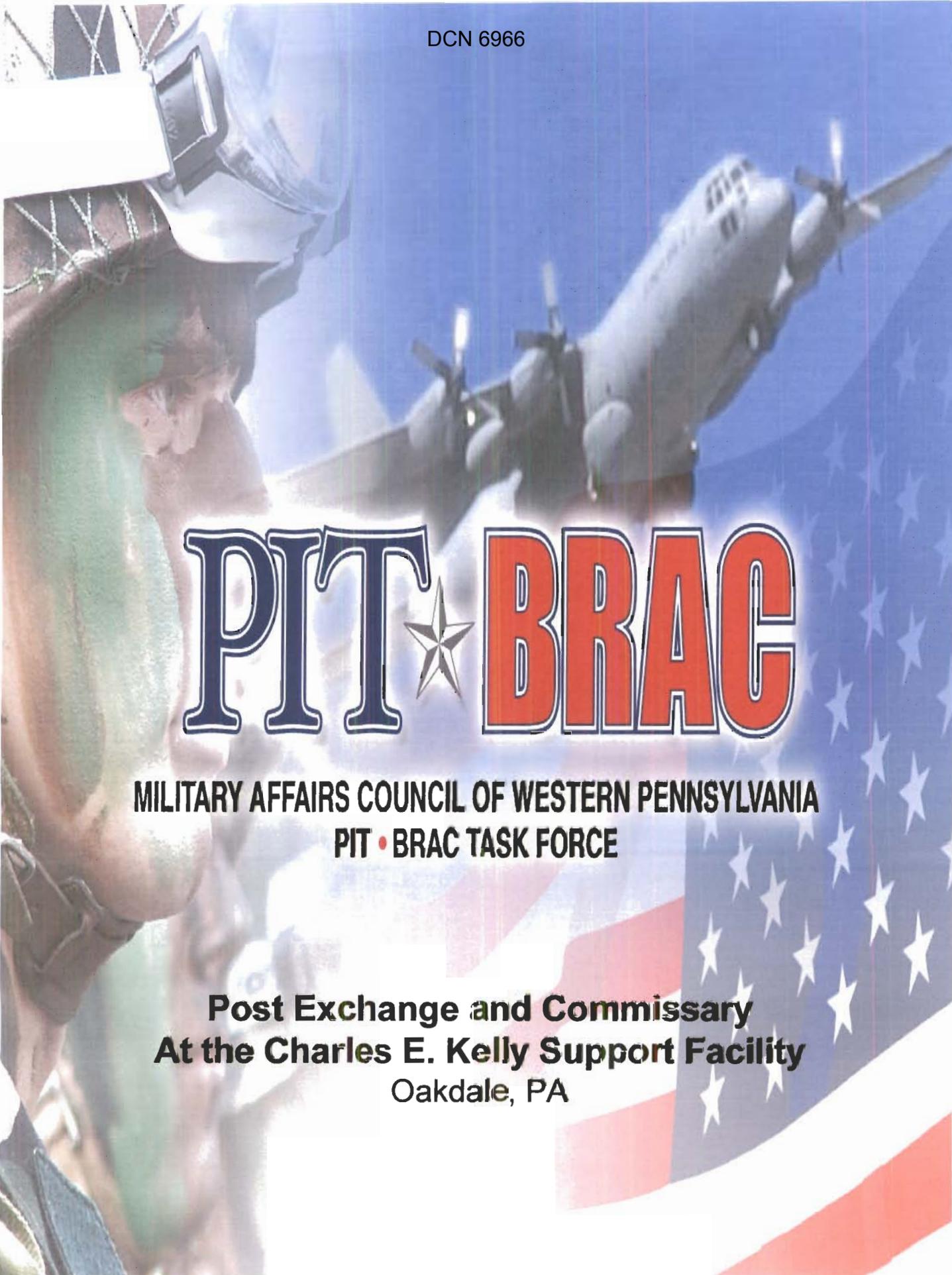


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**MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
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**Post Exchange and Commissary
At the Charles E. Kelly Support Facility
Oakdale, PA**

