niagara County Department of Emergency Services, along with the Falls Fire Department led the decontamination efforts. They were joined by teams from Erie County, including the so-called SMART Team, made up of doctors who responded to incidents of contamination.

Supervisors from Rural Metro Medical Services said 21 people, including some civilians, were initially quarantined and five were later transported to hospitals.

Officials at Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center said they received six Customs agents in their emergency room, all of whom were experiencing flu-like symptoms, including coughing, sneezing and dizziness.

The agents were given blood tests and all results came back negative.

"Our examination indicated no evidence of exposure to any toxins or biological agents," medical center spokesman Patrick Bradley said.

All the officers were released from the hospital.

Contact **Rick Pfeiffer** at  
(716) 282-2311, Ext. 2252, or  
**Jill Terreri** at Ext. 2250.

★ BRAC Commission, Washington DC ★

★ It was suggested to send you ★  
★ a copy of the letter I wrote to ★  
★ the Niagara Gazette re: Niagara Falls ★  
★ Air Reserve Base. ★

★ The undoing of Sen Hillary Clinton is a ★  
★ copy problem not an intentional ascent. ★  
★ I am a 'definite' Republican. It seems ★  
★ to be only Democrats who are concerned ★  
★ about our security at our Borders ★  
★ of Canada + U.S.A. ★

★ It scares me what could ★  
★ happen without the Air Base. And I ★  
★ am not alone in feeling upset. ★

★ Please re-consider closing the Niagara ★  
★ Falls Air Base ★

Sincerely,

(Mrs) Estelle P. Opatock  
Niagara Falls, N.Y.

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## READER VIEWS

### **Air base too important to security to close**

I cannot believe that the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Base is again being considered for the list of closings by federal government. Instead of closing it should be placed as a permanent security base.

This is one of the most vulnerable areas for attack by terrorists. We are a major connection in the electrical power structure of the United States and Canada; on the border of two countries, the cities of Niagara Falls and Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada are noted tourist attractions, therefore an open door to terrorists, and an easy passage for money transfers to terrorist organizations in overseas countries. Money is the launch pad for terrorist activities.

The air base is a deterrent to terrorism at our border. The Niagara Military Affairs Council, ~~Sen. Hillary Clinton~~, Rep. Louise Slaughter, (Attorney General Elliot) Spitzer have addressed this important issue. Where do the Republicans stand?

Every time there's a world crisis which reservists are the first to be called up? The 914th and the 107th of course. Not only would closing the air base leave a huge hole in the local economy, it would leave a hole even bigger in the defense of the eastern United States, not just New York. And what a blackout of power could be triggered by terrorists!

Let us not be too late with too little to defend ourselves against attack.

**Estelle Pfetsch  
Niagara Falls**

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5/21/05

To whom this may concern 03272005

Please take our air base off your list of those under consideration for closure. In addition to being a major employer for this area, we take great pride in the work being done there and our service men who are affiliated with the base.

Surely there are other areas that are less important than this base. We are also near international bridges and a major hydroelectric source.

All my life I have felt great pride in our country and our military when I hear the planes and helicopters take off from our base. I have



family and friends who serve in  
the reserves and know that loss  
of our base would be even more  
devastating to them.

Thank you for what we  
have here in Niagara Falls. Please  
let us keep it.

Sincerely  
Carol Blivilacqua  
749 Pasadena Ave  
Niagara Falls NY 14304  
(716) 283-6132



Very truly,  
Yours,  
Phyllis

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I am offering all my programs  
for this cause. I just wish I were  
few years younger - perhaps I could do  
more.  
I am writing to you - in support  
of keeping my N. 7 (in honor station year).  
I have been here all my life (74 yrs)  
and it would be a real joy to see  
community and surrounding area to have  
it cleared.

Yours,  
Su

Virginia Holiday  
PO Box 2962  
Niagara Falls, NY 14302

I am concerned re. base closure in these instances:

1. Car deal for base entry (elsewhere)?
2. Personal I. D. (Base exchange - commissary already closed)
3. DEERS program
4. Base assistance when husband died

last year.

#2 needed for doctor + hospital  
#3 in signature  
Thank you! Phillip Frank  
DAB, 10-25-21



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June 2005

Chairman Anthony Principi  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Chairman Anthony Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

As a supporter of Opportunities Unlimited of Niagara, the largest human service provider for people with developmental disabilities in Niagara County, New York, I am deeply troubled by the Defense Department's recommendations to close the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve Base. This recommendation is a terrible mistake and I urge the BRAC Commission to reverse this decision and remove the Niagara Falls Base from the list.

Your recent visit demonstrated why the Base should remain open as well as the impact that the Base has on the economy and the safety of all American citizens. Specifically, the Niagara Falls Base provides employment through government contracts for individuals with developmental disabilities through Opportunities Unlimited of Niagara, an organization I am deeply committed to. These individuals are mentally retarded, and/or affected by cerebral palsy, autism, neurological impairments or epilepsy, and the jobs they hold in janitorial maintenance at the Base provide them with independence, skill development, socialization, confidence and a paycheck. They perform a vital service for the Base, while becoming more active and productive citizens.

It is hard to understand why the Air Force has decided to take bases, missions and jobs away from so many Air Guard and Air Reserve bases and put them on more costly Active Duty bases. I urge the Commission in the strongest possible terms to remove the Niagara Falls Air Force Base from the Pentagon's recommended list of base closures and to stop the continuing retreat of the military in our region of the country.

Sincerely,

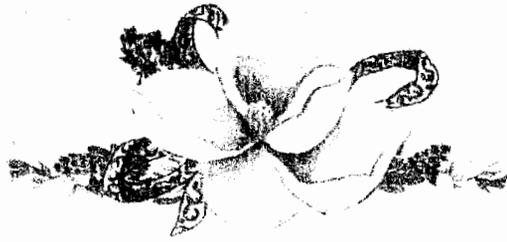
*Mary Ellen Schaefer*

Name

Address (mandatory)

*8654 Hennepin Ave. Niagara Falls,*

*NY 14304*



We are tops in regiment!  
After Sept 11<sup>th</sup> I would think  
you would want our country to  
feel safe in all areas!

~~with the~~  
I hope the Brac Commission  
will reconsider the closing  
of the Niagara Falls Base.

Thank you,  
Candy Korzbowski



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BRAC Commission:

It is very important for  
this area to be protected. It  
is very vulnerable so please keep  
this airbase here.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Watt  
4376 Ransomville Rd  
Ransomville, N.Y.  
14131

The base has the capacity to continue to perform well in the future.

I urge you to keep our Niagara Air Base open.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Deane H. Gougeon

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2344 Second St  
Grand Island, NY

July 3, 2005

Chairman Anthony J. Principi,  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
2521 S. Clark Street  
Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi and  
Base Realignment Commission,

I am writing to urge you to NOT close the Niagara Air Base. In this area, we depend on the base for help in natural disasters.

I understand that the base has performed efficiently, and that it has been a key in retaining and recruiting military.

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Chairman Anthony J. Principi  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commission

I am deeply troubled by the Defense Department's recommendation to close Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve base. This recommendation is a terrible mistake and I urge the BRAC Commission to reverse this decision and remove them from the list.

It is hard to understand why the Air Force has decided to take planes, missions and jobs away from so many Air Guard and Air Reserve bases and put them on more costly Active Duty bases. Of all the bases to pick to close, how do you close the base whose unit helped rescue Jessica Lynch in Iraq because they are the lead night vision C-130 unit in the Reserves?

