

Rhode Island = Military Value



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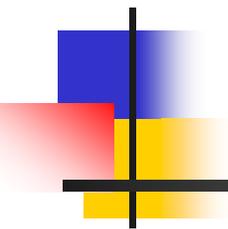
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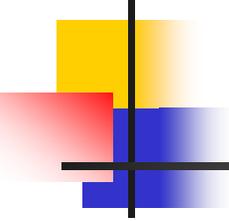




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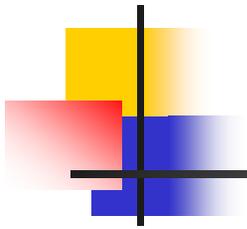
A Summary of Rhode Island's Military Value and Defense Capabilities

A response to the
BRAC 2005 Commission
July 6, 2005



Rhode Island's Military Value

- The US Department of Defense recognized the military value of its assets located in Rhode Island – and we thank them!
 - ☑ Naval Station Newport and its strategic educational and R&D commands
 - ☑ RI Air National Guard
 - ☑ In summary – the value of military intellectual capital is acknowledged



Rhode Island is Home to America's Intellectual Capital Resource for

- ☑ Undersea Warfare Systems RDA/T&E
 - ☑ Submarines
 - ☑ Autonomous Vehicles
 - ☑ Undersea & Sea Based Sensor Systems
 - ☑ Submarine Warfare Systems
 - ☑ Undersea Acoustics

- ☑ Development of the Nation's Strategic and Tactical Naval Maritime Policies

- ☑ Joint Professional Military Education



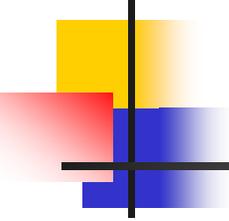
Additional Military Intellectual Capital Resources Reside at

- ☑ Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC)
- ☑ Naval War College (NWC)
- ☑ Surface Warfare Officers School (SWOS) Command
- ☑ Navy Warfare Development Command (NWDC)
- ☑ Access to the finest higher education and research facilities located in New England
- ☑ All are direct products of 30 years of strategic Navy investments to create a unique naval center of excellence in undersea systems technology and senior officer training.

Rhode Island's Military Value and Homeland Defense

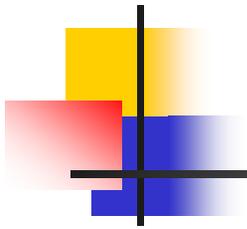
- RI National Guard

- ☑ Strategic location of the Quonset Air Guard Facility – will support additional C-130 aircraft.
- ☑ Army Reserve Centers Consolidated to NSN



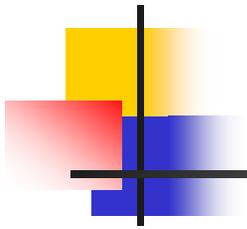
Loss of US Navy's Subsurface Maritime Capability

- Submarine Communications
 - ☑ Integral part of the development & integration of the overall submarine's warfare system
 - ☑ A virtual land based submarine exists at NPT
 - ☑ This decision would harm the Navy, in the face of present and emergent threats



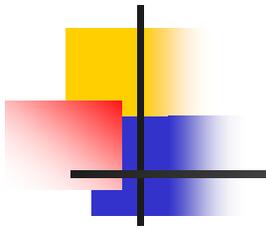
Loss of US Navy's Strategic Tactical Capability

- Navy Warfare Development Command (NWDC)
 - ☑ The Newport Advantage consists of:
 - ☑ Intellectual Foundations
 - ☑ Revolutionary Concepts
 - ☑ Concept Development & Experimentation
 - ☑ Research, Gaming & Analysis
 - ☑ Strategic Vision



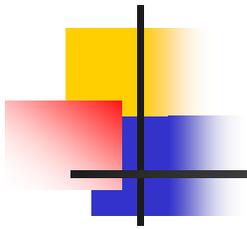
Loss of US Navy's Strategic Tactical Capability

