

**NAME OF INSTALLATION, STATE  
COMMISSION BASE VISIT  
DATE OF BASE VISIT**

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**ITINERARY**

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 For Chairman Principi  
 Niagara Falls International Airport  
 Air Reserve Station (NFARS)  
 27 June 2005

<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>POC</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
0730	Prepare for departure for NFARS	Hampton Inn	Mike Flinn	Meeting
0730-0800	Depart for NFARS	In transit	Mike Flinn	Travel
0800-0830	Arrive NFARS	Main gate	Mike Flinn	In-process
0830-0900	Base briefing	HQ Building 800	Cols. James Roberts (914 <sup>th</sup> AW Commander) and Patrick Ginavin (107 <sup>th</sup> ARW Commander)	Briefing
0900-0915	Break	HQ Building 800	Cols. James Roberts (914 <sup>th</sup> AW Commander) and Patrick Ginavin (107 <sup>th</sup> ARW Commander)	Informal Discussions
0915-1015	Windshield tour of base facilities/flightline	NFARS	Cols. James Roberts (914 <sup>th</sup> AW Commander) and Patrick Ginavin (107 <sup>th</sup> ARW Commander)	Base tour
1015-1045	Press briefing	In transit	Mike Flinn	Travel
1045-1130	Depart for Regional Hearing	HQ Building 800	Mike Flinn	Travel
1130	Lunch and informal visits. Preparation for Regional Hearings	Kleinhans (Buffalo)	Cynthia Simmons	Meetings

**BASE SUMMARY SHEET**

# DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION

## BASE SUMMARY SHEET

### (Niagara Falls International Airport Air Reserve Station, NY)

#### INSTALLATION MISSION

The 914<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing provides reserve airlift capacity for support of airlift operations both within the United States and throughout the world.

#### DOD RECOMMENDATION

Close Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station (ARS), NY by:

- Distributing eight C-130H aircraft of the 914<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing from Niagara Falls ARS, NY to the 314<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing at Little Rock Air Force Base (AFB), AR
- Distributing eight KC-135R aircraft of the 107<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Air National Guard Wing to Bangor International Airport Guard Station, ME
- Moving the 914<sup>th</sup> Headquarters to Langley AFB, VA
- Realigning the Expeditionary Combat Support (ECS) to the 310<sup>th</sup> Space Group Air Force Reserves (AFR) at Schriever AFB, CO
- Moving the Civil Engineering Squadron to Lackland AFB, TX

#### DOD JUSTIFICATION

This recommendation distributes C-130 force structure to Little Rock AFB, AR and from the reserves to active duty to address a documented imbalance in the active/reserve manning structure for C-130s. This recommendation also distributes more capable KC-135R aircraft to [Bangor to] replace the older, less capable KC-135E aircraft. Bangor supports the Northeast Tanker Task Force and the Atlantic Air Bridge.

#### COST CONSIDERATIONS DEVELOPED BY DOD

- One-Time Costs: \$ 65.2 million
- Net Savings (Cost) during Implementation: \$ 5.3 million
- Annual Recurring Savings: \$ 20.1 million
- Return on Investment Year: 2008 (2)
- Net Present Value over 20 Years: \$199.4 million

#### MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS OF THIS RECOMMENDATION (EXCLUDES CONTRACTORS)

	<u>Military</u>	<u>Civilian</u>	<u>Students</u>
<b>Baseline</b>	115	527	0
Reductions	(115)	(527)	(0)
Realignments	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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

	<b>Out</b>		<b>In</b>		<b>Net Gain (Loss)</b>	
	<u>Military</u>	<u>Civilian</u>	<u>Military</u>	<u>Civilian</u>	<u>Military</u>	<u>Civilian</u>
This Recommendation	(115)	(527)	0	0	(115)	(527)
Other Recommendation(s)						
<b>Total</b>						

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no known environmental impediments to the implementation of this recommendation. However, the installation is regulated by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regarding threatened and endangered species. This may require consultation with the USFWS prior property transfer. Additionally, wetlands restrict 3.8% of the base.

**REPRESENTATION**

Governor: George E. Pataki (R)  
 Senators: Hillary R. Clinton (D)  
 Charles Schumer (D)  
 Representative: Tom Reynolds (R)

**ECONOMIC IMPACT**

- Potential Employment Loss: 1,072 jobs (642 direct and 430 indirect)
- MSA Job Base: 643,318 jobs
- Percentage: 0.2 percent decrease
- Cumulative Economic Impact (Year-Year): \_\_\_ percent decrease

**MILITARY ISSUES**

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According to their website, Niagara Falls IAP ARS currently has enough capacity to “accommodate an additional 8 C-130H aircraft” and “up to 26 aircraft in a surge capacity.” Additionally, the airport faces no physical encroachment nor air traffic control constraints and has acreage on the base and adjacent to the installation for expansion. Finally, the installation has a 9,825 foot runway that can accommodate all military aircraft and 43 acres of ramp and apron space.

“The 914<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing conducts over 150 joint operations with the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division and the 25<sup>th</sup> Marines.” There are two drop zones located on the airfield, four drop zones within 40 nautical miles, and seven drop zones within 150 nautical miles of the airfield.

## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS/ISSUES**

The base is the second-largest employer in Niagara County, with an annual payroll of \$50 million and an annual estimated economic impact of \$150 million. The Pentagon projects 1,072 jobs (642 directly and 430 indirectly) to be lost. According to base spokesman Neil Nolf however, the base employs 800 full-time workers and 3,000 reservists visit the base each month, some of which overlap with the full-time staff.

During a meeting with community representatives, primary concerns were highlighted. Chief among their concerns were the use of “old” (2003) data that they felt did not portray an accurate representation of the facility. Another issue pertained to the relationship of the objective Mission Compatibility Index (MCI) to subjective professional judgment and lumping National Guard and Reserve facilities in with Active Duty facilities. Their opinion was Active installations should be compared with other Active installations and Reserve or National Guard facilities should be evaluated against other Reserve or National Guard facilities. Finally, the community representatives mentioned the issue of retention, stating that a preliminary poll suggests that NFARS personnel represented approximately 1200 man years of flying experience that would be lost to the military if the recommendation were implemented. At least some of this flying experience includes monthly training with the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division (Lt) and participation in recent missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. They also pointed out that NFARS is the only facility in the northeast that is capable of supporting the Atlantic Tanker Bridge, the Northeast CAP and the Midwest CAP.

The NFARS representatives stated that over the last 10 years since the last round of BRAC recommendations, NFARS has been actively structuring itself to better satisfy mission requirements. This includes demolishing 17% of the old buildings on the facility, a codified approach to reducing the cost base operating support by 33% through reduced utility costs, and adding \$45 million in constructed facilities. As a result, the average age of the buildings at NFARS is 32 years, which they claimed is 10 years less than the average of similar installations. In spite of the additional construction, the NFARS representatives claimed that 10% of the base consists of buildable acreage and that there are no encroachment issues.

## **ITEMS OF SPECIAL EMPHASIS**

NFARS representatives felt they were targeted because New York had too many flying Wings, even though there are no active Wings in the state. Mr. Robin Pfeil, the former Vice Wing Commander stated the installations C-130s were purchased specifically for the Reserves and the Air National Guard. He felt that the Active Air Force was “pirating” planes from the Guard and Reserves.

The difference in mission compatibility indices between Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport Air Reserve Station (ranked 102) and Niagara Falls International Airport Air Reserve Station (ranked 103) was 0.06. Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport Air Reserve Station will remain

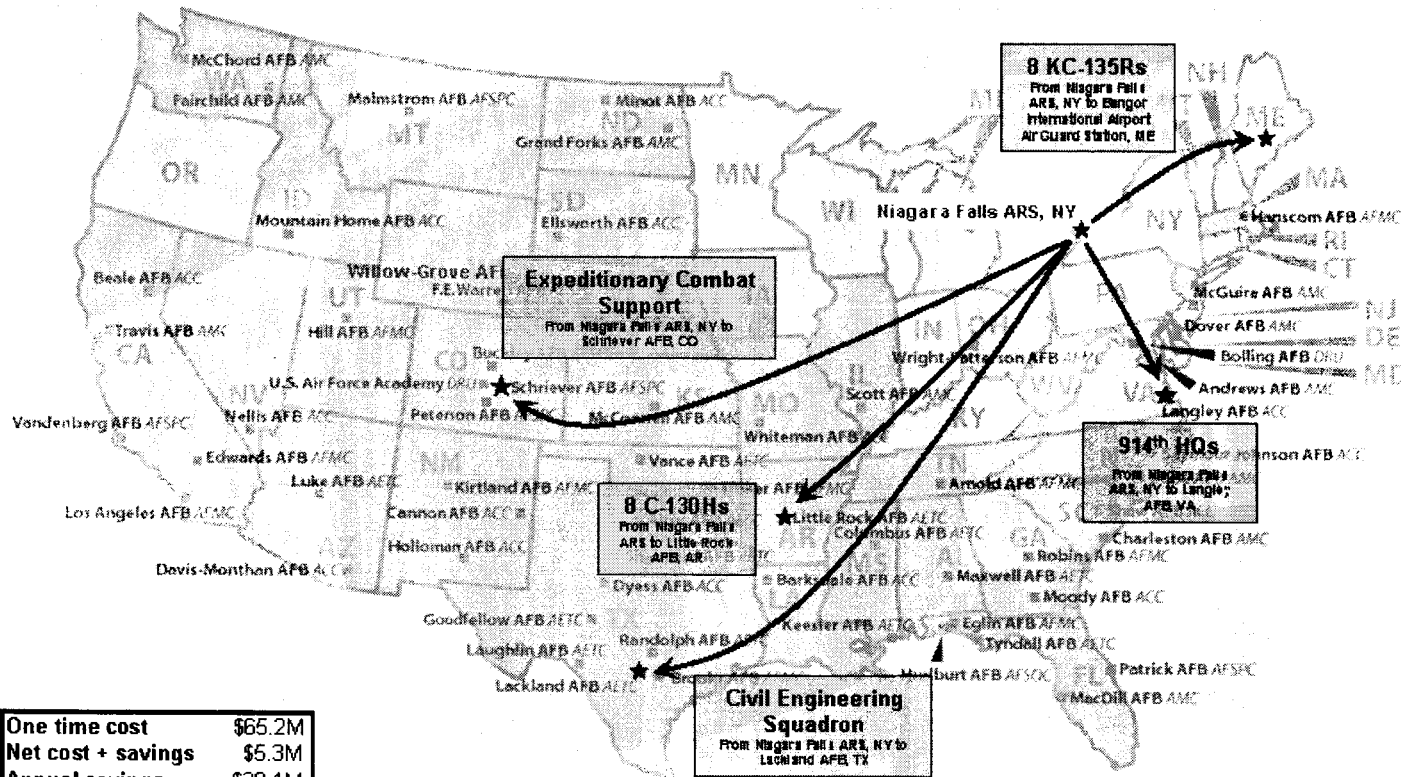
open while Niagara Falls International Airport Air Reserve Station has been recommended for closure.

