

Commissioner's Base Visit Report



Pope Air Force Base and Fort Bragg, North Carolina Realignment Recommendations

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**POPE AIR FORCE BASE, NORTH CAROLINA
AND
FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION BASE VISIT**

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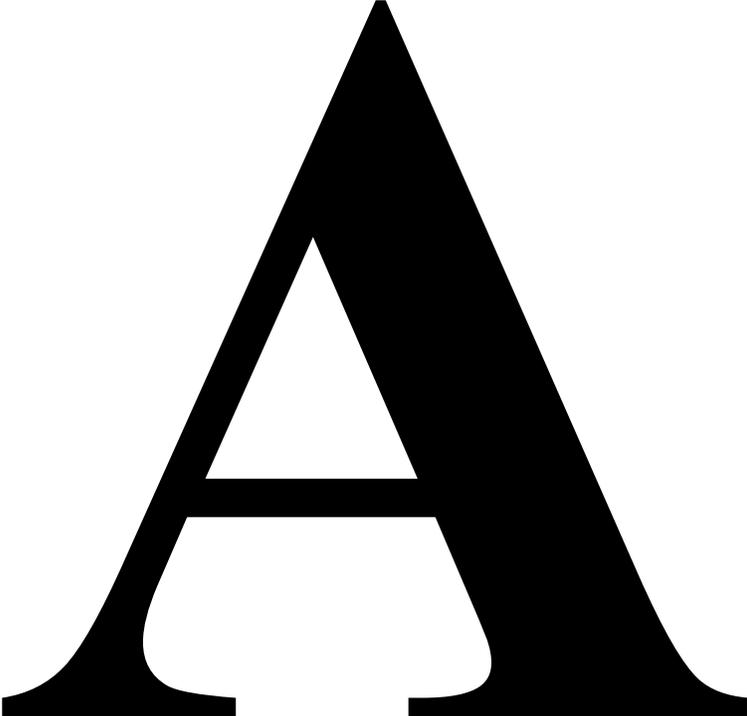
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**ITINERARY FOR THE VISIT OF
ADMIRAL HAROLD W. GEHMAN, JR (USN, RET)
DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION
TO
POPE AIR FORCE BASE, NORTH CAROLINA
AND
FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA**

VISIT DATE: Tuesday, 24 May 2005

MEMBERS IN PARTY: LTC Kevin Felix
Dr. Mike Flinn

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PURPOSE: Visit to Pope Air Force Base and Fort Bragg, North
Carolina

WEATHER FORCAST: *Weather Forecast: Sunny (0% chance of precipitation)
79°F/55°F*

UNIFORM: *Blues*

AGENDA

Time	Activity	POC
0700	Leave Norfolk, Virginia	N/A
0811	Arrive Charlotte, North Carolina	N/A
0910	Leave Charlotte, North Carolina	N/A
0955	Arrive Fayetteville, North Carolina	Felix/Flinn
0955 – 1050	En route to Pope AFB (Manchester Gate)	Felix/Flinn
1050 – 1150	BRAC Commissioner time with Analysts	Felix/Flinn
1150 – 1155	Security Forces escort party to 43 rd Airlift Wing HQ Building	CCP 797-5336/5328
1155	Arrive 43 rd Airlift Wing Headquarters Building	Col. McDew
1155-1225	Office call with Col. McDew	Col. McDew
1225 – 1255	Pope AFB Brief	TBD
1255 – 1300	En route for lunch TBD	TBD
1300 – 1400	Lunch TBD	TBD
1400 – 1500	Windshield tour of Pope AFB	TBD
1500	Return to 43 rd Airlift Wing HQ Building	TBD
1500 – 1530	Meeting with Cols. McDew and Aycock, Garrison Commander (XVIII Airborne Corps)	TBD
1530 – 1700	Windshield tour of Fort Bragg	TBD
1700	Departure from Pope AFB, en route to Fayetteville Airport	Felix/Flinn
1900	Admiral Gehman departs Fayetteville, North Carolina	N/A
2020	Admiral Gehman arrives Atlanta, Georgia	N/A

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BASE SUMMARY SHEET

DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION

BASE SUMMARY SHEET

Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina Fort Bragg, North Carolina

INSTALLATION MISSION

Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina

- The 43rd Airlift Wing Maintains a high state of readiness to rapidly deploy, upon short notice, a highly trained airlift force and successfully plans and executes air operations. These operations may be conducted in any theater, region, or contingency area as part of any force, joint and allied, in support of national objectives.
- As the host unit, the 43rd Airlift Wing provides base support services to 15-plus tenant units, making Team Pope a total-force installation. The Pope Air Force Base flight line is home to the C-130 and the A-10.

Fort Bragg, North Carolina

- The Fort Bragg mission “is to maintain the XVIII Airborne Corps as a strategic crisis response force, manned and trained to deploy rapidly by air, sea and land anywhere in the world, prepared to fight upon arrival and win.”

DOD RECOMMENDATION

Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina

- The Department of Defense recommended realigning Pope Air Force, NC as follows:
 - Transfer 25 C-130E's from the 43rd Airlift Wing at Pope AFB, NC to the 314th Airlift Wing at Little Rock AFB, AR
 - Form 16 aircraft Air Force Reserve/active duty associate unit by:
 - Transferring eight C-130H aircraft to Pope AFB from realigned Yeager Airport Air Guard Station (AGS), WV
 - Transferring eight C-130H aircraft to Pope AFB from 911th Airlift Wing of the closed Pittsburgh International Airport (IAP) Air Reserve Station (ARS) PA
 - Transfer 36 A-10's from the 23rd Fighter Group at Pope AFB, NC to Moody AFB, GA
 - Transfer real property accountability to the Army
 - Disestablish the 43rd Medical Group and establish a medical squadron
 - Relocate AFRC operations and maintenance manpower to Pope/Fort Bragg.

Fort Bragg, North Carolina

- The Department of Defense recommended realigning Fort Bragg, NC, by:
 - Relocating the 7th Special Forces Group (SFG) to Eglin AFB, FL
 - Activating the 4th Brigade Combat Team (BCT), 82d Airborne Division
 - Relocating European-based forces (military police) to Fort Bragg, NC.
 - Relocate FORSCOM and US Army Reserve Command to Pope/Bragg
 - Relocate all mobilization processing functions from Ft Lee/Eustis/Jackson to Bragg and establish a Joint Pope/Bragg mobilization and deployment center
 - All medical functions from Pope AFB to Fort Bragg, NC

DOD JUSTIFICATION

Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina

- Downsizing Pope Air Force Base takes advantage of mission-specific consolidation opportunities to reduce operational costs, maintenance costs, and the manpower footprint. The smaller footprint facilitates transfer of the installation to the Army. Active duty C-130s will move to Little Rock AFB, AR (17-airlift) and A-10s will move to Moody AFB, GA (11-SOF/CSAR), to consolidate the force structure at those two bases and enable Army recommendations at Pope. Older aircraft at Little Rock AFB, AR will be retired or converted to back-up inventory and J-model C-130s will be aligned under the Air National Guard. As Little Rock AFB, AR grows to become the single major active duty C-130 unit, maintenance and operation of this aging weapon system will be streamlined. Meanwhile, the synergistic, multi-service relationship will continue between Army airborne and Air Force airlift forces at Pope AFB, NC with the creation of an Active Duty/Reserve associate unit. The C-130 unit will become an Army tenant on an expanded Fort Bragg.
- With the disestablishment of the 43rd Medical Group, both the Air Force and the Army will retain the required manpower to provide primary care, flight, and occupational medicine to support their respective active duty military members. However, the Army will provide ancillary and specialty medical services for all assigned Army and Air Force military members (lab, x-ray, pharmacy, etc).
- The major command's capacity briefing reported that land constraints at Pittsburgh ARS prevented the installation from hosting more than 10 C-130 aircraft while Yeager AGS cannot support more than eight C-130s. Careful analysis of mission capability indicated that it is more appropriate to robust the proposed airlift mission at Fort Bragg to an optimal 16 aircraft C-130H squadron, which provides greater military value and offers unique opportunities for Jointness.

Fort Bragg, North Carolina

- This recommendation co-locates Army Special Operation Forces with Air Force Special Operations Forces at Eglin AFB, activates the 4th Brigade Combat Team (BCT) of the 82nd Airborne Division and relocates Combat Service Support units to Fort Bragg from Europe to support the Army modular force transformation. This realignment and

activation of forces enhances military value and training capabilities by locating Special Operations Forces (SOF) in locations that best support Joint specialized training needs, and by creating needed space for the additional brigade at Fort Bragg. This recommendation is consistent with, and supports the Army's Force Structure Plan submitted with the FY 06 budget, and provides the necessary capacity and capability (including surge) to support the units affected by this action.

- This recommendation never pays back. However, the benefits of enhancing Joint training opportunities coupled with the positive impact of freeing up needed training space and reducing cost of the new BCT by approximately \$54-\$148M (with family housing) at Fort Bragg for the Army's Modular Force transformation, justify the additional costs to the Department.

COST CONSIDERATIONS DEVELOPED BY DOD

Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina

- One-Time Costs: \$218.1 million
- Net Savings during Implementation: \$652.5 million
- Annual Recurring Savings: \$197.0 million
- Return on Investment Year: 2006 (0)
- Net Present Value over 20 Years (Savings): \$2,515.4 million

Fort Bragg, North Carolina

- One-Time Costs: \$334.8 million
- Net Savings during Implementation: \$446.1 million
- Annual Recurring Costs: \$ 23.8 million
- Return on Investment Year: None
- Net Present Value over 20 Years (Costs): \$639.2 million

Total

- One-Time Costs: \$552.9 million
- Net Savings during Implementation: \$1,098.6 million
- Annual Recurring Savings: \$173.2 million
- Return on Investment Year:
- Net Present Value over 20 Years (Savings): \$1,876.2 million

MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS OF THIS RECOMMENDATION (EXCLUDES CONTRACTORS)

	<u>Military</u>	<u>Civilian</u>	<u>Students</u>
Baseline			
Reductions			
Realignments			
Total			

MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS OF ALL RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING THIS INSTALLATION (INCLUDES ON-BASE CONTRACTORS AND STUDENTS)

	Out		In		Net Gain (Loss)	
	<u>Military</u>	<u>Civilian</u>	<u>Military</u>	<u>Civilian</u>	<u>Military</u>	<u>Civilian</u>
Pope Air Force Base	(5,969)	(345)	1,148	1,153	(4,821)	808 (676 with contractor losses)
Fort Bragg	(1,352)	0	5,430	247	4,078	247
Total	(7,321)	(345)	6,578	1,400	(743)	923 - 1,055

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina

- There are potential impacts to air quality; cultural, archeological, or tribal resources; land use constraints or sensitive resource areas; noise; threatened and endangered species or critical habitat; waste management; water resources; and wetlands that may need to be considered during the implementation of this recommendation.
- There are no anticipated impacts to dredging; or marine mammals, resources, or sanctuaries.
- Impacts of costs include \$1.3M in costs for environmental compliance and waste management. These costs were included in the payback calculation.
- There are no anticipated impacts to the costs of environmental restoration.
- The aggregate environmental impact of all recommended BRAC actions affecting the installations in this recommendation have been reviewed. There are no known environmental impediments to the implementation of this recommendation.

Fort Bragg, North Carolina

- There are no known environmental impediments to implementation of this recommendation.

- Increased water demand at Fort Bragg may lead to further controls and restrictions and water infrastructure may need upgrades due to incoming population.
- Added operations may impact threatened and endangered species at Fort Bragg and result in further operational and training restrictions.
- This recommendation may result in operational restrictions to protect cultural or archeological resources at Eglin AFB and Fort Bragg.
- Further analysis may be necessary to determine the extent of new noise impacts at Eglin and Bragg.
- Additional operations at Eglin may impact wetlands, resulting in operational restrictions. An evaluation of operational restrictions on jurisdictional wetlands will likely have to be conducted at Fort Bragg.
- Tribal consultations may also be required at both locations.
- Operations are currently restricted by electromagnetic radiation and/or emissions and additional operations/training may result in operational restrictions at Eglin AFB.
- Additional waste production at Eglin AFB may necessitate modifications of hazardous waste program.
- This recommendation has no impact on air quality; dredging; land use constraints or sensitive resource areas; or marine mammals, resources, or sanctuaries.
- This recommendation will require spending approximately \$1.0M for environmental compliance costs. These costs were included in the payback calculation.
- This recommendation does not otherwise impact the costs of environmental restoration, waste management, and environmental compliance activities.

REPRESENTATION

Governor: Michael F. Easley (D)

Senators: Elizabeth Dole (R)
Richard Burr (R)

Representative: Bob Etheridge (D) (Pope Air Force Base and Fort Bragg)
Mike McIntyre (D) (Fort Bragg)

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina

- Potential Employment Loss: 6,802 jobs (4,145 direct and 2,657 indirect)
- MSA Job Base: 195,370 jobs
- Percentage: 3.5 % percent decrease
- Cumulative Economic Impact (Year-Year): ___ percent decrease

Fort Bragg, North Carolina

- Potential Employment Gain: 7,240 jobs (4,325 direct and 2,915 indirect)
- MSA Job Base: 195,370 jobs
- Percentage: 3.7 % percent increase
- Cumulative Economic Impact (Year-Year): ___ percent increase

Combined Economic Impact

- Potential Employment Gain: 438 jobs (180 direct and 258 indirect)
- MSA Job Base: 195,370 jobs
- Percentage: 0.2 % percent increase
- Cumulative Economic Impact (Year-Year): ___ percent decrease/decrease

MILITARY ISSUES

- This recommendation will result in a net loss in airlift capacity of nine C-130s. However, the replacement C-130Hs are longer, newer, and more reliable than the original C-130E models they are intended to replace. Less down time and larger capacity could offset the fewer aircraft. According to Col. Al Aycock (Fort Bragg Garrison Commander), also C-17 aircraft fly in from other locations. The move continues the relationship between the Army airborne and Air Force airlift units by forming an Active Duty/Reserve associate unit with the C-130 unit becoming a tenant of an expanded Fort Bragg.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS/ISSUES

- According to the New & Observer, North Carolina has the fourth-largest military presence of any state, directly employing more than 135,000 people at its six major bases and contributing \$18 billion annually to the North Carolina economy. This recommendation will cause a shift in military presence with an emphasis on Army personnel over Air Force. According to the "News 14 Carolina" website posting for 14 May 2005:

The economy in Fayetteville and Spring Lake isn't expected to take a big hit. It is actually expected to get better. Real estate agents are foaming at the mouth because they are going to have a lot of homes for sale.

ITEMS OF SPECIAL EMPHASIS

- Taken alone, the realignment of Pope Air Force Base would seem to be a severe blow to the Fayetteville region. However, Fort Bragg is set to see significant gains. The entire restructuring of Fort Bragg and Polk AFB should be a significant benefit to the local area. Although there will be a net loss of 743 military and 132 contractor jobs, these losses will be offset by a net increase of 1055 civilian jobs equating to a net employment gain of 180. An increase of only 180 employees should have a negligible impact on an employment base of 195,370. When the changes associated with Fort Bragg are considered, the economic impact is actually a 0.2% increase in employment.
- Lost jobs are likely to be replaced with higher paying positions. Headquarters of Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) and US Army Reserve Command (USARC) will relocate to Fort Bragg as part of the Fort McPherson, GA closure process. Fort Bragg will gain an additional eight to ten generals including a four-star from Fort McPherson.
- Col. Al Aycock (Fort Bragg Garrison Commander) stated on the "FortBraggNC.com" website that:

The movement of the major command down to this area will cause a lot of other units to come here for various conferences. There will be a lot of movement in and out of Pope Air Force Base for the purposes of training, for visits to the commander. I think that you will see more high-ranking people who will come to this particular area if the BRAC recommendations are approved.

- A planned \$30M military construction (MILCON) to accommodate the C-130J is still going forward.
- MILCON at Fort Bragg is estimated at \$200 million.
- There will be a shift in personnel to more civilians. Additionally, the military balance will shift more to an Army presence. If the drawdown of Pope Air Force Base is coordinated with the corresponding buildup of Fort Bragg, the impact to the economy and infrastructure of the Fayetteville region should be minimal.

Michael H. Flinn, Ph.D./Air Force Team/19 May 2005
Kevin M. Felix, LTC/Army Team/19 May 2005

Figure 1 – Combined Pope Air Force Base and Fort Bragg Unit Movements

Figure 2 – Depiction of Pope Air Force Recommendations

POPE AIR FORCE BASE, NC

REALIGN

PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AIR RESERVE STATION, PA

CLOSE

YEAGER AIR GUARD STATION, WV

REALIGN

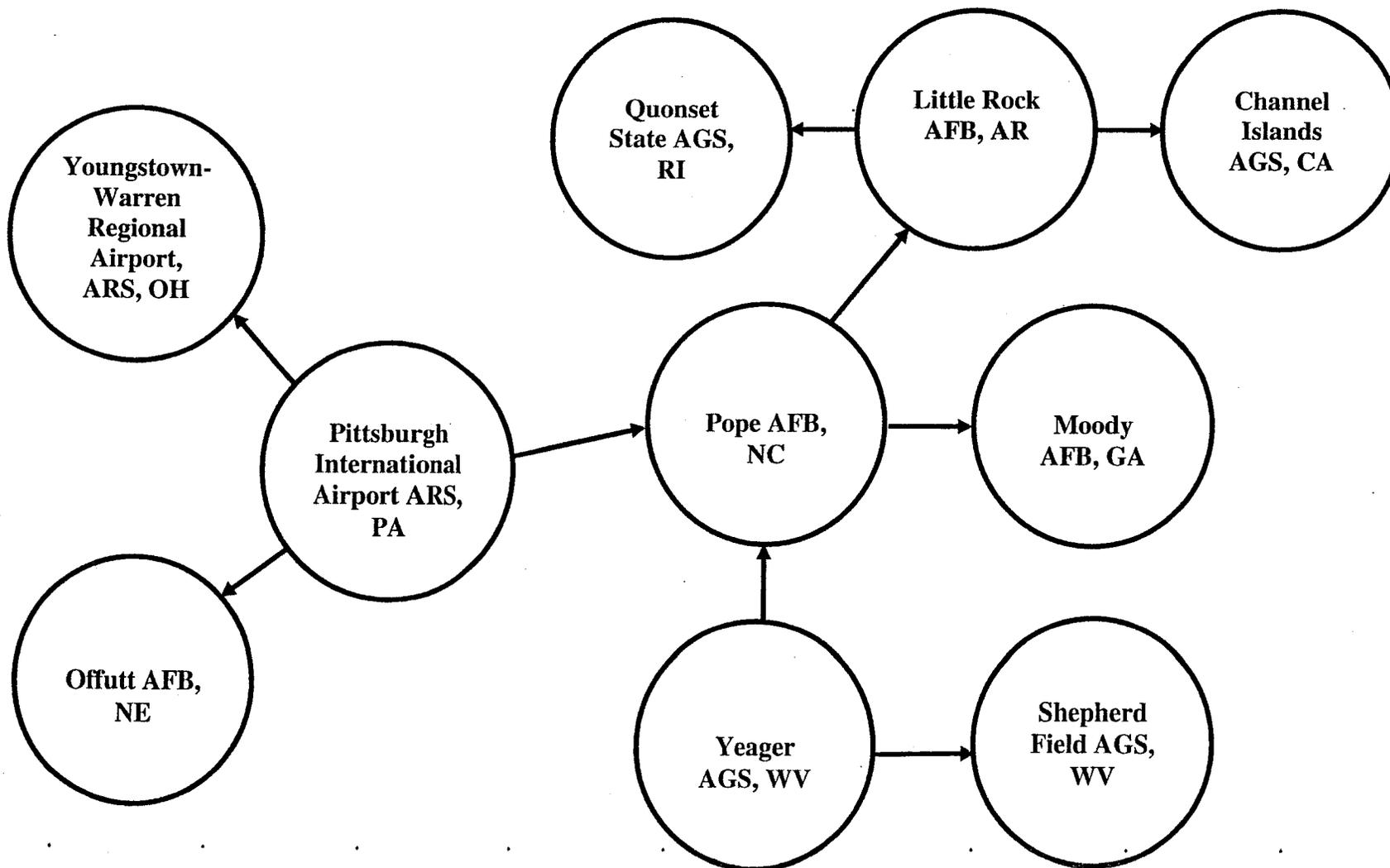


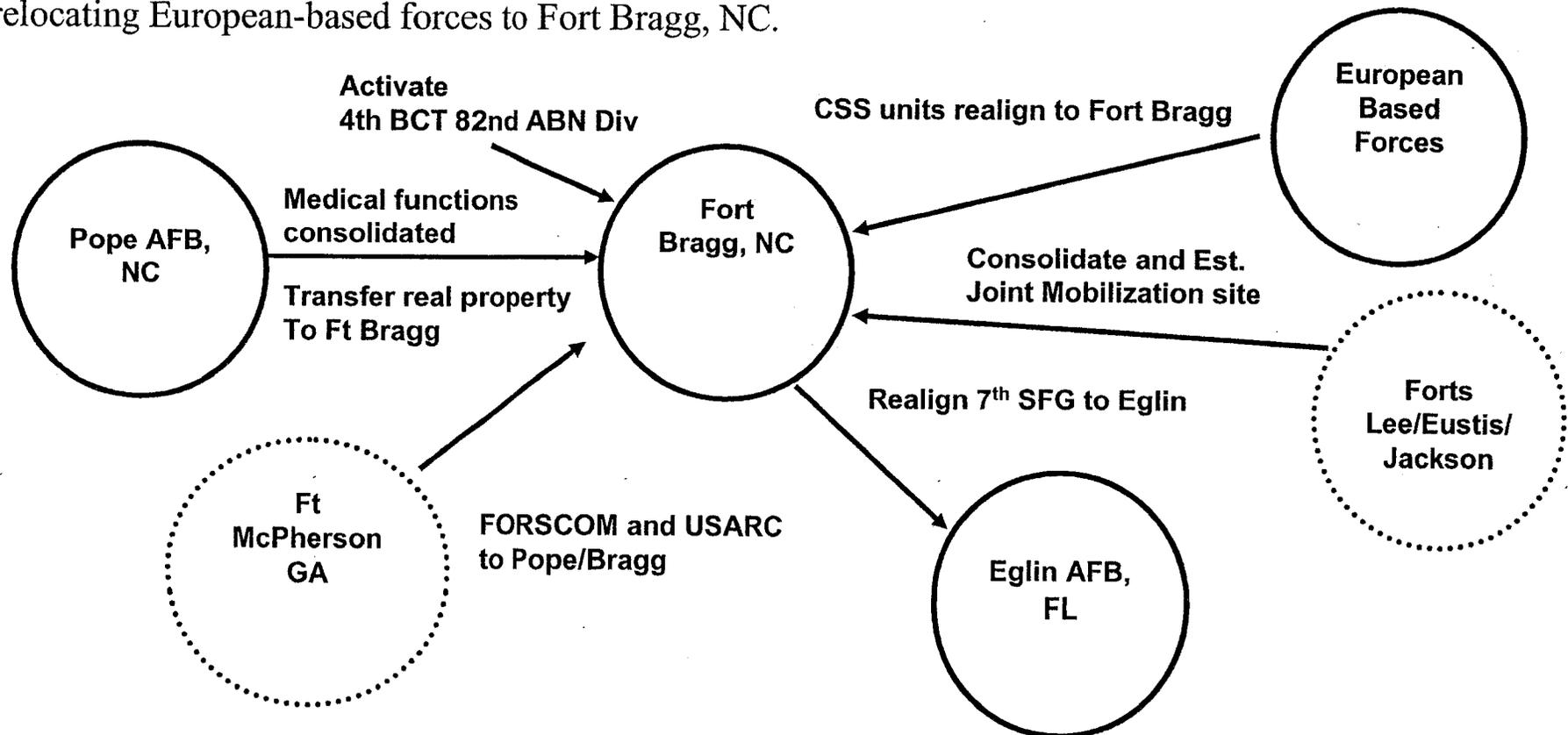
Figure 3 – Depiction of Fort Bragg Recommendations

FORT BRAGG, NC
REALIGN

Out		In		Net Gain/(Loss)		Net Mission Contractor	Total Direct
Mil	Civ	Mil	Civ	Mil	Civ		
(1,352)	0	5,430	247	4,078	247	0	4,325

Fort Bragg, NC

Recommendation: Realign Fort Bragg, NC, by relocating the 7th Special Forces Group (SFG) to Eglin AFB, FL, and by activating the 4th Brigade Combat Team (BCT), 82d Airborne Division and relocating European-based forces to Fort Bragg, NC.