- Navy Warfare Development Command (NWDC)
 - ☑ NWDC: A leader of the CONOPS, experimentation doctrine enterprise.
 - ☑ It develops and coordinates CONOPS
 - ☑ Designs Plans and executes CONOPS Experimentation
 - ☑ NUWC provides operational, experimental, tactical focus and mission centric capabilities.
 - ☑ Example is SSGN: Refocus its primary mission to a versatile platform with multi-mission capability (ballistic to conventional weapons)



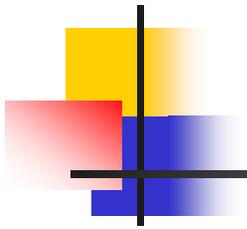
Loss of US Navy's Strategic Tactical Capability

- NWDC: ASW CONOPS War Game for 7th Fleet Operation Plan
 - ☑ NUWC participated in the design, planning and execution of the war game.
 - ☑ Supported the development of the data collection and analysis plan, resulting in changes to the current OP Plan.
 - ☑ In summary, the value proposition for **NWDC** as part of NWC, CNO's Strategic Studies Group and NUWC, leverages the combined intellectual capabilities to improve current warfighting strategies while addressing future warfighting requirements.



Rhode Island Reinforces its Military Value

- Land, Buildings and Support Infrastructure
 - ☑ RI has met the Navy's realignment plans over the past 30 years with necessary infrastructure to support education and R&D.
 - ☑ RI has identified additional land for expansions
 - ☑ RI has enacted legislation to support capital investments of mission related capabilities



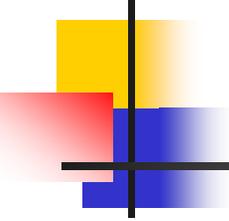
Rhode Island Reinforces its Military Value

- Cost of Operations & Manpower Implications
 - ☑ RI recognizes the challenges of working and living in the northeast, and has creatively -
 - ☑ Restructured electricity rate classification for NSN generating savings of >\$1.1M annually
 - ☑ Reclassified NSN solid waste fees creating annual savings of >600K

Rhode Island Reinforces its Military Value for Military Personnel & Families

- Cost of Operations & Manpower Implications
 - ☑ Creation of ***RI Salutes*** Program with over 250 area merchants for active duty military personnel and their families. Provides cost savings on purchases.





Rhode Island: “A Value Add for the Navy “

- Strategic Location for Mission Capabilities
 - ☑ NSN – Education Commands
 - ☑ NSN – Central Repository of Undersea Warfare Systems Knowledge
 - ☑ “The Newport Advantage”
 - ☑ Narragansett Bay for T&E, and Quality of Life
 - ☑ Quonset Air Lift Capabilities
 - ☑ State of Rhode Island is a Vested Partner
 - ☑ Military Value is Second to None

Congressman James R. Langevin
BRAC Commission Regional Meeting – New England
July 6, 2005

I'd like to thank the Commission for hosting this important hearing, and am proud to testify on behalf of Rhode Island's contributions to our military.

Thanks to the support of its citizens and officials, Rhode Island has become a leader in advancing our national defense. The Pentagon recognized the state's positive climate and recommended the addition of new commands and assets. We look forward to expanding the contributions of our Air Guard base at Quonset, which serves as the final domestic stop for all C-130 units deploying to Southwest Asia. The proposed additions to Naval Station Newport fit well with its educational and research and development missions. Also, because of its intellectual capital and contributions to shaping the future of the Navy, the Naval Station remains an appropriate site for the Naval Warfare Development Command.

Our state and local leaders have fought to keep Rhode Island an attractive and hospitable location for military assets through a series of investments and cost-reduction. However, one of the most important benefits of Rhode Island is the amazing synergy that has developed through long-standing relationships. Our small businesses are producing cutting-edge technologies while our universities provide research and workforce development. We are instrumental in building the Virginia-class submarine and developing the DD(X) destroyer. We have also partnered extensively with our neighbors in Connecticut, making southeastern New England the center of excellence for undersea warfare. To maintain that vital relationship and to enhance our national defense, I strongly urge the Commission not to close the submarine base in Groton.

We realize you have a difficult task ahead and thank you for your service. As you deliberate, I simply ask that you keep in mind Rhode Island's unwavering support and contributions to our national defense. We are leading the way in America's military transformation efforts and welcome the opportunity to enhance that role.