Michael H. Flinn, Ph.D./Air Force Team/09 June 2005



**Recommendation Activity**

# Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, New York



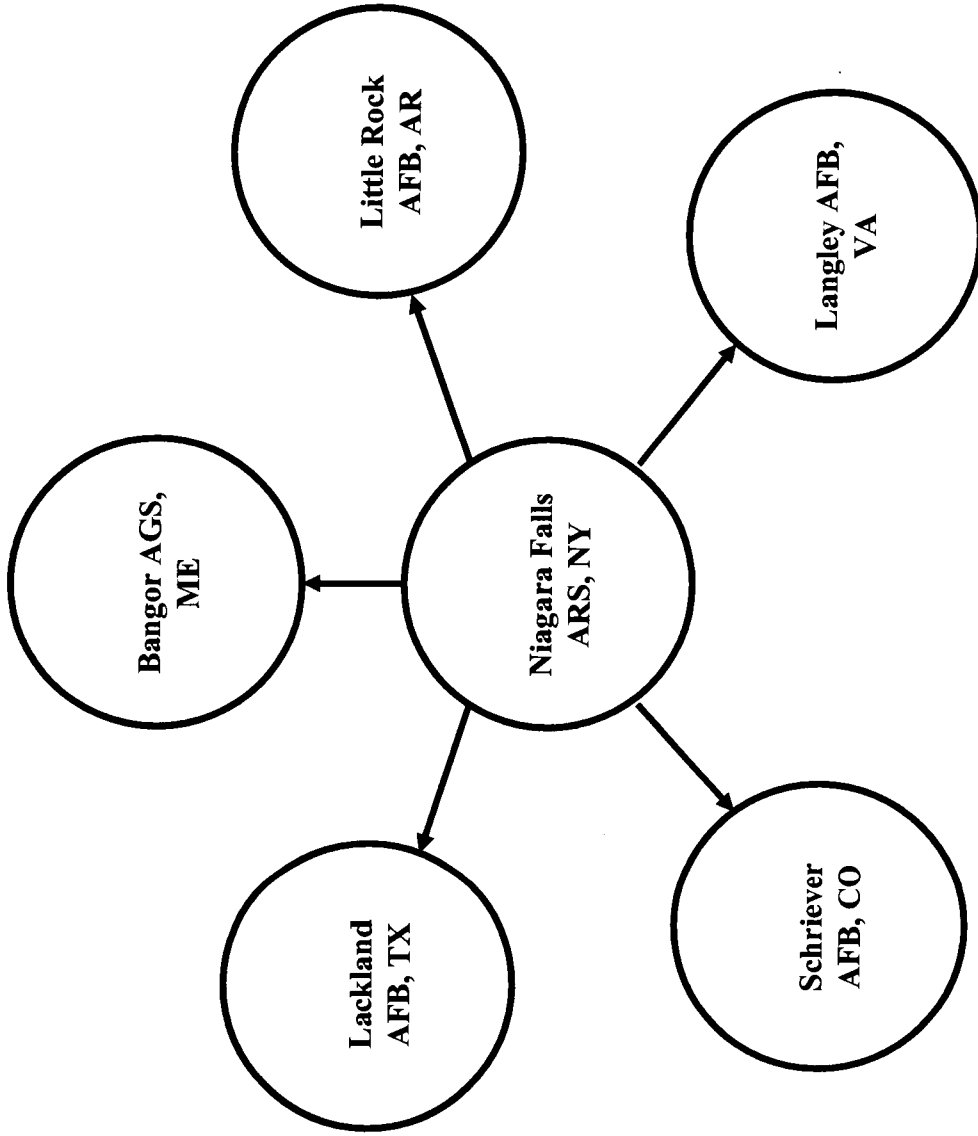
One time cost	\$65.2M
Net cost + savings	\$5.3M
Annual savings	\$20.1M
Expected payback	2 yrs
20 Yr NPV	\$199.4M

Base	Jobs			
	Direct	Indirect	TOTAL	Pct %
Niagara Falls International Airport Air Reserve Station (Close)	(642)	(430)	(1,072)	(0.2)

**LEGEND**  
BLUE = Primary Move From Niagara Falls ARS, NY

**Niagara Falls Spider Chart**

NIAGARA FALLS AIR RESERVE STATION, NY



**SECRETARY OF DEFENSE RECOMMENDATION**

Close Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station (ARS), NY. Distribute the eight C-130H aircraft of the 914th Airlift Wing (AFR) to the 314th Airlift Wing, Little Rock Air Force Base, AR. The 914th's headquarters moves to Langley Air Force Base, VA, the Expeditionary Combat Support (ECS) realigns to the 310th Space Group (AFR) at Schriever Air Force Base, CO, and the Civil Engineering Squadron moves to Lackland Air Force Base, TX. Also at Niagara, distribute the eight KC-135R aircraft of the 107th Air Refueling Wing (ANG) to the 101st Air Refueling Wing (ANG), Bangor International Airport Air Guard Station, ME. The 101st will subsequently retire its eight KC-135E aircraft and no Air Force aircraft remain at Niagara.

**MISSION COMPATABILITY INDEX**

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE REPORT TO THE DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE  
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<b>Airlift MCI</b>					
<b>Base</b>	<b>Overall MCI Score</b>	<b>Crt 1 Current and Future Mission</b>	<b>Crt 2 Condition of Infrastructure</b>	<b>Crt 3 Contingency, Mobilization, Future Forces</b>	<b>Crt 4 Cost of Ops / Manpower</b>
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

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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

<b>Airlift MCI</b>					
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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

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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**

## **Aviation tradition at Niagara Falls**

The history of the Niagara Falls International Airport in mirrors the development of the region, changing and adapting with the times.

Opened in 1928 as a city-owned municipal airport with four crushed stone runways, the airport underwent its first metamorphosis in the early 1940s. The construction of a Bell Aerospace plant made a place for the airport in aviation history. The first commercial helicopter and the world's first super sonic plane, among many other innovations, were born at Niagara Falls.

The entry of the United States into World War II moved the airport into an active military phase, which continues even today. The U.S. Air Force established a base and managed and operated the facility during the war. Runways were added and extended during the 40s and 50s, and construction included a control tower, high intensity lights, and instrument landing system. The base was converted to an Air Reserve Base which became the upstate home of the New York Air National Guard. In 1959, the main runway was extended to over 9,000 feet in order to accommodate the new, more demanding military aircraft. A US Air Force Reserve Unit is also based out of the NFIA. In 2003, the runway was lengthen again, to 2994 meters (9,825 feet), making it one of the longest in New York State and enabling the NFIA to accommodate anything flying.

The airport itself reshaped in 1965 when U.S. Customs approved it for international flights and in 1970 when the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority purchased it from the City of Niagara Falls, which is its current owner.

The airport has three active runways, which serve general aviation, military, and commercial flights.

## FAA INFORMATION

FAA Identifier: IAG  
Lat/Long: 43-06-26.435N / 078-56-46.311W  
43-06.44058N / 078-56.77185W  
43.1073431 / -78.9461975  
(estimated)  
Elevation: 590 ft. / 179.8 m (surveyed)  
Variation: 10W (1985)  
From city: 4 miles E of NIAGARA FALLS, NY

### Airport Operations

Airport use: Open to the public  
Sectional chart: DETROIT  
Control tower: yes  
ARTCC: CLEVELAND CENTER  
FSS: BUFFALO FLIGHT SERVICE STATION [1-800-WX-BRIEF]  
FSS-BUFFALO BUF-NOTAM IAG.  
NOTAMs facility: IAG (NOTAM-D service available)  
Attendance: CONTINUOUS  
Wind indicator: lighted  
Segmented circle: no  
Lights: DUSK-DAWN  
WHEN ATCT CLSD ACTVT MIRL RY 06/24; MIRL RY 10R/28L; REIL & PAPI RYS 06 24  
10R 28L; TWY LGTS - CTAF. SSALR RY 28R PRESET MED INTST; HIRL 10L/28R  
PRESET LOW INTST. TO INCREASE INTST - CTAF.  
Beacon: white-green (lighted land airport)  
Landing fee: yes, PARKING FEE.  
Fire and rescue: ARFF index C  
International operations: customs landing rights airport

### Airport Communications

CTAF: 118.5  
UNICOM: 122.95  
ATIS: 120.8 269.4  
WX ASOS: PHONE 716-297-6984  
NIAGARA GROUND: 121.7 275.8 [0700-2300]  
NIAGARA TOWER: 118.5 349.0 [0700-2300]  
BUFFALO APPROACH: 126.5  
BUFFALO DEPARTURE: 126.5  
CLEARANCE DELIVERY: 119.25 251.1  
AFR-OPS: 340.24  
EMERG: 121.5 243.0  
NG-OPNS: 41.0FM  
WX ASOS at BUF (14 nm SE): PHONE 716-635-0532

### Nearby radio navigation aids

VOR radial/distance VOR name Freq Var  
BUFr317/17.0 BUFFALO VOR/DME 116.40 08W  
DKKr028/39.7 DUNKIRK VORTAC 116.20 07W

Airport Services

Fixed Base Operator - Tech Aviation Services (US Government Military fueling contractor)

Fuel available: 100LL JET-A with or without Prist

Parking: tiedowns and hangers

Airframe service: MINOR

Powerplant service: MINOR

Bottled oxygen: NONE

Bulk oxygen: NONE

Runway Information

Runway 10L/28R

Dimensions: 9825 x 150 ft. / 2995 x 46 m

Surface: asphalt/concrete/grooved, in good condition

Weight limitations: Single wheel: 75000 lbs

Double wheel: 140000 lbs

Double tandem: 240000 lbs

Dual double tandem: 800000 lbs

Runway edge lights: high intensity

RUNWAY 10L RUNWAY 28R

Latitude: 43-06.57260N 43-06.56947N

Longitude: 078-58.12952W 078-55.92203W

Elevation: 588.8 ft. 588.0 ft.

Traffic pattern: left left

Runway heading: 100 magnetic, 090 true 280 magnetic, 270 true

Displaced threshold: 700 ft. no

Declared distances: TORA-9825; TODA-10825; ASDA-9825; LDA-9125. TORA-9825; TODA-10525; ASDA-9125; LDA-9125.

Markings: precision, in fair condition precision, in fair condition

Visual slope indicator: 4-box VASI on left (3.00 degrees glide path)

RVR equipment: touchdown

Approach lights: SSALR: simplified short approach lighting system with runway alignment indicator lights

Touchdown point: yes, no lights yes, no lights

Instrument approach: ILS

Obstructions: 51 ft. tree, 1180 ft. from runway, 100 ft. left of centerline, 19:1 slope to clear

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Runway 6/24

Dimensions: 5188 x 150 ft. / 1581 x 46 m

Surface: asphalt, in good condition

Weight limitations: Single wheel: 60000 lbs

Double wheel: 70000 lbs

Double tandem: 100000 lbs

Runway edge lights: medium intensity

Runway edge markings: /24 MILITARY & BASIC MKGS WITH AIMING POINT MKGS.