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SECRETARY OF DEFENSE RECOMMENDATION

Secretary of Defense Recommendations

Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina

Realign Pope Air Force Base (Air Force Base), NC. Distribute the 43rd Airlift Wing's C-130E aircraft (25 aircraft) to the 314th Airlift Wing, Little Rock Air Force Base, AR; realign the 23d Fighter Group's A-10 aircraft (36 aircraft) to Moody Air Force Base, GA; transfer real property accountability to the Army; disestablish the 43rd Medical Group and establish a medical squadron. At Little Rock Air Force Base, AR, realign eight C-130E aircraft to backup inventory; retire 27 C-130Es; realign one C-130J aircraft to the 143d Airlift Wing (ANG), Quonset State Airport Air Guard Station, RI; two C-130Js to the 146th Airlift Wing (ANG), Channel Islands Air Guard Station, CA; and transfer four C-130Js from the 314th Airlift Wing (AD) to the 189th Airlift Wing (ANG), Little Rock Air Force Base. Realign Yeager Airport Air Guard Station (AGS), WV, by realigning eight C-130H aircraft to Pope/Fort Bragg to form a 16 aircraft Air Force Reserve/active duty associate unit, and by relocating flying-related expeditionary combat support (ECS) to Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport/Shepherd Field AGS (aerial port and fire fighters). Close Pittsburgh International Airport (IAP) Air Reserve Station (ARS), PA, and relocate 911th Airlift Wing's (AFRC) eight C-130H aircraft to Pope/Fort Bragg to form a 16 aircraft Air Force Reserve/active duty associate unit. Relocate AFRC operations and maintenance manpower to Pope/Fort Bragg. Relocate flight related ECS (aeromedical squadron) to Youngstown-Warren Regional APT ARS. Relocate all remaining Pittsburgh ECS and headquarters manpower to Offutt Air Force Base, NE. Air National Guard units at Pittsburgh are unaffected.

Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Realign Fort Bragg, NC, by relocating the 7th Special Forces Group (SFG) to Eglin AFB, FL, and by activating the 4th Brigade Combat Team (BCT), 82d Airborne Division and relocating European-based forces to Fort Bragg, NC.

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MISSION COMPATABILITY INDEX

Airlift MCI

Airlift MCI					
Base	Overall MCI Score	Crt 1 Current and Future Mission	Crt 2 Condition of Infrastructure	Crt 3 Contingency Mobilization Future Forces	Crt 4 Cost of Ops / Manpower
Air Reserve Personnel Center (ARPC)	4.69	0.00	4.00	16.80	53.84
Altus AFB	71.30	64.97	73.95	87.04	80.99
Andersen AFB	49.64	30.79	70.34	62.87	0.00
Andrews AFB	62.05	54.38	70.40	67.79	41.74
Arnold AFS	34.22	44.49	13.90	57.35	89.61
Atlantic City IAP AGS	38.81	45.55	31.54	37.39	41.33
Bangor IAP AGS	43.83	43.24	42.24	48.22	63.61
Barksdale AFB	72.43	52.92	87.48	97.70	80.79
Barnes MPT AGS	37.75	43.93	31.39	33.33	47.17
Beale AFB	54.63	38.40	70.78	65.31	42.78
Birmingham IAP AGS	50.93	53.99	48.35	40.70	77.96
Boise Air Terminal AGS	47.32	46.89	46.65	44.25	78.40
Bolling AFB	3.59	0.00	4.00	9.07	40.62
Bradley IAP AGS	37.83	43.58	36.03	17.46	43.06
Brooks City-Base	7.24	0.00	4.00	36.40	77.48
Buckley AFB	54.62	56.16	52.45	56.83	53.78
Burlington IAP AGS	42.29	51.69	34.88	26.00	57.07
Cannon AFB	45.43	45.45	43.94	44.40	73.61
Capital APT AGS	34.53	36.96	32.03	28.06	57.09
Carswell ARS, NAS Fort Worth Joint Reserve	50.57	53.62	50.30	32.08	72.70
Channel Islands AGS	41.92	44.04	42.05	36.32	23.21
Charleston AFB	74.09	64.57	83.15	79.91	75.49
Charlotte/Douglas IAP AGS	56.27	70.45	49.46	12.94	81.48
Cheyenne APT AGS	37.65	46.92	24.30	42.72	68.70
Cheyenne Mountain AFS	4.24	0.00	4.00	11.89	55.61
Columbus AFB	57.51	53.22	58.08	65.55	94.97
Dane County Regional - Truax Field AGS	38.59	42.35	37.71	19.21	61.55
Dannelly Field AGS	49.46	69.74	31.75	20.60	85.51
Davis-Monthan AFB	55.89	45.11	66.00	59.49	71.89
Des Moines IAP AGS	33.54	35.70	30.80	24.21	76.75
Dobbins ARB	46.50	51.35	44.38	27.71	67.58
Dover AFB	56.06	48.75	66.73	43.17	64.93
Duluth IAP AGS	30.43	35.49	21.71	34.16	66.75
Dyess AFB	65.95	54.87	76.82	68.94	77.64
Edwards AFB	65.53	55.18	75.19	79.33	40.87
Eglin AFB	79.43	72.45	81.55	100.00	90.39
Eielson AFB	67.34	61.25	73.03	84.43	16.54
Ellington Field AGS	51.65	47.25	53.91	60.12	61.20
Ellsworth AFB	59.40	42.43	72.78	76.53	81.32
Elmendorf AFB	51.60	29.97	70.05	85.17	8.86
Ewvra Sheppard AGS	33.11	47.05	17.83	22.37	73.39
F. S. Gabreski APT AGS	30.21	41.65	20.77	16.92	29.52
Fairchild AFB	64.22	52.54	72.85	79.72	73.99

Airlift MCI					
Base	Overall MCI Score	Crt 1 Current and Future Mission	Crt 2 Condition of Infrastructure	Crt 3 Contingency Mobilization Future Forces	Crt 4 Cost of Ops / Manpower
Forbes Field AGS	51.93	43.85	61.74	42.08	77.32
Fort Smith Regional APT AGS	42.58	52.08	31.91	31.62	88.84
Fort Wayne IAP AGS	42.32	48.09	39.65	17.72	79.17
Francis E. Warren AFB	6.16	0.00	4.00	27.41	70.53
Fresno Air Terminal AGS	32.77	46.12	21.98	12.56	46.99
Gen Mitchell IAP AGS	41.98	40.89	43.76	35.25	59.38
Gen Mitchell IAP ARS	33.77	40.89	24.50	32.87	59.94
Goodfellow AFB	7.37	0.00	4.00	36.40	82.66
Grand Forks AFB	50.53	35.28	62.52	63.66	79.09
Great Falls IAP AGS	35.51	35.71	32.68	39.59	62.23
Greater Peoria Regional APT AGS	34.56	35.77	32.28	33.46	54.24
Grissom ARB	55.66	42.59	68.46	58.32	73.25
Hancock Field AGS	36.20	44.61	21.04	52.90	66.32
Hanscom AFB	29.65	42.58	20.17	10.54	25.42
Harrisburg IAP AGS	42.89	47.01	44.21	11.84	69.50
Hector IAP AGS	30.78	38.72	21.49	22.30	72.60
Hickam AFB	49.77	34.58	66.93	60.50	1.12
Hill AFB	58.83	45.27	66.57	84.33	77.82
Holloman AFB	65.78	61.34	70.94	62.43	75.23
Homestead ARS	48.15	37.64	59.36	48.73	53.65
Hulman Regional APT AGS	38.63	42.75	36.72	16.55	82.24
Hurlburt Field	69.61	75.12	67.11	50.15	87.18
Indian Springs AFS	45.80	60.77	31.08	38.50	43.94
Jackson IAP AGS	44.15	47.37	39.33	39.24	84.66
Jacksonville IAP AGS	45.79	53.89	38.47	30.75	77.87
Joe Foss Field AGS	39.59	36.23	40.62	41.13	77.92
Keesler AFB	46.80	64.62	29.62	26.47	85.30
Key Field AGS	56.39	64.14	50.02	42.43	75.40
Kirtland AFB	55.47	49.12	58.01	70.63	69.56
Klamath Falls IAP AGS	35.18	38.18	32.91	22.29	69.01
Kulis AGS	38.93	43.14	42.67	11.81	8.01
Lackland AFB	47.44	45.03	44.29	63.85	78.33
Lambert - St. Louis IAP AGS	32.04	29.73	37.40	13.46	59.70
Langley AFB	56.57	53.37	54.97	72.81	77.20
Laughlin AFB	46.13	46.75	39.38	61.81	84.09
Lincoln MAP AGS	43.08	45.83	42.39	26.26	71.20
Little Rock AFB	63.25	49.25	73.05	80.66	88.12
Los Angeles AFB	2.45	0.00	4.00	1.94	23.81
Louisville IAP AGS	44.66	49.33	41.32	28.67	78.10
Luis Munoz Marin IAP AGS	36.78	42.16	38.47	10.74	14.06
Luke AFB	52.17	50.43	55.68	41.35	68.92
MacDill AFB	60.12	47.48	66.41	88.14	76.56
Malmstrom AFB	6.87	0.00	4.00	36.40	62.67
Mansfield Lahm MAP AGS	37.28	42.33	33.50	20.60	74.01
March ARB	59.86	56.53	71.33	31.15	45.41
Martin State APT AGS	30.37	50.13	10.15	16.26	58.71

Airlift MCI					
Base	Overall MCI Score	Crt 1 Current and Future Mission	Crt 2 Condition of Infrastructure	Crt 3 Contingency, Mobilization, Future Forces	Crt 4 Cost of Ops / Manpower
Maxwell AFB	59.90	70.78	55.31	22.48	85.68
McChord AFB	57.95	49.64	71.78	38.95	57.08
McConnell AFB	54.65	45.85	65.92	43.00	75.83
McEntire AGS	59.35	71.70	49.85	35.48	85.19
McGee Tyson APT AGS	48.32	47.96	51.87	25.79	86.02
McGuire AFB	51.80	39.42	62.51	67.95	37.26
Memphis IAP AGS	48.01	50.94	45.72	37.17	75.57
Minn/St Paul IAP ARS	41.52	32.19	52.63	36.80	47.69
Minot AFB	54.34	39.70	65.42	70.91	73.42
Moffett Federal Field AGS	33.14	40.10	31.66	11.59	15.79
Moody AFB	51.72	52.29	41.64	81.05	91.37
Mountain Home AFB	59.77	46.58	68.64	81.35	68.58
NAS New Orleans ARS	41.65	46.93	39.81	17.20	72.63
Nashville IAP AGS	39.77	48.71	27.61	39.33	78.64
Nellis AFB	63.95	59.85	72.31	53.08	43.94
New Castle County Airport AGS	36.96	48.83	28.33	15.48	47.53
Niagara Falls IAP ARS	40.03	35.85	43.28	41.92	55.66
Offutt AFB	47.07	43.55	49.10	48.25	73.20
Onizuka AFS	3.09	0.00	4.00	10.08	16.85
Otis AGB	38.95	36.97	36.90	55.82	42.04
Patrick AFB	42.23	47.00	32.91	52.75	66.83
Pease International Trade Port AGS	46.65	43.72	52.48	39.09	33.80
Peterson AFB	57.20	58.40	59.78	39.75	61.91
Phoenix Sky Harbor IAP AGS	48.12	53.14	45.21	32.12	68.42
Pittsburgh IAP AGS	44.85	36.28	55.13	35.53	69.30
Pittsburgh IAP ARS	39.64	36.28	42.44	36.01	69.59
Pope AFB	69.99	71.21	73.40	46.19	86.08
Portland IAP AGS	42.32	46.23	37.58	39.48	60.13
Quonset State APT AGS	35.29	40.77	29.32	33.62	40.59
Randolph AFB	49.20	43.66	51.76	56.76	78.51
Reno-Tahoe IAP AGS	40.51	44.93	39.29	23.44	47.47
Richmond IAP AGS	42.64	53.44	35.69	13.67	75.18
Rickenbacker IAP AGS	50.04	45.27	61.23	20.26	71.11
Robins AFB	63.89	52.22	71.87	78.50	87.45
Rome Laboratory	4.92	0.00	4.00	16.80	63.10
Rosecrans Memorial APT AGS	38.22	40.01	32.73	41.97	81.65
Salt Lake City IAP AGS	43.99	45.47	43.47	32.41	71.72
Savannah IAP AGS	45.10	52.68	38.84	26.30	84.65
Schenectady County APT AGS	37.72	49.21	25.33	30.66	60.05
Schriever AFB	5.78	0.00	4.00	27.31	55.46
Scott AFB	44.55	39.62	52.04	33.65	53.95
Selfridge ANGB	47.27	44.66	52.56	38.56	42.51
Seymour Johnson AFB	78.03	71.25	83.82	83.34	85.03
Shaw AFB	67.70	71.86	59.50	78.12	85.64
Sheppard AFB	55.21	60.81	52.33	35.24	80.04
Sioux Gateway APT AGS	39.30	39.33	37.14	38.03	79.98

Airlift MCI					
Base	Overall MCI Score	Crt 1 Current and Future Mission	Crt 2 Condition of Infrastructure	Crt 3 Contingency, Mobilization, Future Forces	Crt 4 Cost of Ops / Manpower
Springfield-Beckley MPT AGS	33.54	41.59	23.23	29.78	71.74
Stewart IAP AGS	45.53	45.03	49.72	40.99	3.65
Tinker AFB	68.62	55.20	80.62	76.23	85.80
Toledo Express APT AGS	41.45	44.03	36.46	42.51	72.76
Travis AFB	53.86	41.24	72.89	40.31	24.22
Tucson IAP AGS	41.92	45.19	39.16	30.57	72.70
Tulsa IAP AGS	43.20	49.40	38.74	23.72	81.03
Tyndall AFB	61.75	68.65	50.88	67.84	90.98
United States Air Force Academy	4.59	0.00	4.00	13.92	61.68
Vance AFB	43.45	55.12	32.89	22.51	87.75
Vandenberg AFB	44.16	40.15	43.97	66.26	32.48
W. K. Kellogg APT AGS	39.22	38.19	37.74	44.28	62.57
Westover ARB	52.00	42.80	58.47	68.13	49.23
Whiteman AFB	57.82	39.47	71.25	82.33	74.42
Will Rogers World APT AGS	47.79	56.31	37.47	42.22	84.80
Willow Grove ARS, NAS Willow Grove Joint Reserve	35.85	43.92	32.22	12.92	39.74
Wright-Patterson AFB	54.27	44.62	58.95	74.34	74.09
Yeager APT AGS	31.90	40.64	19.79	29.70	81.12
Youngstown-Warren Regional APT ARS	40.09	40.95	38.26	35.23	73.97



INSTALLATION REVIEW

Pope Air Force Base

Name: POPE AIR FORCE BASE

Category: MILITARY

Archive ID#: NC3132

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Description: Located on the northern tip of Fort Bragg, Pope is a 1,900 acre base with 5,500 employees and approximately 70 aircraft. The "flying tigers" of Pope are deployed to many contemporary incursions, and are recognizable because all the aircraft, from fighter jets to transports, have a snarling tiger's eyes and mouth painted on the front.

Location: 15 miles NW of Fayetteville

Contact Info: Public Affairs: (919) 394-4183

Zip4: 5154

Address: Pope AFB NC, 28308-5154

Map: (show on map)

City: Pope AFB

Zipcode: 28308

State: NC

LCS: Military, Active Base, Air Base

Links: <http://www.pope.af.mil>

Installation Review: Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina

Major Command: Air Mobility Command

Primary Weapon Systems: C-130s and A-10s

Comments and Location:

Welcome to Pope Air Force Base, the "busiest base in the Air Mobility Command," and to the Fayetteville, North Carolina area. Pope Air Force Base is located on the northern edge of the city of Fayetteville and adjacent to Fort Bragg. It is approximately sixty miles south southwest of Raleigh and one hundred miles east of Charlotte. The base, which is rich in its own heritage, is conveniently situated within easy access to many historical and unique sites within the borders of North Carolina. For instance, to the west are the Appalachian Mountains which offer panoramic scenes from places like Look Out Mountain, Chimney Rock, and Grandfather Mountain. Activities abound to include white water rafting, skiing in the winter, hiking in some of the most beautiful country on the east coast, to visiting the state parks, Tweetsie Railroad, or the Cherokee Indian Reservation. To the east are the outer banks, numerous beaches, and places to see like Kitty Hawk, Ocracoke Island, and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, only about two hours away. North Carolina has many lakes, recreational areas, and activities to satisfy the interests of everyone.

Mission

The mission of the 43d Airlift Wing is to rapidly deploy a highly trained force and successfully plan and execute Air Operations. These operations may be conducted in any theater, region, or contingency area as part of any force, joint or allied, in support of national and/or military objectives.

Telephone Access:

All Pope AFB telephone numbers listed in this book have the following prefixes unless otherwise noted: Pope - DSN 424-XXXX, Commercial (910) 394-XXXX From on base 4-XXXX, Operator 394-1110

History

Pope Air Force Base has played a leading role in the development of U.S. Airpower. From its founding as Pope Field in 1919, Pope has provided eighty years of service and pride at the forefront of US military aviation.

On April 1, 1997, the 43rd Airlift Wing activated as the host wing at Pope under Air Mobility Command with the 2nd and 41st Airlift Squadrons flying C-130s. The designation of the composite wing went to the 23rd Fighter Group, which became a

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Pope AFB, North Carolina

Pope Air Force Base, NC, is located on the northern edge of the city of Fayetteville and adjacent to Fort Bragg. Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base comprise one of the world's largest military installations. Pope is approximately sixty miles south southwest of Raleigh and one hundred miles east of Charlotte. Pope Air Force Base is home to the 43rd Airlift Wing and two tenant units: the 23rd Fighter Group and the 18th Air Support Operations Group. The 43d Airlift Wing at Pope AFB provides contingency airlift to the 82d Airborne Division and other special units at Fort Bragg right next door. Pope Air Force Base has played a leading role in the development of U.S. tactics and air-power throughout history. Missions at Pope range from providing airlift and close air support to American armed forces, to humanitarian missions flown all over the world.

Pope AFB encompasses 2,194 acres located southwest of the Little River and 10 mi northwest of Fayetteville, North Carolina. The lands under the jurisdiction of Pope AFB include the main base (1,893 acres), the Laketree Site and Railroad strip (112 acres), the New Munitions Storage Area (173 acres), the Localizer site (less than 1 acre), Middle Marker site (2 acres), Outer Marker site (2 acres), MARS Station (less than 1 acre), and Old Munitions Storage Area (10 acres). There are 460 buildings on the base. The population of Pope AFB is approximately 4,700 military personnel and 1,150 dependents (USAF, 43 MSS/DPMD, 1996). The civilian work force includes approximately 315 General Schedule (GS) and Wage Grade (WG), 190 Non-Appropriated Fund (NAF), and 150 contractor personnel.

Today, Pope supports the Air Force under the Air Mobility Command with Rapid Global Mobility. C-130 Hercules aircraft fly people, equipment, and supplies all over the world to support the far-reaching military obligations of the United States. Personnel and aircraft of Pope Air Force Base have been involved in humanitarian disaster relief, presidential directed combat actions like Operations URGENT FURY in Grenada, JUST CAUSE in Panama, DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM in Southwest Asia, as well as supporting Fort Bragg's Airborne and Special Operations paratroopers.