**Statement of Senator Jack Reed of Rhode Island
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
Regional Hearing
July 6, 2005**

Commissioner Newton, Commissioner Principi, and Commissioner Turner. Good morning and thank you for inviting Rhode Island to speak today. I would like to introduce our panel: Governor Donald Carcieri, Senator Lincoln Chafee, Congressman Patrick Kennedy, Congressman Jim Langevin and Mr. Keith Stokes, Executive Director of the Newport Chamber of Commerce.

The Navy and Newport have been partners in providing for our nation's defense since the Civil War. We are pleased that the Department of Defense has recognized the high military value of Rhode Island's facilities in its recommendations. Naval Station Newport, anchored by the Naval War College, is the Navy's center of officer training, with a stellar faculty and ample, quality facilities. The Naval Undersea Warfare Center is the intellectual heart of the research and development of undersea warfare and will benefit greatly from the addition of maritime sensor, warfare and electronic work.

Rhode Island is also proud to be the receiver of five additional C130Js, filling out our 143rd Airlift Wing at Quonset Point, which was the first to fly the C130J in combat in Iraq.

I believe the acknowledged military value of the naval facilities at Newport compels a reevaluation of two Defense Department recommendations which would move the Navy Warfare Doctrine Command and the Maritime Information Systems RDAT&E from Rhode Island.

The Navy Warfare Development Command was relocated to Newport from Norfolk a mere seven years ago. After that move, it took the Command three to five years to rebuild the necessary intellectual capital. The Command is now at full capacity and providing the Navy with doctrine and concept of operations. In addition, while NWDC serves the fleet of today, it still benefits from the perspective gained from a physical distance from the fleet. If NWDC was returned to Norfolk, the Command may suffer from another dearth in intellectual capital and may become preoccupied with day-to-day fleet operations rather than focusing on the near future. I would argue, therefore, that the Navy would be best served by keeping the Naval Warfare Development Command in Newport.

The Department of Defense has also recommended moving the Maritime Information Systems RDAT&E from NUWC to San Diego. While San Diego has experience in surface antennas, submarine communication systems are much different and the repository of knowledge and expertise in submarine antennas and radio rooms resides in Newport. Since past experience shows that only about 15% of the personnel would relocate, a move would result in a major loss of intellectual capital. In addition, NUWC has created a "virtual submarine" in Newport which allows operational testing of

systems that would otherwise have to be done on operating platforms. Because of its complexity and sensitivity, moving part of the communications complex across the country would destroy the present ability to provide comprehensive testing of the communications system. It is estimated that it will cost approximately \$230 million to replicate this testing capability at San Diego, a cost not considered by the Defense Department.

Finally, much of what we do in Rhode Island compliments the work done at the Submarine Base in New London, Connecticut. I have been invited to be a member of the Connecticut panel so I will be speaking further about this relationship at that time.

Rhode Island is proud to be the home of such significant military facilities. We have worked hard to lower base operating costs B providing the Navy with significant savings in electricity and trash removal costs and water rate structures. We will continue hard to ensure that Navy operations are cost efficient and military personnel are welcomed and cared for. Thank you.

I would now like to turn to Governor Carcieri.

Senator Jack Reed of Rhode Island
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
Regional Hearing
July 6, 2006
Summary of Panel Presentation

Commissioners, the military facilities in Rhode Island are truly one of a kind. We have worked diligently to ensure the military has everything it needs to perform its mission.

We are pleased that the Defense Department has recognized the military value and recommended that several assets be moved to our state. We feel that these additions bolster our arguments that the Navy would be best served by retaining the Navy Warfare Development Command and the Maritime Information Systems RDAT&E in Newport. We ask that the Commission reconsider these two recommendations.

Thank you for your time and attention and we would now be happy to answer your questions.

Statement of Governor Donald Carcieri
Regional Hearing BRAC Commission
July 6, 2005

Thank you, Senator Reed.

I am honored to have the opportunity to testify before the BRAC 2005 Commission this morning.