Also, how will the Department defend the region, or the Guard respond to man-made or natural disasters, when they occur after these massive cuts?

I urge the Commission in the strongest possible terms to remove Niagara Falls AFB from

Pentagon's recommended list of base closures  
and to top the continuing retreat of the  
Military from our region of the country.

George Alder

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Chairman Anthony J. Principi  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
241 South Clark Street  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi and  
BRAC Commissioners

I am deeply troubled by the  
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Cameron Sampson

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from the base closures and to stop  
the continuing retreat of the  
Military from our region of the  
country.

Also how will the demilitarization  
defend the region or will the guard  
respond to man made or  
natural disasters when these  
massive cuts?



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Chairman Anthony J Principi  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
252 South Clark Street  
Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I am deeply troubled by the Defense Department's recommendation to close Niagara Falls Air Force Preserve base. This recommendation is a terrible mistake and I urge the BRAC Commission reverse this decision and remove them from the list.

It is hard to understand why the Air Force has decided to take planes, missions and jobs away from so many Air Guard and Air Preserve bases and put them on more costly Active Duty bases. Of all the bases to pick to close, how do you close the base whose unit helped rescue Jessica Lynch in Iraq.

Sincerely,  
Stade Holland

I urge the Commission in the strongest possible terms to remove Niagara Falls AFB from the Pentagon's recommended list of base closures and to stop the continuing retreat of the military from our region of the country.

Also, how will the Department defend the region, or will the Guard respond to man-made or natural disasters, when they occur after these massive cuts?

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Chairman Anthony J. Principi  
Base Realignment  
and Closure Commission.

2521 South Clark Street  
Suite 600

Arlington VA 2202.

Dear Chairman Principi and  
BRAC Commissioners:

I am deeply troubled by  
the Defense Department's  
Department's recommendation  
to close Niagara Falls Air Force  
Reserve base. This recommend-  
ation is a terrible mistake  
and I urge the BRAC Commission  
to reverse this decision and ~~move~~  
remove them from the list.  
It is hard to understand why the  
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take planes, missions  
and jobs away from so many  
Air Guard and Air Reserve  
bases and put them on  
more costly Active  
duty bases of all.

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in the reserves. Also how  
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falls AFB from the pentagon  
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from our region of the  
country

Sincerely,  
Ryan Guido



A Note From:

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Gunning  
175 Burmon Dr  
Orchard Park NY 14127

  
Please  
Return the  
Niagara Falls  
Base for the good  
of the community  
& surrounding areas  
Plus our Armed  
Forces & the Nation  
I hope you  
Parents of 3 Servicemen

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Sir,

To add my thoughts to this plea. I'm not the smartest kid on the block. But even I can see that the Niagara Area is indeed an important area.

There are three (3) bridges to protect, chemical factories, and the most important of all, the power plants. Do you realize just how close the Canadian front is? It's worth a thought.

As for our military personnel. They are the best and are the best at what they do. Most, if not all, are local. How many of these dedicated, experienced people would leave in service, if you go through with closure? Right now the country can not afford to lose these men and women.

Please take a good hard look at their standing and the roll they play.

How many times have they been called upon already. Even before you hang up the

phone they are already packing. I'm sure you will be calling again soon.

If I may - an after thought. About the Army Reserve Base across the way. It was once a important defense base. It could be again. Think about returning a few support helicopters. "God" forbid, we just might need them.

"God" bless and protect this great nation of ours and our military.

Sincerely  
Mary A. Barbour  
Concerned citizen and  
even more concerned  
veteran.

115 W. Oak Orchard St  
Madison, N.J.

July 28, 2005

Chairman Anthony J. Principi

Please reconsider the

decision to close Murray

Falls Air Force Reserve and

guard base. It is the only

major military installation in

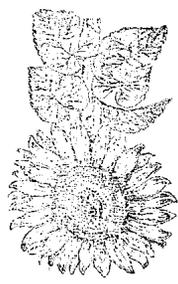
Western N.J. You are

recruitment and locally based

Active Duty bases -

Don't take your

Frank + Virginia Moore



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Chairman Anthony Principe

Dear Chairman Principe and BRAC Commissioners:

I was disturbed by the Defense Dept's recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve and Guard Base.

The Niagara Falls Base has served bravely and well in past and present conflicts. This is a well-trained unit that is an essential part of national defence. Certainly its close proximity to the Canadian border should be an important consideration. To consolidate many smaller bases into a few larger locations may be "penny wise", but is it "pound foolish" to make larger sites that are more attractive to targets?

We stand with the Niagara Falls and Western New York Community to urge the retention of this base. Please reconsider your recommendation for closure.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

William Eptemia

36 Michelle Drive

Lithgow, NY 14218

June 10, 2005

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Mr. Principi —

These are members of my  
bridge club and some  
family. We are all against  
the closing of the Niagara  
Falls Air Force Reserve  
base. The three bridges to  
Canada need protection!  
Please reconsider!

Yours truly, Marjorie C.  
Smith

Roland B Smith  
893 Main St  
East Aurora NY 14052

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6-14-05

Chairman Principi —

According to our local newspaper — the Buffalo News — Niagara Falls Air Base was recommended for expansion in November 2004. The paper also reported that Niagara Falls Air Base is scheduled for a \$10 million improvement project in the upcoming months.

I find these reports astounding! Either one hand doesn't know what the other is doing, or there's incompetence in our government.

The way I see it, by closing NFAFB, you're creating more problems than you solve.

Please — DON'T close our NIAGARA FALLS AIR BASE!!

Sincerely,

M. Hyland

Dear Chairman Principi  
and BRAC Commissioners,

Please don't close the  
Pragana Jalle Air Base.  
We need that Base to  
stay open. You can  
safely in this area  
we need the Base, not  
counting all the men and  
women that work there,  
closing that Base would

put thousands of people  
out of work. Not counting  
all the stores around  
the Base, that count on  
their income, to keep in business.

Please overturn the  
Pentagon's recommendation  
and keep  Base open.

06229005  
a concerned citizen

Fortha Floyd  
Rogers Hwy 20

Chairman Anthony J. Principi  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
2521 South Clark St  
Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

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Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I am upset by the Defense Department's recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve and Guard Base. This recommendation is not in the best interest of western New York or of the Nation. Due to the proximity to our international border and the Niagara Power Plant, the Niagara Falls Base is vital to Western New York.

Closure of this base would eliminate the last Federal Air Force flying mission in New York State. \$35M in modernization since 1995 has lengthened the runways and improved the operational effectiveness of the Niagara Falls Base. The Base has also, in recent years, reduced its operational costs by 33%, making it one of the most cost efficient facilities in the Air Force Reserve Command.

With the existing infrastructure Niagara Falls can accommodate 8 additional C-130H model aircraft with no further military construction. Niagara Falls Base has no physical encroachment or air traffic control restraints and has acreage on the existing base and adjacent land for expansion.

I strongly urge the Commission to remove the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve and Guard Base from the recommended list of Base closures.

Thank you,

*Sincerely*  
*Jacqueline K. Masterson*

To whom it      6-7-05  
might be concerned,

We do not to see this  
N.F. Air Base closed.

It's vital for safety,  
and employment here

Look closely at the  
need to keep this Base  
open.

It should NOT  
be closed — NOW or  
ever

Thank you



Mr. & Mrs. Paul J. Becker  
245 Washington Hwy.  
Snyder, NY 14226

May 15-2005

Dear Sirs:

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A rate for 05272005

Do NOT Close

W. Falls Base.

It Haused, fed &  
Clothed seven of us  
in a former life  
and was a good  
employee.