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Pope is home to the 23rd Fighter Group, an Air Combat Command unit, flying A/OA-10 Thunderbolt II close air support aircraft. Personnel and aircraft from the 23rd fly missions supporting contingencies - wartime and peacetime - at home and abroad in areas such as Bosnia and Southwest Asia.

Pope AFB is the site of the biennial International Air Mobility Rodeo competition. Volant Rodeo is Air Mobility Command's (AMC) premier air mobility competition. In 2000, more than 80 aircraft representing over 100 teams from 17 countries, along with 3,500 competitors, observers, umpires, and support people showed up to do what they do best. The first Rodeo was held at Pope AFB in 1962 and was designed as a combat skills competition to develop and improve techniques and procedures, while enhancing air mobility operations, and promoting "esprit de corps." Rodeo has evolved to include teams from all over the world, competing in areas including airdrop, aerial refueling, aircraft navigation, special tactics, short-field landings, maintenance, cargo loading, engine-running on/offloads, aeromedical evacuations, and security forces operations.

Woodland Heights is the newest housing for junior enlisted families at Pope. The four buildings are the first of 84 duplexes, a total of 168 two-story units being built at Pope for junior enlisted airmen. Savannah District has oversight on the \$18 million design/build project for the base. Woodland Heights features spacious yards, sidewalk-lined streets, and a jogging trail that circles the large neighborhood.

For years the 43rd Airlift has done the hazardous cargo part of this mission on four aircraft parking spots at the south corner of the airfield. Fort Bragg's deployment requirements justify up to 12 parking spots, but explosives safety zone requirements limited real estate reduced expansion possibilities. Through detailed coordination and planning, the Air Force developed a site plan that would replace the four parking spots with an apron (2,025x730 feet) large enough to handle six C-5 aircraft (or many smaller airplanes) and comply with the explosives safety criteria. The project would not only increase loading capacity by 50 percent, but also enhance

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mission capability by including a 600 gallon-per-minute aircraft hydrant fueling system to serve each parking spot, alleviating the need for fuel trucks. About 19 acres of wetlands would be displaced permanently or temporarily during construction of the parking apron. The impacted acreage includes part of Tank Creek, an active stream on Pope AFB that supports a diverse ecological environment and is a major drainage channel for storm water run-off from Fort Bragg. Both Bragg's restoration/mitigation efforts and Pope's Dangerous Cargo Apron project are under way and are either on or ahead of schedule. The \$23.5 million dangerous cargo apron project will be completed no later than February 2004.

Attention at Pope Air Force Base is centered on a proposed runway extension. The base is looking for \$50 million to extend its 7,500-foot runway an additional 3,000 feet. The Army is spending about \$103 million to improve the Green Ramp area on Pope, where troops and cargo are loaded onto Pope's C-130 airplanes. The Air Force is already spending about \$33 million to improve the area where airplanes carrying explosives and hazardous cargo are fueled. In the meantime, an environmental impact study on the proposed runway extension has been completed. The base is waiting for Congress to find the money for the project.

History

In 1918, Congress established Camp Bragg, an Army field artillery site named for the Confederate General Braxton Bragg. An aviation landing field was added a year later. The War Department officially established "Pope Field" in 1919, and it ranks as one of the oldest installations in the Air Force. It is named after First Lieutenant Harley Halbert Pope who was killed on January 7, 1919, when the JN-4 Jenny he was flying crashed into the Cape Fear River. After five years, Camp Bragg became a permanent Army post renamed Fort Bragg.

Original operations included photographing terrain for mapping, carrying the mail, and spotting for artillery and forest fires. Observation planes and observation balloons occupied Pope Field for the first eight years. Spotting for artillery, detecting forest fires, and carrying the mail. In December 1927, Pope played a role in the development of tactics that would prove critically important in shortening World War II.

The 1930s saw the first major expansion of the facilities at Pope. In 1935, Pope Field hosted 535 aircraft in one day as the Army Air Service practiced large scale operations along the East Coast. In 1940, paved runways replaced dirt open fields. Much of the parking ramp space remained unpaved until after WWII.

The tempo of activities at Pope quickened with the outbreak of World War II. During the 1940s, the base swelled as a troop carrier training site, and with the institution of paratrooper training at Camp Bragg, Pope began putting the "Air" in "Airborne." Throughout the war, air and ground crews trained here with Army airborne units in preparation for airborne and aerial resupply missions.

After the war, Pope Field became an Air Force Base with the creation of the U.S. Air Force on Sep 18, 1947. The base served as the home of the 10th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing from 1947 until 1950, when Headquarters 9th Air Force moved to the base. During the next four years, the base primary mission dealt with training Forward Air Controllers for the Korean War.

In 1954, 9th AF turned the base over to a troop carrier wing that specialized in tactical airlift. In October 1954, the 464th Troop Carrier Wing transferred to Pope AFB, and a major period of facility expansion followed. The main runway, the taxiways, and the ramp were all expanded to support the 464th's C-119 Flying Boxcars. During the 1950s and 1960s, aircraft upgrade was the primary trend at the North Carolina installation. The C-123 Provider started replacing the C-119 in 1958, and in 1963, the first C-130 Hercules arrived, appropriately named "The North Carolina."

As America became involved in Vietnam, the need to train large numbers of aircrews to fully use the unique capabilities of the C-130 led to the establishment of an aircrew replacement training unit. The drop zones, low-level routes, and dirt landing zones at Fort Bragg became familiar to many men bound for South-east Asia. The training gained in operating in the North Carolina area immeasurably improved aircrew preparedness for combat duty. In August 1971, the 464th inactivated and the 317th Tactical Airlift Wing administratively moved to Pope AFB.

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NOTE 1

Fort Bragg

Name: FORT BRAGG

Category: MILITARY

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Description: One of the largest and most active military bases in the eastern USA, Fort Bragg is an Army base in south-central North Carolina. The installation consists of 142,125 acres, much of which is used for ground/air training, with a large cantonment area adjacent to Pope Air Force Base, at the eastern end. Simmons Army Airfield is located at the extreme eastern end of the base. Fort Bragg is headquarters for the Special Operations Command (once called the Psychological Warfare Center), and the Special Warfare Center. It is home also to the 82nd Airborne - the short-notice, world-wide Army unit that gained notoriety as one of the major forces in the Gulf War.

Location: 10 miles NW of Fayetteville

Contact Info: Army Community Services: (919) 396-0011

Address: Fort Bragg NC, 28307

Map: (show on map)

city: Fort Bragg

zipcode: 28307

state: NC

LCS:

Installation Review: Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Fort Bragg is located just west of Fayetteville, North Carolina. As one of the largest military complexes in the world, Fort Bragg is home of the Army's only Airborne Corps, the 82d Airborne Division, the elite Special Forces and the Army's largest Support Command. Infantrymen, mechanics, pilots, cooks-they are all moving with the modern army at Fort Bragg. Much like a large city, Fort Bragg has its own schools, shopping malls, medical facilities, housing and churches. If you like sports and recreation, you're in for a great place. Almost every type of recreation and athletics is available. Golf courses, pools, lakes, bowling lanes, hunting fields, craft shops and much more are all around you. The Atlantic to the East and the Appalachian Mountains to the West offer a variety in scenery for the traveler. There is plenty to see and do on a short weekend or month's leave in North Carolina. Hunting for dove, quail, deer, and boar is available within 25-100 miles. Good fishing is available within 10-100 miles. Snow skiing - North Carolina Mountains within 275 miles. Point of interest in the area: Blue Ridge Mountains and Pisgh Forest, 275 miles; Lake Tillery, 175 miles; Battleship "North Carolina" in Wilmington, 100 miles; Old Salem in Winston-Salem, 125 miles.

MISSION: Maintain America's Contingency Corps as a strategic crisis response force manned and trained to deploy rapidly by air, sea, and land anywhere in the world, prepared to fight upon arrival and win.

HISTORY:

Fort Bragg is the home of the airborne. For more than half a century, Fort Bragg has had a proud heritage as the Home of the Nation's Finest fighting forces. The XVIII Airborne Corps was originally activated as the II Armored Corps at Camp Polk, LA., Jan 17, 1942. It was redesignated XVIII Corps Oct 9, 1943 at the Presidio of Monterey, California. The Corp's birthday is Aug 25, 1944. The same day the XVIII Airborne Corps assumed command of the 82d and 101st Airborne Divisions.

Today the XVIII Airborne Contingency Corps is the only airborne corps in the defense establishment of the United States and exercises control over the 82d Airborne Division; 101 Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, KY.; 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) Fort Stewart, GA; 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, NY.; 194th Armor Brigade, Fort Knox, KY.; 18th Field Artillery; 18th Personnel Group; 108th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Fort Bliss, TX.; 44th Medical Brigade, XVIII Airborne Artillery; 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade; 1st Corps Support Command; 16th Military Police Brigade; 20th Engineer Brigade; 25th Military Intelligence Brigade; Dragon Brigade; 18th Finance Group; 18th Aviation Brigade and 35th Signal Brigade; 2nd ACR.

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Fort Bragg

Fort Bragg is located just west of Fayetteville, North Carolina. One of the largest and busiest military complexes in the world, Fort Bragg hosts America's only airborne corps and airborne division, the "Green Berets" of the Special Operations Command, and the Army's largest support command. 82nd Airborne Division soldiers and others make 100,000 parachute jumps each year at Fort Bragg.

By population, Fort Bragg is the largest Army installation in the world, providing a home to almost 10 percent of the Army's active component forces. Approximately 43,000 military and 8,000 civilian personnel work at Fort Bragg. Every day approximately military and civilian employees in careers ranging from trades and labor to engineers and attorneys provide the services needed to train, sustain, and deploy the combat forces to America's Crisis Response Contingency Corps and Special Operations Forces. Their common daily focus is on training, deploying, mobilizing, and demobilizing America's strategic response forces and providing first-class services in such areas as retail, recreation, medicine, and education. The Fort provide those services to a customer base of more than 250,000 soldiers, civilians, family members, and retirees.

Fort Bragg occupies an irregularly-shaped parcel of land, covering approximately 160,700 acres (or 251 square miles), that stretches into four counties and Camp Mackall covers an additional three counties. Fort Bragg occupies 161,000 acres, stretching into six counties. Included within this area are Camp MacKall (an auxiliary training complex), 7 major drop zones, 4 impact areas, 82 ranges, 16 live fire maneuver areas, and 2 Army airfields. As we focus on potential force protection threats, we must consider the fact that approximately 75 percent of our acreage includes ranges, deployment and training areas, with the remaining 25 percent dedicated to those areas where people live, work and play. Fort Bragg is a major city, providing approximately 20 million square feet of office buildings, 11 shopping centers, 28 restaurants, 11 miles of railroad lines, a major medical center, 8 schools, 11 churches, 183 recreational facilities, and approximately 5,000 homes housing over 11,000 family members.

The Fort is a significant economic presence in North Carolina, contributing an estimated \$4.1 billion annually to local communities. Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base generate retail sales of approximately \$2 billion for Cumberland County. Military personnel expenditures have proved to be a vital source of economic growth and development for both the city of Fayetteville and Cumberland County. Cumberland County's median income including military is approximately \$29,000 annually compared to \$22,000 annually, excluding the military.

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"Camp Bragg" was established in 1918 when the Army needed to expand its field artillery training facilities in preparation for World War I. They chose this location because it met the major criteria: a climate suitable for year-round training and close proximity to a port and rail transportation. The post came into existence in 1918, when 127,000 acres of desolate sand hills and pine trees were designated as a U.S. Army installation. Named for Confederate General Braxton Bragg, a former artillery officer from North Carolina, the camp became Fort Bragg in 1922, after Congress decided all artillery sites east of the Mississippi River should become permanent posts. The camp was redesignated as Fort Bragg, Sept. 30, 1922.

Fort Bragg's rich "airborne" history and tradition was launched in 1934 with the first military parachute jump, which used artillery observation balloons as platforms. However, it wasn't until two decades later that the post became an airborne training site.

The fort grew slowly, reaching a total of 5,400 soldiers by the summer of 1940. With the threat of World War II and passage of the Selective Service Act, a reception station was built here and Fort Bragg exploded to a population of 67,000 soldiers within a year. In 1942, the first airborne units trained here in preparation for combat. All five World War II airborne divisions the 82nd, 101st, 11th, 13th and 17th, trained in the Fort Bragg-Camp Mackall area. The 82nd Airborne Division was assigned here in 1946, upon its return from Europe. In 1951, XVIII Airborne Corps was reactivated here and Fort Bragg became widely known as the "home of the airborne."

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More than 200,000 young men underwent basic combat training here during 1966-70. At the peak of the Vietnam War in 1968, Fort Bragg's military population rose to 57,840. July 1, 1973, Fort Bragg came under the U.S. Army Forces Command headquartered at Fort McPherson, Georgia.

Today, Fort Bragg is the world's largest airborne facility with more than 45,000 military personnel. Widely known as the "home of the airborne," Fort Bragg houses the 82nd Airborne Division, assigned here in 1946 after returning from Europe, and the XVIII Airborne Corps, reactivated here in 1951. The U.S. Army Parachute Team (the Golden Knights) also calls Fort Bragg home.

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North Carolina QuickFacts

North Carolina

People QuickFacts	North Carolina	USA
Population, 2003 estimate	8,407,248	290,809,777
Population, percent change, April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2003	4.5%	3.3%
Population, 2000	8,049,313	281,421,906
Population, percent change, 1990 to 2000	21.4%	13.1%
Persons under 5 years old, percent, 2000	6.7%	6.8%
Persons under 18 years old, percent, 2000	24.4%	25.7%
Persons 65 years old and over, percent, 2000	12.0%	12.4%
Female persons, percent, 2000	51.0%	50.9%
White persons, percent, 2000 (a)	72.1%	75.1%
Black or African American persons, percent, 2000 (a)	21.6%	12.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native persons, percent, 2000 (a)	1.2%	0.9%
Asian persons, percent, 2000 (a)	1.4%	3.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, percent, 2000 (a)	Z	0.1%
Persons reporting some other race, percent, 2000 (a)	2.3%	5.5%
Persons reporting two or more races, percent, 2000	1.3%	2.4%
White persons, not of Hispanic/Latino origin, percent, 2000	70.2%	69.1%
Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin, percent, 2000 (b)	4.7%	12.5%
Living in same house in 1995 and 2000 ¹ , pct age 5+, 2000	53.0%	54.1%
Foreign born persons, percent, 2000	5.3%	11.1%
Language other than English spoken at home, pct age 5+, 2000	8.0%	17.9%
High school graduates, percent of persons age 25+, 2000	78.1%	80.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher, pct of persons age 25+, 2000	22.5%	24.4%
Persons with a disability, age 5+, 2000	1,540,365	49,746,248
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16+, 2000	24.0	25.5
Housing units, 2002	3,707,129	119,302,132
Homeownership rate, 2000	69.4%	66.2%
Housing units in multi-unit structures, percent, 2000	16.1%	26.4%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2000	\$108,300	\$119,600
Households, 2000	3,132,013	105,480,101
Persons per household, 2000	2.49	2.59
Median household income, 1999	\$39,184	\$41,994
Per capita money income, 1999	\$20,307	\$21,587

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Persons below poverty, percent, 1999

12.3%

12.4%

Business QuickFacts

**North
Carolina USA**

Private nonfarm establishments with paid employees, 2001	204,075	7,095,302
Private nonfarm employment, 2001	3,431,554	115,061,184
Private nonfarm employment, percent change 2000-2001	1.4%	0.9%
Nonemployer establishments, 2000	462,182	16,529,955
Manufacturers shipments, 1997 (\$1000)	161,900,477	3,842,061,405
Retail sales, 1997 (\$1000)	72,356,763	2,460,886,012
Retail sales per capita, 1997	\$9,740	\$9,190
Minority-owned firms, percent of total, 1997	10.8%	14.6%
Women-owned firms, percent of total, 1997	24.5%	26.0%
Housing units authorized by building permits, 2002	79,824	1,747,678
Federal funds and grants, 2002 (\$1000)	48,179,775	1,901,247,889

Geography QuickFacts

**North
Carolina USA**

Land area, 2000 (square miles)	48,711	3,537,438
Persons per square mile, 2000	165.2	79.6
FIPS Code	37	

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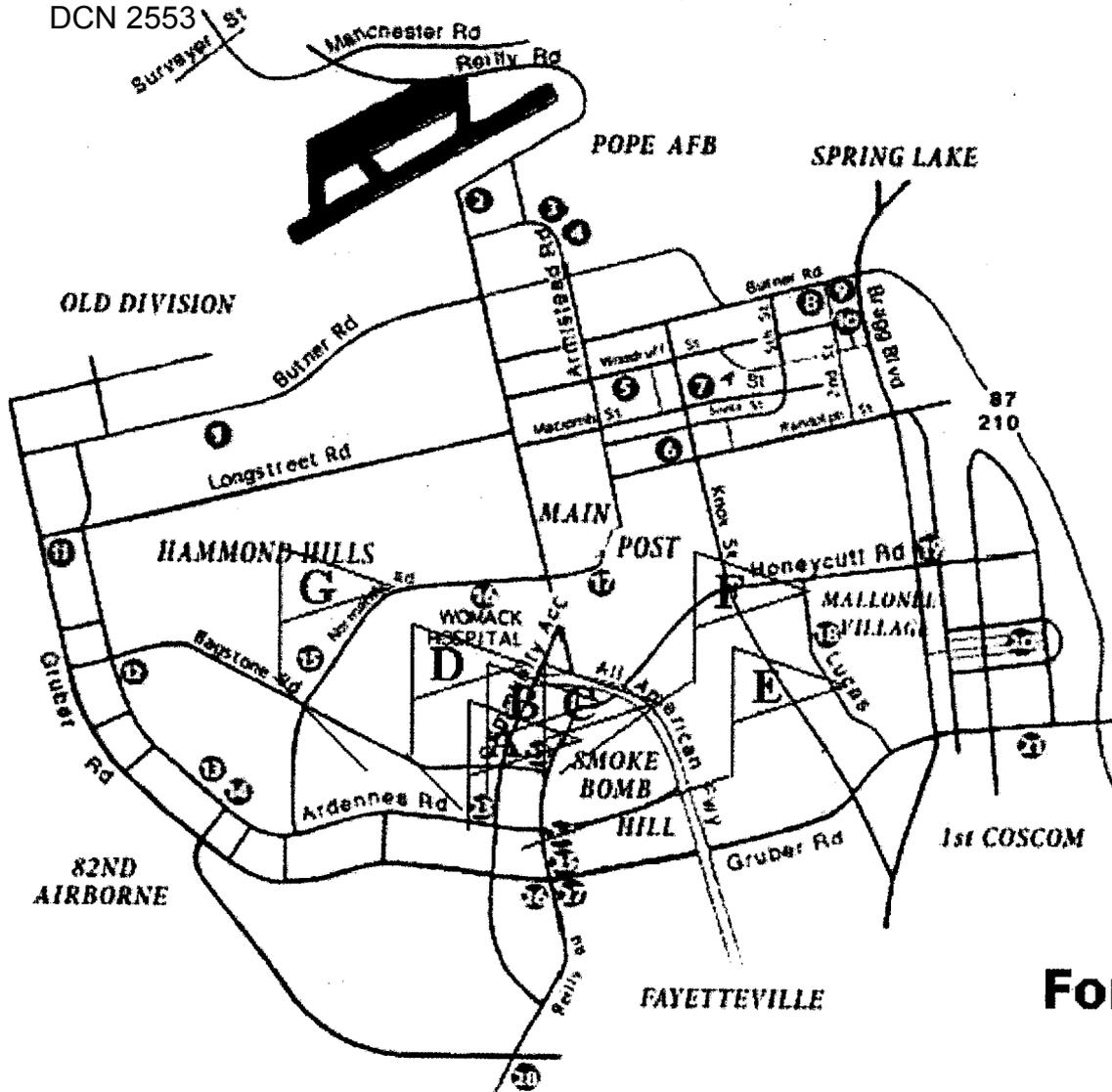