RUNWAY 6 RUNWAY 24

Latitude: 43-06.05870N 43-06.60588N

Longitude: 078-56.81598W 078-55.92108W



Elevation: 582.1 ft. 590.1 ft.  
Traffic pattern: left left  
Runway heading: 060 magnetic, 050 true 240 magnetic, 230 true  
Declared distances: TORA-5188; TODA-5188; ASDA-5188; LDA-5188. TORA-5188;  
TODA-5188; ASDA-5188; LDA-5188.  
Markings: NSTD, in good condition  
Visual slope indicator: 4-light PAPI on left (3.00 degrees glide path) 4-light PAPI on  
left (3.00 degrees glide path)  
Runway end identifier lights: yes yes  
Touchdown point: yes, no lights yes, no lights  
Obstructions: 85 ft. tree, 1890 ft. from runway, 360 ft. left of centerline, 19:1 slope  
to clear 52 ft. tree, 1870 ft. from runway, 300 ft. right of centerline, 32:1 slope to  
clear

Runway 10R/28L  
Dimensions: 3973 x 75 ft. / 1211 x 23 m  
Surface: asphalt, in good condition  
Weight limitations: Single wheel: 12500 lbs  
Double wheel: 25000 lbs

Runway edge lights: medium intensity  
RUNWAY 10R RUNWAY 28L  
Latitude: 43-06.26018N 43-06.25855N  
Longitude: 078-57.11682W 078-56.22428W  
Elevation: 582.5 ft. 584.6 ft.  
Traffic pattern: left left  
Runway heading: 100 magnetic, 090 true 280 magnetic, 270 true  
Declared distances: TORA-3973; TODA-3973; ASDA-3973; LDA-3973. TORA-3973;  
TODA-3973; ASDA-3973; LDA-3973.  
Markings: basic, in good condition basic, in good condition  
Visual slope indicator: 2-light PAPI on left (3.26 degrees glide path) 2-light PAPI on  
left (3.06 degrees glide path)  
Runway end identifier lights: yes yes  
Touchdown point: yes, no lights yes, no lights  
Obstructions: 49 ft. tree, 1380 ft. from runway, 70 ft. right of centerline, 24:1 slope  
to clear 59 ft. stack, lighted, 2020 ft. from runway, 120 ft. left of centerline, 30:1  
slope to clear

Airport Operational Statistics  
Aircraft based on the field: 79  
Single engine airplanes: 47  
Multi engine airplanes: 14  
Jet airplanes: 1  
Military aircraft: 17  
Aircraft operations: avg 121/day  
37% transient general aviation  
32% military  
31% local general aviation  
<1% commercial

Additional Remarks  
- EXTSV ACFT ACTIVITY OPERATING INVOF US/CANADIAN FALLS ALL ALTS.

- TWY C EAST OF TWY F CLSD PERMLY.
  - RWY 10L DSPLCD THRESHOLD AREA AND TURNAROUND NOT VISIBLE FROM THE ATCT.
  - BEARING STRENGTH RWY 06/24: ST110 TT145 SBTT281 TDT415 TRT252.
  - JASU: 2(A/M32A-86) 1(AM32A-60) 1(MA-1A).
  - FUEL: J8(MIL) A, A+.
  - FLUID: SP LOX.
  - OIL: O-148(MIL).
  - REMARKS: SEE FLIP AP/1 SUPPLEMENTARY ARPT RMK.
  - HEAVY CONCENTRATIONS OF GULLS-BLACKBIRDS-STARLINGS UP TO 5000 AGL ON & INVOF ARPT.
  - ACFT WITH SEATING CAPACITY IN EXCESS OF 30 PSGRS AUTH ONLY USE OF RY 10L/28R.
  - TWY E RSTRD TO 12500 LBS OR LESS.
  - TWY E DAY USE ONLY.
  - TWY E CLSD INDEFLY FM RY 28R TO RY 06/24 AND BETWEEN TWY'S "C" AND "D".
  - ALL MIL ACFT ONLY OPNS RESTRICTED DURING BIRD WATCH CONDITIONS. MODERATE - TKOF & LDG PERMISSION ONLY WEN DEP/ARR RTE AVOIDS IDENTIFIED BIRD ACTIVITY; NO LCL IFR/VFR TFC PAT ACTIVITY. SEVERE - TKOF & LDG PHOHIBITED WO OG/CC APPROVAL; CTC COMMAND POST FOR CURRENT BIRD WATCH CONDITIONS.
  - ALL MIL ACFT ONLY MINIMAL CLASSIFIED MATERIALS AVBL; AIRCREWS SHOULD ARRIVE WITH APPROPRIATE AMOUNT TO COMPLETE THEIR MISSION.
- A39-06 PCN 24 F/D/Y/T.  
A39-10L PCN 35 R/C/W/T.  
A39-10R PCN

Additional information at:

Boeing

## **Veridian Corporation**

Work is underway on a \$7.4 million Flight Research facility being constructed for Veridian Corporation, a division of General Dynamics. When finished, the facility will consist of a 30,000-square-foot office, research, flight operation center, and aircraft modification center with two hangars, each large enough to accommodate a Boeing 737.

## **New Terminal Initiative**

The NFTA Board of Commissioners is currently seeking funds for a new 65,000 square-foot terminal. Improvements could include a second story with a covered passenger walkway, more restrooms and more space for customs, immigration and other Homeland Security needs. The new facility has an estimated cost of \$23 million.

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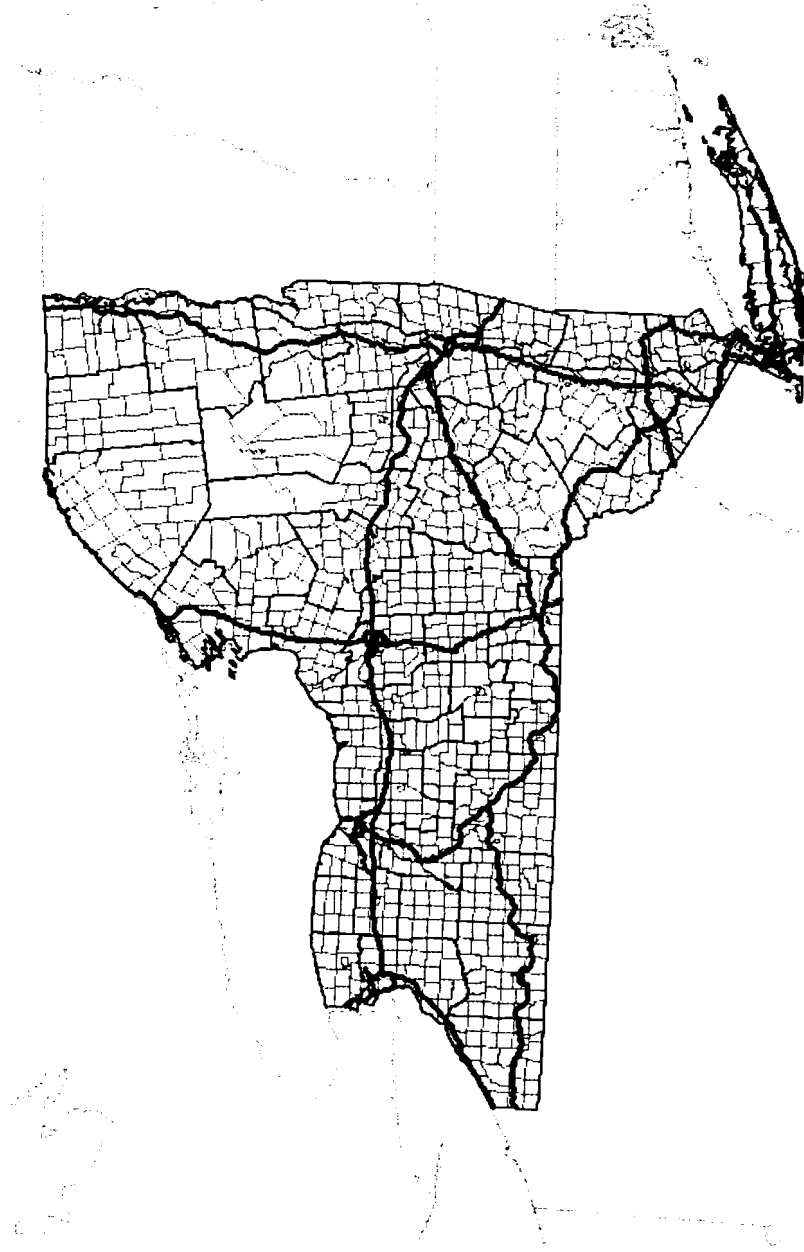
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## **Airfield Fire and Rescue (U.S. Air Force):**

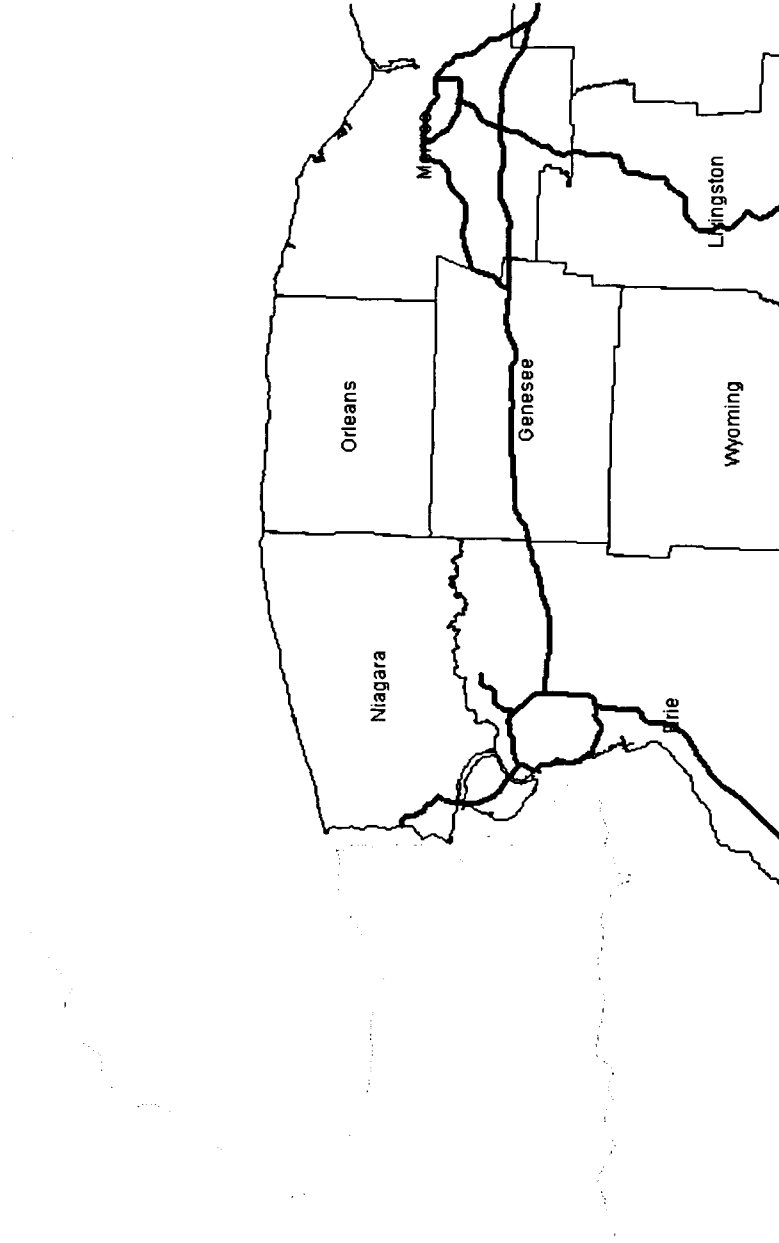
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**STATE MAP AND STATISTICAL DATA**