Thank you,

Dorothy Hillman

Under Schottisek



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A Service Worthy of Your Consideration

## LESTER H. WEDEKINDT, INC.

3290 DELAWARE AVENUE -- KENMORE, NEW YORK 14217

PHONE 877-7979

July 4, 2005 07092005

Base Realignment and Closure Commission/Anthony J. Principi  
2521 South Clark Street/Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Re: Niagara Falls Air Force  
Reserve and Guard Base

Dear Chairman Principi:

I am very seriously concerned by the US Defense Department's recommendation to close this base and am asking that your Commission consider reversing this decision.

This base is located in one of our country's most strategic locations; not only is it vital to our shared border with Canada, it is also positioned within a few short miles of one of the largest electrical power generating complexes in the United States, namely the Niagara Power Authority. Because of the massive extent of its power-generating grid, as you know, it could become a very vulnerable terrorist target.

You might say, this base is not properly outfitted for any potential attacks, and you would be right. However, within a very short period of time ( a matter of hours ), the proper aircraft and equipment could be installed to bring it up to speed. Personnel could be adjusted immediately to fulfill its needs.

Please, add my name to those who are asking that you and your Commission take the time to research the vulnerability of the entities I have mentioned. You might then agree that the closure of the Base at Niagara Falls, NY would be in the worst possible interest of the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lester Wedekindt*  
Lester Wedekindt

LW/s

**BRAC Commission**  
**Reception**

6/20/2005

6934 Maple Drive  
North Tonawanda, NY 14120  
May 21, 2005

BRAC Commission  
Washington, DC

Subject: Base Closure-Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station

Dear Sir or Madam:

The news of the Niagara Falls Air Base being on the Base Closure List is received with great concern. Having served for approximately five years on the NIMAC committee, I have a good understanding of the importance this Base has been and continues to be for Western New York.

What is disturbing to me is the decision to close a base that has received some \$30 Million in grants to upgrade the facilities within the last decade. Shouldn't this be an indication of the importance of this facility. I'm sure the Defense Department would be frugal in their decision on how they disburse monies in facility upgrades the same as they are in determining how to cut back on future spending.

What should be considered about the 107<sup>th</sup> ARW and the 914<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, and its fire fighting facility at this base? They have proven to be combat ready on numerous occasions during Operation Desert Storm and the Iraq War. With the need for continued implementing of Homeland Security measures, this location would appear to be an ideal site because of its close proximity to our Canadian borders and one of the largest hydro-electric power plants in the world. Also, the Base's fire fighting unit continues to assist the surrounding volunteer and paid fire fighters in fire fighting techniques and has assisted in mutual aid in fighting fires when needed. The support of the base's services in helping community organizations continues to be an asset to our area.

Reservists have and continue to combat ready and the highly qualified people located here deserve to be given serious consideration. They have continued to fulfill their missions successfully for many years. Is it worth sacrificing reservists to rather build up the active duty forces? These questions need to be seriously thought through before decisions of this magnitude are made. Weather has also been indicated as a factor in closing this facility. Let it be known that the Niagara Falls Airport, being a part of the base, has the longest runway in the area which has landed jumbo jets and provided alternate landing location for weather related flights from neighboring Toronto airports. I trust your commission will take these points of concern and interest into finalizing your decision.

Sincerely,

*Winston E. Moeller*

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# Frequent call-ups are cited in proposal to shut Falls base

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*Repeated activation of reservists  
shows need to rebalance  
airlift fleet, general says*

By JERRY ZREMSKI

NEWS WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — The frequent call-ups of the Air Force reservists based in Niagara Falls played a role in the decision to recommend closing their home facility, a top Air Force general said Thursday.

Maj. Gen. Gary W. Heckman said repeated call-ups show that the Air Force has too many reservists and National Guard members flying C-130 cargo planes, and not enough active duty forces performing that task.

"We're working these guys (reservists) awfully hard," said Heckman, co-chairman of the panel that said the Niagara Falls base should be closed. "You have to ask if we're asking too much of our citizen airmen."

To correct that problem, the Pentagon looked to the base-closure process as a way to rebalance its airlift fleet, moving more cargo planes to active duty and suggesting the closure of several bases like the one in Niagara Falls, Heckman said.



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THE ABOVE STATEMENTS ATTEMPTING TO JUSTIFY  
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ILLOGICAL REASONING I HAVE HEARD IN MANY YEARS!

PERIOD!!

SIGNED,  
Robert C Borchert  
ROBERT C BORCHERT  
(SSGT. USAFR)  
1954-1968  
445<sup>th</sup> FBW + 398<sup>th</sup> TCS  
NFAFB

**From:** Kathryn L. Bennett  
**Date:** 05/28/05 04:32:34  
**To:** niagara Air base  
**Subject:** So long and thanks for all the Sith!

Kathryn Leslie Bennett  
West Falls, NY  
Home Phone: 655-0715  
Email: [bennettkathrynl@yahoo.com](mailto:bennettkathrynl@yahoo.com)

**Comment:**

970 AM radio reports reduced patrols on the Lake this weekend by air and boats. Last Saturday I sat next to a couple who were speaking possibly Chechen. Why would a couple come to a coffee bar with loud music and a crowd to speak in a foreign language? Why was I harassed until 3 am that morning and by Monday I was contacting my local Police about a stranger in my drive way honking? If Erie County Government hasn't got the guts or brains to serve the people that elected them and invites Muslims to cross the Lake from Canada by reducing patrols, why am I dealing with death threats? I QUIT! I am promising myself that when the next 9/11 happens, I won't cry.  
So long and thanks for all the Sith!

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**From:** (Joan D McCargo)  
**Date:** 06/14/05 10:50:01  
**To:** info@nimac.org  
**Subject:** Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Joan D McCargo () on Tuesday, June 14, 2005 at 10:49:58

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city: Gainesville

state: NY

zip: 14066

comments:

Chairman Anthony J. Principi  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I am deeply troubled by the Defense Department's recommendation to close Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve base. This recommendation is a terrible mistake and I urge the BRAC Commission reverse this decision and remove them from the list.

It is hard to understand why the Air Force has decided to take planes, missions and jobs away from so many Air Guard and Air Reserve bases and put them on more costly Active Duty bases. Of all the bases to pick to close, how do you close the base whose unit helped rescue Jessica Lynch in Iraq because they are the lead night vision C-130 unit in the Reserves?

Also, how will the Department defend the region, or will the Guard respond to man-made or natural disasters, when they occur after these massive cuts?

I urge the Commission in the strongest possible terms to remove Niagara Falls AFB from the Pentagon's recommended list of base closures and to stop the continuing retreat of the military from our region of the country.

Also, my son is on 2 years active duty right now but will return to

his local unit after that, wherever that might be. He also has a civilian job at the same base- motor maintainance-. What will happen to that. He is doing his duty as agreed in the beginning but why should he have everything pulled out from under hin while he is doing it?

Sincerely,

Joan McCargo

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4828 A Sturbridge Lane  
Lockport, New York 14094-3458  
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Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
Washington, District of Columbia

Subject: Opposition to Closing  
Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station

The enclosed article from "The Buffalo News" fully outlines our position against the closing of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station.

With the prior closing of:

- (1) Griffiss Air Force Base, Rome, New York
- (2) Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Plattsburgh, New York

- New York State has been diminished enough in military facilities.