**PX and Commissary
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Submitted by:

**Judge John G. Brosky (ret.)
Co-chairman, Military Affairs Council of Western Pennsylvania
Maj. General (ret.) Pennsylvania Air National Guard**

**The Hon. Jack Wagner, Pennsylvania Auditor General and
Former Pennsylvania Senator for the Kelly Support Center District**

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CHARLES E. KELLY SUPPORT FACILITY

***6 Lobaugh Street
Oakdale, PA 15071***

Serving:

- More than **69,000** veterans, active duty, retiree and reservists are eligible to use the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (PX) and commissary in Oakdale. The number swells to about **170,000** when eligible family members are included.
- If these facilities are closed, the next closest are Wright Patterson Air Base in Ohio (250 miles away) and Carlisle, Pa. (188 miles away).
- The commissary and PX offer discounts of 10 percent to 40 percent on vital everyday staples like milk, meats, cereals, and healthcare products.

Commissary:

- Opened in 1958.
- Although one of the smallest in the U.S., it ranks 3rd in income production.
- Most shoppers are retirees and veterans trying to stretch their military pensions.

PX:

- Opened in 1961.
- 90% of shoppers are retirees and veterans.
- One of few PX facilities operating in the black.
- Servicemen and women pay no tax on items.
- PX matches lower prices from advertisements from area stores.
- PX can order larger items (furniture, TVs) from a larger PX or vendors.
- Sells: outdoor living, lawn and garden, alcohol, snacks, candy, house wares, pet supplies, automotive, hardware, jewelry, electronics and cosmetics.



Auditor General Jack Wagner points to savings at Kelly Support Facility commissary.

Sample Prices

	Commissary	Supermarket
2% Milk	\$1.91/gal.	\$2.99
Eggs	\$.68/doz.	\$.96
Bread	\$1.48	\$1.59
Cheerios	\$2.49	\$2.55

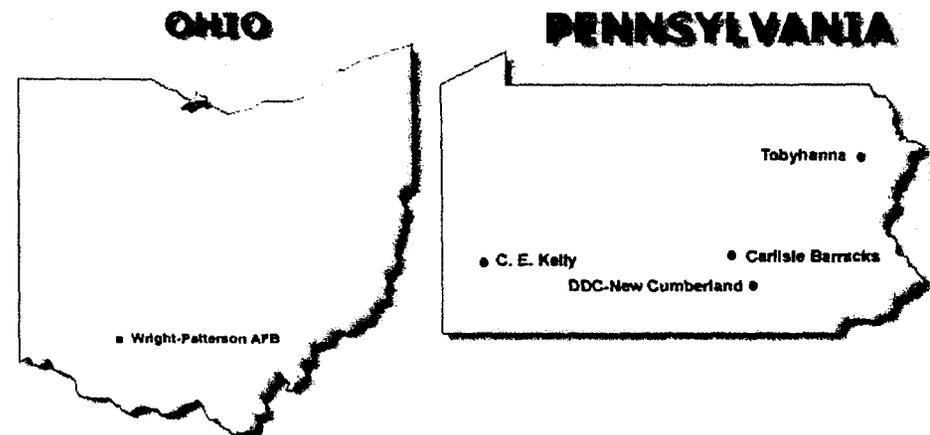


Tenant Agencies



- **Defense Commissary Agency**

- 32 full time employees
- Supports ^{69,000+}~~28,442~~ active duty, reservists, dependents, and retirees within a 50 mile radius
- Sold over \$6.6 million in goods last year
- Provides off-site sales to 171st Air Refueling Wing and other military units
- Distance from Pittsburgh to next nearest commissaries
 - Carlisle – 188 miles
 - Tobyhanna – 339 miles
 - New Cumberland – 203 miles
 - Wright-Pat AFB – 253 miles





RECOMMENDATION

To accommodate the high demand for commissary and post exchange services from the 69,000 military families in the Pittsburgh tri-state area, we recommend that a new facility be built on vacant land near the 99th Regional Readiness Command headquarters in Moon Township. (See letter to Adj. Gen. Jessica L. Wright, p. 8)

The modern facility would comprise a commissary and PX and be of greater size than the combined footprint of the existing facilities.