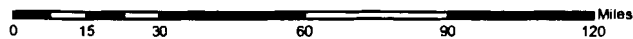
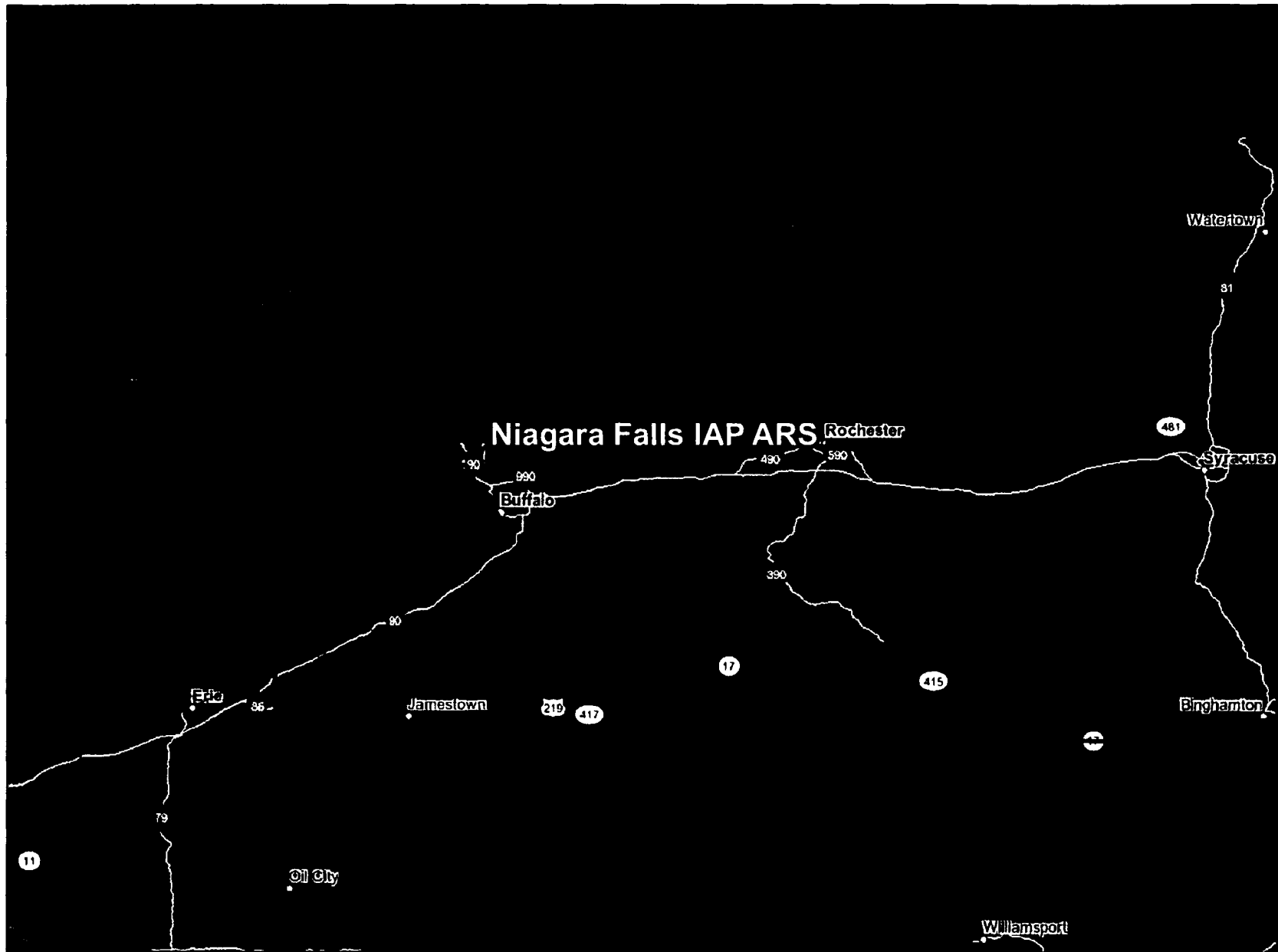
General Map of New York State



# Western Portion of New York State Depicting Niagara County



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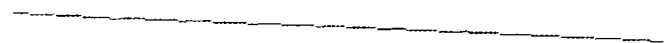


**Niagara Falls IAP ARS**  
Total Acres: 985      Total Personnel: 2,206  
Acres Owned: 548      Mil: 2,037  
Civ: 169  
Other: 0





Map of Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve Base  
Relative to Niagara Falls International Airport



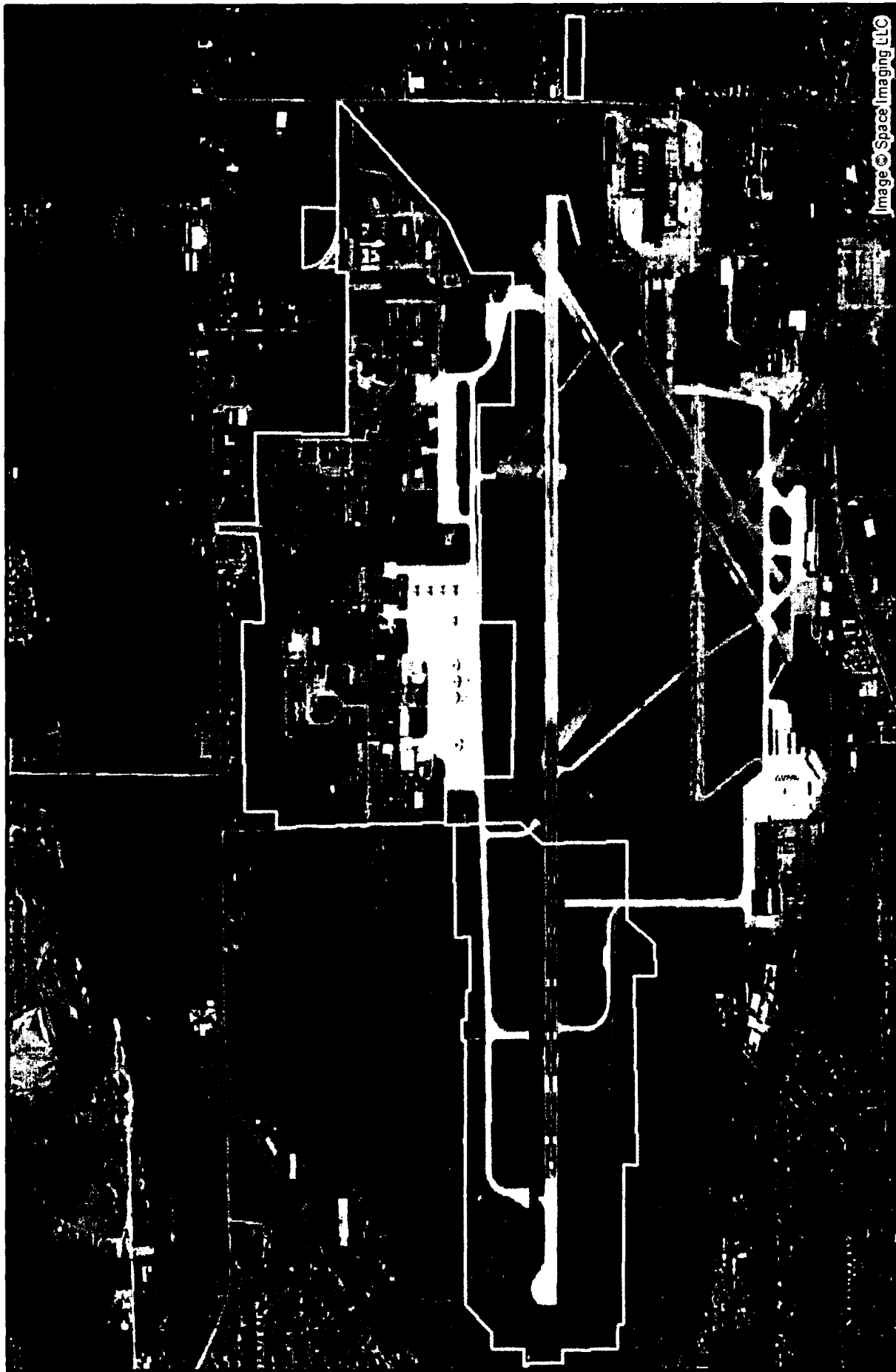


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# Niagara Falls IAP ARS, NY

Installation Boundary

0.8 Miles

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic area: New York

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
<b>Total population</b> .....	<b>18,976,457</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE</b>		
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>			<b>Total population</b> .....	<b>18,976,457</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Male.....	9,146,748	48.2	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	2,867,583	15.1
Female.....	9,829,709	51.8	Mexican.....	260,889	1.4
Under 5 years.....	1,239,417	6.5	Puerto Rican.....	1,050,293	5.5
5 to 9 years.....	1,351,857	7.1	Cuban.....	62,590	0.3
10 to 14 years.....	1,332,433	7.0	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	1,493,811	7.9
15 to 19 years.....	1,287,544	6.8	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	16,108,874	84.9
20 to 24 years.....	1,244,309	6.6	White alone.....	11,760,981	62.0
25 to 34 years.....	2,757,324	14.5	<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>		
35 to 44 years.....	3,074,298	16.2	<b>Total population</b> .....	<b>18,976,457</b>	<b>100.0</b>
45 to 54 years.....	2,552,936	13.5	In households.....	18,395,996	96.9
55 to 59 years.....	932,008	4.9	Householder.....	7,056,860	37.2
60 to 64 years.....	755,979	4.0	Spouse.....	3,289,514	17.3
65 to 74 years.....	1,276,046	6.7	Child.....	5,737,989	30.2
75 to 84 years.....	860,818	4.5	Own child under 18 years.....	4,155,866	21.9
85 years and over.....	311,488	1.6	Other relatives.....	1,270,513	6.7
Median age (years).....	35.9	(X)	Under 18 years.....	409,045	2.2
18 years and over.....	14,286,350	75.3	Nonrelatives.....	1,041,120	5.5
Male.....	6,744,091	35.5	Unmarried partner.....	377,556	2.0
Female.....	7,542,259	39.7	In group quarters.....	580,461	3.1
21 years and over.....	13,505,172	71.2	Institutionalized population.....	262,262	1.4
62 years and over.....	2,884,520	15.2	Noninstitutionalized population.....	318,199	1.7
65 years and over.....	2,448,352	12.9	<b>HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE</b>		
Male.....	976,138	5.1	<b>Total households</b> .....	<b>7,056,860</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Female.....	1,472,214	7.8	Family households (families).....	4,639,387	65.7
<b>RACE</b>			With own children under 18 years.....	2,231,381	31.6
One race.....	18,386,275	96.9	Married-couple family.....	3,289,514	46.6
White.....	12,893,689	67.9	With own children under 18 years.....	1,527,187	21.6
Black or African American.....	3,014,385	15.9	Female householder, no husband present.....	1,038,176	14.7
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	82,461	0.4	With own children under 18 years.....	573,384	8.1
Asian.....	1,044,976	5.5	Nonfamily households.....	2,417,473	34.3
Asian Indian.....	251,724	1.3	Householder living alone.....	1,982,742	28.1
Chinese.....	424,774	2.2	Householder 65 years and over.....	715,550	10.1
Filipino.....	81,681	0.4	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	2,466,483	35.0
Japanese.....	37,279	0.2	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	1,767,452	25.0
Korean.....	119,846	0.6	Average household size.....	2.61	(X)
Vietnamese.....	23,818	0.1	Average family size.....	3.22	(X)
Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	105,854	0.6	<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	8,818	-	<b>Total housing units</b> .....	<b>7,679,307</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Native Hawaiian.....	1,684	-	Occupied housing units.....	7,056,860	91.9
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	1,931	-	Vacant housing units.....	622,447	8.1
Samoan.....	1,475	-	For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use.....	235,043	3.1
Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....	3,728	-	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	1.6	(X)
Some other race.....	1,341,946	7.1	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	4.6	(X)
Two or more races.....	590,182	3.1	<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
<b>Race alone or in combination with one or more other races:</b> <sup>3</sup>			<b>Occupied housing units</b> .....	<b>7,056,860</b>	<b>100.0</b>
White.....	13,275,834	70.0	Owner-occupied housing units.....	3,739,166	53.0
Black or African American.....	3,234,165	17.0	Renter-occupied housing units.....	3,317,694	47.0
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	171,581	0.9	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.78	(X)
Asian.....	1,169,200	6.2	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.41	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	28,612	0.2			
Some other race.....	1,721,699	9.1			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.