Reducing the economic impact to this area and more importantly, threatening the quick military response to any United States border incursions, threats to international bridges (3 vehicle, 1 vehicle/railroad, 1 railroad) and one of the largest hydro-electric facilities (United States and Canada) in North America is unconscionable!

Please be realistic and consider the strategic importance of this area to the Northeast and the Nation.

Defeat this closure proposal!

*Donald H. Walter*

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*Sonia A. Walter*

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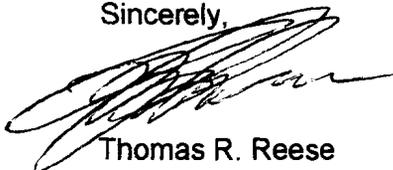
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- The federal government has invested more than \$35 million in Niagara Falls since 1995 in new facilities.
- Base Operations Support costs have been reduced more than 33% (to include a 25% reduction in utilities) to make the base one of the most cost-efficient facilities in the Air Force Reserve Command.
- Closure of the base eliminates the ability to recruit and retain New Yorkers in a region in which the units have both maintained in excess of 100% manning rates.
- Niagara Falls existing infrastructure can accommodate eight (8) additional C-130H model aircraft without any military construction.
- Niagara Falls faces no physical encroachment nor air traffic control constraints and has acreage on the base and adjacent to the installation for expansion.

I urge the Commission, in the strongest possible terms, to remove the Niagara Falls AFB from the Pentagon's recommended list of base closures and to stop the continuing retreat of the military from our region of the country.

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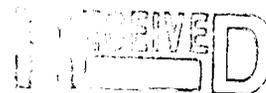


Thomas R. Reese

**From:** (Anthony S. Gullo)  
**Date:** 05/30/05 19:24:21  
**To:** info@nimac.org  
**Subject:** Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Anthony S. Gullo () on Monday, May 30, 2005 at 19:24:19

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Chairman Anthony J. Principi  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
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Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I am on the faculty at Niagara County Community College and have been there for the last 38 years. The last thing we in Niagara County need to hear about is the proposal to close our Air Base. The decision just makes no sense what-so-ever from where I sit.

I was upset by the Defense Department's recommendation to close Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve and Guard base. This recommendation is a not in the nation's best interest and the BRAC Commission should reverse this decision and to remove Niagara Falls from the closure list.

It is hard to understand why the Air Force has decided to take planes, missions and jobs away from so many Air Guard and Air Reserve bases and put them on more costly Active Duty bases.

It is equally difficult to understand how our location near the Canadian border with three international bridges, numerous chemical plants and the gigantic Niagara Power Project to watch were not considered in the decision making process.

Also, even the newspapers say that we are facing significant challenges in recruiting during war time. As the only remaining major military installation in western New York, Niagara Falls has been key to military recruitment.

The impact of this decision will be devastating to the New York Air National Guard and will make the Pentagon's efforts to recruit and retain military personnel even more difficult than it is now.

All New Yorkers stand with the Niagara Falls/Western New York community and are united in its support for this base, and its retention. Overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep the base open.

I know I speak for all of the 193 faculty at NCCC who have elected me as their union president for the past 28 years.

Sincerely,

Anthony S. Gullo, Professor

submit: Send Letter

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980 G Hopkins Rd.  
Williamsville, NY 14221  
May 27, 2005

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BRAC Commission  
Washington , DC

To Whom It May Concern;

I am Brig./Gen. James C. Cook NYANG (Ret.) having retired in 1987, and I am a former Commander of the 107<sup>th</sup> Niagara Falls Air Reserve Base at Niagara Falls, NY. I am writing your Commission regarding the closure of the Air Reserve Base at Niagara Falls and disbanding of the 107<sup>th</sup> ARW and the 914<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing.

I wonder if the Department of Defense and the U.S. Air Force realize the talent , expertise, and years of experience they are doing away with by this base closure. The 107<sup>th</sup> members were flying the F 100C at Niagara in 1968 when they were called to active duty by President Johnson to support the conflict in Vietnam. The unit deployed in June, 1968 and was assigned to the 31<sup>st</sup> TFW at Tuy Hoa Air Base in Vietnam. In a matter of a month and a half a majority of the wings, shops, and docks were supervised by the Master Sergeants of the Air National Guard. The wings staff realized in a short period of time what talent they had! The wings hospital was commanded by a Lt. Colonel flight surgeon from the Air National Guard. A sister AF Squadron the 308<sup>th</sup> TFS asked the wing if they could have Air National Guard pilots fly as instructor pilots to help lead newly assigned junior pilots on their first combat missions, this was approved. Again, the Air National Guard talent was used to help the 31<sup>st</sup> TFW perform it's combat mission.

The Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird in the 1970's instituted the Total Force Concept. The U.S. Air Force was the first to visualize the importance of this concept and immediately accepted this new doctrine and it has served the Air Force well for all these years. When the Air Force needs forces it has these experienced combat ready squadrons immediately available with little or no added training. Just look at the number of call ups of the Air National Guard squadrons and individuals in the last 5 - 10 years. This can do attitude is something I do not think we should ignore nor should we do away with these talented experienced combat forces. It should be noted that it is too bad the Army and Marines did not take the Total Force Concept as seriously as the Air Force.

A few years ago when the 107<sup>th</sup> received the tanker assignment it was not fully capable to perform the air refueling missions out of Niagara, the reason being the unit could not take off with a full load of internal fuel plus a full load of fuel for refueling. The Air Force spent millions of dollars to increase the length of the runway from 9,100 feet to 10,000 thereby allowing the unit to fully perform it's mission from Niagara Falls. In addition, more ground fuel storage tanks were installed plus a second fuel pumping station to allow the 107<sup>th</sup> to refuel it's own aircraft in the event the Air Reserves were not available. In 1986 I was in a flight of six F-4's that we ferried across the Atlantic to Germany. We took off from Selfridge Field in Michigan and rendezvoused over Albany, NY with a KC-10 tankers out of Shreveport, Louisiana. Albany, NY is on the main route going over Caribou, Maine to Gander, Newfoundland and on to Europe and the Middle

East. The KC-10 tanker home base was approximately 800 miles from Albany and to make a point the 107<sup>th</sup> is only a little under 200 miles away. The 107<sup>th</sup> KC-135R's are to be transferred to the Air National Guard Unit at Bangor Maine because its aircraft would have to be re-engined and modified to KC135R status. This lack of new tankers is a direct result of actions taken by the Secretary of the Air Force and a senior procurement officer to lease new tankers from Boeing Aircraft Company and the quid pro quo that took place benefiting the procurement officer. This resulted in Congress not authorizing the lease agreement and now the Air Force does not have the new tankers it was seeking.

A sister unit in New York is the 105<sup>th</sup> Airlift wing located at Stewart Field near Newberg New York. This unit is flying C-5 aircraft and has to fly from Stewart Field to Dover AFB Delaware to pick up cargo or troops and if carrying return cargo, must land at Dover and then return to Stewart Field. Is this cost effective? I think not! I have addressed primarily the 107<sup>th</sup> ARW, but the 914<sup>th</sup> has received its share of accolades through the years. I have been in close contact and worked with previous commanders of the 914<sup>th</sup> and found them to be proud of their accomplishments, especially its performance during Desert Storm, and Desert Shield. The Transfer of the 914<sup>th</sup>'s C-130 to Little Rock Arkansas and centrally locating a large number of aircraft at one base does not sound strategically effective; a lesson we learned on 7 December 1941. I believe the Little Rock AFB is located right in the middle of tornado alley causing concern for evacuation to protect these assets.

