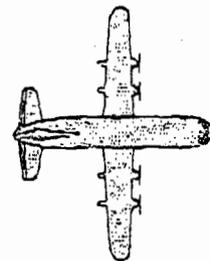


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Comments: Please resubmit my 6 July 20, 2005 comments for the accuracy in the record. The webpage software evidently has a problem accepting "/" (forward slashes) and has caused the document to appear illegible in several instances. Also, I have corrected typo errors of instances referencing SDDC personnel count of "571" to which should be "751"

Again, thank you for your time and patience.

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Dear BRAC Commission:

I write this on behalf of many Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC) and Surface Deployment and Distribution Command Transportation Engineering Agency (SDDCTEA) employees here in the Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia area, to ask that the commission please reconsider and reverse any decision to consolidate the command, SDDC and its components, with USTRANSCOM and AMC at Scott Air Force Base, IL., per Vol 7, BRAC report 2005.

I submit the following reasons and hope that the commission may look deeper into these issues and agree that SDDC should remain at Ft. Eustis and be consolidated at Ft. Eustis as previously planned. The following details are provided:

1) SDDC has already spent over \$1 million in financing, researching and designing facilities and infrastructure to consolidate the command, in its entirety, at Ft. Eustis, VA, over the last five years under the direction of the Command's senior leadership and with the support of the Army in order to pull all of SDDC's components, ie., Headquarters from Alexandria, VA (Hoffman Building), Transportation Engineering Agency from leased building in Newport News, VA together with the Operations section now currently occupying a new building (built specifically for SDDC Ops) at Ft. Eustis.

2) In recent years, the Command and its employees have already undergone a major consolidation, as we've closed operations in Bayonne, NJ, and Oakland, CA., and downsized the command into what is now 751 employees assigned at Alexandria and Newport New, VA (as described above). Furthermore, in the last three to four years, the Command once again conducted another reorganization to move the majority of its headquarters, the Operations Center, to Ft. Eustis. To say the least, the employees of SDDC that have stood alongside this Command over these times have suffered enough shuffling and reorganization for one decade. Asking employees to leave for Scott AFB, IL, would be asking many folks to lose much more than a small amount of equity in a home, but a long-term relationship the Command works with in the National Capital Region, the Pentagon, Congress, and local Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine installations along the east coast.

3) The Transportation Engineering Agency in Newport News, VA has a prestigious and unparalleled function serving the Army and sister services, providing in-depth transportability and deployability analyses. To be centered at Ft. Eustis, will permit the Agency to continue its mission and be in close proximity to other installations and facilities to allow the following as we have in the past, e.g.:

- a. Assist and/or redesign new/convert old ship hull builds and conduct equipment load tests at nearby Newport News, Northrop-Grumman, and Norfolk Naval Base Ship Yards.

- b. Assist and/or redesign new/convert old military aircraft and conduct equipment load tests at nearby Langley Air Force Base.
- c. Assist and design military equipment tie-down/lift-on/lift-off procedural operations to deploy equipment and conduct rail-impact tests at Ft. Eustis, VA.
- d. Assist and conduct major programmatic studies in concert with the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Joint Staff, and Service Staffs, while providing responsive and efficient use of time and money. SDDCTEA and SDDC employees, as required, can be in the National Capital Region/Pentagon in 2-hours (either by military "hop" out of Langley or rental vehicle/POV).

As a point, Scott Air Force Base has no immediate access to seaports, nor is there nearby infrastructure to conduct rail-impact test, nor is the base a home station for military cargo aircraft base to adequately conduct load testing and MILAIR certifications.

4) SDDC is a major ARMY command, not a Joint Command billet. Consolidating SDDC with USTRANSCOM/AMC will foretell the Army's loss of the Command functions and missions. USTRANSCOM will overshadow and consume the Command and once again serve purpose to conduct yet another reorganization.

5) It appears SDDC has been unfairly targeted in BRAC, if one compares the dollar figures saved associated with moving SDDC to Scott AFB to those saved moving Army positions in leased building around the Capital Region onto Ft. Belvoir, VA. Consider how does the COBRA model data assess that by the year 2025, reassigning/realigning & down-sizing 751 SDDC employees to Scott, delivers a 1.2 billion dollar savings, while reassigning/realigning & down-sizing some 2,197 employees in leased building around the National Capital Region to Ft. Belvoir, VA only saves 322 million? (References: HAS-0114RV4 TRANSCOM Components to Scott AFB and HAS-0069V2 Army NCR Leased (Belvoir), Department of Defense Justification Data, Vol #7, BRAC Report) The figures do not sensibly and rationally add up. I can not imagine how 751 positions and the respective square-footage of infrastructure requirements would ever come close to those for over 2000 employees, especially in the Washington, D.C./Northern Virginia area.

With all due respect, I request that the BRAC Commission consider these facts and look into these issues I have addressed and reject the decision to consolidate SDDC with USTRANSCOM/AMC to Scott AFB. In the Army's and the Command's best interest, our mission is here, at Ft. Eustis, and our employees deserve better.

Respectfully,
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