**Table DP-2. Profile of Selected Social Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic area: New York

[Data based on a sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
<b>SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</b>			<b>NATIVITY AND PLACE OF BIRTH</b>		
<b>Population 3 years and over enrolled in school.....</b>			<b>Total population.....</b>		
	<b>5,217,030</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>18,976,457</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Nursery school, preschool.....	331,376	6.4	Native.....	15,108,324	79.6
Kindergarten.....	272,504	5.2	Born in United States.....	14,589,263	76.9
Elementary school (grades 1-8).....	2,208,497	42.3	State of residence.....	12,384,940	65.3
High school (grades 9-12).....	1,103,278	21.1	Different state.....	2,204,323	11.6
College or graduate school.....	1,301,375	24.9	Born outside United States.....	519,061	2.7
<b>EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</b>			Foreign born.....		
<b>Population 25 years and over.....</b>			Entered 1990 to March 2000.....		
	<b>12,542,536</b>	<b>100.0</b>		1,561,609	8.2
Less than 9th grade.....	1,005,805	8.0	Naturalized citizen.....	1,783,744	9.4
9th to 12th grade, no diploma.....	1,620,519	12.9	Not a citizen.....	2,084,389	11.0
High school graduate (includes equivalency).....	3,480,768	27.8	<b>REGION OF BIRTH OF FOREIGN BORN</b>		
Some college, no degree.....	2,103,404	16.8	<b>Total (excluding born at sea).....</b>		
Associate degree.....	898,828	7.2		<b>3,868,094</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Bachelor's degree.....	1,954,242	15.6	Europe.....	879,307	22.7
Graduate or professional degree.....	1,478,970	11.8	Asia.....	916,597	23.7
Percent high school graduate or higher.....	79.1	(X)	Africa.....	116,936	3.0
Percent bachelor's degree or higher.....	27.4	(X)	Oceania.....	7,680	0.2
<b>MARITAL STATUS</b>			Latin America.....		
<b>Population 15 years and over.....</b>			Northern America.....		
	<b>15,055,876</b>	<b>100.0</b>		55,962	1.4
Never married.....	4,777,896	31.7	<b>LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME</b>		
Now married, except separated.....	7,535,841	50.1	<b>Population 5 years and over.....</b>		
Separated.....	484,640	3.2		<b>17,749,110</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Widowed.....	1,084,409	7.2	English only.....	12,786,189	72.0
Female.....	887,299	5.9	Language other than English.....	4,962,921	28.0
Divorced.....	1,173,090	7.8	Speak English less than "very well".....	2,310,256	13.0
Female.....	709,220	4.7	Spanish.....	2,416,126	13.6
<b>GRANDPARENTS AS CAREGIVERS</b>			Speak English less than "very well".....		
<b>Grandparent living in household with one or more own grandchildren under 18 years.....</b>			Other Indo-European languages.....		
	<b>412,000</b>	<b>100.0</b>	Speak English less than "very well".....		
Grandparent responsible for grandchildren.....	143,014	34.7	Speak English less than "very well".....		
<b>VETERAN STATUS</b>			Asian and Pacific Island languages.....		
<b>Civilian population 18 years and over ..</b>			Speak English less than "very well".....		
	<b>14,278,716</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>ANCESTRY (single or multiple)</b>		
Civilian veterans.....	1,361,164	9.5	<b>Total population.....</b>		
<b>DISABILITY STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED POPULATION</b>			<b>Total ancestries reported.....</b>		
<b>Population 5 to 20 years.....</b>					
	<b>4,197,977</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>18,976,457</b>	<b>100.0</b>
With a disability.....	370,856	8.8		<i>20,381,381</i>	<i>107.4</i>
<b>Population 21 to 64 years.....</b>			Arab.....		
	<b>10,932,732</b>	<b>100.0</b>		121,925	0.6
With a disability.....	2,294,611	21.0	Czech <sup>1</sup> .....	76,820	0.4
Percent employed.....	54.1	(X)	Danish.....	38,587	0.2
No disability.....	8,638,121	79.0	Dutch.....	272,904	1.4
Percent employed.....	74.1	(X)	English.....	1,140,036	6.0
<b>Population 65 years and over.....</b>			French (except Basque) <sup>1</sup> .....		
	<b>2,333,555</b>	<b>100.0</b>		479,199	2.5
With a disability.....	940,680	40.3	French Canadian <sup>1</sup> .....	151,839	0.8
<b>RESIDENCE IN 1995</b>			German.....		
<b>Population 5 years and over.....</b>			Greek.....		
	<b>17,749,110</b>	<b>100.0</b>		2,122,620	11.2
Same house in 1995.....	10,961,493	61.8	Hungarian.....	159,763	0.8
Different house in the U.S. in 1995.....	6,066,869	34.2	Irish <sup>1</sup> .....	137,029	0.7
Same county.....	3,876,450	21.8	Italian.....	2,454,469	12.9
Different county.....	2,190,419	12.3	Lithuanian.....	2,737,146	14.4
Same state.....	1,463,942	8.2	Norwegian.....	49,083	0.3
Different state.....	726,477	4.1	Polish.....	90,524	0.5
Elsewhere in 1995.....	720,748	4.1	Portuguese.....	986,141	5.2
			Russian.....		
			Scotch-Irish.....		
			Scottish.....		
			Slovak.....		
			Subsaharan African.....		
			Swedish.....		
			Swiss.....		
			Ukrainian.....		
			United States or American.....		
			Welsh.....		
			West Indian (excluding Hispanic groups).....		
			Other ancestries.....		

-Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup>The data represent a combination of two ancestries shown separately in Summary File 3. Czech includes Czechoslovakian. French includes Alsatian. French Canadian includes Acadian/Cajun. Irish includes Celtic.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census 2000.

**Table DP-3. Profile of Selected Economic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic area: New York

[Data based on a sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
<b>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</b>			<b>INCOME IN 1999</b>		
Population 16 years and over .....	14,805,912	100.0	Households .....	7,060,595	100.0
In labor force .....	9,046,805	61.1	Less than \$10,000 .....	809,507	11.5
Civilian labor force .....	9,023,096	60.9	\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	453,320	6.4
Employed .....	8,382,988	56.6	\$15,000 to \$24,999 .....	822,611	11.7
Unemployed .....	640,108	4.3	\$25,000 to \$34,999 .....	807,043	11.4
Percent of civilian labor force .....	7.1	(X)	\$35,000 to \$49,999 .....	1,047,001	14.8
Armed Forces .....	23,709	0.2	\$50,000 to \$74,999 .....	1,297,712	18.4
Not in labor force .....	5,759,107	38.9	\$75,000 to \$99,999 .....	746,384	10.6
Females 16 years and over .....	7,810,436	100.0	\$100,000 to \$149,999 .....	639,525	9.1
In labor force .....	4,306,437	55.1	\$150,000 to \$199,999 .....	202,640	2.9
Civilian labor force .....	4,303,577	55.1	\$200,000 or more .....	234,852	3.3
Employed .....	4,000,662	51.2	Median household income (dollars) .....	43,393	(X)
Own children under 6 years .....	1,405,240	100.0	With earnings .....	5,516,841	78.1
All parents in family in labor force .....	764,721	54.4	Mean earnings (dollars) <sup>1</sup> .....	64,102	(X)
<b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b>			With Social Security income .....	1,837,421	26.0
Workers 16 years and over .....	8,211,916	100.0	Mean Social Security income (dollars) <sup>1</sup> .....	11,667	(X)
Car, truck, or van -- drove alone .....	4,620,178	56.3	With Supplemental Security Income .....	390,779	5.5
Car, truck, or van -- carpooled .....	756,918	9.2	Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars) <sup>1</sup> .....	6,568	(X)
Public transportation (including taxicab) .....	2,006,194	24.4	With public assistance income .....	344,175	4.9
Walked .....	511,721	6.2	Mean public assistance income (dollars) <sup>1</sup> .....	3,699	(X)
Other means .....	69,036	0.8	With retirement income .....	1,196,637	16.9
Worked at home .....	247,869	3.0	Mean retirement income (dollars) <sup>1</sup> .....	17,660	(X)
Mean travel time to work (minutes) <sup>1</sup> .....	31.7	(X)	<b>Families</b> .....		
Employed civilian population 16 years and over .....	8,382,988	100.0	Less than \$10,000 .....	4,673,485	100.0
<b>OCCUPATION</b>			\$10,000 to \$14,999 .....	359,778	7.7
Management, professional, and related occupations .....	3,079,837	36.7	\$15,000 to \$24,999 .....	215,349	4.6
Service occupations .....	1,389,202	16.6	\$25,000 to \$34,999 .....	462,739	9.9
Sales and office occupations .....	2,272,500	27.1	\$35,000 to \$49,999 .....	505,162	10.8
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations .....	24,609	0.3	\$50,000 to \$74,999 .....	705,855	15.1
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations .....	633,091	7.6	\$75,000 to \$99,999 .....	957,683	20.5
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations .....	983,749	11.7	\$100,000 to \$149,999 .....	594,059	12.7
<b>INDUSTRY</b>			\$150,000 to \$199,999 .....	522,203	11.2
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining .....	54,372	0.6	\$199,999 to \$249,999 .....	164,443	3.5
Construction .....	433,787	5.2	\$250,000 or more .....	186,214	4.0
Manufacturing .....	839,425	10.0	Median family income (dollars) .....	51,691	(X)
Wholesale trade .....	283,375	3.4	Per capita income (dollars) <sup>1</sup> .....	23,389	(X)
Retail trade .....	877,430	10.5	<b>Median earnings (dollars):</b>		
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities .....	460,485	5.5	Male full-time, year-round workers .....	40,236	(X)
Information .....	340,713	4.1	Female full-time, year-round workers .....	31,099	(X)
Finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing .....	736,687	8.8	Subject		
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management services .....	849,124	10.1	<b>POVERTY STATUS IN 1999</b>		
Educational, health and social services .....	2,039,182	24.3	Families .....	535,935	11.5
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services .....	611,280	7.3	With related children under 18 years .....	418,591	16.9
Other services (except public administration) .....	423,756	5.1	With related children under 5 years .....	198,252	20.2
Public administration .....	433,372	5.2	<b>Families with female householder, no husband present .....</b>		
<b>CLASS OF WORKER</b>			With related children under 18 years .....	294,905	29.2
Private wage and salary workers .....	6,434,109	76.8	With related children under 5 years .....	257,263	38.8
Government workers .....	1,426,893	17.0	With related children under 5 years .....	115,454	49.8
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business .....	501,068	6.0	<b>Individuals .....</b>		
Unpaid family workers .....	20,918	0.2	18 years and over .....	2,692,202	14.6
			65 years and over .....	1,776,492	12.8
			Related children under 18 years .....	264,336	11.3
			Related children 5 to 17 years .....	893,505	19.6
			Unrelated individuals 15 years and over .....	639,896	19.1
				817,663	24.0

-Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup>If the denominator of a mean value or per capita value is less than 30, then that value is calculated using a rounded aggregate in the numerator. See text.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census 2000.