In closing I suspect that the Air National Guard and Air Force Reservists would not consider traveling long distances to fulfill the goal of a 20 year retirement. It is a tragedy to let these experienced backup forces go and leave an enormous void in the defense posture of the United States.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



James C. Cook  
Brig./Gen NYANG (Ret.)

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Gerry Bromovyk  
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June 1, 2005

Anthony J. Principi  
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Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I am appealing to your sense of humanity regarding the Pentagon's recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve and Guard base. This recommendation is not in the nation's best interest and the BRAC commission should reverse this decision and remove Niagara from the closure list.

The Pentagon report states there are no restoration costs to close this base. The Air Force restoration program is my job at Niagara Falls ARS and HQ Air Force Reserve Command sends me \$200,000 - \$300,000 per year to clean up/restore contaminated sites. If they can't get that figure right, what else are they falsely reporting about Niagara?

The Niagara Falls ARS is one of the few places pilots can safely practice wearing night vision goggles. They do this by flying over Lake Ontario at night when the lake becomes "black". After 9/11, our pilots, mechanics, and planes were the first, and still are the best trained pilots when it comes to night missions ~~utilizing~~ night vision goggles. The 9/11th

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was so good the Pentagon had to send us to the desert twice after 9/11 because the active duty pilots weren't as good.

The Pentagon's recommendation basically tells the Guard and Reserve your services are no longer required in helping battle against terrorism, Iraq, Afghanistan, and future wars. Active duty is taking many of the planes now flown by Guard or Reserves and not offering anything in return. It is hard to understand why the Air Force has decided to take planes, missions and jobs away from so many Air Guard and Reserve bases and put them on the more costly active duty bases. And the recommendation put "all of our eggs in one basket." Instead of spreading the defense of the nation around, the Pentagon wants to consolidate to fewer bases making it easier for the terrorists to get more bang for their buck when they decide to attack. And let's be honest \$48 billion over 20 years is a drop in the bucket. Further, it makes no sense to put our planes in harm's way in tornado and hurricane alley at Little Rock, Arkansas. We have never missed a mission due to weather in Niagara Falls and we never had to move the planes due to impending storms.

Even the newspapers say we are facing significant challenges in recruiting during our time. As the only remaining major military installation in Western New York, Niagara Falls ARS has been the key to military recruitment. As a matter of fact, the recruiters at Niagara Falls ARS have been in the top 3 or 4 in the nation including active duty for the past 3 or 4 years. Recruits are flocking to the ~~Reserve~~ Reserves and Guard because to put

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If bluntly, the economy sinks in Western New York and the base is the areas 2nd largest employer. The impact of this decision will be devastating to the New York Air Force Reserve and the Air National Guard, and will make the Pentagon's effort to recruit and retain military personnel even more difficult. Something else the Pentagon and Air Force did not say was this decision affects almost 2000 Guard and Reservists. The Pentagon only lists 600 full time people as losing their job -- what about the 2000 Guardsmen/Reservist. The 914 Civil Engineering Squadron manpower positions are being moved to Texas. Does the Air Force cost show anything about transportation costs or moving costs from Niagara Falls, NY to San Antonio, Texas? And that is just one 100 man squadron!

All New Yorkers stand with the Niagara Falls/Western New York community and are united in its support for this base, and its retention. Make the Pentagon give a definite plan for the future. Just because its been 10 years since the last round of closure is not a good enough reason to have another round of closures.

OVERTURN THE PENTAGON'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND KEEP THE BASE OPEN!

Respectfully,

Gerald J. Promnyk

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Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

You want to close the base in Niagara Falls, NY. It will be like living in a ghost town because everybody would leave and business too. It is so nice to see all the planes fly by. Just look up! Just watch them go by.

My niece and I go to the air show when it's on the base and to see how they do their jobs and learn about the planes. So PLEASE don't CLOSE THE BASE!! Niagara Falls would be lost without the base.

Sincerely,

Melynda Barrett

**PAULINE M. ALONGI**  
318 Wadsworth Avenue  
Tonawanda, New York 14150-5916  
(716) 694-3594

June 16, 2005



BRAC Commission  
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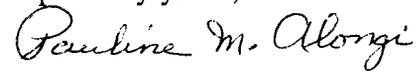
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Thank you for your time and consideration on this very important matter.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pauline M. Alongi".

PAULINE M. ALONGI

**DOMENIC ALONGI**  
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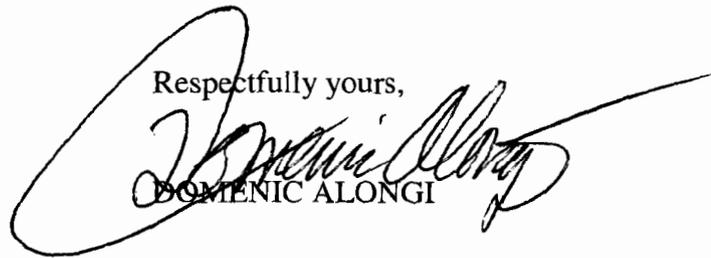
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DOMENIC ALONGI

**RISÈ T. GELLER-ALONGI**

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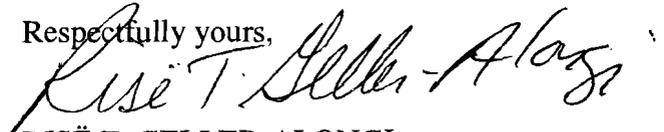
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RISÉ T. GELLER-ALONGI

**From:** TERRY SEAL  
**Date:** 05/30/05 20:21:16  
**To:** info@nimac.org  
**Subject:** saving niagara falls airbase

dear sirs;

I is very apalling to me that this base is even on this list. This airforce base is strategically positioned between the borders and around the power plant. I think Rumsfeld and President Bush should have their heads examined. It is utter stupidity.

Secondly, they say it would save millions. But, the millions supposedly saved is being put into a grand and luxurious airbase. The lie was told before the truth came out. And they want us to believe them?

If you need any additional help. please contact me at my e-mail address. Also, if you feel froggy, send this to the White House.

Sincerely,

Terry Seal  
terry6916@yahoo.com

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To whom it may concern,

I think the Niagara Falls Airbase should be saved for many reasons. The first is they employ thousands of people with jobs. They are the second largest employer in Niagara County. If this base is closed then people will become unemployed and without jobs. If this airbase closes then the daily missions over to Iraq to refuel the planes will not take place causing a decrease in the fighting force. Our base is strategically positioned. If it was to be closed then we would have no way to protect the border of the power authority, not to mention that it would close down one of the longest runways in the area. How are we supposed to feel safe when there are bases being closed all over. Why would we close this base when there is so much space available for future developments and the 25 million dollar MEPS in the works. It just doesn't make sense. By closing this base what would we possibly gain.

RF

Sincerely,  
William Cody

7<sup>th</sup> grade Edward Fawn Middle

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June 14, 2005



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Chairman Anthony J. Principi  
Base Alignment and Closure Commission  
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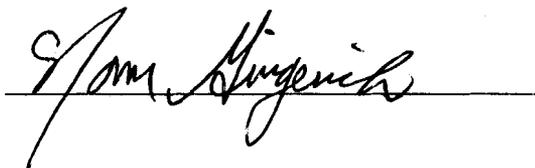
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With newspapers reporting that we are facing significant challenges in recruiting personnel during wartime, this action can only hinder our nation's efforts. As the only remaining major military installation in Western New York, Niagara Falls has been a key to military recruitment. The impact of this decision will be devastating to the New York Air National Guard and will make efforts to recruit and retain military personnel even more difficult.