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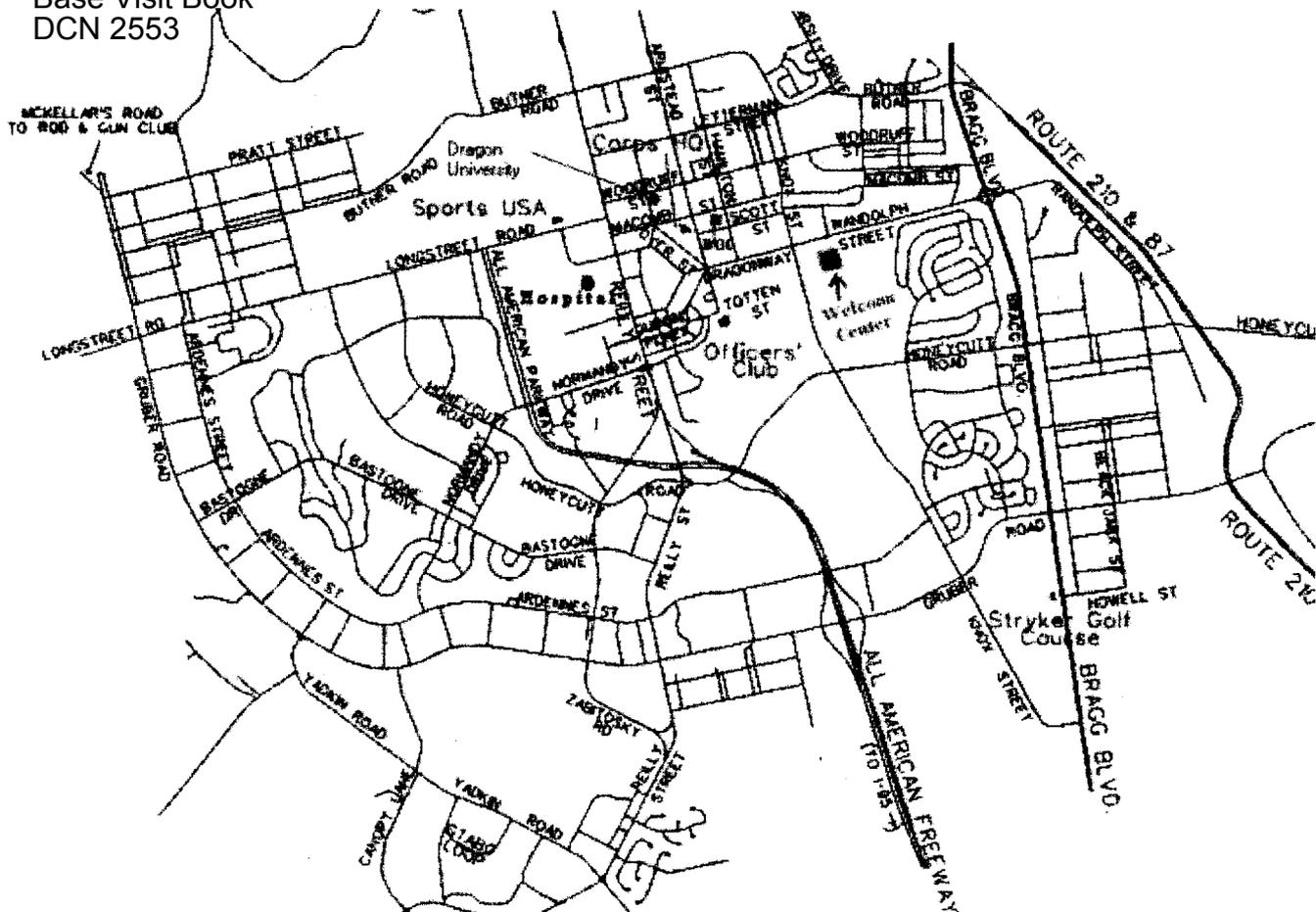
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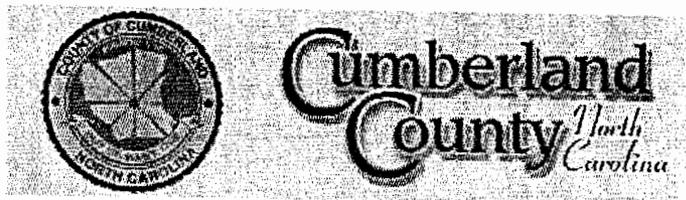
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Statistics

History

Population	302,965
County Seat	Fayetteville
Climate	Mild
Land Area	Approximately 661 square miles
Municipalities	City of Fayetteville Town of Falcon Town of Godwin Town of Hope Mills Town of Linden Town of Spring Lake Town of Stedman Town of Wade
Industry	Air filters Automobile tires Carpets Clothing Farm chemicals Paints Pesticides Synthetic fibers Tools
Agriculture (Major Crops)	Corn Cotton Small grains Soybeans Tobacco
Military	Fort Bragg Pope Air Force Base
Medical	Four major hospitals

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North Carolina QuickFacts**Fayetteville (city)**

People QuickFacts	Fayetteville	North Carolina
Population, 2000	121,015	8,049,313
Population, percent change, 1990 to 2000	7.4%	21.4%
Persons under 5 years old, percent, 2000	7.5%	6.7%
Persons under 18 years old, percent, 2000	25.4%	24.4%
Persons 65 years old and over, percent, 2000	11.0%	12.0%
Female persons, percent, 2000	52.1%	51.0%
White persons, percent, 2000 (a)	48.8%	72.1%
Black or African American persons, percent, 2000 (a)	42.4%	21.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native persons, percent, 2000 (a)	1.1%	1.2%
Asian persons, percent, 2000 (a)	2.2%	1.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, percent, 2000 (a)	0.2%	Z
Persons reporting some other race, percent, 2000 (a)	2.5%	2.3%
Persons reporting two or more races, percent, 2000	2.8%	1.3%
Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin, percent, 2000 (b)	5.7%	4.7%
Living in same house in 1995 and 2000', pct age 5+, 2000	46.9%	53.0%
Foreign born persons, percent, 2000	5.6%	5.3%
Language other than English spoken at home, pct age 5+, 2000	10.6%	8.0%
High school graduates, percent of persons age 25+, 2000	84.8%	78.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher, pct of persons age 25+, 2000	24.2%	22.5%
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16+, 2000	21.1	24.0
Housing units, 2000	53,565	3,523,944
Homeownership rate, 2000	53.3%	69.4%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2000	\$89,300	\$108,300
Households, 2000	48,414	3,132,013
Persons per household, 2000	2.42	2.49
Median household income, 1999	\$36,287	\$39,184
Per capita money income, 1999	\$19,141	\$20,307
Persons below poverty, percent, 1999	14.8%	12.3%
Business QuickFacts	Fayetteville	North Carolina
Manufacturers shipments, 1997 (\$1000)	2,169,990	11,500,008

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Wholesale trade sales, 1997 (\$1000)	549,527	98,080,086
Retail sales, 1997 (\$1000)	2,089,880	72,356,763
Retail sales per capita, 1997	\$19,238	\$9,740
Accommodation and food services sales, 1997 (\$1000)	246,779	8,624,993
Total number of firms, 1997	8,598	570,484
Minority-owned firms, percent of total, 1997	22.9%	10.8%
Women-owned firms, percent of total, 1997	31.3%	24.5%

Geography QuickFacts	Fayetteville	North Carolina
Land area, 2000 (square miles)	59	48,711
Persons per square mile, 2000	2,059.2	165.2
FIPS Code	22920	37

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Goldsboro (city)

People QuickFacts	Goldsboro	North Carolina
Population, 2000	39,043	8,049,313
Population, percent change, 1990 to 2000	-13.2%	21.4%
Persons under 5 years old, percent, 2000	7.1%	6.7%
Persons under 18 years old, percent, 2000	25.1%	24.4%
Persons 65 years old and over, percent, 2000	13.7%	12.0%
Female persons, percent, 2000	50.8%	51.0%
White persons, percent, 2000 (a)	43.0%	72.1%
Black or African American persons, percent, 2000 (a)	52.2%	21.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native persons, percent, 2000 (a)	0.4%	1.2%
Asian persons, percent, 2000 (a)	1.4%	1.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, percent, 2000 (a)	0.1%	Z
Persons reporting some other race, percent, 2000 (a)	1.1%	2.3%
Persons reporting two or more races, percent, 2000	1.6%	1.3%
Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin, percent, 2000 (b)	2.7%	4.7%
Living in same house in 1995 and 2000 ¹ , pct age 5+, 2000	47.4%	53.0%
Foreign born persons, percent, 2000	2.4%	5.3%
Language other than English spoken at home, pct age 5+, 2000	6.1%	8.0%
High school graduates, percent of persons age 25+, 2000	76.3%	78.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher, pct of persons age 25+, 2000	17.2%	22.5%
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16+, 2000	17.0	24.0
Housing units, 2000	16,372	3,523,944
Homeownership rate, 2000	42.5%	69.4%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2000	\$84,700	\$108,300
Households, 2000	14,630	3,132,013
Persons per household, 2000	2.40	2.49
Median household income, 1999	\$29,456	\$39,184
Per capita money income, 1999	\$16,614	\$20,307
Persons below poverty, percent, 1999	19.2%	12.3%
Business QuickFacts	Goldsboro	North Carolina
Manufacturers shipments, 1997 (\$1000)	579,783	11,500,008

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Wholesale trade sales, 1997 (\$1000)	738,167	98,080,086
Retail sales, 1997 (\$1000)	812,362	72,356,763
Retail sales per capita, 1997	\$17,826	\$9,740
Accommodation and food services sales, 1997 (\$1000)	73,027	8,624,993
Total number of firms, 1997	3,922	570,484
Minority-owned firms, percent of total, 1997	13.1%	10.8%
Women-owned firms, percent of total, 1997	26.0%	24.5%

Geography QuickFacts	Goldsboro	North Carolina
Land area, 2000 (square miles)	25	48,711
Persons per square mile, 2000	1,574.9	165.2
FIPS Code	26880	37

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State Closure Summary

A review of the previous Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) report of 1995 indicates that three facilities have been closed in North Carolina to date. During the 1993 the Data Processing Center at Marine Corps Station Cherry Point and the Marine Corps Data Processing Center Regional Automated Services Center at Camp Lejeune were both recommended for closure. During the 1995 round, Recreation Center #2 in Fayetteville, North Carolina was recommended for closure.

APPENDIX L

BASE CLOSURES AND REALIGNMENTS *BY STATE* 1988, 1991, 1993, 1995

ALABAMA

1988	Alabama Army Ammunition Plant	CLOSE
1988	Coosa River Storage Annex	CLOSE
1991	Fort Rucker	REALIGN
1993	Naval Station Mobile	CLOSE
1993	Naval Reserve Center Gadsden	CLOSE
1993	Naval Reserve Center Montgomery	CLOSE
1993	Anniston Army Depot	REALIGN
1995	Fort McClellan	CLOSE
1995	Naval Reserve Center Huntsville	CLOSE

ALASKA

1995	Fort Greely	REALIGN
1995	Naval Air Facility Adak	CLOSE

ARKANSAS

1991	Eaker Air Force Base	CLOSE
1991	Fort Chaffee	CLOSE
1993	Naval Reserve Center Fayetteville	CLOSE
1993	Naval Reserve Center Fort Smith	CLOSE
1995	Fort Chaffee	CLOSE

ARIZONA

1988	Navajo Army Depot Activity	CLOSE
1991	Williams Air Force Base	CLOSE
1995	Williams Air Force Base	REDIRECT

CALIFORNIA

1988	George Air Force Base	CLOSE
1988	Hamilton Army Airfield	CLOSE
1988	Mather Air Force Base	CLOSE
1988	Naval Station San Francisco (Hunters Point)	REALIGN
1988	Norton Air Force Base	CLOSE
1988	Presidio of San Francisco	CLOSE
1988	Salton Sea Test Base, Imperial County	CLOSE
1991	Beale Air Force Base	REALIGN
1991	Castle Air Force Base	CLOSE
1991	Fort Ord	CLOSE
1991	Hunters Point Annex, San Francisco	CLOSE
1991	Integrated Combat Systems Test Facility San Diego	CLOSE
1991	Letterman Army Institute of Research Presidio of San Francisco	DISESTAB
1991	Fleet Combat Direction Systems Support Activity San Diego	REALIGN

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1991	March Air Force Base	REALIGN
1991	Mather Air Force Base	REDIRECT
1991	Naval Air Station Moffett Field	CLOSE
1991	Naval Electronic Systems Engineering Center San Diego	CLOSE
1991	Naval Electronic Systems Engineering Center Vallejo	CLOSE
1991	Naval Space Systems Activity Los Angeles	CLOSE
1991	Naval Station Long Beach	CLOSE
1991	Naval Weapons Center China Lake	REALIGN
1991	Pacific Missile Test Center Point Mugu	REALIGN
1991	Sacramento Army Depot	CLOSE
1991	Marine Corps Air Station Tustin	CLOSE
1993	Castle Air Force Base (B-52 Combat Crew Training redirected from Fairchild AFB to Barksdale AFB and KC-135 Combat Crew Training from Fairchild AFR to Altus AFB)	REDIRECT
1993	Data Processing Center Marine Corps Air Station El Toro	CLOSE
1993	Data Processing Center Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division China Lake	CLOSE
1993	Data Processing Center Naval Air Warfare Center, Weapons Division Point Mugu	CLOSE
1993	Data Processing Center Naval Command Control & Ocean Surveillance Center San Diego	CLOSE
1993	Data Processing Center Navy Regional Data Automation Center San Francisco	CLOSE
1993	Defense Contract Management District West El Segundo	RELOCATE
1993	Defense Distribution Depot Oakland	DISESTAB
1993	Hunters Point Annex to Naval Station Treasure Island (Redirect to dispose of all property in any lawful manner, including outlease)	REDIRECT
1993	March Air Force Base	REALIGN
1993	Mare Island Naval Shipyard	CLOSE
1993	Marine Corps Air Station El Toro	CLOSE
1993	Marine Corps Air Station Tustin (Relocate MCAS Tustin helicopter assets to NAS North Island, NAS Miramar, or MCAS Camp Pendleton)	REDIRECT
1993	Marine Corps Data Processing Center Regional Automated Services Center Camp Pendleton	CLOSE
1993	Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow	REALIGN
1993	Mather Air Force Base (940th Air Refueling Group redirected from McClellan AFB to Beale AFB)	REDIRECT
1993	Naval Air Station Alameda	CLOSE
1993	Naval Aviation Depot Alameda	CLOSE
1993	Naval Electronics Systems Engineering Center San Diego (Consolidate with Naval Electronics Systems Engineering Center Vallejo into available space in Air Force Plant #19, San Diego, vice new construction)	REDIRECT
1993	Naval Electronics Systems Engineering Center Vallajo (Consolidate with Naval Electronics Systems Center San Diego into available space in Air Force Plant #19, San Diego, vice new construction)	REDIRECT
1993	Naval Hospital Oakland	CLOSE
1993	Naval Station Treasure Island, San Francisco	CLOSE
1993	Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach	REALIGN

1993	Navy Data Processing Center Facilities Systems Office, Port Hueneme	CLOSE
1993	Navy Data Processing Center Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, San Diego	CLOSE
1993	Presidio of Monterey Annex	REALIGN
1993	Presidio of San Francisco (6th Army remains at the Presidio of San Francisco, CA instead of moving to Fort Carson, CO)	REDIRECT
1993	Naval Civil Engineering Laboratory, Port Hueneme	CLOSE
1993	Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Western Engineering Field Division, San Bruno	CLOSE
1993	Naval Reserve Center Pacific Grove	CLOSE
1993	Naval Training Center San Diego	CLOSE
1993	Planning, Estimating, Repair, and Alterations Center (Surface) Pacific San Francisco	DISESTAB
1993	Naval Public Works Center San Francisco	DISESTAB
1995	Oakland Army Base	CLOSE
1995	Naval Shipyard Long Beach	CLOSE
1995	McClellan Air Force Base	CLOSE
1995	Ontario International Airport Air Guard Station	CLOSE
1995	Defense Distribution Depot McClellan	DISESTAR
1995	Fort Hunter Liggett	REALIGN
1995	Sierra Army Depot	REALIGN
1995	Onizuka Air Station	REALIGN
1995	Branch U.S. Disciplinary Barracks	CLOSE
1995	East Fort Baker	CLOSE
1995	Rio Vista Army Reserve Center	CLOSE
1995	Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Oakland	CLOSE
1995	Naval Command, Control, and Ocean Surveillance Center, In-Service Engineering West Coast Division San Diego	DISESTAB
1995	Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion, and Repair, USN, Long Beach	DISESTAB
1995	Naval Reserve Center Stockton	CLOSE
1995	Naval Reserve Center Santa Ana	CLOSE
1995	Naval Reserve Center Pomona	CLOSE
1995	Marine Corps Air Station El Toro	REDIRECT
1995	Marine Corps Air Station Tustin	REDIRECT
1995	Naval Air Station Alameda	REDIRECT
1995	Naval Recruiting District San Diego	REDIRECT
1995	Naval Training Center San Diego	REDIRECT
1995	Defense Contract Management District West, El Segundo	REDIRECT
COLORADO		
1988	Bennett Army National Guard Facility, Arapahoe County	CLOSE
1988	Pueblo Army Depot	REALIGN
1991	Lowry Air Force Base	CLOSE
1993	Pueblo Army Depot (Redirects supply mission from Defense Distribution Depot Tooele, UT, to new location within the Defense Distribution Depot System.)	REDIRECT
1995	Fitzsimons Army Medical Center	CLOSE
1995	Lowry Air Force Base	REDIRECT

CONNECTICUT

1988	Family Housing Ansonia 04	CLOSE
1988	Family Housing East Windsor 08	CLOSE
1988	Family Housing Fairfield 65	CLOSE
1988	Family Housing Manchester 25	CLOSE
1988	Family Housing Middletown 48	CLOSE
1988	Family Housing Milford 17	CLOSE
1988	Family Housing New Britain 74	CLOSE
1988	Family Housing Orange 15	CLOSE
1988	Family Housing Plainville 67	CLOSE
1988	Family Housing Portland 36	CLOSE
1988	Family Housing Westport 73	CLOSE
1988	Family Housing Shelton 74	CLOSE
1991	Naval Underwater Systems Center Detachment New London	REALIGN
1995	Stratford Army Engine Plant	CLOSE

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

1991	U.S. Army Institute of Dental Research	DISESTAB
1991	Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (Microwave Bioeffects Research)	REALIGN
1993	Data Processing Center Bureau of Naval Personnel	CLOSE
1993	Data Processing Center Naval Computer & Telecommunications Station	CLOSE
1993	Naval Security Group Command (including Security Group Station and Security Group Detachment) Potomac	REALIGN
1993	Naval Electronic Security Systems Engineering Center	CLOSE
1995	Naval Recruiting Command Washington	REDIRECT
1995	Naval Security Group Detachment Potomac Washington	REDIRECT

FLORIDA

1988	Cape St. George	CLOSE
1988	Naval Reserve Center (Coconut Grove) Miami	CLOSE
1991	MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa	REALIGN
1991	Naval Coastal Systems Center, Panama City	REALIGN
1993	Data Processing Center Naval Air Station Key West	CLOSE
1993	Data Processing Center Naval Air Station Mayport	CLOSE
1993	Data Processing Center Naval Computer & Telecommunications Station, Pensacola	CLOSE
1993	Homestead Air Force Base	REALIGN
1993	MacDill Air Force Base (Airfield to be operated by the Department of Commerce or another federal agency. Joint Communications Support Element stays at MacDill vice relocating to Charleston AFB.)	REDIRECT
1993	Naval Air Station Cecil Field	CLOSE
1993	Naval Aviation Depot Pensacola	CLOSE
1993	Naval Hospital Orlando	CLOSE
1993	Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (Naval Supply Center) Pensacola	DISESTAB
1993	Defense Distribution Depot Pensacola	DISESTAB
1993	Naval Training Center Orlando	CLOSE
1995	Naval Air Station Key West	REALIGN

1995	Eglin Air Force Base	REALIGN
1795	Big Coppett Key	CLOSE
1995	Naval Research Laboratory, Underwater Sound Reference Detachment, Orlando	DISESTAB
1995	Naval Air Station Cecil Field	REDIRECT
1995	Naval Aviation Depot Pensacola	REDIRECT
1795	Navy Nuclear Power Propulsion Training Center, Naval Training Center, Orlando	REDIRECT
1795	Naval Training Center Orlando	REDIRECT
1995	Homestead Air Force Base (301st Rescue Squadron)	REDIRECT
1795	Homestead Air Force Base (726th Air Control Squadron)	REDIRECT
1995	MacDill Air Force Base	REDIRECT
1995	Naval Research Laboratory, Underwater Sound Reference Detachment, Orlando	CLOSE:

GEORGIA

1793	Navy Data Processing Center Trident Refit Facility Kings Bay	CLOSE
1973	Naval Reserve Center Macon	CLOSE
1995	Defense Contract Management District South, Marietta	DISESTAB

GUAM

1993	Naval Air Station Agana	CLOSE
1995	Ship Repair Facility	CLOSE
1795	Naval Activities	REALIGN
1995	Fleet and Industrial Supply Center	KEALIGN
1995	Public Works	REALIGN
1995	Naval Air Station Agana	KEDIKECT

HAWAII

1988	Kapalama Military Reservation Phase III	CLOSE
1791	Naval Air Facility Midway Island	REALIGN
1991	Naval Ocean Systems Center Detachment, Kanaohe	CLOSE
1993	Data Processing Center Naval Computer & Telecommunications Area Master Station, EASTPAC, Pearl Harbor	CLOSE
1793	Data Processing Center Naval Supply Center Pearl Harbor	CLOSE
1973	Naval Air Station Barbers Point	CLOSE
1973	Naval Air Facility Midway Island	CLOSE
1975	Naval Air Station Barbers Point	REDIRECT

IOWA

1988	Fort Des Moines	CLOSE
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IDAHO

1991	Mountain Home Air Force Base	REALIGN
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ILLINOIS

1988	Chanute Air Force Base	CLOSE
1988	Fort Sheridan	CLOSE
1988	LJSARC Addison Housing	CLOSE
1788	Worth Family Housing	CLOSE

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1991	Aramament, Munitions, and Chemical Command Rock Island Arsenal	REALIGN
1993	Chanute Air Force Base (Metals Technology and Aircraft Structural Maintenance training courses from Chanute AFB to Sheppard AFB redirected to NAS Memphis)	REDIRECT
1993	Defense Contract Management District Northcentral, Chicago	DISESTAB
1993	Naval Air Station Glenview	CLOSE
1993	O'Hare International Airport Air Force Reserve Station	CLOSE
1993	Rock Island Arsenal (AMCCOM remains at Rock Island, IL instead of moving to Redstone Arsenal, AL)	REDIRECT
1995	Savanna Army Depot Activity	CLOSE
1995	Chicago O'Hare International Airport Air Reserve Station	CLOSE

INDIANA

1988	Indiana Army Ammunition Plant	CLOSE
1988	Jefferson Proving Ground	CLOSE
1991	Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis	CLOSE
1991	Grissom Air Force Base, Peru	CLOSE
1991	Naval Avionics Center, Indianapolis	REALIGN
1991	Naval Weapons Support Center, Crane	REALIGN
1993	Defense Information Technology Service Organization, Indianapolis Information Processing Center	CLOSE
1993	Navy/Marine Corps Reserve Center Fort Wayne	CLOSE
1993	Naval Reserve Center Terre Haute	CLOSE
1995	Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division, Indianapolis	CLOSE