**Table DP-4. Profile of Selected Housing Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic area: New York

[Data based on a sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
<b>Total housing units</b> .....	<b>7,679,307</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>OCCUPANTS PER ROOM</b>		
<b>UNITS IN STRUCTURE</b>			<b>Occupied housing units</b> .....	<b>7,056,860</b>	<b>100.0</b>
1-unit, detached.....	3,198,486	41.7	1.00 or less.....	6,506,301	92.2
1-unit, attached.....	379,926	4.9	1.01 to 1.50.....	283,513	4.0
2 units.....	836,907	10.9	1.51 or more.....	267,046	3.8
3 or 4 units.....	559,886	7.3	<b>Specified owner-occupied units</b> .....	<b>2,689,728</b>	<b>100.0</b>
5 to 9 units.....	407,106	5.3	<b>VALUE</b>		
10 to 19 units.....	327,654	4.3	Less than \$50,000.....	151,310	5.6
20 or more units.....	1,755,984	22.9	\$50,000 to \$99,999.....	714,774	26.6
Mobile home.....	207,378	2.7	\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	491,060	18.3
Boat, RV, van, etc.....	5,980	0.1	\$150,000 to \$199,999.....	468,384	17.4
<b>YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT</b>			\$200,000 to \$299,999.....	501,839	18.7
1999 to March 2000.....	67,821	0.9	\$300,000 to \$499,999.....	252,136	9.4
1995 to 1998.....	198,312	2.6	\$500,000 to \$999,999.....	87,898	3.3
1990 to 1994.....	259,063	3.4	\$1,000,000 or more.....	22,327	0.8
1980 to 1989.....	594,390	7.7	Median (dollars).....	148,700	(X)
1970 to 1979.....	866,120	11.3	<b>MORTGAGE STATUS AND SELECTED</b>		
1960 to 1969.....	1,120,598	14.6	<b>MONTHLY OWNER COSTS</b>		
1940 to 1959.....	2,174,766	28.3	With a mortgage.....	1,824,984	67.9
1939 or earlier.....	2,398,237	31.2	Less than \$300.....	2,307	0.1
<b>ROOMS</b>			\$300 to \$499.....	35,291	1.3
1 room.....	322,859	4.2	\$500 to \$699.....	127,393	4.7
2 rooms.....	524,796	6.8	\$700 to \$999.....	347,548	12.9
3 rooms.....	1,134,126	14.8	\$1,000 to \$1,499.....	544,980	20.3
4 rooms.....	1,295,062	16.9	\$1,500 to \$1,999.....	390,485	14.5
5 rooms.....	1,229,033	16.0	\$2,000 or more.....	376,980	14.0
6 rooms.....	1,164,784	15.2	Median (dollars).....	1,357	(X)
7 rooms.....	810,832	10.6	Not mortgaged.....	864,744	32.1
8 rooms.....	589,153	7.7	Median (dollars).....	457	(X)
9 or more rooms.....	608,662	7.9	<b>SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS</b>		
Median (rooms).....	5.0	(X)	<b>AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD</b>		
<b>Occupied housing units</b> .....	<b>7,056,860</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>INCOME IN 1999</b>		
<b>YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT</b>			Less than 15.0 percent.....	847,179	31.5
1999 to March 2000.....	1,056,606	15.0	15.0 to 19.9 percent.....	460,991	17.1
1995 to 1998.....	1,844,967	26.1	20.0 to 24.9 percent.....	383,278	14.2
1990 to 1994.....	1,134,011	16.1	25.0 to 29.9 percent.....	270,107	10.0
1980 to 1989.....	1,215,576	17.2	30.0 to 34.9 percent.....	180,425	6.7
1970 to 1979.....	882,141	12.5	35.0 percent or more.....	528,389	19.6
1969 or earlier.....	923,559	13.1	Not computed.....	19,359	0.7
<b>VEHICLES AVAILABLE</b>			<b>Specified renter-occupied units</b> .....	<b>3,301,784</b>	<b>100.0</b>
None.....	2,092,756	29.7	<b>GROSS RENT</b>		
1.....	2,329,545	33.0	Less than \$200.....	180,305	5.5
2.....	1,927,691	27.3	\$200 to \$299.....	157,990	4.8
3 or more.....	706,868	10.0	\$300 to \$499.....	517,885	15.7
<b>HOUSE HEATING FUEL</b>			\$500 to \$749.....	1,073,246	32.5
Utility gas.....	3,651,779	51.7	\$750 to \$999.....	699,725	21.2
Bottled, tank, or LP gas.....	237,949	3.4	\$1,000 to \$1,499.....	390,325	11.8
Electricity.....	615,685	8.7	\$1,500 or more.....	180,569	5.5
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.....	2,336,714	33.1	No cash rent.....	101,739	3.1
Coal or coke.....	9,563	0.1	Median (dollars).....	672	(X)
Wood.....	82,613	1.2	<b>GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF</b>		
Solar energy.....	2,539	-	<b>HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN 1999</b>		
Other fuel.....	73,671	1.0	Less than 15.0 percent.....	631,972	19.1
No fuel used.....	46,347	0.7	15.0 to 19.9 percent.....	423,635	12.8
<b>SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS</b>			20.0 to 24.9 percent.....	376,000	11.4
Lacking complete plumbing facilities.....	58,418	0.8	25.0 to 29.9 percent.....	322,751	9.8
Lacking complete kitchen facilities.....	55,851	0.8	30.0 to 34.9 percent.....	235,573	7.1
No telephone service.....	132,704	1.9	35.0 percent or more.....	1,103,248	33.4
			Not computed.....	208,605	6.3

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Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census 2000.

**STATE CLOSURE HISTORY LIST**  
**(Appendix L of 1995 BRAC Report)**



As shown in Table 1 below (extracted from Appendix L of the 1995 BRAC Report, attached), the State of New York has been affected by a total of 21 recommendations in the preceding Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) rounds. These recommendations include 18 closures (six in 1988, six in 1993, and four in 1995); one realignment recommendation in 1993; and two recommendations to redirect in 1995.

Table 1 – New York Actions

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

# 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	DISSTAB
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 AFB 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

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



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 <del>NJ</del> 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

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## 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
1988	Pitt 42 Family Housing	CLOSE
1988	Pitt 43 Family Housing	CLOSE
1988	Pitt 52 Family Housing	CLOSE
1988	Tacony Warehouse	CLOSE
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

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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

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## 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	Amy 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
1993	Office of the Judge Advocate General (Navy)	REALIGN
1993	Office of the Secretary of the Navy (Legislative Affairs, Program Appraisal, Comptroller, Inspector General, and Information)	REALIGN
1993	Office of the Chief of Naval Operations	REALIGN
1993	Office of Civilian Manpower Management (Navy)	REALIGN

1993	International Programs Office (Navy)	REALIGN
1993	Combined Civilian Personnel Office (Navy)	REALIGN
1993	Navy Regional Contracting Center	REALIGN
1993	Naval Criminal Investigative Service	REALIGN
1993	Naval Audit Agency	REALIGN
1993	Strategic Systems Programs Office (Navy)	REALIGN
1993	Office of Naval Research	REALIGN
1993	Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff (Installations & Logistics), U.S. Marine Corps	REALIGN
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
1993	Data Processing Center Naval Supply Center Puget Sound	CLOSE
1993	Navy Data Processing Center Trident Refit Facility Bangor	CLOSE
1993	Planning, Estimating, Repair, and Alterations Center (CV), Bremerton	DISESTAB
1995	Naval Undersea Warfare Center Keyport	REALIGN
1995	Camp Bonneville	CLOSE
1995	Naval Sea Systems Command, Arlington	REDIRECT
1995	Office of Naval Research	REDIRECT
1995	Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, Arlington	REDIRECT

#### WISCONSIN

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

#### OTHER CLOSURES AND REALIGNMENTS

1991	Army Corps of Engineers	REALIGN
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### Air Reserve unit was cited for expansion last November

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#### Closing the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station *A step-by-step look*

**Aug. 25:** Air Force estimates that the Niagara base could accommodate as many as 24 cargo planes, given additional construction that would cost \$20.3 million.

**Oct. 19:** Niagara base marked "for further study."

**Nov. 9:** A "First Look" plan for realigning cargo and refueling tanker bases shows both Niagara units closing, but a Second Look, based on "military judgment," doubles the number of cargo planes at the base to 16.

**Nov. 18:** Air Force completes a "Third Look" plan for cargo planes — which remains classified.

**Jan. 18, 2005:** The Air Force's "Fourth Look" at its C-130 cargo fleet calls for the closure of the Niagara base.

**March 10:** Air Force puts the 20-year net savings of the Niagara closure at \$89 million.

**April 19:** Base Closure Executive Group determines "by consensus" to recommend Niagara for closure.

**April 28:** Air Force finally estimated savings of the Niagara closure at \$199 million.

**May 13:** Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld releases plan to close 33 major bases, including Niagara.

Author: Minutes of Air Force Base Closure Executive Group

WASHINGTON - As recently as last November, Air Force officials considered doubling the size of their Reserve unit in Niagara Falls.

But shortly thereafter, those officials slated the Niagara base for closure - while saving previously targeted bases in Schenectady, Youngstown, Ohio, and elsewhere.

That's just one of the details about the proposed shutdown included in thousands of pages of meeting notes and plans posted to the Department of Defense Web site last week.

Those documents also show:

- There's continuing mystery about when and why the 914th Airlift Wing, the Air Reserve unit at the base, was placed on the closure list after it was initially targeted for expansion.
- The 107th Air Refueling Wing, the National Guard unit at the base, was targeted for shutdown from the moment the Air Force began drawing up its proposals last November - and has appeared on every shutdown list since then.
- The Air Force now says it will save \$199 million over 20 years by closing the base up from \$88 million as recently as March.

"It just really frustrates me that we were a gainer up to the point that we went on the list for potential closure," Rep. Thomas M. Reynolds, R-Clarence, said. Air Force officials said they could not immediately comment on that change. They said they would research the matter and explain the change later this week.

It's clear, though, that the Air Force considered expanding the Niagara Reserve unit - while



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ending the Air National Guard mission at the base.

In a "Second Look" closure plan discussed at the Air Force Base Closure Executive Group's meeting last Nov. 9, the number of C-130 cargo planes at the Niagara base was slated to grow from eight to 16. Meanwhile, a C-130 Reserve base in Youngstown was slated for closure, along with a National Guard unit in Schenectady.

The "First Look" plan for the cargo planes - discussed the same day - would have closed all three of those bases.

The First Look was based just on data, according to minutes from that meeting, while "the Second Look applied military judgment."

Supporters of the Niagara base learned of that Second Look from a Pentagon source, and it made them think that the facility was safe, said John M. Simmons, New York State's lobbyist on the issue.

"It was only around Inauguration Day that we heard that a decision had been made at the highest levels of the Air Force to close the base," Simmons said.

Simmons said his Pentagon source indicated that a top Air Force official - who remains unidentified told analysts to target the Niagara base for closure.

And in the "Fourth Look" at realigning the Air Force's C-130 fleet, published Jan. 18, that's exactly what happened.

All of this upsets Rep. Louise M. Slaughter, D-Fairport, whose district, like that of Reynolds, overlaps the base.

"It just doesn't make any sense," Slaughter said. "First, they want to double the number of C-130s, then they do a complete about-face and suggest shutting down the base . . . I have yet to hear a clear rationale for their decision."

It's also unclear when the Niagara base faced the ax. It could have been in January or as early as Nov. 18, in the "Third Look" plan for realigning C-130s across the Air Force.

Whereas the Air Force printed maps spelling out its First, Second and Fourth Look plans, the minutes on the Third Look only say, "Slides 43-68 were removed."