The entire Western New York community is united in its support for retaining the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve and Guard Base, and I am respectfully asking that you overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep this important base open.

Sincerely,



Print Name and Address below:

NORM GINGERICH  
12171 LIBERIA RD.  
EAST AURORA, NY 14052

Date: June 22, 2005

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**BRAC COMMISSION**  
2521 SOUTH CLARK STREET  
STE. 600  
ARLINGTON, VA 22202  
www.brac.gov

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Additional Comments: Common Sense is definitely in order!

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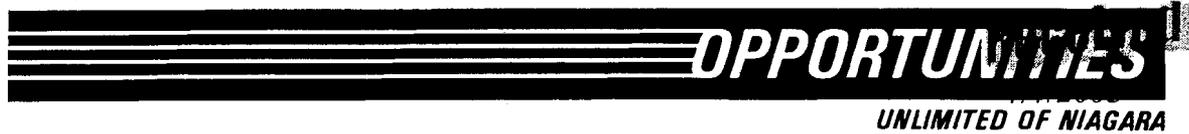
Sincerely,

	Ms. Eleanor Baran 2957 Cleveland Ave Niagara Falls NY 14305
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

*Eleanor L. Baran*

716-297-6353



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Sincerely,

*Margaret A. Meghara*  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name

*910 Oliver St Apt 4 N.Y. NY*  
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Sincerely,

*Karen A Laurent*  
*Francisicon Associate*

Dennis M. Penman



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June 3, 2005

Chairman Anthony J. Principi  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
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Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I along with many business leaders in Western new York, was upset by the Defense Department's recommendation to close Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve and Guard Base. This recommendation is not in the nation's best interest and the BRAC Commission should reverse this decision and to remove Niagara Falls from the closure list.

Closing the base would have a devastating economic impact on our region: The base is Niagara County's second-largest employer with more than 3,000 full- and part-time military and civilian employees and it has an estimated impact of \$150 million on regional businesses.

That said, it also difficult to understand why the Air Force has decided to take planes, missions and jobs away from so many Air Guard and Air Reserve bases and out them on more costly Active Duty bases, especially after the exemplary performances these dedicated men and women showed in recent overseas conflicts.

The media has reported that the military is facing significant challenges in recruiting during war time. As the only remaining major military installation in western New York, Niagara Falls has been key military recruitment. The impact of this decision will be devastating to the New York Air National Guard and will make the Pentagon's efforts to recruit and retain military personnel even more difficult than it is now. This is no way to reward to the sacrifice of these devoted military families.

The Buffalo-Niagara business community stands with the Niagara Falls/Western New York community in support of the Niagara Falls Force Reserve and Guard Base, and its retention. Overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep the base open.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dennis M. Penman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dennis M. Penman  
Executive Vice President

[dpenman@mjpetereson.com](mailto:dpenman@mjpetereson.com)

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Gerry Hromowyle  
41 Alanview Drive  
Lockport, NY 14094

June 1, 2005

Anthony J. Principi  
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Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I am appealing to your sense of humanity regarding the Pentagon's recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve and Guard base. This recommendation is not in the nation's best interest and the BRAC commission should reverse this decision and remove Niagara from the closure list.

The Pentagon report states there are no restoration costs to close this base. The Air Force restoration program is my job at Niagara Falls ARS and HQ Air Force Reserve Command sends me \$200,000 - \$300,000 per year to clean up/restore contaminated sites. If they can't get that figure right, what else are they falsely reporting about Niagara?

The Niagara Falls ARS is one of the few places pilots can safely practice wearing night vision goggles. They do this by flying over Lake Ontario at night when the lake becomes "black". After 9/11, our pilots, mechanics, and planes were the first, and still are the best trained pilots when it comes to night missions wearing night vision goggles. The 914th

was so good the Pentagon had to send us to the desert twice after 9/11 because the active duty pilots weren't as good.

The Pentagon's recommendation basically tells the Guard and Reserve your services are no longer required in helping battle against terrorism, Iraq, Afghanistan, and future wars. Active duty is taking many of ~~the~~ planes now flown by Guard or Reserves and not offering anything in return. It is hard to understand why the Air Force has decided to take planes, missions and jobs away from so many Air Guard and Reserve bases and put them on the more costly active duty bases. And the recommendation put "all of our eggs in one basket." Instead of spreading the defense of the nation around, the Pentagon wants to consolidate to fewer bases making it easier for the terrorists to get more bang for their buck when they decide to attack. And let's be honest \$48 billion over 20 years is a drop in the bucket. Further, it makes no sense to put our planes in harm's way in tornado and hurricane alley at Little Rock, Arkansas. We have never missed a mission due to weather in Niagara Falls and we never had to move the planes due to impending storms.

Even the newspapers say we are facing significant challenges in recruiting during our time. As the only remaining major military installation in Western New York, Niagara Falls ARS has been the key to military recruitment. As a matter of fact, the recruiters at Niagara Falls ARS have been in the top 3 or 4 in the nation including active duty for the past 3 or 4 years. Recruits are flocking to the ~~Reserves~~ Reserves and Guard because to fit

Donald J. Armstrong

Respectfully,

THE BASE OPEN!

OVERTURN THE PENTAGON'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND KEEP

IT NOT A GOOD ENOUGH REASON TO HAVE ANOTHER ROUND OF CLOSURES.

JUST BECAUSE IT'S BEEN 10 YEARS SINCE THE LAST ROUND OF CLOSURE

RETENTION. MAKE THE PENTAGON SPEAK A DEFINITE PLAN FOR THE FUTURE.

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ALL NEW YORKERS STAND WITH THE WINGRAVE FIELDS/WESTERN NEW YORK

AND THAT IS JUST ONE 100 men squadron!

MOVING COSTS FROM ALBANY FALLS, NY TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS?

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To: NIMAC  
P.O. Box 231  
Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14304

Date: 5/31/2005

Re: Closing of the air base

With the ever growing need for more security of our borders and our entire homeland it is very disturbing to me why our Niagara Falls Air Force Base is marked for closing. The Niagara Falls area as well as Buffalo and Rochester are so vulnerable to terrorist attack that could happen in a minute.

If our borders or cities are attacked, the Niagara Falls Air Force Base is our first line of defense. Who will defend us? Canada! I don't think so!!

Our President stated that "our bases need to close to make us stronger." What kind of statement is that? We need the air base to maintain our strength.

The government has asked the American people to accept war, terror and suffering, now they are asking us to accept the removal of our home land security. Remember it was New York State that was attacked by terrorists not Texas, Florida or California.

**Please don't close our base.**

Sincerely

  
Joseph Sacco

243 Ingersoll St.

Albion New York 14411

Mayor - retired.