KANSAS

1993	Readiness Command Region Olathe (Region 18)	CLOSE
1993	Naval Reserve Center Hutchinson	CLOSE
1995	Naval Air Reserve Olathe	CLOSE

KENTUCKY

1988	Lexington-Bluegrass Army Depot	CLOSE
1991	Naval Ordnance Station Louisville	REALIGN
1995	Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division Detachment, Louisville	CLOSE

LOUISIANA

1988	Naval Station Lake Charles	CLOSE
1988	New Orleans Military Ocean Terminal	CLOSE
1991	England Air Force Base	CLOSE
1991	Fort Polk	REALIGN
1993	Data Processing Center Naval Computer & Telecommunications Station, New Orleans	CLOSE
1993	Naval Reserve Center Monroe	CLOSE
1993	Naval Reserve Facility Alexandria	CLOSE
1993	Navy Data Processing Center Enlisted Personnel Management Center New Orleans	CLOSE
1995	Naval Biodynamics Laboratory New Orleans	CLOSE
1995	Naval Reserve Readiness Command New Orleans (Region 10)	CLOSE

MAINE

1991 Loring Air Force Base, Caribou CLOSE
1993 Data Processing Center Naval Air Station Bruriswick CLOSE

MARYLAND

1988 Army Reserve Center Gaithersburg CLOSE
1988 Former NIKE site at Aberdeen Proving Ground CLOSE
1988 Fort Detrick REALIGN
1988 Fort Holabird REALIGN
1988 Fort Meade REALIGN
1988 NIKE Washington-Baltimore CLOSE
1991 U.S. Army Biomedical Research Development
Laboratory, Fort Detrick DISESTAB
1991 David Taylor Research Center Detachment Annapolis REALIGN
1991 Fuze Development and Production (armament and
missile-related) Harry Diamond Laboratories, Adelphi REALIGN
1991 Naval Ordnance Station Indian Head REALIGN
1991 Naval Surface Warfare Center Detachment, White Oak REALIGN
1993 Data Processing Center Naval Air Warfare Center,
Aircraft Division, Patuxent River CLOSE
1993 Naval Electronic Systems Engineering Center St. Inigoes CLOSE
1993 Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren White Oak
Detachment, White Oak DISESTAB
1993 Navy Radio Transmission Facility Annapolis DISESTAB
1993 Sea Automated Data Systems Activity Indian Head DISESTAB
1995 Fort Ritchie CLOSE
1995 Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division
Detachment, White Oak CLOSE
1995 Fort Meade REALIGN
1995 Concepts Analysis Agency CLOSE
1995 Fort Holabird CLOSE
1995 Publications Distribution Center, Baltimore CLOSE
1995 Naval Medical Research Institute Bethesda CLOSE
1995 Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division
Detachment, Annapolis CLOSE
1995 Tri-Service Project Reliance, Army Bio-Medical
Research Laboratory, Fort Detrick REDIRECT
1995 Investigations Control and Autoination
Directorate, Fort Holabird RELOCATE

MASSACHUSETTS

1988 Family Housing Bedford 85 CLOSE
1988 Family Housing Beverly 15 CLOSE
1988 Family Housing Burlington 84 CLOSE
1988 Family Housing Hull 36 CLOSE
1988 Family Housing Nahant 17 CLOSE
1988 Family Housing Randolph 55 CLOSE
1988 Family Housing Swansea 29 CLOSE
1988 Family Housing Topsfield 05 CLOSE
1988 Family Housing Wakefield 03 CLOSE
1988 Fort Devens REALIGN
1988 Army Materials Technology Laboratory, Watertown CLOSE
1991 Army Materials Technology Laboratory, Watertown REDIRECT

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1991	Fort Devens	CLOSE
1991	Naval Undersea Warfare Engineering Station Keyport	REALIGN
1993	Naval Reserve Center Chicopee	CLOSE
1993	Naval Reserve Center New Bedford	CLOSE
1993	Naval Reserve Center Pittsfield	CLOSE
1993	Naval Reserve Center Quincy	CLOSE
1993	Navy/Marine Corps Reserve Center Lawrence	CLOSE
1995	Naval Air Station South Weymouth	CLOSE
1995	Hingham Cohasset	CLOSE
1995	Sudbury Training Annex	CLOSE

MICHIGAN

1988	Pontiac Storage Facility	CLOSE
1991	Ground Vehicle Propulsion Basic and Applied Research, Warren	REALIGN
1991	Wurtsmith Air Force Base	CLOSE
1993	Naval Air Facility Detroit	CLOSE
1993	Defense Logistics Agency Information Processing Center, Battle Creek	CLOSE
1993	K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base	CLOSE
1995	Detroit Arsenal	REALIGN
1995	Naval Reserve Center Cadillac	CLOSE
1995	Naval Air Facility Detroit	REDIRECT

MISSOURI

1988	NIKE Kansas City 30	CLOSE
1988	St. Louis Area Support Center Wherry Housing	CLOSE
1991	Aviation Systems Command and Troop Command Support, St. Louis	REALIGN
1991	Richard-Gebaur Air Reserve Station	CLOSE
1993	Defense Information Technology Service Organization, Kansas City Information Processing Center	CLOSE
1993	Naval Reserve Center Joplin	CLOSE
1993	Naval Reserve Center St. Joseph	CLOSE
1995	Aviation-Troop Support Command	DISESTAB

MONTANA

1993	Naval Reserve Center Great Falls	CLOSE
1993	Naval Reserve Center Missoula	CLOSE
1995	Malmstrom Air Force Base	REALIGN
1995	Fort Missoula	CLOSURE

NEW HAMPSHIRE

1988	Pease Air Force Base	CLOSE
1993	Submarine Maintenance, Engineering, Planning, and Procurement Portsmouth	DISESTAB

NEW JERSEY

1988	Fort Dix	REALIGN
1988	Fort Monmouth	REALIGN
1988	NIKE NY 54 Housing	CLOSE

1988	NIKE NY 60 Housing	CLOSE
1988	NIKE NY 79/80 Housing	CLOSE
1988	NIKE NY 73/94	CLOSE
1988	NIKE Philadelphia 41/43	CLOSE
1991	Electronic Technology Device Laboratory, Fort Monmouth	REALIGN
1991	Fort Dix	REALIGN
1991	Naval Air Engineering Center, Lakehurst	REALIGN
1991	Naval Air Propulsion Center, Trenton	REALIGN
1993	Fort Monmouth	REALIGN
1993	Naval Reserve Center Atlantic City	CLOSE
1993	Naval Reserve Center Perth Amboy	CLOSE
1993	Naval Air Warfare Center - Aircraft Division, Trenton	CLOSE
1995	Bayonne Military Ocean Terminal	CLOSE
1995	Fort Dix	REALIGN
1995	Camp Kilmer	CLOSE
1995	Camp Pedricktown	CLOSE
NEW MEXICO		
1988	Fort Wingate Ammunition Storage Depot	CLOSE
1991	Battlefield Environmental Effects Element of the Atmospheric Science Laboratory, White Sands Missile Range	REALIGN
1991	Naval Weapons Evaluation Facility Albuquerque	CLOSE
1993	Naval Weapons Evaluation Facility Albuquerque (retain as a tenant of the Air Force)	REDIRECT
NEWYORK		
1988	Dry Hill Family Housing	CLOSE
1988	Manhattan Beach Housing	CLOSE
1988	Naval Station New York (Brooklyn)	CLOSE
1988	NIKE NY 01 Housing	CLOSE
1988	NIKE NY 25 Housing	CLOSE
1988	NIKE NY 99 Housing	CLOSE
1993	Griffiss Air Force Base	REALIGN
1993	Naval Reserve Center Jamestown	CLOSE
1993	Naval Reserve Center Poughkeepsie	CLOSE
1993	Naval Station Staten Island	CLOSE
1993	Plattsburgh Air Force Base	CLOSE
1993	Readiness Command Region Scotia (Region 2)	CLOSE
1993	Department of Defense Family Housing and Family Housing Office, Niagara Falls	CLOSE
1995	Seneca Army Depot	CLOSE
1995	Roslyn Air Guard Station	CLOSE
1995	Griffiss Air Force Base (Airfield Support for 10th Infantry [Light] Division)	REDIRECT
1995	Griffiss Air Force Base (485th Engineering Installation Group)	REDIRECT
1995	Bellmore Logistics Activity	CLOSE
1995	Fort Totten	CLOSE
1995	Naval Reserve Center Staten Island	CLOSE
1995	Real-Time Digitally Controlled Analyzer Processor Activity, Buffalo	CLOSE

NORTH CAROLINA

1993	Data Processing Center Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point	CLOSE
1993	Marine Corps Data Processing Center Regional Automated Services Center Camp Lejeune	CLOSE
1995	Recreation Center #2, Fayetteville	CLOSE

NORTH DAKOTA

1995	Grand Forks Air Force Base	REALIGN
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OHIO

1991	Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base	CLOSE
1993	Defense Information Technology Service Organization, Columbus Annex Dayton	CLOSE
1993	Defense Information Technology Services Organization, Cleveland	CLOSE
1993	Gentile Air Force Station (Defense Electronics Supply Center), Dayton	CLOSE
1993	Newark Air Force Base	CLOSE
1993	Readiness Command Region Ravenna (Region 5)	CLOSE
1993	Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base (Retain 121st Air Refueling Wing and the 160th Air Refueling Group in a cantonment area at Rickenbacker ANGB instead of Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, and operate as tenants of the Rickenbacker Port Authority [RPA] on the RPA's airport)	REDIRECT
1995	Defense Contract Management Command International, Dayton	REALIGN
1995	Defense Distribution Depot Columbus	REALIGN

OREGON

1988	Umatilla Army Depot	REALIGN
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PENNSYLVANIA

1988	Coraopolis Family Housing Site 71	CLOSE
1988	Coraopolis Family Housing Site 72	CLOSE
1988	Irwin Support Detachment Annex	CLOSE
1988	Naval Hospital Philadelphia	CLOSE
1988	Pitt 02 Family Housing	CLOSE
1988	Pitt 03 Family Housing	CLOSE
1988	Pitt 25 Family Housing	CLOSE
1988	Pitt 37 Family Housing	CLOSE
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1991	Letterkenny Army Depot	REALIGN
1991	Naval Air Development Center Warminster	REALIGN
1991	Naval Station Philadelphia	CLOSE
1991	Philadelphia Naval Shipyard	CLOSE

1993	Defense Personnel Support Center, Philadelphia	RELOCATE
1993	Defense Contract Management District Midatlantic, Philadelphia	DISESTAB
1993	Defense Logistics Agency Clothing Factory, Philadelphia	CLOSE
1993	Defense Logistics Agency Information Processing Center, Philadelphia	CLOSE
1993	Naval/Marine Corps Air Facility (Joint Aviation Facility) Johnstown	CLOSE
1993	Letterkenny Army Depot (Systems Integration Management Activity-East remains at Letterkenny Army Depot vice Rock Island, IL)	KEDIRECT
1993	Naval Reserve Center Altoona	CLOSE
1993	Navy Data Processing Center Aviation Supply Office, Philadelphia	CLOSE
1993	Planning, Estimating, Repair, and Alterations Center (Surface) Atlantic (HQ), Philadelphia	CLOSE
1995	Fort Indiantown Gap	CLOSE
1995	Charles E. Kelly Support Center	REALIGN
1995	Letterkenny Army Depot	CLOSE
1995	Defense Distribution Depot Letterkenny	DISESTAB
1995	Defense Industrial Supply Center Philadelphia	DISESTAB
1995	Naval Shipyard, Norfolk Detachment, Philadelphia	KEDIRECT
1995	Naval Aviation Engineering Support Unit Philadelphia	CLOSE
1995	Naval Air Technical Services Facility Philadelphia	CLOSE
1995	Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division, Open Water Test Facility, Oreland	CLOSE
1995	Naval Command, Control, and Ocean Surveillance RDT&E Division Detachment, Warminster	CLOSE
1995	Naval Air Warfare Center, Aircraft Division, Warminster	CLOSE

PUERTO RICO

1995	Fort Buchanan	REALIGN
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RHODE ISLAND

1988	Family Housing Davisville	CLOSE
1988	Family Housing North Smithfield 99	CLOSE
1991	Construction Battalion Center Davisville	CLOSE
1991	Trident Command and Control Systems Maintenance Activity, Newport	REALIGN
1993	Naval Education and Training Center, Newport	REALIGN

SOUTH CAROLINA

1991	Myrtle Beach Air Force Base, Myrtle Beach	CLOSE
1993	Charleston Naval Shipyard	CLOSE
1993	Data Processing Center Naval Supply Center, Charleston	CLOSE
1993	Defense Distribution Depot Charleston	DISESTAB
1993	Naval Station Charleston	CLOSE
1993	Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (Naval Supply Center) Charleston	DISESTAB
1995	Naval Reserve Readiness Command Charleston	CLOSE
1995	Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Charleston	CLOSE

TENNESSEE

1993	Naval Air Station Memphis	REALIGN
1993	Naval Reserve Center Kingsport	CLOSE
1993	Naval Reserve Center Memphis	CLOSE
1995	Defense Distribution Depot Memphis	CLOSE

TEXAS

1988	Fort Bliss	REALIGN
1988	Naval Station Galveston	CLOSE
1991	Bergstrom Air Force Base	CLOSE
1991	Carswell Air Force Base	CLOSE
1991	Goodfellow Air Force Base	REALIGN
1991	Naval Air Station Chase Field	CLOSE
1993	Air Force Data Processing Center Computer Service Center, San Antonio	CLOSE
1993	Carswell Air Force Base (Fabrication function of the 436th Training Squadron redirected from Dyess AFB to Luke AFB; maintenance training function redirected from Dyess AFB to Hill AFB)	REDIRECT
1993	Data Processing Center Air Force Military Personnel Center, Randolph AFB	CLOSE
1993	Data Processing Center Navy Data Automation Facility, Corpus Christi	CLOSE
1993	Naval Air Station Dallas	CLOSE
1993	Naval Reserve Facility Midland	CLOSE
1993	Navy/Marine Corps Reserve Center Abilene	CLOSE
1973	Red River Army Depot	REALIGN
1995	Naval Reserve Center Laredo	CLOSE
1995	Bergstrom Air Reserve Base	CLOSE
1995	Reese Air Force Base	CLOSE
1995	Kelly Air Force Base	REALIGN
1995	Defense Distribution Depot San Antonio	DISESTAB
1995	Red River Army Depot	REALIGN
1995	Naval Air Station Corpus Christi	REALIGN

UTAH

1988	Fort Douglas	CLOSE
1993	Defense Distribution Depot Tooele	DISESTAB
1993	Defense Logistics Agency Information Processing Center, Ogden	CLOSE
1993	Naval Reserve Center Ogden	CLOSE
1993	Tooele Army Depot	REALIGN
1995	Hill Air Force Base (Utah Training and Test Range)	REALIGN
1995	Defense Distribution Depot Ogden	CLOSE

VIRGINIA

1788	Cameron Station	CLOSE
1988	Defense Mapping Agency (DMA) site, Herndon	CLOSE
1988	Manassas Family Housing	CLOSE
1988	NIKE Norfolk 85 Housing	CLOSE
1988	Woodbridge Housing Site	CLOSE
1991	Army Research Institute, Alexandria	REALIGN

1991	Belvoir Research and Development Center, Fort Belvoir	REALIGN
1991	Directed Energy and Sensors Basic and Applied Research Element of the Center for Night Vision and Electro-Optics, Ft. Belvoir	REALIGN
1991	Harry Diamond Laboratory, Woodbridge	CLOSE
1991	Naval Mine Warfare Engineering Activity, Yorktown	CLOSE
1991	Naval Sea Combat Systems Engineering Station Norfolk	REALIGN
1993	Air Force Data Processing Center 7th Communications Group, Pentagon, Arlington	CLOSE
1993	Bureau of Navy Personnel, Arlington (Including the Office of Military Manpower Management, Arlington)	REALIGN
1993	Data Processing Center Naval Air Station Oceana	CLOSE
1993	Data Processing Center Naval Supply Center Norfolk	CLOSE
1993	Data Processing Center Navy Recruiting Command, Arlington	CLOSE
1993	Defense Logistics Agency Information Processing Center, Richmond	CLOSE
1993	Fort Belvoir	REALIGN
1993	Naval Air Systems Command, Arlington	REALIGN
1993	Naval Aviation Depot Norfolk	CLOSE
1993	Naval Electronic Systems Engineering Center, Portsmouth	CLOSE
1993	Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Alexandria	REALIGN
1993	Naval Mine Warfare Engineering Activity, Yorktown (Realign to Panama City, FL vice Dam Neck, VA)	REDIRECT
1993	Naval Recruiting Command, Arlington	REALIGN
1993	Naval Reserve Center, Staunton	CLOSE
1993	Naval Sea Systems Command, Arlington	REALIGN
1993	Naval Supply Systems Command, Arlington (Including Defense Printing Office, Alexandria, VA and Food Systems Office, Arlington, VA)	REALIGN
1993	Naval Surface Warfare Center - Port Hueneme, Yorktown Detachment, Virginia Beach (Naval Mine Warfare Activity)	REALIGN
1993	Naval Undersea Warfare Center - Norfolk Detachment	DISESTAB
1993	Navy Data Processing Center Naval Computer & Telecommunications Area Master Station, Atlantic, Norfolk	CLOSE
1993	Navy Radio Transmission Facility, Driver	CLOSE
1993	Tactical Support Office, Arlington	REALIGN
1993	Vint Hill Farms	CLOSE
1993	Planning, Estimating, Repair, and Alterations Center (Surface) Atlantic, Norfolk	DISESTAB
1993	Naval Electronics Systems Engineering Center Portsmouth	CLOSE
1993	Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command	REALIGN
1993	Office of the General Counsel (Navy)	REALIGN
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1993	Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff (Manpower & Reserve Affairs), U.S. Marine Corps	REALIGN
1993	Marine Corps Systems Command (Clarendon Office)	REALIGN
1995	Fort Pickett	CLOSE
1995	Naval Command, Control, and Ocean Surveillance Center, In-Service Engineering East Coast Detachment, Norfolk	CLOSE
1995	Naval Information Systems Management Center, Arlington	REALIGN
1995	Naval Management Systems Support Office, Chesapeake	DISESTAB
1995	Fort Lee	REALIGN
1995	Information Systems Software Center (ISSC)	CLOSE

WASHINGTON

1988	Midway Housing Site	CLOSE
1988	Naval Station Puget Sound (Sand Point)	CLOSE
1988	Youngs Lake Housing Site	CLOSE
1991	Naval Station Puget Sound (Sand Point)	CLOSE
1991	Naval Undersea Warfare Engineering Station Keyport	REALIGN
1993	Data Processing Center Naval Air Station Whidbey Island	CLOSE
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1993	Navy Data Processing Center Trident Refit Facility Bangor	CLOSE
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1995	Naval Undersea Warfare Center Keyport	REALIGN
1995	Camp Bonneville	CLOSE
1995	Naval Sea Systems Command, Arlington	REDIRECT
1995	Office of Naval Research	REDIRECT
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1988	Sun Prairie Family Housing	CLOSE
1995	Naval Reserve Center Sheboygan	CLOSE

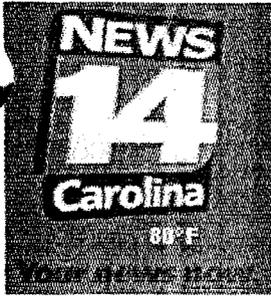
WEST VIRGINIA

1993	Naval Air Facility Martinsburg	CLOSE
1993	Naval Reserve Center Parkersburg	CLOSE

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1991	Army Corps of Engineers	REALIGN
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Military at Pope Air Force Base react to BRAC

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(SPRING LAKE)-- The Department of Defense plans to slash personnel at Pope Air Force Base by about 4,800 troops. That recommendation is just one of many in the controversial base closing proposal released Friday.

Nestled outside Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base, Spring Lake is a military town. That's why Chad Minton moved there a year ago. Minton is currently stationed at Pope. After Friday's news, he may be sent packing again.

Minton said, "When you're in the military you should be ready to go. You're not guaranteed to stay in one place forever."

The Base Closings and Realignment report reads like an eviction notice. It recommends that Pope Air Force Base relocate 4,800 troops and nearly 700 civilians.

43rd Airlift Wing Commander, Colonel Darren McDew said in a press conference Friday, "Civilians won't necessary be moved unless they want to be. Most of civilians are part of the community born and raised here or transferred in. We want to provide them options."

Minton continued, "It could be good, it could be bad. A lot of people might not mind going somewhere else or they really like it here and may not want to go."

The economy in Fayetteville and Spring Lake isn't expected to take a big hit. It is actually expected to get better. Real estate agents are foaming at the mouth because they are going to have a lot of homes for sale.

And with over 4,000 troops being added to Fort Bragg, a lot of those homes will be snatched up quickly.

Willie Harrison is a 20 year army veteran. He says since the realignment report the mood around Spring Lake hasn't changed.

Harrison said, "It wouldn't make that much difference to these young people. Most of the people I spoke to are young and don't see this base closures or reductions to have that big of an impact personally.

Chad Minton has a 7 month old daughter. But still says moving won't be a problem. It's part of the military life.

According to the recommendations in the base closings report, most of the 4,800 relocated troops from Pope will be relocated to either

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Pope base would shed troops under Pentagon proposal

The Associated Press

RALEIGH — Pope Air Force Base would lose 4,800 troops, and Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point would lose 656 civilian jobs under a base closing proposal released this morning by the Pentagon.

In other North Carolina moves, the Department of Defense also proposes closing a Navy Reserve center in Asheville and an Army Reserve center in Albemarle, resulting in a total loss of 36 positions.