Those slides appear to remain classified and thus it's impossible to tell if the Niagara base survived the Third Look.

Reynolds labeled that fact "the outrage of the week." He said those missing slides could include valuable information about why the Niagara facility was targeted for closure only shortly after Air Force officials considered doubling the number of cargo planes there.

WThe National Guard unit at the Niagara base, though, has been targeted for closure in every one of the Air Force plans drawn up since November. The unit flies KC-135 refueling tankers.

Lobbyists knew the 107th Refueling Wing was in trouble, meaning some jobs were likely to be lost at the base even if the number of cargo planes was doubled. That's because the base would only need to service one type of plane, rather than two.

But Simmons said it's possible those job losses could have been accomplished through attrition.

"We would have had some job loss, but we would have had this mission that would have gone on for the next 20 years," he added.

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Instead, lobbyists for the state and the local congressional delegation now are trying to persuade the independent Base Realignment and Closure Commission to reverse the Air Force's recommendation.

Their best shot for doing that will be June 27, when several commissioners tour the Niagara base. The commission will hold a hearing in Buffalo later that day.

In pressing their case, lobbyists and local leaders plan to stress what they see as inconsistencies in the Pentagon's case.

Most notably, the Pentagon's projected 20-year savings for closing the Niagara base increased from \$88 million in March to \$199 million in April.

Savings for base closures nationwide grew over the same time frame in the same way for the same reason. The second set of figures includes the manpower savings from the base closures, and the first set does not, said Maj. Gen. Gary W. Heckman, who was co-chairman of the Air Force Base Closure Executive Group.

"It was a mistake we made" in compiling the early figures, Heckman said.

But Simmons and Reynolds questioned how manpower cuts at any one Reserve base could be calculated as savings when, throughout the Air Force, the ratio of Reserve and active-duty forces remains steady.

Meanwhile, for the second Friday in a row, Reynolds paid a visit to the staff of the base closure commission.

"It is clear to me that they have the same frustrations we do in accessing data," Reynolds said.

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Closing Falls base was a judgment call

Spokesman describes how decision was made

By JERRY ZREMSKI  
News Washington Bureau  
5/25/2005

WASHINGTON - Top Air Force officials relied on their "collective judgment" in deciding to recommend their Niagara Falls base for closure, disregarding military value rankings that showed Niagara outperforming several other bases slated to remain open, an Air Force spokesman confirmed Tuesday.

Responding to an e-mailed set of questions, Air Force spokesman Douglas Karas said the Air Force's "mission compatibility index" was just one of the factors considered in the base-closure decisions.

Asked why at least nine bases with airlift missions were slated to stay open when they had lower "MCI" scores than Niagara, Karas said the Base Closure Executive Group sometimes deviated from its own rating system. The 12-member group drew up the Air Force's list of suggested base closures.

"There were cases in the analysis process where lower ranked bases were retained," Karas said. "In those cases, the Base Closure Executive Group used their collective judgment, that, when combined with the MCI scores, resulted in the retention of lower-ranked installations. This was true in Niagara's case."

Karas did not provide a detailed explanation of why those lower-ranking airlift missions were kept open, while Niagara's 914th Airlift Wing would be dispersed to other states and its base closed.

However, Karas provided some insight into the base closure group's recommendation to keep an Air National Guard station in Bangor, Maine, open even though it ranked lower than Niagara.

Both bases now host Air National Guard units that perform refueling missions, but the Air Force decided to keep the Bangor base, which is the first U.S. facility that planes would be able to land at when returning from Europe.

"Bangor was retained because, in the military judgment of the Base Closure Executive Group, its Northeast location and current capability to host tanker

task force operations were important factors not highlighted within the MCI process," Karas said.

"Bangor routinely supports the Atlantic Air Bridge, and along with the Pease International Tradeport, provides an important air refueling service for airlift deploying and redeploying from Europe and the Middle East," he added.

The aging KC-135 refueling tankers in Bangor will be replaced by the newer models from Niagara, Karas added.

The Air Force developed separate MCI scores for each of its military missions, and then ranked its facilities based on the missions each performed. That means Niagara was ranked on both its capability to perform airlift and refueling operations.

"The Air Force then evaluated those scores, and used military judgment to recommend Niagara Falls for closure," Karas said.

A lobbyist for New York State on the issue, John M. Simmons, said the Air Force's response proves that the base-closure recommendations followed "a judgmental, and not an analytical, process."


The Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) will pass judgment on the suggested shutdowns, and can remove facilities from the base-closure list if it determines that the Pentagon erred in putting them there.


The Pentagon was supposed to judge each base primarily on its military value - yet in this case, Simmons said, the Air Force bypassed the tool it created for judging military value.

"The Air Force in their response acknowledge that they themselves ignored the results of a key analytical tool . . . created for the BRAC process," Simmons said. "They simply took the position that their judgment trumped the analysis."

## WHAT'S NEXT IN FIGHT TO SAVE BASE

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Now that the battle to save the Niagara Falls Air Base has taken off, what's next? It seems lawmakers are positioning themselves to make their case.

Already, there is indication that lawmakers will point to the number of reserve and guard bases closing down. Congressional leaders here say the base met all the criteria to stay open, but Republican Congressman Tom Reynolds said, "I believe the Pentagon's motivations are not based on strategy or mission, but moving equipment to active duty status. That, in my view, is misuse of the BRAC process."

Congressman Reynolds sat in on hearings Tuesday where much was made about the hit the reserves and guard are taking in this list of closings. Any data used to reach the decisions made must be provided to lawmakers by Friday, so they can begin building their case.

Ten years ago flaws found in data actually helped to save the Niagara Falls Air Base then.

A tour of the facility by a member of BRAC is expected by mid-June. Senator Hillary Clinton said she has spoken to BRAC Chairman Anthony Principi about coming personally. "We're going to get him here as soon as possible," she said.

Regional hearings will likely begin sometime after the tours. While they are currently scheduled to take place in Ohio, Governor Pataki is calling on the commission to hold regional hearings in Western New York.

Governor Pataki and Congressman Tom Reynolds are expected to make presentations at those hearings. Pataki's close relationship to the White House, Reynolds rising stock in the republican party, and Clinton's position on the Armed Services Committee may also help to bolster the bases position.

But retired Congressman John LaFalce, who was very active in helping to save the base in 1995, said politics doesn't really play a part in this decision-making process, and that's why the commission was formed. "Whatever they decide will happen automatically without a vote of Congress," said LaFalce. "In a sense it's a copout, but in a sense it's also a realistic evaluation of their inability to do certain things."

According to the military base closing list, blue states, those that voted for John Kerry in the last presidential race, are scheduled to lose close to 25-thousand military jobs. Red states, those that went for George Bush, would gain 12-thousand jobs.

However, one of the bases on the list, Ellington Air Base in Houston, was where President Bush served in the National Guard, and is located in the district of embattled house majority leader Tom DeLay.

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Other lawmakers in Washington, including Senator Charles Schumer and Congresswoman Louise Slaughter also say they want to play a very active role in trying to save the base. Senator Schumer's office points to the good relationship the senator has with Principi. Principi was secretary of Veterans Affairs when the VA hospital in Canandaigua was slated to close. Senator Schumer met with him, and some say, in part, as a result, the hospital was saved.

In addition, Congresswoman Slaughter's office says the congressional representative expects to make mention of the efforts to save the Niagara Air Base on the House floor this week. Also, the Niagara Military Affairs Council is getting \$100,000 in additional state funding to help in their efforts to save the base.

## **Base closure commission to hold hearing next month**

WASHINGTON (AP) - The military base closure commission considering a plan to shut down the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station will hold a public hearing in Buffalo in late June, officials said Thursday.

Gov. George Pataki said the June 27 hearing will give the community a chance to convince members of the commission to spare the base, and said he would come to testify at the hearing. At least one member of the nine-person commission will attend.

Under a cost-cutting procedure known as BRAC, for Base Realignment and Closure, the Pentagon recommended last week that Niagara Falls be one of 33 major installations around the nation shuttered to modernize the military and save nearly \$50 billion.

New York's elected officials are seeking to convince members of the BRAC commission to reverse the decision on Niagara, citing its usefulness in supplying military branches overseas. "We fought successfully back in 1995 during the last BRAC round to save the Niagara Air Reserve Station from being closed, and we're going to fight hard to save it again," said Pataki.

The commission will submit its closure list to President Bush in September. It takes five out of nine votes to remove a base from the closure list, seven votes to add a base.

The Department of Defense estimates closing the base would mean the elimination of some 642 military and civilian jobs, and save the military some \$200 million over 20 years.

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# Crowd rallies to support Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station

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Buffalo, New York - An entire community has come together to show support for the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station that has been targeted for shutdown by the Pentagon. The decision to close the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station is still months away.

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y.(AP) - About 600 people rallied yesterday to support the Niagara Air Reserve Station now on the proposed Pentagon list for closure.

The base is home of the 914th Air Lift Wing and the 107th Air Refueling Wing. It has 642 civilian employees and hosts more than two thousand Reservists and has an annual payroll of about 50 million dollars.

The Base Realignment and Closure Commission will submit a final list to President Bush by September 8th.

John Cooper, owner of a sign company and vice chairman of the Niagara Military Affairs Council, told yesterday's crowd at Summit Park Mall that a commission member may visit as soon as next month.

Cooper told the Reservists, family members and elected officials not to underestimate the value of community support. The Niagara base was on the closing list in 1995, but removed after local politicians lobbied Pentagon officials.

Cooper said "We will have a rally the day before (the commissioner) comes. Everybody bring five other people. We need to line the route he or she will take to the base."

## Falls Air Reserve Station slated for closure

Jeffrey Blackwell  
Staff writer

(May 13, 2005) — The Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station is on the Pentagon's list for closure along with about 180 other military installations across the country.

The station is the home of the 914th Airlift Wing, housing 2,936 full- and part-time workers, most of them Reservists and National Guard members from the 107th Air Refueling Wing. Some of those workers are from the Rochester area.

Both units have been called to active duty several times in recent years, including for the war in Iraq.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld made the announcement at a press conference this morning.

The accounting center at Rome, Oneida County, also is slated for closure.

Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-Fairport, said she was disappointed with this morning's announcement. Slaughter represents Niagara County as well as parts of Monroe and Erie counties.

"The Air Base is a vital part of the Niagara community," she said. "While, this is clearly a discouraging development, we should all remember that it is not the final verdict. My colleagues and I will continue to do everything possible to make certain that the BRAC Commission understands the important strategic value of the Niagara Falls Airbase to the military, our homeland security and the war on terror."

Before closures can take effect, the Defense Department's proposal must be approved or changed by a federal base closing commission by Sept. 8, then agreed to by Congress and President Bush in a process that is expected to continue into the fall.

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***GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL \$100,000 IN  
FIGHT TO KEEP NIAGARA FALLS AIR RESERVE  
STATION OPEN***

**New Funding on Top of \$100,000 Already in State Budget  
to Protect the Base Also Asks BRAC Commission Chair to  
Hold Regional Hearing in Buffalo-Niagara Region**

Governor George E. Pataki, working together with Congressman Thomas M. Reynolds and New York's Congressional Delegation, State and local officials and local base supporters in the fight for the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, today announced that the State will provide an additional \$100,000 in Base Retention Funds to support local efforts to save this critical base from being closed as part of the 2005 base realignment process.

The Governor also announced he has sent a letter to Anthony J. Principi, Chairman of the Federal Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC), asking that a regional BRAC hearing be held in the Buffalo-Niagara region to allow local base supporters in Niagara Falls and Western New York every opportunity to voice their support for the Niagara Air Reserve Station.