Chairman Anthony J. Principi  
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**BRAC Commission**  
**Received**  
6/21/2005

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Sincerely,

*John Elliott* of 119 Turner Ave  
Buffalo, NY 14220

*Jean M. Haefliger* 45 Oakhurst Ave  
Buffalo, NY 14220

*Bonnie R. Zak* 5024 Roseview Ave Blasdell 14219

*Roger A. Grissett* 3607 RHODE ISLAND AVE  
NIAGARA FALLS NY 14305

*Edward M. [unclear]* 273 SOUTH SHORE BLVD 14218  
TOWNANDA, N.Y. 14150

*Kenneth Kye*

*Sandra Brown* 9 Woodridge Ave, Cheyung NY 14225

*Nancy Karavel* 227 Utica St. Townanda NY 14150

*Jennifer K. Ellicott* 119 Turner Ave, Buffalo NY 14220

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*Rita E. Mariani* 6 Julian Ave. Lack, NY 14218

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Sincerely,

*Edna Mae Betts*

Name

*436 Memorial Parkway Niagara Falls New York 14301*

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Sincerely,

*J Ann Kmello ROCSW*

Name

*452 White Haven Rd. Grand Island N.Y. 14072*

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Sincerely,

*Margaret Lockhill*

*P.S. I believe this move - if went forward - would create another pocket of poverty in a strategic area. There appear to be where terrorists chance to get from and gather.*

*ex. Lockman, Ky  
Leeds, England*

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Sincerely,

*Cheryl A. Zroszewski*  
(A Concerned Citizen)

*64 Cleveland Ave.*  
(address)

*Tonawanda, NY 14150*  
(City, State, Zip)

★ The Niagara Power Project would be a very strategic target for terrorists to hit. It would cripple much of the Northeast U.S. to lose electricity! What does Homeland Security say about this matter?

BRAC Commission

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(Address)

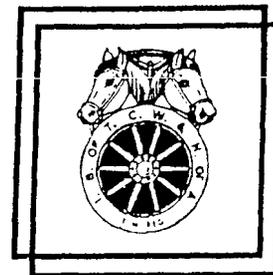
*De Island, Ny 14072*

(City, State, Zip)

The NF Air Base helps to keep this area safe. The NY State power project is a possible target for terrorists. Having the base so close serves to protect the power project as well as our place, city and neighbor (Canada).

# TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION NO. 264

AFFILIATED WITH THE  
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June 6, 2005

Representative Brian Higgins  
Larkin Bldg.  
726 Exchange St., Suite 601  
Buffalo, NY 14210

Dear Representative Higgins:

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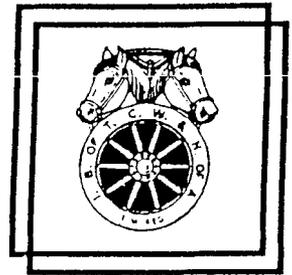
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Ronald G. Lucas  
President

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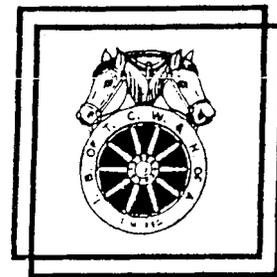
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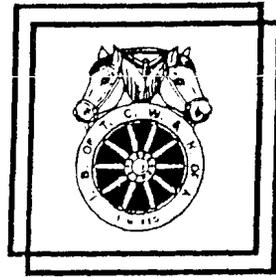
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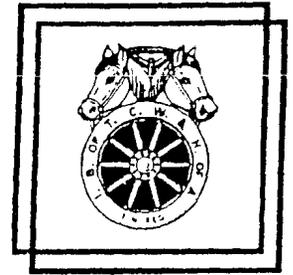
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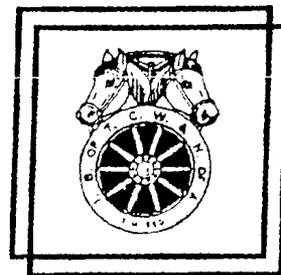
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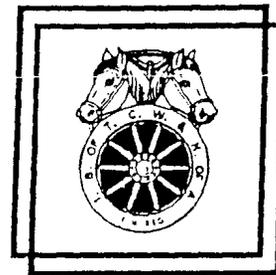
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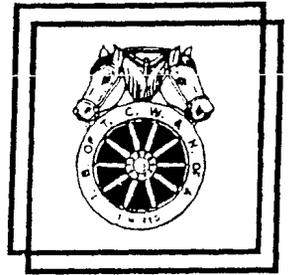
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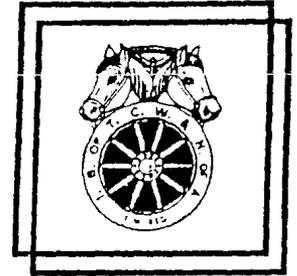
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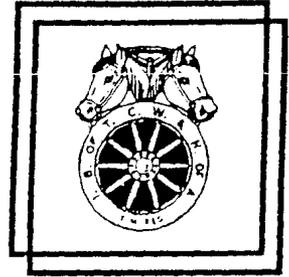
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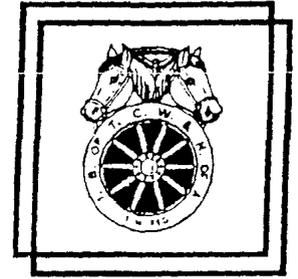
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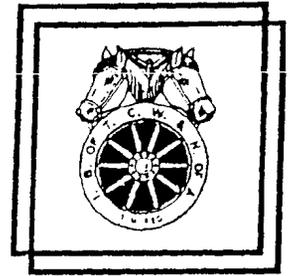
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Barker, NY.  
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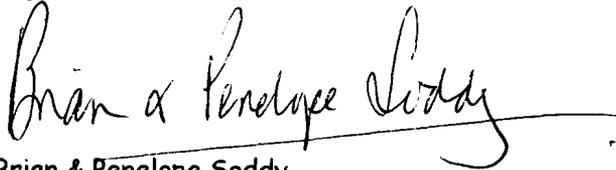
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*Colleen P. Perno*

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During my 34 year military career I served in both the active, and reserve force. This is not politically correct, but I will say it anyway. Guard and Reserve aircraft are better maintained and stay mission ready longer in combat operations. Reserve units have two things that set them apart from most regular units. These two things enhance combat capability. What I am talking about is expertise, and stability. They go hand in hand. Example: In a reserve unit the same personnel work together year after year (stability). This leads to a very high experience level (expertise). The end result is a better maintained, more effective weapons system. In a regular unit there is a constant state of flux. A new troop comes in, you spend two years training him/her, and either their enlistment is up or they ship out. There is little stability. The experience level is diminished. Consequently, mission capability is diminished.

Another decision made by the Department of Defense really troubles me. It is their proposal is to transfer a great number of C-130 aircraft to Little Rock AFB and make it a "super base"(I believe the number of C-130 aircraft would be over 100). What a target for terrorists! You think we would have learned our lesson at Pearl Harbor when we lined all of our aircraft up in neat rows. A few dedicated terrorists attacking the "super base" could cripple our C-130 airlift capability. If not terrorists, then how about a natural disaster (tornado)? As we all know a tornado gives little warning before it hits. The base and the C-130 fleet could be wiped out in a matter of minutes. A super base is not a good idea!

Sir, in this era of limited funding the NFARS has also done a fine job in reducing the costs of running the base. Base operating support costs have been reduced more than 33 percent (that includes a 25 percent reduction in utilities). These reductions have made the NFARS one of the most cost efficient facilities in the Air Force Reserve. One might ask what has this to do with combat capability? Well, it allows the savings to be spent on other more critical items.

Sir, I know that you will be visiting the NFARS later this month. I think the facilities, and the outstanding personnel will impress you. They are looking forward to your visit.

Chairman Principi: I've had my say, so I'll try to sum it up in a nutshell. The NFARS is a valuable national asset, manned by dedicated personnel, performing missions that are vital to the security of our country. The base gives our country an excellent return for the money spent. The Department of Defense decision to close the NFARS was a mistake. I urge you and the BRAC commission to reverse this decision.