Its location in the western suburbs of Pittsburgh, near major north-south and east-west highways would make it convenient to military families in western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and West Virginia.

SUPPORT

Support Department





What Active and Retired Military Personnel and their Families Say About the Value of Commissary and PX Facilities

There is no question that military commanders of all service branches in Allegheny County and Western Pennsylvania support having a new PX and commissary in the region. Following are some sample comments.

“Soldiers don’t make as much money as people in the private sector. I depend on this shopping.” – Sgt. First Class **Charles Vincent** of Oakdale, 864th Replacement, who has served in Iraq and Somalia.

“When I came into the service in 1952, I thought the commissary would be here forever. It’s like part of my family.” – **Adolphus Evans**, 73, of Meadow Lands, Pa., who served in the Korean Conflict and Vietnam War, and has had a knee and three hip replacements.



“It really helps us. I can buy more groceries than I can at Giant Eagle (a Western Pennsylvania supermarket chain).” – **Lourie Turner**, wife of **Darnell Tuner**, a member of the Army National Guard’s 28th Signal Corps, which recently returned from active duty in Iraq.

“You can’t beat the milk price – it’s almost \$2 a gallon cheaper.” – Sgt. **James Freezer** of the 303 Psyops Unit.

“This is very convenient – it would be a blow if it closed.” – Master Sgt. **William Rucker** of the 99th Air Lift and father of children aged 2, 6 and 11.

“The quality of the food is outstanding and there are better selections than at the local supermarkets.” – Capt. **Samuel Lashley** of Oakdale, logistics officer with the 339th Hospital Corps., and father of five children.



PHOTOS



Austin Shellenger (right), wife Bernardita, and children Zembria (center) and Shakira travel 100 miles from Cochran, Crawford County, to shop at the Kelly Support Facility commissary. If the commissary were closed, Sgt. E-5 Shellenberger would have to travel 300 miles to shop at a military facility. Sgt. Shellenberger served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1986-92 before enlisting in the U.S. Army. He is a member of the 305th History Detachment with the 99th Regional Readiness Command. Gen. Brosky (far left) served in the U.S. Army during World War in the Pacific Theater. Auditor General Wagner served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and was awarded a Purple Heart.



Judge John G. Brosky (left) and Auditor General Jack Wagner at proposed site for new commissary, 5 miles from Kelly Support Facility.



Vacant land is adjacent to the 99th Regional Readiness Command HQ in Moon.

LETTERS



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

Re: PITTSBURGH, LAND & MORE

July 10, 2005

The 911th Airlift Wing is vital to our nation's defense, and in a strategic location for homeland security. Pittsburgh's renown for its medical community and an excellent recruiting area. The 911th can support additional aircraft right now. Land is not the issue! The four runways afford any and all aircraft ready accessibility. "If it can fly, it can land at Pittsburgh!" This cost-effective operation also hosts a variety of tenant functions which result in taxpayer savings.

The data used in analyzing this base's military value was flawed! Relocating these aircraft would not best serve our military defense posture, nor would it result in retaining the assigned, qualified personnel who have volunteered to serve. Additionally, more monies will have to spent at the gaining bases to support this. The 911th AW should not be closed! It should be considered for expansion as part of a Joint Readiness Regional Center -- combining the 99th RSC and Charles E. Kelly Support Facility.

Sincerely,

John Kitch
513 Craighoad St
Canonsburg Pa 15317

Address:

This is one of 6,000+ letters signed by visitors to the "Wings Over Pittsburgh" air show, held by the 911th Airlift Wing.