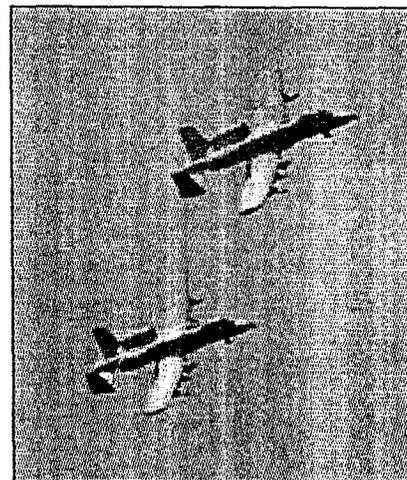
Fort Bragg would gain 4,078 troops and 247 civilian jobs under the plan, while Seymour Johnson Air Force Base would add 345 troops. In addition to losing the civilian jobs, Cherry Point would add 48 military positions.

Camp Lejeune is losing 182 military jobs and one civilian position, according to the proposal.

In all, the state would lose 568 military positions and gain 307 civilian positions.

By comparison, neighboring Virginia would gain more than 5,000 military positions but lose more than 8,800 civilian jobs. South Carolina is to gain 1,400 military positions and lose more than 700 civilian jobs.

Details of the moves came from a copy of the plan that was distributed to members of Congress and made available to The Associated Press.



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Two A-10 Warthogs from Pope Air Force Base make a low run over the Air Force bomb range in Dare County in this file photo.

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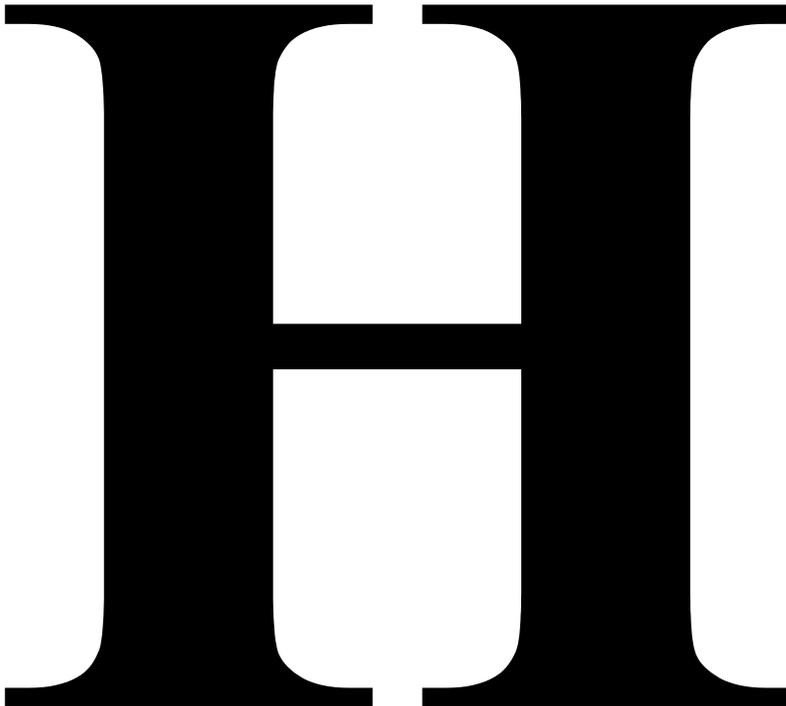
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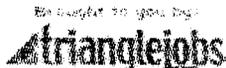
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Much of eastern North Carolina was waiting to find out whether the military _ one of the region's major economic drivers _ would be downsized as part of the latest round of base closings.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has indicated that closings will be less severe than expected, saying he had scaled back his recommendations because the military had less surplus space than once estimated.

The recommendations were being submitted today to an independent base closing commission.

North Carolina has the fourth-largest military presence of any state, directly employing more than 135,000 people at its six major bases and contributing \$18 billion annually to the North Carolina economy, according to a state-sponsored study.

The state's strong military culture, supportive locals and aggressive courting by elective officials may result in the addition of troops as bases elsewhere close, said Loren Thompson, a defense analyst with Lexington Institute, an Arlington, Va.-based think tank.

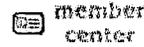
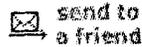
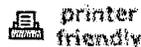
Rumsfeld said Thursday at a Pentagon news conference that domestic bases have 5 percent to 10 percent more space than they need, contrasting with earlier estimates of a 20 percent to 25 percent capacity surplus. That indicates that his list of proposed base closings and consolidations is shorter than originally expected.

The changes, if approved, would save the government an estimated \$48.8 billion over a 20-year period, Rumsfeld said.

Lt. Gov. Beverly Perdue has spearheaded North Carolina's \$2 million lobbying effort to protect the state's military facilities. The state has also earmarked \$20 million in bond money to buy buffer land to protect bases from encroaching development and give them room to expand.

Sen. Elizabeth Dole, R-N.C., a member of the Armed Services Committee, has also lobbied the nine-member Base Realignment and Closure Commission to protect North Carolina from cuts.

North Carolina has bases from four of the five branches of the military, as well as Sunny Point Military Ocean Terminal. That mix of service branches should also help the state weather closings, since the military has been looking to integrate bases and missions, Thompson said.

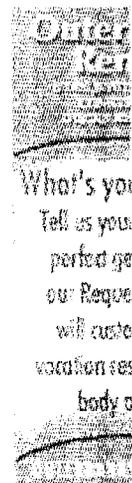


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RALEIGH, N.C. -- A drastic shift in identity and mission are being eyed for Pope Air Force Base, which would lose 4,800 troops and come under Army control in recommendations made Friday by the Pentagon for streamlining its worldwide operations.

Two Army commands -- the U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) and the Headquarters U.S. Army Reserve Command, a FORSCOM subordinate -- would shift to Pope and Fort Bragg from Fort McPherson, Ga., which is slated for closure.

Fort Bragg itself would gain 4,078 troops and 247 civilian jobs from an influx of European-based forces and the creation of a new combat brigade in the 82nd Airborne Division.

"I'm not sure any of us understand the full range of opportunities that will provide the community and the base," Sen. Richard Burr, R-N.C., said. "What this does is confirm what we thought and it's that the military still looks at North Carolina's bases as the front line of defense in this country."

The biggest loss in civilian jobs would come at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, where the Pentagon plan calls for sacrificing 656 positions as helicopter maintenance is shifted to four other states. The base would gain 48 military positions.

More than 5,700 civilians now work at Cherry Point.

Sen. Elizabeth Dole, R-N.C., the state's senior senator who has lobbied commission members on behalf of the state's bases, said she would work to help people displaced from jobs by the realignment of Pope Air Force Base and the Naval Air Depot at Cherry Point. Dole also promised to try to head off the recommendations and persuade the commission to save the jobs.

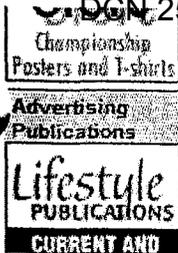
Col. John Gumbel, commanding officer of the Naval Air Depot at Cherry Point, said the proposed cuts were no worse than officials expected, and perhaps even better than their initial projections.

He noted that the depot will keep the bulk of its work, while some jobs will be transferred only to other parts of Cherry Point and the Marines' New River air station nearby.



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"Anything we would do we can easily accomplish through attrition," Gumbel said. "Will there be perfect fits with everything? No."

In all, the state would lose 568 military positions and gain 307 civilian positions if the Department of Defense proposals were implemented as written -- an unlikely prospect, with months to go in the base realignment and closure process.

The changes include shutting a Navy Reserve center in Asheville and an Army Reserve center in Albemarle, resulting in a total loss of 36 positions.

Seymour Johnson Air Force Base would add 345 troops, while Camp Lejeune would lose 182 military jobs and one civilian position.

By comparison, neighboring Virginia would gain more than 5,000 military positions but lose more than 8,800 civilian jobs. South Carolina is to gain 1,400 military positions and lose more than 700 civilian jobs.

Making Pope into the home base for one of the Army's biggest commands would be an accolade for Fort Bragg, which already houses the Army's Special Operations Command.

"It would be a tremendous win for North Carolina to get the U.S. Forces Command, no question about it. It is one of the really major U.S. Army commands," said Hugh Overholt, a retired Army major general and a member of Gov. Mike Easley's Advisory Commission on Military Affairs.

Pope would actually gain 808 civilian jobs under the proposal to bring FORSCOM -- currently commanded by Dan K. McNeill, a four-star general who previously was head of the 18th Airborne at Fort Bragg -- and the Reserve command to the base.

Pope officials noted that the proposed movement of military units is likely to unnerve many people in the ranks.

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Pope Air Force Base recommended to shed 4,800 troops under BRAC plan

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By: Associated Press

(RALEIGH) - Pope Air Force Base would lose 4,800 troops under a base closing proposal released Friday morning by the Pentagon.

In other North Carolina moves, the Department of Defense also proposes closing a Navy Reserve center in Asheville and an Army Reserve center in Albemarle, resulting in a total loss of 41 positions.



Seymour Johnson will add 345 troops

Fort Bragg would gain 4,078 troops under the plan, while Seymour Johnson Air Force Base would add 345.

Details of the moves came from a copy of the plan that was distributed to members of Congress and made available to The Associated Press.

Much of eastern North Carolina was waiting to find out whether the military, one of the region's major economic drivers, would be downsized as part of the latest round of base closings.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has indicated that closings will be less severe than expected, saying he had scaled back his recommendations because the military had less surplus space than once estimated.

The recommendations were being submitted Friday to an independent base closing commission.

North Carolina has the fourth-largest military presence of any state, directly employing more than 135,000 people at its six major bases and contributing \$18 billion annually to the North Carolina economy, according to a state-sponsored study.

The state's strong military culture, supportive locals and aggressive courting by elective officials may result in the addition of troops as bases elsewhere close, said Loren Thompson, a defense analyst with Lexington Institute, an Arlington, Va.-based think tank.

Rumsfeld said Thursday at a Pentagon news conference that

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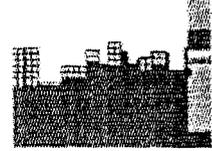
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The changes, if approved, would save the government an estimated \$48.8 billion over a 20-year period, Rumsfeld said.

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Lt. Gov. Beverly Perdue has spearheaded North Carolina's \$2 million lobbying effort to protect the state's military facilities. The state has also earmarked \$20 million in bond money to buy buffer land to protect bases from encroaching development and give them room to expand.



Sen. Elizabeth Dole, R-N.C., a member of the Armed Services Committee, has also lobbied the nine-member Base Realignment and Closure Commission to protect North Carolina from cuts.

North Carolina has bases from four of the five branches of the military, as well as Sunny Point Military Ocean Terminal. That mix of service branches should also help the state weather closings, since the military has been looking to integrate bases and missions, Thompson said.

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New face for Pope, thousands of new faces at Fort Bragg in BRAC plan

MARGARET LILLARD
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. - A drastic shift in identity and mission are being eyed for Pope Air Force Base, which would lose 4,800 troops and come under Army control in recommendations made Friday by the Pentagon for streamlining its worldwide operations.

Two Army commands - the U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) and the Headquarters U.S. Army Reserve Command, a FORSCOM subordinate - would shift to Pope and Fort Bragg from Fort McPherson, Ga., which is slated for closure.

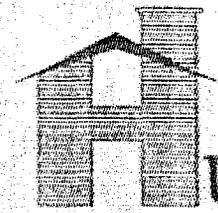
Fort Bragg itself would gain 4,078 troops and 247 civilian jobs from an influx of European-based forces and the creation of a new combat brigade in the 82nd Airborne Division.

"I'm not sure any of us understand the full range of opportunities that will provide the community and the base," Sen. Richard Burr, R-N.C., said. "What this does is confirm what we thought and it's that the military still looks at North Carolina's bases as the front line of defense in this country."

The biggest loss in civilian jobs would come at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, where the I calls for sacrificing 656 positions as helicopter maintenance is shifted to four other states. The ba military positions.

More than 5,700 civilians now work at Cherry Point.

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Col. John Gumbel, commanding officer of the Naval Air Depot at Cherry Point, said the proposed worse than officials expected, and perhaps even better than their initial projections.

He noted that the depot will keep the bulk of its work, while some jobs will be transferred only to c Cherry Point and the Marines' New River air station nearby.

"Anything we would do we can easily accomplish through attrition," Gumbel said. "Will there be p everything? No."

In all, the state would lose 568 military positions and gain 307 civilian positions if the Department proposals were implemented as written - an unlikely prospect, with months to go in the base real closure process.

The changes include shutting a Navy Reserve center in Asheville and an Army Reserve center in resulting in a total loss of 36 positions.

Seymour Johnson Air Force Base would add 345 troops, while Camp Lejeune would lose 182 mil one civilian position.

By comparison, neighboring Virginia would gain more than 5,000 military positions but lose more civilian jobs. South Carolina is to gain 1,400 military positions and lose more than 700 civilian job:

Making Pope into the home base for one of the Army's biggest commands would be an accolade which already houses the Army's Special Operations Command.

"It would be a tremendous win for North Carolina to get the U.S. Forces Command, no question a of the really major U.S. Army commands," said Hugh Overholt, a retired Army major general and Gov. Mike Easley's Advisory Commission on Military Affairs.

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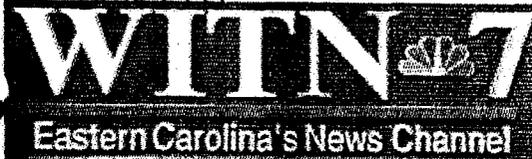
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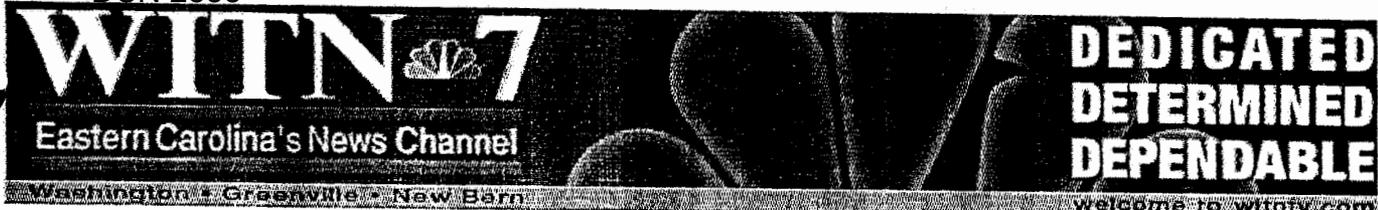
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Details of proposed changes at N.C. military installations

Associated Press

Details of some of the changes proposed for North Carolina's military installations, released Friday by the Pentagon in the first step of the base realignment and closing process:

At Pope Air Force Base:

- The installation would be transferred to the Army.
- The U.S. Army Forces Command and the Headquarters U.S. Army Reserve Command would relocate from Fort McPherson, Ga., which would be closed.
- The 43rd Airlift Wing's 25 C-130E aircraft would shift to Arkansas; the 23rd Fighter Group's A-10 would shift to Georgia.
- A 16-aircraft Air Force Reserve/active duty associate unit would be formed to support Army Airb at Fort Bragg.
- The 43rd Medical Group would be dismantled in favor of a medical squadron.

At Fort Bragg:

- European-based forces would relocate to Fort Bragg.
- A 4th Brigade Combat Team would be created in the 82nd Airborne Division.
- The 7th Special Forces Group would transfer to Florida, joining the Air Force Special Operations Air Force Base.

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- F100 engine repair facilities for the F-15 aircraft, currently based in Florida and Virginia, would be moved to Seymour Johnson and 87 F-15s would be stationed at the base.

- Eight of the 40 KC-135 tanker aircrafts to be removed from Grand Forks, N.D., would join the 1C currently based at Seymour Johnson.

At Cherry Point Naval Air Station:

- Helicopter maintenance would shift to Virginia, Maryland, Louisiana and South Carolina, as well as facilities at Cherry Point and Camp Lejeune, with an estimated loss of 1,190 jobs.

- Aircraft maintenance duties would be shifted from two Pennsylvania bases slated for closure, to Grand Forks.

- Supply, storage and distribution functions would move to satellite depots.

- The Naval Hospital would convert to a clinic with an ambulatory surgery center, eliminating inpatient services.

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Gains and losses at N.C. bases

Associated Press

A look at proposed gains and losses to North Carolina military facilities under Friday's Pentagon base-closing proposal.

North Carolina has the fourth-largest military presence in the nation, behind California, Florida and Texas, with six major bases and an economic impact of \$18 billion a year.

Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point

Major unit: 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing.

Employees: 8,987 military, 5,771 civilians.

Salaries: More than \$868 million.

Economic impact: \$1.5 billion.

Proposed changes: Add 48 military positions, lose 656 civilian jobs.

Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River

Major Units: 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Aircraft Groups 26 and 2

Employees: 43,100 military, 4,800 civilians.

Salaries: \$1.74 billion.

Economic impact: \$5.2 billion.

Proposed changes: Lose 182 military positions, lose one civilian job.

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Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base

Major Units: 18th Airborne Corps (including 82nd Airborne Division), U.S. Army Special Operations 43rd Airlift Wing.

Employees: 58,823 military, 9,655 civilian.

Salaries: \$2.4 billion

Economic impact: \$4.7 billion.

Proposed changes: Bragg would add 4,078 military positions and 247 civilian jobs; Pope would lose 1,000 military positions and add 808 civilian jobs.

Seymour Johnson Air Force Base

Major Units: 4th Fighter Wing.

Employees: 4,298 military, 542 civilians.

Salaries: NA.

Economic impact: \$800 million.

Proposed changes: Add 345 military positions, 17 civilian jobs.

Other facilities

Navy Reserve Center in Asheville would be closed, a loss of 7 military positions.

Niven U.S. Army Reserve Center in Albemarle would be closed, a loss of 34 military positions.

Army Research Office in Durham would be realigned, with a loss of one military position and 113 civilian jobs.

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Mix of N.C. reaction: Concern, elation

Proposed absorbing of Pope a 'slight surprise'; good day in Fayetteville

MARK JOHNSON
Raleigh Bureau

POPE AIR FORCE BASE - Col. Darren McDew, a slender cargo pilot and son of a career Air Force enlisted man, took over as the new commander of Pope Air Force Base in February only to come to work Friday and learn that he may be the last one.

McDew said he felt "slight surprise but not shock" when the Pentagon announced it was recommending that the base merge with the neighboring Fort Bragg Army post and fall under Army command.

"There's got to be a little bit of concern," McDew said of the hundreds of Air Force personnel expected to help people relax a little bit. There's a long process ahead of us. We're going to take care here involved in this transformation."

That was the sting of the Defense Department's base closure recommendations. The reward was Fayetteville area, North Carolina's largest military community, reflecting the good news-bad news state.

Leaders in Havelock, home to the Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station, winced at the loss of 65 it could have been worse. Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, east of Raleigh, gained being considered vulnerable to a cutback.

"To say we are excited is an understatement," said Jimmie Edmundson, chairman of the Wayne County chamber's military affairs committee. "We felt confident, but you just were never sure."

Near Fayetteville, on the other side of a miles-long fence from Pope, commanders at Fort Bragg I would gain more than 4,000 additional troops and take over Pope, the place next door from which units launch many of their parachute training exercises and deployments to the world's battlefield

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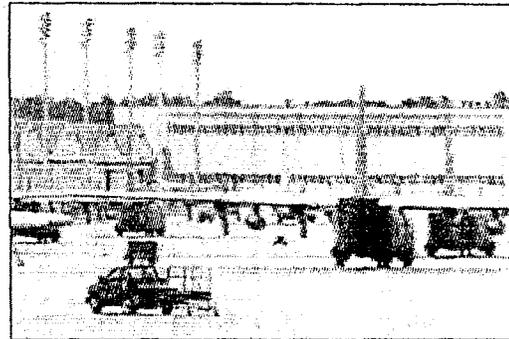
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Pentagon plan would merge Pope Air Force Base, Fort Bragg

By Henry Cuningham
Military editor

Pope Air Force Base would be taken over by Fort Bragg under recommendations announced Friday by the Pentagon.



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A vehicle passes by C-130 cargo planes Friday at Pope Air Force Base.

Although the proposal calls for thousands of military and civilian workers to be gained and lost at Fort Bragg and Pope, the net change would be a gain of 180 people in the local military community, according to figures from the Pentagon.

"Under this Department of Defense proposal, the Air Force will transfer ownership of Pope Air Force Base to the Army," said Col. Al Aycock, Fort Bragg's garrison commander. "An Air Force C-130 unit will continue to operate from the airfield to support deployment and contingency operations. Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base will become a consolidated joint installation under Army control."

The plan calls for Fort Bragg to become the headquarters for the command that is responsible for training, mobilization and deployment of the Army's combat-ready forces in the continental United States. Fort Bragg, which has 19 generals, would add eight to 10 generals, Aycock said.

The Base Realignment and Closure Commission, Congress and President Bush must approve the Pentagon's recommendations before they would go into effect. After approval, the military would have two years to get started and six years to implement the recommendations.

Fort Bragg has two three-star generals. They command the 18th Airborne Corps and the U.S. Army Special Operations Command.

The plan calls for Fort McPherson near Atlanta to close and for Army Forces Command headquarters to move to Fort Bragg. The move would base a four-star

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general at Fort Bragg.

"The movement of the major command down to this area will cause a lot of other units to come here for various conferences," Aycock said. "There will be a lot of movement in and out of Pope Air Force Base for the purposes of training, for visits to the commander. I think that you will see more high-ranking people who will come to this particular area if the BRAC recommendations are approved."

Higher headquarters

Forces Command is higher headquarters for the 18th Airborne Corps, the 3rd Corps at Fort Hood, Texas, and the 1st Corps at Fort Lewis, Wash. The command also is responsible for overseeing the preparation of Army Reserve and National Guard forces for combat.

Pope Air Force Base is the home of a wing of C-130 Hercules cargo airplanes that can airdrop Army troops and equipment, a group of A-10 attack airplanes and the Green Ramp, where Army cargo and passengers are loaded onto airplanes.

The plan calls for:

- Pope Air Force Base's 43rd Airlift Wing to transfer 25 C-130E aircraft to the 314th Airlift Wing at Little Rock, Ark.