Respectfully,

**BRAC Commission**

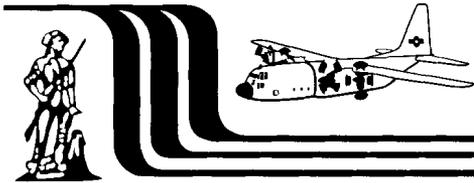
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**Niagara Military Affairs Council**



*Supporting the military of Niagara*

June 10, 2005

Hyjek & Fix  
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Mr. Hyjek,

Please find enclosed an additional 3000 Letters (bundled in groups of 100) to the BRAC from members of our community.

The letters include handwritten and typed letters, emails and on-line petitions from our web site.

We are emphasizing community support and are running an intense letter writing campaign to meet your goal of 20,000+. With this box, we have provided you with a total 11,300.

Please let us know if there is an urgency to send you more by a certain date. Otherwise, we will send large amounts like this as they are collected.

Regards,

Jennifer Overholt  
Executive Assistant, NIMAC

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June 6, 2005

Representative Thomas Renolds  
500 Essjay Rd., Suite 260  
Williamsville, NY 14221

Dear Representative Renolds:

The Pentagon has recommended the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station in Niagara Falls, NY be closed. As Niagara County's second largest employer with nearly 3,000 full and part-time workers, this would deliver another devastating blow to our region's economy.

The base site lies within close proximity to four major border crossing between the U.S. and Canada, along with the New York Power Authority's Hydropower complex which harnesses the Niagara and supplies substantial power to the Northeast Unity States Grid.

While the base serves as a logistical backbone for the War on Terror, it is also strategically placed and fully expandable to allow the addition of a fighter squadron the further secure America's northern border and power grid infrastructure. It should be expanded rather than closed.

According to the Niagara Military Affairs Council:

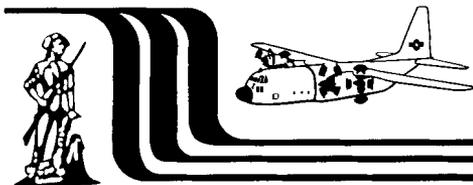
- Closure of Niagara would reduce the Air Force presence in NY by 40%, and eliminate the last Federal Air Force flying mission in the State. Since 1995, Niagara has been modernized with \$35M in new facilities and lengthened runways which have improved the operational effectiveness of the wings.
- We have also reduced our Base Operations Support costs by not less than 33% (to include a 25% reduction in utilities) to make the base one of the most cost-efficient facilities in the Air Force Reserve Command.
- Closure of the base would also eliminate the ability to recruit and retain New Yorkers in a region in which the units have both maintained in excess of 100% manning rates.
- Niagara Falls existing infrastructure can accommodate 8 additional C-130H model aircraft without any military construction.
- Niagara Falls faces no physical encroachment nor air traffic control constraints and has acreage on the base and adjacent to the installation for expansion

I humbly request that you strongly reconsider the decision to close the station. The fine men and women of the 107<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing and 914<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing have been instrumental in securing the homefront and fighting the war on terror overseas.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Ronald G. Lucas  
President



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Chairman Anthony J. Principi  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
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Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I was upset by the Defense Department's recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve and Guard base. This recommendation is not in the nation's best interest and the BRAC Commission should reverse this decision and remove them from the closure list.

It is hard to understand why the Air Force has decided to take planes, missions and jobs away from so many Air Guard and Air Reserve bases and put them on the more costly Active Duty bases.

Also, even the newspapers say that we are facing significant challenges in recruiting during war time. As the only remaining major military installation in Western New York, Niagara Falls has been key to military recruitment.

The impact of this decision will be devastating to the New York Air National Guard and will make the Pentagon's efforts to recruit and retain military personnel even more difficult than it is now.

All New Yorkers stand with the Niagara Falls/Western New York community and are united in its support for this base, and its retention. Overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep the base open.

Sincerely,

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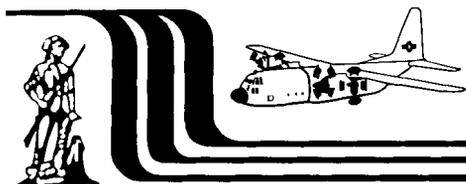
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*Supporting the military of Niagara*

June 13, 2005

Hyjek & Fix  
Attn: Steve Hyjek  
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Mr. Hyjek,

Please find enclosed an additional 3000 Letters (bundled in groups of 100) to the BRAC from members of our community. In addition to that, we have a total of 876 signatures of petition.

The letters include handwritten and typed letters, emails and on-line petitions from our web site.

We are emphasizing community support and are running an intense letter writing campaign to meet your goal of 20,000+. With this box, we have provided you with a total 14,300!!

Please let us know if there is an urgency to send you more by a certain date. Otherwise, we will send large amounts like this as they are collected.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JO', written over a large, stylized loop.

Jennifer Overholt  
Executive Assistant, NIMAC

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I urge the Commission, in the strongest possible terms, to remove Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station from the Pentagon's recommended list of base closures and to stop the continuing retreat of the military from our region of the country.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James D. Salvatore".

James D. Salvatore

June 6 2005

Base Realignment & Closure Commission 06202005  
c/o NIMAC  
PO Box 231  
Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14304-0231

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Pentagon has recommended the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station in Niagara Falls, N.Y. be closed. As Niagara County's second largest employer with nearly 3,000 full and part-time workers, this would deliver another devastating blow to our region's economy.

The base site lies within close proximity to four major border crossings between the U.S. and Canada, along with the New York State Power Authority's Hydropower complex which harnesses the waters of the Niagara and supplies substantial power to the Northeast United States Grid.

While the base serves as a logistical backbone for the War on Terror, it is also strategically placed and fully expandable to allow the addition of a fighter squadron to further secure America's northern border and power grid infrastructure. It should be expanded rather than closed.

According to the Niagara Military Affairs Council:

- Closure of Niagara would reduce the Air Force presence in N.Y. by 40% and eliminate the last Federal Air Force flying mission in the State. Since 1995, Niagara has been modernized with \$35 million in new facilities and lengthened runways which have improved the operations

effectiveness of the wings

- We have also reduced our Base Operations Support costs by not less than 33% (to include a 25% reduction in utilities) to make the base one of the most cost-efficient facilities in the Air Force Reserve Command.
- Closure of the base would also eliminate the ability to recruit and retain New Yorkers in a region in which the units have both maintained in excess of 100% manning rates.
- Niagara Falls existing infrastructure can accommodate 8 additional C-130H model aircraft without any military construction.
- Niagara Falls faces no physical encroachment nor air traffic control constraints and has acreage on the base and adjacent to the installation for expansion.

I humbly request that you strongly reconsider the decision to close the station. The fine men and women of the 107<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing and 914<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing have been instrumental in securing the homefront and fighting the war on terror overseas.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this very important matter.

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Department of Defense has recommended to the BRAC Commission that the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station be closed. This comes as a very big disappointment to the western New York Community. As Niagara County's second largest employer with nearly 3,000 workers, this would deliver another devastating blow to our region's already declining economy.

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While the base serves as a logistical backbone for the war on terror, it is also strategically placed and fully expandable to allow the addition of a fighter squadron to further secure America's northern border and power grid infrastructure. It should be EXPANDED rather than closed.

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I request that you STRONGLY RECONSIDER the decision to close this base. The fine men and women in the 107<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing and the 914<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing have been and continue to be instrumental in securing the home front and fighting the war on terror overseas.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this very important matter.

Sincerely,

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