**GROGAN
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June 28, 2005

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Major General Jessica L. Wright
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Dear General Wright:

As Co-Chairman of the Military Affairs Council of Western Pennsylvania, I have been directed to request your support in having you write to the Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Patrick B. Nixon of the Defense Commissary Agency (DECA) requesting that his agency conduct a fundamental survey for a new commissary on available land next to the 99th Regional Readiness Command Headquarters. His address is:

Mr. Patrick B. Nixon, SES
Chief Executive Officer
Defense Commissary Agency
1300 Edward Avenue
Fort Lee, VA 23801

This is an urgent request which is most concerning to all military personnel residing in Western Pennsylvania.

As you are aware, BRAC 2005, as it has been presented, will have serious consequences for all in Pennsylvania.

In Western Pennsylvania, the BRAC list included, among other military units, the Charles E. Kelly Support Facility for closure.

This means the closing of the Commissary and Post Exchange which would be disastrous to 69,000 active duty, reservists, National Guardsmen and women, dependents and retirees in Western Pennsylvania, part of West Virginia and part of Ohio.

Without the Commissary our personnel would either travel 188 miles to Carlisle, Pa or 250 miles to Wright Patterson Air Base in Ohio as the nearest facility.

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Our recommendation is to have first a survey to validate the need of continuous commissary service in Western Pennsylvania and second that the survey consider relocating the Commissary to a site next to the 99th Regional Readiness Command Headquarters previously approved for both Commissary, Army and Air Force Exchange Service relocations.

A confirmation letter to this effect is forthcoming from Brig. General Karol A. Kennedy, Commander of the 99th RRC.

Your prompt attention, and hopefully your approval, of this request would be deeply appreciated by all military personnel and dependents.

Sincerely,

Grogan Graffam, P.C.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John G. Brosky". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Judge John G. Brosky (Ret.)
Maj. Gen. (Ret.) PA ANG

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July 19, 2005

Major General Jessica L. Wright
Adjutant General
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
Fort Indiantown Gap
Annville, Pennsylvania 17003-5003

Dear General Wright:

As a U.S. Marine Corps veteran who served during the Vietnam War, I have dedicated my three decades of public service to issues affecting active and retired military personnel. As a Pennsylvania State Senator, I fought to preserve the 911th Air Lift and other military installations in Western Pennsylvania which had been targeted for closing a decade ago.

I am now writing to request your support for an issue of utmost concern to me and the 69,000 active duty, reservists, National Guardsmen and women, dependents and retirees in the tri-state area of southwestern Pennsylvania. I ask for your urgent assistance in supporting the construction of a new commissary for our region.

Please send a letter at your earliest convenience to Patrick B. Nixon, Chief Executive Officer of the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA), offering your support for a fundamental survey for construction of a new commissary on available land next to the 99th Regional Readiness Command Headquarters near Pittsburgh International Airport.

As you know, recent recommendations by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission would have devastating consequences for the Pittsburgh region. If the BRAC recommendations are implemented, more than 1,300 direct and indirect jobs and 2,300 reservists will be eliminated, at an estimated economic impact of \$95 million a year.

Major General Jessica L. Wright

Adjutant General

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Widely overlooked among the BRAC Commission's recommendations has been the proposed closing of the commissary and PX at the Charles E. Kelly Support Facility in Oakdale. These facilities are extensively used, economically profitable and vitally important to retaining active and retired military personnel in our region. A larger, more modern facility housing both a commissary and PX is needed in Pittsburgh, regardless of the BRAC Commission's decision on base closings.

Although the existing commissary at the Kelly Support Center is one of the smallest physically in the United States; it, nevertheless, ranks third in income production. The PX is one of the few that operates in the black. The PX and commissary draw military personnel not just from southwestern Pennsylvania, but from Ohio and West Virginia.

The Pittsburgh region ranks high in both providing new recruits to the military, as well as being home to one of the highest concentration of military retirees in the nation. If the commissary and PX are closed, it will deprive these brave and loyal Americans of a service they have earned and come to depend on to help them stretch their military paychecks and pensions.

