

Subject: Base Reduction and Closure, (BRAC) 2005, Recommended relocation of the Headquarters, U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC) and the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command (USASAC).

Purpose: To establish the fact that USASAC should not be relocated from Ft Belvoir VA as has been recommended within the BRAC report.

Background:

- The DoD Base Closure and Realignment Report, Volume I, Part 2 of 2: Detailed Recommendations, states in part, under "Recommendation:" "Realign Fort Belvoir, VA by relocating Army Materiel Command (AMC) and the Security Assistance Command (USASAC, an AMC major subordinate command) to Redstone Arsenal, AL."
- The same report states under "Justification:" in part, "Finally, the Army Materiel Command (AMC) and the Security Assistance Command will relocate to Redstone Arsenal in order to collocate with one of AMC's major subordinate commands, the USA Aviation and Missile Command."
- The DoD Report to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission, Department of the Army Analysis and Recommendations, BRAC 2005, Volume III dated May 2005, states in section 7.5; "A third major command, Army Materiel Command is relocated to Redstone Arsenal, AL, in order to enable a large restructuring of the National Capitol Region and to collocate it with one of its Major Subordinate Commands." Note; no mention of USASAC is made as part of this recommendation.
- USASAC is comprised of two elements, the HQ on Ft Belvoir VA (approximately 150 people) and the logistics operations element located on New Cumberland Depot PA (approximately 200 people).
- The HQ AMC located on Ft. Belvoir VA has approximately 1000 personnel.

Discussion:

- There is no stated reason in either sections of the report, or the subsequent Analysis, why USASAC was linked in some portions of the report, to HQ AMC for movement from Ft. Belvoir VA to Redstone Arsenal AL.
- All rationale stated in discussion, justification, and analysis sections of the BRAC report's for the relocations from the greater Washington D.C. area, to include the statements associated with HQ AMC and HQ USASAC, address improved security, reduction of leased facilities usage, better use of facilities within the Washington D.C. area, etc..
- None of these objectives are served by moving USASAC.
- It should and must be noted and understood that USASAC is a subordinate command of AMC. USASAC is not an integral staff element of HQ AMC nor is it physically located with the HQ AMC.
- USASAC is not, and should not be considered to be, inextricably linked to the HQ AMC in any manner or for any reason, what so ever.
- USASAC is a 2 star general officer commanded, major subordinate command of AMC, just as the Army Aviation and Missile Command, (AMCOM) Redstone Arsenal AL. AMC has a number of such major

subordinate commands (TACOM, Warren MI, JMC Rock Island IL, CECOM Ft Monmouth NJ, for example) and these all operate as independent commands. None of these subordinate commands (to include USASAC) are in any manner reliant upon HQ AMC for anything other than routine and normal chain of command, higher headquarters relationships.

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- There is no stated or inferred advantage to co-locating USASAC with any of the other major subordinate commands, just the isolated and somewhat generalized statement that there is some kind of advantage (not specified) in co-locating the AMC HQ and USASAC with one subordinate command - AMCOM.
- HQ, USASAC is occupying permanent, not leased, not temporary, PERMANENT, buildings on Ft Belvoir and has been in these buildings (216 and 219) since October 2001.
- This is in contrast to the HQ AMC, which is using two temporary buildings on Ft Belvoir VA (on the other side of the post from the HQ USASAC buildings) which were constructed and occupied within the past 1 ½ years.
- HQ USASAC is located well within the post security boundaries at Ft Belvoir, in fact, the USASAC buildings are on the perimeter of the main parade field, next to the post HQ. Security is the highest possible in the greater Washington D.C. area.
- HQ USASAC's mission as the operator and manager of all U.S. Army Security Assistance, Foreign Military Sales (FMS) requires close and frequent interface-communication with the DoD international agency (the Defense Security Cooperation Agency DSCA), the Department of State, the diplomatic missions-embassies of virtually every ally and friendly nation, the corporate international headquarters of most major U.S. defense industry leaders, the U.S. Congress and many other diverse parties within all three services (to include the U.S. Army Security Assistance policy offices of DASA DEC) and the DoD, which are engaged in international affairs. All, please note "ALL" of these are located within the Washington D.C. area so HQ USASAC's location in the Washington D.C. area truly represents the best "use" of government facilities within this area. In fact, it appears that a number of these sister agencies and commands may well be re-located from their leased facilities in the Washington D.C. area, onto Ft. Belvoir VA.
- The second location of USASAC, which comprises its logistics management element, is on the Defense Logistics Agency New Cumberland Depot. As a tenant agency on the Depot, the USASAC operating element is similarly located in a secure, non leased, DoD facility, upon which USASAC occupies a secure, permanent building. The proximity to the logistics support elements of DLA, and the long established professional workforce at this location, makes it the ideal location for this mission role as well.

Conclusions:

- USASAC is an independent command from that of HQ AMC.
- There is no economic efficiency gained by relocating USASAC.
- There is no improvement of security in relocating USASAC.
- USASAC is currently in USG owned, Army owned, permanent facilities adequate to mission and the staffing level of the command.
- There will be immediate and significant degradation of USASAC's ability to conduct mission if it is relocated from the Washington D.C. area due to isolation from all agencies, departments, firms and foreign diplomatic missions which critical to the conduct of the U.S. Army Security Assistance and FMS missions – the mission of USASAC.
- Relocation of HQ AMC will not affect USASAC's ability to conduct mission from it's Ft Belvoir VA location.

Recommendations:

- USASAC not be relocated.
- USASAC be deleted from the BRAC recommendations.