- The 23rd Fighter Group to transfer its 36 A-10 attack aircraft to Moody Air Force Base at Valdosta, Ga.

- Pope's 43rd Medical Group to be replaced by a medical squadron.

- An active-duty/Reserve unit to operate about 16 C-130 cargo airplanes on the expanded Fort Bragg.

- The 7th Special Forces Group to move from Fort Bragg to Eglin Air Force Base in Florida and work with Air Force special operations forces. The U.S. Army Special Forces Command headquarters and 3rd Special Forces Group would remain at Fort Bragg.

- The activation of the 4th Brigade Combat Team of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg. This was previously planned as part of the reorganization of the Army known as "transformation."

- An unspecified number of combat service support units, such as transportation and quartermaster, to move to Fort Bragg from Europe.



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Col. Darren McDew, center, commander of the 43rd Airlift Wing, talks with reporters about the base-realignment plan at the Green Ramp at Pope Air Force Base. At left is Col. Al Aycock, Fort Bragg garrison commander; at right is Col. Warren Henderson, commander of the 23rd Fighter Group.

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Aycock declined to discuss whether changes would be made to the Joint Special Operations Command, which oversees the highly secretive counterterrorist forces of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

The Army would relocate all mobilization processing functions from Fort Lee and Fort Eustis, Va., and Fort Jackson, S.C., to establish a joint deployment and mobilization site at Fort Bragg, Aycock said. Since Sept. 11, 2001, Fort Bragg has mobilized more than 50,000 soldiers from the National Guard and Army Reserve for active duty and deployment. While at Fort Bragg, the soldiers have been housed in 60-year-old wooden barracks built during World War II.

"There are many, many steps left in this process," said Col. Darren McDew, commander of Pope's 43rd Airlift Wing.

Col. Warren Henderson, commander of the 23rd Fighter Group, known as the Flying Tigers, said he has not yet talked to the people who fly and maintain the A-10s. His group has about 1,000 people.

"I know it's not going to change our mission," Henderson said. "We are going to continue to take care of our people, if and when the move does happen."

McDew said he is concerned about the civilian employees who might move if the recommendations are approved. The plan calls for Pope to lose 345 civilian jobs and gain 1,153.

"The civilians won't be necessarily moved unless they want to move," McDew said. "Most of our civilians are part of the community, may have been born and raised here. Some transferred in. What we want to do is provide them options."

Aycock said the proposed changes would not affect the ability of the Army to deploy and train for airborne operations.

"All the C-17s, for example, already have to fly in from another Air Force base," Aycock said. "This facility is well-used to other aircraft coming in, and the 82nd Airborne Division will fly with anything the Air Force has."

C-130J plans

Previously approved plans call for about \$30 million to be spent at Pope to accommodate the C-130J, a longer, more modern version of the C-130E, which has been based at Pope in recent decades. The president's 2006 budget proposal omitted the C-130J, but Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld this week agreed to save the program.

McDew said the building would continue for the time being.

"The final decision on the impact to military construction has not been determined," McDew said. "I've not gotten any word yet of stopping any construction, so everything you see right now, as far as I'm concerned, continues."

Fort Bragg and Pope have their own gates where access to the installations is controlled. Pope continued to check cars coming onto the base from Fort Bragg, even after the Army post began controlling access to Bragg.

"In terms of the gates, there is a requirement to have a separate fence area around an airfield," Aycock said. "We will work through that with the Air Force as best as we can."

Aycock said if the recommendations are approved, Fort Bragg will re-examine its master plan to include construction and refurbishing buildings for use by different headquarters.

"The Department of Defense believes that this will save the taxpayers of the country \$49 billion," Aycock said.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Going: 43rd Airlift Wing

- **Current location:** Pope Air Force Base.
- **New Location:** Part of the 324th Airlift Wing, Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.
- **Personnel:** About 4,300 airmen
- **Mission:** Airlifting supplies, men and equipment, transporting paratroopers, evacuating casualties and conducting humanitarian missions, among other duties.

Going: 23rd Fighter Group

- **Current location:** Pope Air Force Base
- **New Location:** Moody Air Force Base, Ga.
- **Personnel:** About 1,000 airmen
- **Mission:** The group flies A-10 attack planes to provide close-air support and to help with combat search and rescue operations.

Going: 7th Special Forces Group

- **Current location:** Fort Bragg
- **New Location:** Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.
- **Personnel:** 1,300 soldiers
- **Mission:** Special operations missions ranging from drug interdiction to training soldiers in Latin America.

Coming: U.S. Army Forces Command

- **Current location:** Fort McPherson, Ga.
- **New Location:** Fort Bragg/Pope Air Force Base
- **Personnel:** 260 soldiers and 658 civilians
- **Mission:** The Army's largest major command. Its mission is to train, mobilize, and deploy Army ground forces to meet operational requirements.

Coming: U.S. Army Reserve Command

- **Current location:** Fort McPherson, Ga.
- **New Location:** Fort Bragg/Pope Air Force Base
- **Personnel:** 440 soldiers and 393 civilians
- **Mission:** A major subordinate command of U.S. Army Forces Command. It commands, controls, supports and ensures the readiness of all Army Reserve troop units in the continental United States, except for psychological operations and civil affairs units.

Coming: 911th Airlift Wing

- **Current location:** Pittsburgh International Airport Air Reserve Station
- **New Location:** Fort Bragg/Pope Air Force Base
- **Equipment:** Eight C-130H cargo planes
- **Mission:** The planes would airlift supplies, men and equipment and transports paratroopers.

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Details of the moves came from a copy of the plan that was distributed to members of Congress and made available to The Associated Press.

Much of eastern North Carolina was waiting to find out whether the military _ one of the region's major economic drivers _ would be downsized as part of the latest round of base closings.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has indicated that closings will be less severe than expected, saying he had scaled back his recommendations because the military had less surplus space than once estimated.

The recommendations were being submitted today to an independent base closing commission.

North Carolina has the fourth-largest military presence of any state, directly employing more than 135,000 people at its six major bases and contributing \$18 billion annually to the North Carolina economy, according to a state-sponsored study.

The state's strong military culture, supportive locals and aggressive courting by elective officials may result in the addition of troops as bases elsewhere close, said Loren Thompson, a defense analyst with Lexington Institute, an Arlington, Va.-based think tank.

Rumsfeld said Thursday at a Pentagon news conference that domestic bases have 5 percent to 10 percent more space than they need, contrasting with earlier estimates of a 20 percent to 25 percent capacity surplus. That indicates that his list of proposed base closings and consolidations is shorter than originally expected.

The changes, if approved, would save the government an estimated \$48.8 billion over a 20-year period, Rumsfeld said.

Lt. Gov. Beverly Perdue has spearheaded North Carolina's \$2 million lobbying effort to protect the state's military facilities. The state has also earmarked \$20 million in bond money to buy buffer land to protect bases from encroaching development and give them room to expand.

Sen. Elizabeth Dole, R-N.C., a member of the Armed Services Committee, has also lobbied the nine-member Base Realignment and Closure Commission to protect North Carolina from cuts.

North Carolina has bases from four of the five branches of the military, as well as Sunny Point Military Ocean Terminal. That mix of service branches should also help the state weather closings, since the military has been looking to integrate bases and missions, Thompson said.

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Meanwhile, Goldsboro-area officials were breathing easier Friday, while Fayetteville officials were left with mixed emotions following the release of a nationwide list of recommended military base closings and realignments.

Seymour Johnson AFB, which was widely thought to be on the chopping block, actually would grow if the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) and President George W. Bush approve Defense Department recommendations in September.

Pope Air Force Base outside Fayetteville would be dismantled, with its 4,800 airmen transferred to Little Rock Air Force Base in Arkansas and Moody Air Force Base in Georgia. Fort Bragg would take over the vacated Pope AFB by 2009, and its growth would leave the area with a net increase of 200 troops.

"The Army will relocate the Forces Command headquarters and the U.S. Army Reserve Command to the current facilities at Pope Air Force Base," said Col. Al Aycock, garrison commander at Fort Bragg.

But Pope AFB commanders said they aren't ready to leave the area that has been home to the air base since 1919.

"Right now, the key words are 'if' and 'recommendation,'" said Col. Darren McDew, commander of the 43rd Airlift Wing, which is stationed at the base. "Fayetteville has been a great community for us, but we'll move on to another great community if all of this were to take place."

Pope AFB has a \$300 million payroll, and Fayetteville-area officials estimate its local annual economic impact at \$477 million.

But Bradley Prince, a drycleaner in nearby Spring Lake, said the closing of the air base could be good for some area residents.

"I used to live right across the river from Pope, so I know that people that live around that area aren't going to be upset, aside from jobs losses, because the noise is all night long," Prince said. "All you hear at night is C-130s (military transport planes) running."

Vincent Flowers, a barber at Bragg Military & Civilian Barber Shop, said the potential growth of Fort Bragg would more than offset the loss of Pope AFB.

"Fort Bragg is here forever. We're good. I don't think this community has anything to worry about," Flowers said.

Goldsboro officials were also worrying a lot less Friday than earlier in the week, when Seymour Johnson AFB was seen as a likely target for Defense Department cuts.

But the realignment proposal unveiled Friday calls for the base to gain 360 military personnel, an F100 jet engine repair unit from Langley Air Force Base in Virginia and eight refueling tanker planes from Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota.

"As airmen, we're in favor of all the things we can do to spend our money better and to make our capability better in the future," said Col. James Holmes, commander of the 4th Fighter Wing, which is based at Seymour Johnson AFB.

Goldsboro and Wayne County officials had worked hard in recent months to save the base by passing zoning regulations and buying about 3,000 acres around the base to prevent development from encroaching on the base's borders.

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"Even though we were confident, you do breathe a sigh of relief," said Troy Pate, co-chairman of Governor's Advisory Council on Military Affairs. "You can't win them all if you don't win the first one."

North Carolina has the fourth-largest military presence of any state, directly employing more than 135,000 people at its six major bases and contributing \$18 billion annually to the North Carolina economy, according to a state-sponsored study.

Other changes to North Carolina installations recommended by the Defense Department include relocating an Army Research Center in Durham, where 100 civilians are employed, to Bethesda, Md., and closing an Army Reserve center in Albemarle and a Naval Reserve center in Asheville.

Sen. Dole reacts to BRAC announcement

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(WASHINGTON, DC) -- U.S. Senator Elizabeth Dole made the following statement regarding the Secretary of Defense's submission to the BRAC Commission. The submission includes a list of bases that the Department has selected for closure or realignment:

I believe that overall North Carolina fared well in the Defense Department's recommendations. The most significant impact on North Carolina involves the realignment of Pope Air Force Base and the expansion of the mission of Fort Bragg, which will result in a net gain of more than 900 civilian jobs. This would involve significant job transition for a number of personnel, and I will work to assist folks who are affected.

I am especially pleased that Seymour Johnson Air Force Base would gain 362 personnel, including 17 civilian jobs. I am also pleased that more than 4,000 personnel would remain at Naval Air Depot Cherry Point. Unfortunately, we would lose 676 civilian and contractor jobs. I will do my best to save these jobs, but should the Commission accept these recommendations, I will work to provide whatever assistance is necessary to help alleviate the impact on people who may lose jobs and the Havelock community as a whole.

I am pleased that the Department recognizes the incredible value of North Carolina's military installations. Support for our state and our military bases transcends party lines, and the Delegation has worked tirelessly to build on our military tradition and strengthen its future.

North Carolina's military installations are a model for joint interoperability and readiness. They are leaders on compatible land use, aggressively keeping encroachment in check, and are environmental standard bearers. Additionally, North Carolina is a leader in quality-of-life

programs and educational support for military personnel and their families. I believe these qualities make our bases well-positioned for expansion rather than closure, and I have made this case to the key BRAC decision makers.

I commend our military personnel for their skill and professionalism in making North Carolina a proud military state, and I commend our communities for their strong support of those personnel and their families. I also applaud our many civilian contractors whose work keeps our bases running smoothly and safely. I look forward to working with the BRAC Commission as the evaluation process continues to ensure that they are fully aware of the contribution North Carolina's installations' make to our national security.

Dole, the senior Senator from North Carolina, is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Local News Articles

BRAC work not over, officials say

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Even though Seymour Johnson Air Force Base got good news from the Department of Defense Friday, local officials say their work to make sure the base stays safe is not over.

"Right now, we're just kind of sitting tight," said Jimmie Edmundson, chairman of the Military Affairs Committee of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce.

The Base Realignment and Closure commission will review the DOD's recommendations over the summer, hold public hearings across the country and present a final recommendation to Congress in September. Until then, local officials say, the campaign to protect the base must go on.

"You always feel better when you get it officially," said Troy Pate, co-chairman of the state Advisory Commission on Military Affairs and the local chairman of the Seymour Support Council. "But this is the first step in a process, and there's three more things that have got to happen before we're home-free."

Those steps include the commission's review of the recommendations, President George Bush's approval of the list and the House and Senate's final OK.

"You have to monitor that intermediate window between the recommendations and when they send the actual list to the president," said Leigh McNairy, a special assistant for military issues for Gov. Mike Easley.

A lot can happen between now and then, McNairy said. During a round of base closings in 1993, squadrons of F/A-18 Hornet fighters were slated to move from Florida to the Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point. By the time the final vote was taken, the jets and their hundreds of support personnel were sent to Virginia, Georgia and South Carolina.

"That's evidence of how the process is fluid," McNairy said.

Defense officials said last week this round of base closings would save \$48.8 billion over 20 years by streamlining services and promoting cooperation across the military, while also shutting down bases deemed inefficient.

The Pentagon's recommendations include moving the Army Forces Command and the Headquarters U.S. Army Reserve Command to Fort Bragg, as well as adding a brigade to the Bragg-based 82nd Airborne Division. But the state would lose personnel at Pope Air Force Base and a Bragg-based Special Forces group.

In all, the state would lose 568 military positions and gain 307 civilian positions out of some 135,000 jobs directly related to the military. Seymour Johnson was the state's big winner, with 362 military and civilians gained at the Air Force base.

"We still feel good about it," Pate said, "But there's always a possibility that things can change, and we have to be aware of that. That's why we're monitoring things."

"We still have all of the plans in place that we had if we were on the re-alignment list, and we're just sitting on those," Edmundson said. "Hopefully, we'll never have to take them out of the box."

Adding the Army Forces Command to Fort Bragg would bring a four-star general to the base, something that adds to the military importance of an area, McNairy noted.

That move has already led to protest from Georgia officials. Fort McPherson outside Atlanta is the command's current home. It would close under the Pentagon's recommendations, with many of its personnel moving to Fort Bragg.

"We're prepared to go before the BRAC commission in regional hearings and make the case for why they made a mistake," said Fred Bryant of the Georgia Military Affairs Coordinating Committee.

But even as efforts continue to save jobs and bases, officials in both states said they expect most of the recommendations to be approved. In previous rounds of base closings, commissions have changed only about 15 percent of what the Pentagon proposed.

Tom Salter, a former Army battalion commander who is chairman of a foundation to save McPherson, said the chance of saving the installations is "certainly an uphill battle."

"We will continue to challenge it," he said.

Still others hope to push forward changes as recommended. "I think the way that they've done this, there are a lot of things that are intermingled," Edmundson said. "If you take a piece of the puzzle out, then it changes the whole puzzle."

Yeager pledges cash, land to Guard
Airport board prepares to make room for more C-130s
The Charleston Gazette (Charleston, WV)
Rick Steelhammer
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Yeager Airport's governing board voted Wednesday to close the Charleston airport's shorter general aviation runway, if necessary, to provide space for additional C-130 aircraft, if such a move would convince the Base Realignment and Closure Commission to keep the 130th Airlift Wing open.

Among reasons given by Pentagon officials in justifying plans to transfer the 130th's C-130 aircraft to North Carolina's Pope Air Force Base is an assertion that the Charleston Air Guard base can accommodate only eight of the four-engine cargo planes.

"That part of the BRAC report is simply wrong," said Ed Hill, chairman of Yeager's board of directors.

According to the 130th's commanding officer, Col. Timothy Frye, "We can park 12 on our ramp and two more in our hangar right now."

By closing the shorter of Yeager's two runways to add more parking room, up to 26 C-130s could be parked at the airbase. Air Force planners apparently consider a 16- to 20-plane complement of C-130s to be the optimum size for an airlift wing. Under Pentagon recommendations, Yeager's eight C-130s and eight more from an Air Force Reserve base at Pittsburgh International Airport would be transferred to Pope to create a new 16-plane unit.

Meeting in emergency session, the airport board voted to sell whatever amount of the 4,500-foot general aviation runway would be necessary to meet the 130th's parking apron needs to the Air Guard base for \$1, but only if such a move would ensure that the base remains open.

Transferring a portion of the general aviation runway to the Air Guard would effectively end that runway's usefulness to private aircraft traffic.

"It will affect general aviation traffic, but not all that much," said Hill, himself a private pilot. "It will mainly mean that general aviation pilots will have to taxi a little bit more to get in position for takeoff on the main runway. Overall, the benefits of keeping the 130th here would outweigh the inconvenience."

Yeager's 6,302-foot main runway now handles all commercial and military flights, as well as many general aviation flights. A construction project is underway to extend the main runway to 7,000 feet.

By closing the shorter general aviation runway, Yeager would have development space in which to build new hangars and off-runway businesses. It would also accommodate expansion of the airport's growing commercial airline operation.

"But solving the 130th's parking issue alone will not win the day," said Kanawha County Commission President Kent Carper. "In order to survive this uphill battle, we'll also have to produce a factual, merit-based study showing why it's more cost-effective to keep the 130th open than to send its planes to North Carolina."

The Yeager board voted to spend \$25,000 in parking revenue to help finance such a study, and called on the County Commission, state government and a newly formed citizens' support group for the 130th to chip in similar amounts.

"It will be the easiest vote the Kanawha County Commission will ever take," said Commissioner David Hardy, who added that the Charleston Area Alliance would soon vote on a proposal to donate funding to the cause.

Among arguments to be used in keeping the 130th's aircraft in Charleston, instead of Fayetteville, N.C., is the fact that the North Carolina airport, unlike Yeager, has night flight restrictions that limit night training exercises and round-the-clock deployment possibilities.

Airspace restrictions in the built-up area surrounding Pope, adjacent Fort Bragg and nearby Fayetteville, N.C., greatly limit the amount of terrain available for low-altitude flight training exercises needed by C-130 crews, according to Col. Frye. "There are very few limitations for low-level flying here in West Virginia," he said.

"We won the fight with the Transpark supporters, who wanted to shut Yeager down," Carper said. "Now, now this is the fight we need to undertake."

Base-closing plan goes easy on N.C.

Reorganization would shift bases' missions

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The South would gain troops and civilian jobs while other regions would lose them under the Pentagon's base closure and realignment plan released yesterday.

Nationwide, the military wants to close 33 major bases and transfer troops and civilian employees from 29 other large installations. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said that the plan would save \$50 billion over the next 20 years.

Nearly 29,000 people would be added to bases in 16 Southern states as the Army and Navy plan to transfer thousands of soldiers and sailors to bases in North Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Alabama.

North Carolina fared better than most of the states. It would lose 422 jobs over the next six years. More than 136,000 people work in civilian and military jobs at the state's installations.

Under the plan, Pope Air Force Base would be absorbed by Fort Bragg Army Base, and a new Armed Forces Reserve Center would be built in Wilmington.

The plan also calls for closing the Navy Reserve Center in Asheville and the Niven Army Reserve Center in Albermarle.

The military is eliminating the seven positions filled by military personnel in Asheville, but the 34 military personnel affected by the Albemarle closing would be reassigned to the new reserve center in Wilmington.

The Naval Air Depot in Cherry Point, which had been considered one of the most vulnerable North Carolina operations, would be renamed the Fleet Readiness Center - East. Under the Pentagon's plans, more than 600 jobs would be lost in the realignment.

U.S. Rep. Walter Jones, R-3rd, whose district includes Cherry Point and the Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, said that it was more important to look at the big picture than to dwell on the loss to Cherry Point.

"You can't look at it (as a loss). We have protected over 3500 jobs, and these other 600 jobs will be reassigned," Jones said, noting that 35 percent of these reassignments are scheduled to go to New River, which is a part of Camp Lejeune.

Although Cherry Point would sustain the largest net loss of jobs by any military community in North Carolina under the Pentagon proposal, some local residents appeared relieved that the toll wasn't higher.

"It could have been worse, but it should have been better," said Jimmy Sanders, a retired employee of the Naval Air Depot at Cherry Point who is now president of the local support group.

"Right now, we know what our game plan is. We know what our marching orders are. We're trying to save 650 jobs at Cherry Point," Sanders said.

Lt. Gov. Beverly Perdue, who led the state's effort to keep military jobs here, seemed pleased that the six major bases in North Carolina escaped major hits in the Pentagon proposal.

Perdue had to shout to be heard over the roar of a Marine Corps jet that passed overhead as she spoke to the crowd yesterday at the Havelock Tourist and Event Center.

"That's the sound of freedom we're hearing there," she said. "We're going to keep hearing that sound here in North Carolina.

"It's been a great day for North Carolina."

She tempered her optimism a short time later as she took questions from reporters about the potential job losses at Cherry Point.

She and other elected officials pledged to keep lobbying members of the federal Base Realignment and Closure Commission to try to stave off the cuts. The bipartisan commission was appointed to pass judgment on the Pentagon's list

Military analysts said that several factors played into the Southern states' relatively good fortune in the base-closing proposal. Among them are a population that is shifting southward, a lower cost of doing business, good weather and a military-friendly climate that is lacking in some Northern states.

"I don't think there is any question that the Carolinas are becoming a preferred location for the military," said Loren Thompson, a defense analyst and professor of military affairs at Georgetown University. "There is a certain intangible quality to living in the Carolinas because the military knows that no one there is ever going to complain about their presence.

"People in places like Massachusetts and Connecticut don't like having the military around, but that's not a concern in the Carolinas," Thompson said.

