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THE BRAC COMMISSION
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I would like to express my personal concerns over the closure of Cannon Air Force Base.

I moved to CAFB in 1985 from Anchorage, Alaska. When we arrived in Clovis, I was shocked to see the flat land, no trees and COWS everywhere! We soon became acquainted with the local community and found it the friendliest of all our assignments. The community supported CAFB and were proud to have us a part of their community.

We received orders to Ramstein, Germany in 1992 and left this community with 2 children (one that was born here) with many great memories and friends thinking that we would only be back for visits.

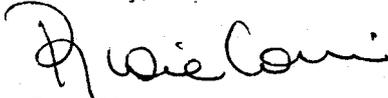
On October 19, 1994, I received the most dreaded news of any military wife that my husband, CMSgt. Russell Scott Corrie had died while on a TDY in Minsk, Belarus. The news of my husband's death came as a shock to all of our friends in Clovis and at CAFB BUT they came together as a community to support my children and myself. Clovis and CAFB jointly had a memorial service for my husband, collected money and offer their support to us, not knowing they would ever see us again. They did a beautiful job!

My son was a senior in high school and my daughter was 8 years old at the time of their father's death. I decided to stay in Germany until school ended and to make a decision where to move after I had a chance to think and try to make sound decision. I had choices but decided to return to Clovis, a safe place to raise children and I would have CAFB for my benefits. I am proud to be a part of CAFB for almost 20 years.

My late husband, CMsgt. Russell Scott Corrie was an Air Traffic Controller and always believed that the unencroached airspace was great for training and a great asset to the USAF. I was so proud the day that the new Air Traffic Control Tower open, as that had always been his dream to get one.

I ask you to please reconsider Cannon's importance to the nation and to a GREAT community. Please, let us KEEP CANNON!

Sincerely,



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