The commissary and PX offer discounts of 10 to 40 percent on vital everyday staples, such as milk, poultry and beef, cereals, and healthcare products. The next nearest commissary to Pittsburgh is 190-miles east in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, or 250-miles west at Wright Patterson Air Base in Ohio. Traveling great lengths to access these commissaries will greatly inconvenience military personnel in our region, especially elderly veterans and those with physical disabilities.

If the Kelly Support Center facilities are shuttered, our military branches will find it more difficult to recruit and retain active personnel in the Pittsburgh region. In addition, hundreds of military retirees in the Pittsburgh region may be forced to sell their homes and relocate to communities with commissary and PX services.

As a Pennsylvania State Senator, I represented the district in which the Kelly Support Center commissary and PX are situated. I have had an opportunity to meet these patriotic men and women, active and retired, who have served our nation in every major conflict from World War II to Iraq. They are proud of their military service, and many I have spoken with are shocked and disappointed that our government would deprive of them of something they have come to depend on to help make ends meet.

Major General Jessica L. Wright
Adjutant General
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
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Please join me in helping these fine men and women and their families. I urge you to immediately write a letter to CEO Patrick Nixon offering your support for a survey for construction of a new commissary in Pittsburgh.

Thank you for your consideration, and please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



JACK WAGNER

JW/SH/kr

Cc: Honorable John G. Brosky (Ret.)
Maj. Gen. (Ret.) PA ANG



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July 19, 2005

The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
Chairman
2005 DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE
AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

As a U.S. Marine Corps veteran who served during the Vietnam War, I have dedicated my three decades of public service to issues affecting active and retired military personnel. As a Pennsylvania State Senator, I fought to preserve the 911th Air Lift and other military installations in Western Pennsylvania which had been targeted for closing a decade ago. These installations are again under review by your commission, and I have written you previously to express my support for maintaining these strategically vital and economically important facilities.

Yet again, I am writing you to bring attention to a related issue of utmost concern to me and the 69,000 active duty, reservists, National Guardsmen and women, dependents and retirees in the tri-state area of southwestern Pennsylvania. Among the BRAC Commission's recommendations is the proposed closing of the commissary and post-exchange at the Charles E. Kelly Support Facility in Oakdale. Closing the commissary and PX would be an egregious mistake for many reasons. It would greatly inconvenience and economically damage the thousands of military families in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia who rely on these facilities to help them stretch their military paychecks and pensions. It may force hundreds of retirees to sell their homes and relocate to communities that have commissaries and post-exchanges. It will also hamper the military's efforts to recruit and retain active military personnel in our region.

The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
Chairman
**2005 DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE
AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION**

July 19, 2005

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I ask the BRAC Commission to preserve the Kelly Support Center commissary and PX regardless of its decision on the 911th Air Lift and other military installations in Western Pennsylvania. In fact, I encourage the Defense Department to consider building a larger, more modern commissary to better serve active and retired military personnel and their families in the Pittsburgh region.

The case for a new commissary is compelling. Although the existing commissary at the Kelly Support Center is one of the smallest physically in the United States; it, nevertheless, ranks third in income production. The PX is one of the few that operates in the black.

The commissary and PX offer discounts of 10 to 40 percent on vital everyday staples, such as milk, poultry and beef, cereals, and healthcare products. The next nearest commissary to Pittsburgh is 190-miles east in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, or 250- miles west at Wright Patterson Air Base in Ohio. Traveling great lengths to access these commissaries will greatly inconvenience military personnel in our region, especially elderly veterans and those with physical disabilities.

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Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,


JACK WAGNER

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Department of the Auditor General

**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120-0018**

June 30, 2005

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

Dear Chairman Principi:

We are at a time in our nation when Americans face an insidious threat. We all know that our war on global terrorism is far from over. I am proud of the dedication of our military serving in this war, and I have deep appreciation for their sacrifices.

I was an infantryman during the Vietnam War, and I know first-hand what it means to soldiers to have a nation united behind them as we are today. My respect for our military compels me to oppose the Pentagon's plan to close four military installations in Pennsylvania.