Both of North Carolina's senators credited state legislators and local communities for working to make the region more hospitable to military personnel, including expanding in-state tuition programs for military members and their families.

Jones, who is a member of the House Armed Services Committee, said that stronger encroachment laws also helped demonstrate to the Pentagon that the state was open for military business and wanted to keep it that way.

The plan calls for adding 362 employees at Seymour Johnson.

The recommendations will go before the nine-member base-closure commission that has until early September to accept or reject the plan. Its recommendations then go to Congress and the president.

There have been four previous rounds of base closings, and about 85 percent of the initial recommendations in the past have been accepted.

N.C. will face no base closings

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The 2005 Base Realignment and Closure list made public Friday proposes changes for nine military facilities in North Carolina, but it does not recommend closing a major military base in the state with the fourth-largest military presence in the nation.

"No closures is positive news overall," said Lt. Gov. Bev Perdue, who joined the Allies for Cherry Point's Tomorrow at a 1 p.m. press conference in Havelock, where the list's recommendation to cut 656 civilian jobs made the news bitter-sweet.

For the state, the proposed list reduces the military and civilian-military force by a total of 422 positions, including major cuts at Pope Air Force Base.

The list leaves the Marine footprint in the state intact, reducing Camp Lejeune's military force by 182 and adding 48 at Cherry Point. The source of the 48 jobs is unknown, said Marine Col. David Lee Buland, acting commander for Marine Corps Air Bases East, which is headquartered at Cherry Point.

"It should be a slight gain so we don't foresee any major changes in Cherry Point," Buland said. "There's a lot of details about that list that we're still trying to assess and understand."

The proposed list calls for more than 150 major changes to the country's military facilities, including closing 33 major bases. In North Carolina, the Navy Reserve Center in Asheville and the Niven U.S. Army Reserve Center in Albermarle will close, representing 36 positions.

Military facilities in the state slated to gain in the defense department's recommended list are Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Fort Bragg and Charlotte/Douglas International Airport.

"We have worked hard - this is an important first step and there's still work to do," Perdue said of the process that begins with the defense department input and with praise for bipartisan support from local, state and congressional leaders.

"We can all be proud of North Carolina's tremendous team effort over the last few years," said Perdue, who has led the state's \$2 million BRAC-related efforts, including heading the Military Advisory Commission with assistant Leigh McNairy.

That effort must continue with a serious look at the recommendations with an eye toward Fort Bragg's airlift and training requirements now provided by Pope AFB, she said.

This fifth round of base closings - the first in a decade after 1988, 1991, 1993 and 1995 - hopes to transform the nation's military into a new millennium, cost-effective war machine. The recommendations go to the General Accounting Office until July 8, then to the BRAC commission for its review before presenting it to the president on Sept. 8.

"This preliminary announcement is the recommendation of the Department of Defense and the bases in eastern North Carolina came out very well," said Rep. Walter Jones, District 3, in a 10 a.m. telephone interview.

"Our future is very bright if this is the end result, and who's to say what changes might take place. If you are alive and an active base, I think good things will come your way," said Jones, an 11-year member of the House Armed Services Committee and observer of a previous BRAC.

"I am pleased that the department recognizes the incredible value of North Carolina's military installations. North Carolina's military installations are a model for joint interoperability and readiness," Sen. Elizabeth Dole stated in a news release.

Sen. Richard Burr agreed, but said in a telephone interview that he is disappointed by the changes at the Naval Air Depot Cherry Point.

"I will work to ensure their fine work is reviewed by the commission," he said.

"Now is when we'll begin to look at the real details of the proposal and try to understand the opportunities," said Burr, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, who argued to postpone the 2005 BRAC while the country's military is engaged.

"The closures and downsizings would occur over six years, starting in 2006," said First District Rep. G.K. Butterfield. He said he hopes job losses at Cherry Point can be offset by MV-22 Osprey maintenance and repair operations currently scheduled to start in 2006.

"The BRAC recommendations bear out what we already knew here in eastern North Carolina - Seymour Johnson is a first-rate facility," Butterfield said.

"We're glad the speculation is over and to know what our focus will be," Col. James M. "Mike" Holmes said, noting "the realignment of Air Force assets makes better use of taxpayer's money. In addition, SJAFB will receive eight KC 135-R's to add to its aircraft fleet.

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld said an aggressive assistance program will be in place to aid employees adversely affected by the BRAC once the process is complete," Burr said.

The proposed job cuts represent 17 percent of the NAVAIR workforce but officials speaking to the prospects Friday feel the implementation time line could keep current workers employed by using staff transitions, regular attrition, and retirement.

At least two members of the 2005 BRAC commission must visit the facilities slated for change and host hearings for any mitigating information. By statute they must vote and submit the list to the president by Sept. 8, but have said they will vote by Aug. 23 or 24 on the recommendations. Any changes require a vote to do so from at least seven of the nine commission members.

The president may turn it down, send it entirely to the Congress, or do nothing, after which Congress has 45 working days to approve or reject it. If Congress does nothing, the recommendations take effect.

We will continue to make our case for all of these jobs," Gov. Mike Easley said in a release that highlights state initiatives to be "the most military friendly state in the nation."

Allies for Cherry Point's Tomorrow will meet to begin that work at 2 p.m. Monday, said Jimmy Sanders, the organization's president.

"We have our marching orders now," Sanders said. "We will be trying to save 656 jobs at Naval Air Depot Cherry Point."

Military at Pope Air Force Base react to BRAC

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(SPRING LAKE)-- The Department of Defense plans to slash personnel at Pope Air Force Base by about 4,800 troops. That recommendation is just one of many in the controversial base closing proposal released Friday.

Nestled outside Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base, Spring Lake is a military town. That's why Chad Minton moved there a year ago. Minton is currently stationed at Pope. After Fridays' news, he may be sent packing again.

Minton said, "When you're in the military you should be ready to go. You're not guaranteed to stay in one place forever."

The Base Closings and Realignment report reads like an eviction notice. It recommends that Pope Air Force Base relocate 4,800 troops and nearly 700 civilians.

43rd Airlift Wing Commander, Colonel Darren McDew said in a press conference Friday, "Civilians won't necessary be moved unless they want to be. Most of civilians are part of the community born and raised here or transferred in. We want to provide them options."

Minton continued, "It could be good, it could be bad. A lot of people might not mind going somewhere else or they really like it here and may not want to go."

The economy in Fayetteville and Spring Lake isn't expected to take a big hit. It is actually expected to get better. Real estate agents are foaming at the mouth because they are going to have a lot of homes for sale.

And with over 4,000 troops being added to Fort Bragg, a lot of those homes will be snatched up quickly.

Willie Harrison is a 20 year army veteran. He says since the realignment report the mood around Spring Lake hasn't changed.

Harrison said, "It wouldn't make that much difference to these young people. Most of the people I spoke to are young and don't see this base closures or reductions to have that big of an impact personally.

Chad Minton has a 7 month old daughter. But still says moving won't be a problem. It's part of the military life.

According to the recommendations in the base closings report, most of the 4,800 relocated troops from Pope will be relocated to either Arkansas or Georgia.

Mix of N.C. reaction: Concern, elation

Proposed absorbing of Pope a 'slight surprise'; good day in Fayetteville

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Mark Johnson

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POPE AIR FORCE BASE - Col. Darren McDew, a slender cargo pilot and son of a career Air Force enlisted man, took over as the new commander of Pope Air Force Base in February only to come to work Friday and learn that he may be the last one.

McDew said he felt "slight surprise but not shock" when the Pentagon announced it was recommending that the base merge with the neighboring Fort Bragg Army post and fall under Army command.

"There's got to be a little bit of concern," McDew said of the hundreds of Air Force personnel expected to move. "I want to help people relax a little bit. There's a long process ahead of us. We're going to take care of the people here involved in this transformation."

That was the sting of the Defense Department's base closure recommendations. The reward was also felt in the Fayetteville area, North Carolina's largest military community, reflecting the good news-bad news wave that hit the state.

Leaders in Havelock, home to the Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station, winced at the loss of 650 jobs but knew it could have been worse. Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, east of Raleigh, gained more jobs after being considered vulnerable to a cutback.

"To say we are excited is an understatement," said Jimmie Edmundson, chairman of the Wayne County chamber's military affairs committee. "We felt confident, but you just were never sure."

Near Fayetteville, on the other side of a miles-long fence from Pope, commanders at Fort Bragg learned they would gain more than 4,000 additional troops and take over Pope, the place next door from which Army airborne units launch many of their parachute training exercises and deployments to the world's battlefields.

The change in ownership brings history full circle to when the base was Pope Army Airfield, in 1919, before the creation of the Air Force. Army and Air Force commanders said they don't know what the new name will be.

Pope Air Force Base loses a net 4,100 people under the Pentagon plan, while Fort Bragg adds more than 4,300, many of them to be based at Pope, for a net gain. "From a sheer numbers perspective and economic impact, it's a wash," said Fayetteville Mayor Marshall Pitts, adding the community was caught off guard by the cutback at Pope.

Fort Bragg gains the Forces Command Headquarters, or FORSCOM, now based near Atlanta. This is the headquarters that controls all training and operations of Army forces within the United States. They get the troops ready and then turn them over to another command for their deployment.

Pope Air Force Base's A-10 Thunderbolts, tank-killing attack jets, head to a Georgia base under the Pentagon plan. The propeller-driven C-130 transport planes go to Louisiana and are replaced by a Reserve unit. Army Col. Al Aycock, garrison commander at Fort Bragg, said the airborne troops already fly with a variety of units and planes.

The Army's 7th Special Forces Group, based at Bragg, moves to Eglin Air Force Base in Florida under the Pentagon plan, relocating nearly half of the Special Forces units at the post. The Special Operations Command, however, remains at the post.

In Havelock, near the coast, city leaders greeted Friday's news that Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station and its Naval Air Depot could lose roughly 650 civilian jobs with muted relief. The region could have lost as many as 14,000 jobs had the base and the depot been closed.

"It's not as bad as it could have been," said Jimmy Sanders, a Havelock city commissioner and retired Marine who has lobbied on behalf of the base. Leaders of Allies for Cherry Point's Tomorrow, or ACT, said they plan to challenge the realignment.

Carolinas spared in Pentagon proposal to close bases

The Charlotte Observer (Charlotte, NC)

Tim Funk and Henry Eichel

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WASHINGTON _ While other states reeled at the likelihood of losing major military installations and their jobs, the Carolinas exhaled Friday as the Pentagon released its long-dreaded list of proposed base closings and realignments.

Only four military bases in the Carolinas, none of them large, were targeted for closing. And several bases _ including Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, S.C., and especially Fort Bragg in Fayetteville _ would see their missions and payrolls grow.

The good news came after months of behind-the-scenes lobbying by a bipartisan coalition of political and community leaders. And it offered fresh evidence that the two states' military-friendly environment have made the Carolinas "the preferred destination" for the armed forces, as one top defense analyst put it Friday.

"Both states have built up their bases over the decades, so that they're capable and look good on paper," said Loren Thompson of the Lexington Institute, a think tank in Arlington, Va.

The Carolinas did take some hits:

A realigned Pope Air Force Base will lose scores of planes and more than 4,000 military personnel if the Pentagon's recommendations survive reviews by a presidential commission, President Bush and Congress.

The Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station will lose 656 civilian jobs _ and see its military hospital downsized to a clinic.

Two facilities in the Charleston area _ the Defense Accounting and Finance Service and the Naval Facilities Engineering Command's Southern Division _ will close, costing the city 920 jobs.

But South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford, citing Charleston's diverse economy and strong population growth, said, "If there is one part of South Carolina that can absorb a loss in jobs, it is that area."

U.S. Rep. Walter Jones, R-N.C., whose district includes Cherry Point, Seymour Johnson and Camp Lejeune, called the Pentagon's list "positive news" for Eastern North Carolina _ home to several military bases.

And compensating for Pope Air Force Base's grim numbers was the spike envisioned for Fort Bragg, Fayetteville's other major base. It will become the new home of 4,000 troops, many now stationed in Europe. And moving in next door, at what is now Pope, will be FORSCOM, the nerve center of the Army.

"It's the Army's Pentagon," said Rep. Robin Hayes, R-N.C., a member of the House Armed Services Committee.

Hayes and others cited a combination of factors for North Carolina's good showing Friday.

In Raleigh, state laws were enacted and spending approved to upgrade military facilities and grant in-state tuition and other benefits for military families.

Military towns took action, too, often to keep development from encroaching on military-owned land. This year, Goldsboro and Wayne County also enacted zoning ordinances to protect the air space surrounding Seymour Johnson.

An aggressive lobbying campaign headed by Sen. Elizabeth Dole, R-N.C., in Washington and Democratic Lt. Gov. Beverly Perdue in Raleigh may also have helped sway the Pentagon.

Dole personally spoke with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld. And on Friday, she reminded reporters that she also convened a meeting in her office in which she, Perdue and House members lobbied Phil Grone, deputy undersecretary for defense installations.

For more high-powered help, the state paid \$200,000 to Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice _ a law firm whose members include former North Carolina Gov. Jim Hunt, a Democrat, and Jimmy Broughton, a top aide to longtime GOP Sen. Jesse Helms.

Also working for North Carolina, some said Friday, was its natural and historical advantages _ lots of land, a prime spot on the East Coast, and a large and long-lasting military presence.

Fort Bragg's stature as the home of the 82nd Airborne also didn't hurt, said Christopher Hellman, a military policy analyst with the Center for Arms Control and Nonproliferation.

"With Bragg and Pope next door, it seems like the Pentagon wanted to tear down the fences (by realigning Pope) and create a superbase," Hellman said.

That suggests an even greater role for Fort Bragg in a post-Cold War military charged with fighting the war on terror.

"Rapid deployment, light mobile forces _ the 82nd has always prided itself on being the first to fight," Hellman said. "That's the way of the 21st century."

As for South Carolina: Rep. John Spratt, D-S.C., who sits on the House Armed Services Committee, pointed to efforts to improve Shaw Air Force Base as reasons for its Friday showing.

Said Spratt: "We have rebuilt Shaw from top to bottom."

Opinions/ Editorials

For many workers who call this area home, 656 is not just a number, but it's their lives

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Ken Buday
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The impact of Friday's release of the preliminary list for the Base Realignment and Closure Commission depends upon who you ask.

For politicians, BRAC provides them an opportunity to do what they do best.

The first thing they get to do is spin.

The loss of more than 4,000 jobs at Pope Air Force Base near Fayetteville is not bad because Fort Bragg, also near Fayetteville, is gaining about 4,000 jobs.

And, by the way, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base near Goldsboro gained military personnel.

The loss of 656 civilian jobs at Cherry Point wasn't as bad as it could have been.

And, did we mention Seymour Johnson Air Force Base near Goldsboro gained military personnel?

They were more than willing to look at their BRAC glass as half full, rather than half empty.

Now, they'll get to do another thing they enjoy, which is lobby.

Just hours after the list became official, state politicians were putting on their lobby hat, saying they would do everything in their power to save those jobs at Cherry Point.

Of course, all this is just speculation until the BRAC makes its recommendations, which is expected sometime in August. The commission could decide against the Pentagon's suggestions.

In the case of Naval Air Depot jobs at Cherry Point, that seems unlikely. The reason behind the transfer of those jobs at Cherry Point to other locations is to streamline the process. In the eyes of the Department of Defense, why send a part from Oceana in Virginia to be fixed at Cherry Point when you can just move the people to Oceana and fix it there?

Even that makes sense to me. You're saving shipping costs if nothing else, and if the facilities are available at the other location to do the work, then that's all the better.

But then you have the personal side of the story.

For those who have made their homes in the area, those who have gotten married, those who have had children, those who have grown to love this area for its people and its scenery - 656 is not just a number. It's their lives.

I would say there isn't a person in Havelock who won't know someone this BRAC will impact. If you don't know someone, maybe it's your friend's brother, a co-worker's uncle, your hairdresser's husband.

Somewhere, somebody is going to uproot their life and move it to Virginia or Maryland or Louisiana.

If someone told me that I would have to leave this area, pull my daughter out of school, make my wife quit her job, I don't know what I would do.

And, that's the real side of this BRAC.

I understand why it's done. I understand about saving money, and I am all for that.

But when it's your job and your life, understanding will go only so far.

I guess the only solace is that 656 wasn't 1,000, wasn't 2,000 or wasn't 4,000.

For once, I understand where the politicians are coming from.

N.C., S.C. avoid big hit

Base closing list brings gains and losses for the Carolinas

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Repeat after us, North Carolina and South Carolina: The worst did not happen.

That's small comfort to the families and communities whose lives will change because of the military base closings and readjustments the Pentagon announced Friday.

Those shifts did not deliver any body blows. Instead, they represent a complement of wins and losses.

In North Carolina, Pope Air Force Base near Fayetteville will lose 4,800 troops but will get 808 civilian jobs.

Nearby Fort Bragg will expand by 4,078 troops and 247 civilian jobs. Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro -- considered one of two vulnerable installations in North Carolina -- will gain 345 troops.

In particular, rural Eastern North Carolina will breath a deep sigh of relief that Cherry Point Marine Naval Depot in Havelock will remain open. Some 656 civilian jobs there will end. But with 8,987 active-duty employees and 5,711 civilian employees, closure would have dealt the region a hard blow, and handed the state a difficult economic redevelopment task.

In South Carolina the story is much the same: Two facilities in Charleston will close, yet Shaw Air Force Base and Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort will see gains. Overall, South Carolina will gain 1,400 military positions and lose more than 700 civilian jobs.

We'd like to think in North Carolina the major bases fared well on their strengths: efficiency, flexibility and urgency -- troops from Camp Lejeune and Fort Bragg are among the first to deploy when global emergencies erupt. The Tar Heel state also spent \$2 million lobbying to protect its bases. It has earmarked \$20 million to buy land to protect bases from encroaching development and give them room to expand.

The bottom line is this: Overall, the Carolinas fared better than many other states. Bases in both states will see some changes. Those changes present some clear economic challenges. But for now, the Pentagon has not dropped the Big One on the Carolinas.

That provides hope the enormous strategic value of major military installations in these two states is recognized, and will give them central roles as the process of realignment continues.

State Wants Stronger Military Connections:

Most of North Carolina's Bases Escape Big Hits From the Pentagon, but Continued Effort to Make the State More Military Friendly are Needed

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North Carolina aims to be "the most military-friendly state in the nation."

State Sen. Kay Hagan of Greensboro employed that phrase last week, but the attitude runs through the N.C. General Assembly, where military-friendly legislation is pending.

That doesn't hurt when the federal government makes decisions about the status and future of economically important military installations in North Carolina.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's recommendations for base closings and consolidations passed lightly over most North Carolina facilities last week. Only Pope Air Force Base is slated for major losses. Meanwhile, Fort Bragg would gain substantially.

The process isn't over. The independent Base Realignment and Closure Commission will review Rumsfeld's list and offer its own recommendations in the fall. Then President Bush and Congress will make the final call.

The lobbying already has begun. Political leaders in Georgia, for example, declare they will fight the decision to close Fort McPherson in Atlanta and move its Army Forces Command and Army Reserve Command operations to Pope Air Force Base, where in turn they will be taken over by Fort Bragg.

Analysts say Rumsfeld's recommendations follow a pattern of removing installations from urban to more rural areas that present fewer security concerns. That's a big advantage for North Carolina.

The rural character of North Carolina military bases also heightens their economic importance. A 2004 report pegged the economic impact of military establishments in North Carolina at \$18 billion annually. That included an employment impact of 333,000 jobs directly or indirectly linked to defense spending. In some eastern North Carolina communities, the military presence props up the economy.

For years, North Carolina has pursued a coordinated strategy to protect its military bases. The effort continues with current legislative proposals to provide in-state tuition at state universities and community colleges for members of the military and their families stationed here; streamline professional licensing procedures for military spouses so that they can more easily find employment while living in North Carolina; return one-third of state gasoline taxes collected on bases to those installations to support quality-of-life programs for military families; and other initiatives.

This round of designated base closings isn't the last word in military restructuring. Changes will be made continually as defense missions are redefined. Greater integration among the services is likely, and North Carolina, with substantial Army, Air Force and Marine presence here now, is in prime position to capitalize on future consolidation. Being known as the most military-friendly state in the nation will be a big plus.

State dodges a bullet

The Herald-Sun (Durham, NC)
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State officials were understandably thrilled last week at the news that North Carolina would be spared the brunt of historic base closings in the Pentagon's sweeping realignment of U.S. military muscle. The news bodes well for the many towns and communities throughout the state that lean heavily on military bases for jobs and economic growth and development.

But while no major military installation in the state is slated for closure, several will undergo considerable change as the U.S. military seeks to streamline operations to create the nimble fighting force Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has long advocated.

Pope Air Force Base in Fayetteville, for example, would lose 4,800 troops and be taken over by the Army. Meanwhile, nearby Fort Bragg would gain 4,078 soldiers to offset the impact of losses at Pope. The new troops at Bragg would come with the creation of a new combat brigade in the 82nd Airborne Division and the reassignment of European-based forces.

Make no mistake, North Carolina will see some job losses but the impact will not be nearly as dramatic as it will be in many other states where the news about the base-closings hit like a bomb. Indeed, some states will suffer great economic pain under the realignment proposal. South Dakota, for example, stands to lose highly prized Ellsworth Air Force Base, its second leading employer. Needless to say, the state would be devastated economically if that comes to pass.

If there is one area of concern in North Carolina, it has to be the Pentagon's recommendation to close the Army Research Office (ARO) in RTP. Under the plan, the ARO, which administers grants for army-technology research, would move to Bethesda, Md., where it would be consolidated with seven similar research centers at the Naval Medical Center. The move would cost the region up to 193 good-paying government jobs and the economic impact would be significant. It's estimated that the center contributes \$86.3 million to the local economy in salaries, leases and research funding to local institutions.

We hope ARO can be saved. But still, North Carolina should count itself lucky. The recommendations could have been a lot worse.