Our defense facilities are a crucial part of Rhode Island's economy. Rhode Island's military installations account for approximately 3,800 civilian and 1,500 military jobs. Our entire defense industry has an economic impact of approximately \$1.5 B in Rhode Island. And the Naval Undersea Warfare Center alone has more than 1,500 contracts with outside vendors in the region.

That's why I established the Rhode Island BRAC Commission and called upon them to perform a comprehensive study of our military assets. Senator Reed, Senator Chafee, Congressman Kennedy, and Congressman Langevin have also worked tirelessly to preserve our military installations.

In May the United States Department of Defense recognized our state's many strategic military assets by recommending a net increase of 533 positions at Naval Station Newport and 46 positions at Quonset Airbase. These recommendations are a vote of confidence in our state and in the work being performed at these important facilities.

Without question, The Naval Undersea Warfare Center and Division Newport provide a critical and core knowledgebase of Undersea Systems for the entire Navy.

The findings of the renowned scientists and engineers employed at NUWC are truly second to none. Additionally, Brown University and the University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Oceanography serve as great resources to assist NUWC in meeting its comprehensive challenges.

The Defense Department also recognized the professionalism of Rhode Island's Air National Guard at Quonset Base. With the proposed addition of 5 C-130Js, Quonset will open new chapters in its ongoing success story.

We are very appreciative of the Department of Defense's recommendations, and it is my hope that you will support their assessments of our state's military facilities.

Although Rhode Island is scheduled to gain commands we are also losing two crucial commands at NUWC---the Naval Warfare Development Command and the Submarine Communication Sensors. As a former CEO, I am always mindful of uprooting and relocating business units because you run the risk of losing critical intellectual capital which is difficult to replicate. It is our hope that these commands will remain in our state.

Finally, I am concerned about the closure of Sub Base New London. I have spoken to Governor Rell about this issue as this site is within close proximity to Rhode Island and is an easy commute for our residents who are employed there.

I would like to thank the members of the BRAC 2005 Commission for providing me with the opportunity to testify before you today.

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CONGRESSMAN PATRICK J. KENNEDY
STATEMENT
BRAC COMMISSION NORTHEAST REGIONAL HEARING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2005

Introduction

Members of the Commission, my New England Colleagues, distinguished guests – thank you for this opportunity to testify on the Pentagon’s BRAC recommendations.

As the Representative of Rhode Island’s First Congressional District, I am very appreciative that the Pentagon recognized the tremendous value of the work and research that is done at Naval Station Newport, and the Naval Undersea Warfare Center.

Rhode Island in BRAC

In Rhode Island, with the Navy Commands here, NUWC, the War College, the educated workforce, and our defense industry – you have a remarkable integration of talent, strategic thought, practical experience, and technological know-how.

Rhode Island is united in its support of our military. We have restructured Naval Station Newport’s utility rates to generate millions of dollars in savings. Our business community has shown their appreciation with the RI Salutes program.

There are challenges to living and working in the Northeast. Our state government and this congressional delegation have been committed to finding new ways to help our military community, and we will continue to do so.

Concerns

Again, there is much in the Pentagon’s recommendations that I support, but also I have some concerns. The loss of Naval Warfare Development Command (NWDC) and the realignment of Undersea Sensors Systems will have their cost.

First, they will lose the benefit of the synergistic relationship developed here in Rhode Island.

NUWC’s loss will be the nation’s loss in the area of submarine communications. It will be difficult for the Navy to regenerate that loss of intellectual capital and core technical expertise quickly.

Relocating the Naval Warfare Development Command closer to the Fleet could envelope it in a day-to-day tactical focus, as opposed to maintaining the strategic framework that should guide its decision-making and thought process.

New London

Lastly, as you will hear often today, there are many of us in New England that are very concerned about the closing of the submarine base in New London. The Navy needs to maintain a strong commitment to a robust submarine force, and this needs to be reinforced by a strong investment in technology and research. Our country faces expanding and emerging threats

in undersea warfare, and the proximity of the New London submarine base to our facilities in Rhode Island is an asset.

Closing

Again, thank you for this opportunity to testify and I wish you all luck in tackling this task ahead.