My experience as a Marine taught me that geographically critical bases are strategically vital to the military's defense. My role as Pennsylvania's Auditor General requires me to oppose the decision as a severe economic blow to our state and its thousands of loyal military and civilian personnel in Pennsylvania.

The two main U.S. military installations slated for reorganization in Pennsylvania are the Willow Grove Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in Montgomery County, near Philadelphia, and the U.S. Air Force Reserve 911th Air Lift in Allegheny County, outside Pittsburgh, which would be moved to Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina. In addition are two Western Pennsylvania facilities close to Pittsburgh International Airport: the Army's Charles E. Kelly Support Facility that will be closed and the 99th Regional Readiness Command that will be moved to Fort Dix in New Jersey.

Closing military bases during a war is like taking police off the streets during a crime spree. America needs to be prepared to respond to homeland security threats from strategic geographical locations, particularly the northeast corridor of the United States. Pennsylvania is a unique state in that our bases offer different, but very important, regional readiness. Willow Grove is located near major metropolitan and port areas. Strategically, it is positioned in the heart of the heavily populated New York -

Philadelphia - Baltimore - Washington corridor, a terrorist target in the past and possibly in the future. Our bases in the western part of the state are ideally situated to serve the Pittsburgh area and the Midwestern populace areas. Both bases have served the military extremely well for decades and most recently in the war on terrorism.

The arguments for maintaining the Pittsburgh-area facilities and Willow Grove are overwhelmingly persuasive.

In Pittsburgh the BRAC Commission's primary reason for relocating the 911th to North Carolina was based on faulty information.

- The Pentagon said it wanted to close the 911th Air Lift Wing because there wasn't sufficient land to accommodate more than 10 C-130 cargo planes. There are actually 53 acres of tarmac available for expansion. The extra land would allow space for 16 planes, the Air Force's preferred number for a squadron. (*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* 6/22/2005)
- The county also owns another 1,200 unused acres near the Pittsburgh International Airport that could be developed. (*Associated Press* 6/20/2005)
- Since it shares space with Pittsburgh International Airport, the reserve base does not have to pay for runway maintenance, snow removal or firefighting equipment. Also, the 911th is one of a few military air bases with a choice of four runways. Pittsburgh International Airport is renowned for its excellent maintenance and is one of the few airports capable of keeping runways open during inclement weather. (*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* 6/22/2005)
- The 911th Air Lift Wing and National Guard units from Western Pennsylvania have played key roles in recent military operations, including Desert Storm, Bosnia, Afghanistan and Iraq.
- Closing the bases will cost the Pittsburgh area 845 direct jobs, 571 indirect jobs, 2,317 reservists and \$95 million annually in wages and ancillary benefits to the region. (*PIT-BRAC Task Force*)

Willow Grove is the dominant military base in Eastern Pennsylvania.

- Willow Grove has played a vital role in post 9/11 military mobilization. It houses reserves and National Guard units from all of the services, one of only three such bases in the country. (*Philadelphia Inquirer* 6/11/2005)
- The Navy's Cost of Base Realignment Actions (COBRA) analysis is flawed in that it eliminates 52 positions that do not currently exist, in each year from 2007 through 2011. **This error inflates the savings projected for the elimination of Willow Grove.** (*Rendell Administration Press Release* 6/27/2005)

- The Department of Defense projects loss of 1,232 personnel by closing Willow Grove. Actual loss would be a total of 7,218 which includes 4,904 reservists and guardsmen, 1,565 full-time active duty and 749 full-time technicians. This means a \$378 million annual economic loss to the region. (*Rendell Administration Press Release 6/27/2005*)

The closing of these two strategically important bases would affect more than 10,000 military and civilian jobs in the Commonwealth. Pennsylvania took major hits from three previous BRAC closings. Our Commonwealth has endured 16,000 job losses since the first closings in 1988.

Pennsylvania has one of the largest National Guard units in the country and the members use these bases as headquarters or for training. (*Philadelphia Inquirer 6/27/2005*)

Let us not forget that Pennsylvania has a long history of providing strength to the military. Western Pennsylvania has provided a higher proportion of recruits for both active and reserve forces than the national average. (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette 6/21/2005*) Eighty-three brave Pennsylvania soldiers have given their lives defending freedom in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Pentagon's plan weakens our overall military strength. It damages troop morale, and it sends the wrong message to the enemy about our national resolve.

Though views may differ across the nation as to the decision to initiate military action in Iraq, at the present, America stands proud and united in its support of our troops. But that may not be the case in the future. States that are losing military bases and jobs, as proposed in Pennsylvania, are concerned about the commitment to our troops, families and communities while America is at war. Closing these strategic military bases while our country is at war simply does not make sense.

It is no secret that the military is falling short of meeting its recruiting targets. Thus, the National Guard looms ever larger in our national defense plans. On June 23, Pennsylvania Army National Guard sent a brigade into combat for the first time since World War II. With 2,130 soldiers, it is the state's largest deployment since the Korean War. They will add to the 1,000 soldiers already in the Middle East. That brings to 3,200 the number of Pennsylvania Guard members fighting against the insurgency.

Cutting National Guard installations will not strengthen our national security and enhance our ability to win the global war on terror; it will only weaken us at a time when we need the National Guard the most.

Eliminating our facilities will only depress National Guard recruiting efforts. The closings will force some National Guardsmen and reservists to drive longer distances to report for duty.

The Pentagon needs to return to the drawing board. Closing these key military bases in Eastern and Western Pennsylvania will harm the security of Pennsylvania and the United States of America. Many Pennsylvanians have given their lives for their country by making the ultimate sacrifice. Their families and communities have suffered in the process. Please do not turn your back on them by closing these bases. It would send the wrong message to 12 million Americans that have defended our country since its inception.

Sincerely,

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JACK WAGNER

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Cc: Governor Edward G. Rendell
Senator Arlen Specter
Senator Rick Santorum
Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation
Major General Jessica Wright

July 18, 2005

Col Carl Vogt
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Dear Col Vogt:

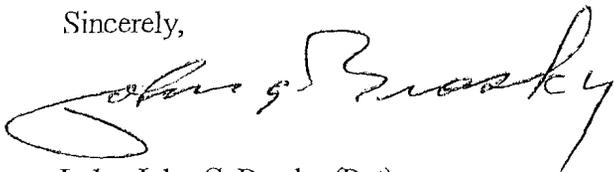
The Military Affairs Council of Western Pennsylvania has initiated taking the necessary steps to have the Defense Commissary Agency conduct a survey to establish a new commissary on available land next to the 99th Regional Readiness Command Headquarter building.

As co-chairman of the Military Affairs Council of Western Pennsylvania, and on its behalf, we would appreciate a letter from you as Commander of the 911th AW supporting the project for a new commissary on the site next to the 99th Headquarters building.

We believe very strongly that a new modern up-to-date commissary would be highly justified and beneficial to the Air and Army National Guardsmen, active duty personnel, reservists, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard personnel.

Your assistance in this most worthwhile endeavor would be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Judge John G. Brosky (Ret)
Co-Chairman, Military Affairs Council of Western Pennsylvania
Maj/Gen (Ret) - PA-ANG

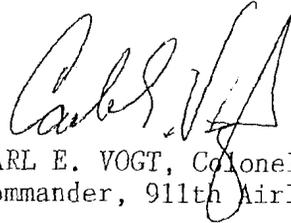
1st Ind to Judge John G. Brosky(Ret) Memorandum, 18 Jul 2005, New Commissary Project

911th Airlift Wing/CC

18 July 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR Defense Commissary Agency

The 911th Airlift Wing Retirees, Reservists and families would be well served by this commissary.



CARL E. VOGT, Colonel, USAFR
Commander, 911th Airlift Wing