(A copy of Governor Pataki's letter to BRAC Chairman Principi is attached.)

"We fought successfully back in 1995 during the last BRAC round to save the Niagara Air Reserve Station from being closed, and we're going fight hard to save it again," Governor Pataki said. "This process is far from over, and this additional support will be critical as we re-group with Base supporters and re-double our efforts to get Niagara Falls removed from the BRAC list in the coming months."

At the Governor's direction the State is allocating an additional \$100,000 to the Niagara Military Affairs Council, so the Council can continue its aggressive efforts to be a strong and forceful advocate on behalf of the base. The \$100,000 is on top of the \$100,000

already provided in the State Budget to support the Council's advocacy efforts, bringing the total level of State support for the Base to \$200,000.

"In addition to providing additional support for the Council, I have also written BRAC Chairman Anthony Principi to formally request that a regional BRAC hearing be held in the Buffalo Niagara region, so that local officials, community leaders and other base supporters have every opportunity to fully voice their support for the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station," Governor Pataki said. "We want members of the commission to understand and hear firsthand why this Base is so important to the military and to the community."

In addition to requesting a regional BRAC hearing in Buffalo, the Governor also asked BRAC Chairman Principi to personally visit the Niagara Falls base to receive a full understanding of how valuable the Base is to the military and to the community.

During the last BRAC round in 1995, the Governor and other supporters, including the Niagara Military Affairs Council, fought successfully to keep the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station open.

## Leaders say base closing list a mixed bag

Written by: By VANESSA RENÉE CASAVANT  
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New York had a mixed bag of luck last Friday the 13th when the U.S. Department of Defense released its first round of Base Realignment and Closure recommendations. While some anticipated closures of military installations were avoided, others came as a shock.

"I think on balance we can say that this is a bittersweet day," said U.S. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-New York, during a phone conference after the BRAC recommendations were released. "On the one hand there is good news, and on the other hand there is some very, very difficult news that we are going to have to confront."

Clinton said it was good that Ft. Drum, Watertown, Ft. Hamilton, Brooklyn, and the Watervliet Arsenal will stay open. She said they were all bases they feared would be slated for closure. However, she said the news was mixed regarding the Griffiss Air Force Base, Rome. Although they managed to save the majority of its research laboratory, she said the Defense Finance and Accounting Service center was recommended for closure. U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-New York, echoed Clinton's sentiments by saying, "the glass is three quarters full at Rome."

The Rome recommendations would result in the loss of 414 civilian jobs and 13 Military at the base. There are 20 DFAS centers in the country being slated for consolidation. They will be moved to three different DFAS Mega Centers in Columbus, Ohio; Indianapolis, Ind.; and Denver, Colo.

"First, we think consolidation doesn't make sense," Schumer said, "and if they're going to do some they should do it in Rome because Rome gets higher marks than a lot of the other places they are consolidating."

Roy Higgins, director of the Rome DFAS center, said the recommendation was one of "shock and surprise" for them. He said they have been told employees would be recouped for moving costs if they decide to relocate, but that many of them are locals with strong ties to the community. With the number of DFAS centers being consolidated, Schumer said he expects New York to have many allies in fighting the recommendation. This is something U.S. Rep. Sherwood L. Boehlert, R-Utica, verified. He said California's U.S. Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Alpine, is planning a hearing for all elected officials with DFAS centers being slated for closure or realignment.

"We have a structured and organized plan," Boehlert said, and the Western New York delegation is going to bring the same determination in fighting the closure they did in saving the lab during the 1995 BRAC decisions. Sen. Raymond Meier, R-C-Western, and Assemblyman David R. Townsend Jr., R,C,WF,I-Kirkland, said they will join forces with Boehlert, Schumer and Clinton in making their case for the preservation of the Rome installations. "We've won before and we've lost before," said Meier, "nevertheless, we're going to fight."

The hardest hit for the state, however, was the recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Joint Air Reserve Station. It will result in the loss of 642 full-time jobs, according to the DOD. Clinton said the number does not take into account that nearly 3,000 National Guard members and Reservists who fly and do mechanical work out of the 914th Airlift and 107th Air Refueling wings and generate nearly \$153 million a year for the community. She said the Niagara Falls recommendation is an "absolutely inexplicable decision." "The base closing law requires military value to be the decisive criterion in making base closing decisions," she said, "by any reasonable measure of military merit, Niagara should remain open."

Neil Nolf, public affairs officer for the station, said the recommendation came as a surprise and has affected morale at the base. "We have always answered the call of duty and have been 100 percent effective," he said. "We are very proud of our record and will stand on that."

The 914th Airlift Wing is active in Iraq and Afghanistan. Nolf said 16 of its members recently returned from Iraq, one of which just saw his daughter for the first time. He added that the 107th Air Refueling Wing was recently designated as a permanent member of the Northeast Tanker Task Force to support every aircraft going to Europe or Iraq. Nolf said the recommendation could have been made in part because of issues within the Air Force concerning aircraft their base specializes in, the C-130 Hercules and the KC-135 Stratotanker.

The C-130s are primarily used for air dropping troops and equipment into hostile areas. Under the DOD recommendations, they are to be reassigned to the Air Force base in Little Rock, Ark. Clinton said she knows first hand there are constraints on the Arkansas base and the plan to move Niagara's C-130s along with aircraft from seven other bases' does not make sense.

The 107th's KC-135s, which are mainly used for refueling missions, would be reassigned to the Air National Guard Base in Bangor, Maine. Clinton said she doesn't understand how a squadron like the 107th, who has played a pivotal role in the North East Tanker Task Force refueling mission, could be slated for closure. Schumer added that the Niagara Base is in a strategic location near four major bridges, the Canadian border and two major power plants.

Clinton said they're going to be gathering evidence and making the case against the decision. "We have a lot of reason to think why it is contrary to military merit," she said.

Another addition to the merit of Niagara Falls is that their recruitment rate is at 100 percent, Nolf said. He added that the National Guard and Reserves only work within a hundred-mile radius because they are made up of "hometown people who volunteer." He said that removing the Niagara Falls base from the circle would be detrimental to the recruiting rate in the area.

Clinton, Schumer and the area's state officials also commented on the importance of the base's recruiting success in light of the recent trouble in that area. They questioned the DOD's reasoning behind eliminating a base that is succeeding at one of the most important and suffering missions of the military. "It seems folly on the Pentagon's part to want to shut a base that is one, recruiting at 100 percent, and two, being utilized in Iraq and Afghanistan," said Assemblywoman Francine DelMonte, D-Niagara Falls.

Senators George D. Maziarz, R,C-North Tonawanda, and Byron Brown, D-Buffalo, agreed with DelMonte and vowed to work with the federal delegation to save the base. Maziarz said he met with Schumer and Clinton the day the recommendations were announced and that Gov. George E. Pataki has committed \$200,000 to helping them make their case in Washington.

Schumer and Clinton did have some good news that Anthony Principi, chairman of the BRAC Commission, accepted their invitation to visit New York. "We're going to be making our case directly to chairman Principi," Clinton said, adding that he will see first hand the Military merit of Niagara Falls and Rome.

Overall, Pataki said the DOD BRAC recommendations were not as good as they had hoped for but better than it could have been. Clinton and Schumer said New York has to remain steadfast and vigilant as the second round of BRAC is now in full swing, warning that unexpected recommendations can still be added to the list.

## **Air base on closure list**

Saturday, May 14, 2005

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## **Making a case: BRAC to hold air base hearing in June**

Supporters of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station will have the opportunity to speak out next month against closing the facility.

New York Gov. George Pataki announced Thursday the Federal Base Realignment and Closure Commission, or BRAC, will hold a regional public hearing in Buffalo on that date. The governor, himself, said he plans to be one of the speakers at the session scheduled for June 27.

"I asked BRAC Commission Chairman Anthony Principi to schedule a regional hearing in the Buffalo/Niagara region because I believed it was important that local officials, community leaders and other base supporters -- those most impacted by the Pentagon's recommendations -- have every opportunity to voice their support for the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station. By holding a regional hearing in Buffalo, the BRAC Commission members will have a more full understanding and a better appreciation of the tremendous value that the base has to the U.S. military and to the Western New York region," he said.

The Niagara Falls base, home to the Air Force Reserve's 914th Airlift Wing and the New York Air National Guard's 107th Air Refueling Wing, was listed among those to be closed by the Defense Department May 13. The operation employs some 3,400 full- and part-time workers and has an annual estimated economic impact of \$150 million.

"We have the right arguments and now we have the right venue to make the strongest case possible for the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station," Pataki said.

The base was also targeted for closing in 1995 but a campaign by the local, state and federal representatives was able to reverse the preliminary decision.



## **BRAC listed**

By Jill Terrerri

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"As a city we're going to rally around the effort to change the course of this action," said Falls Mayor Vince Anello. "We're going to work with everyone who's working to take the base off the list."

Over at the base, Col. James Roberts, commander of the 914th Airlift Wing, was staying upbeat.

"I never take the attitude that I'm a victim," Roberts said. "I don't think Niagara was targeted, when you see the larger picture of what the BRAC is trying to do."

The BRAC process isn't supposed to leave room for politics.

However, Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-Fairport, who represents Niagara Falls, vowed to fight the list in Congress, if possible.

"If it can be changed, we'll change it," she said. "To have this base close on an international border strikes me as the height of folly.... we have just begun this fight."

Friday's announcement is part of a base closing process that was authorized by Congress in 2002 and is expected to save American taxpayers \$48.8 billion over the next 20 years.

The news comes at a time when a crew from Niagara is getting ready to go to the Middle East this summer and \$14 million in construction is planned at the base,

including a new Military Entrance Processing Site, where new recruits are processed, and new housing for military personnel visiting the base. Since the last BRAC round in 1995, the base has had \$35 million in new construction.

According to the Defense Department, the justification for closing the base is that the C-130 force of the 914th can be moved out of Niagara Falls to Little Rock, Ark., a base the Pentagon says has higher military value. That action also moves the C-130 force into active duty from reserve status. The department says the active/reserve "manning mix" for C-130s is currently not balanced.

"It's in tornado alley," said former Little Rock resident Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton. "Why would you put all your C-130s in tornado alley?"

The closure would also allow KC-135Rs of the 107th Air Refueling Wing to move to Bangor, Maine, replacing older aircraft there.

For the Pentagon, the cost to close the base is \$62.5 million, but the net savings during the closure period is expected to be \$5.3 million. Over 20 years, the net savings is projected at \$199.4 million. However, moving C-130s to Little Rock will cost an additional \$20 million, according to the Niagara Military Affairs Council.

For the Western New York economy, the cost could be much higher.

After Delphi Thermal, the base is the second-largest employer in Niagara County, with an annual payroll of \$50 million and an annual estimated economic impact of \$150 million.

If the base doesn't attract some other economic engine, the Pentagon projects 1,072 jobs, 642 directly and 430 indirectly, are expected to be lost.

According to base spokesman Neil Nolf, however, the base employs 800 full-time workers and 3,000 reservists visit the base each month, some of which overlap with the full-time staff.

For the reservists, they would make a choice whether to stay with the military and report to a different base, which could be hundreds of miles away, or retire.

The strong recruiting record in Niagara is one of its selling points, said Sen. Charles Schumer.

"You need local bases," he said. "It makes no sense."

"This is another kick in the face," said Town of Niagara Supervisor Steve Richards of the recommendation. The town is home to small businesses that rely on base personnel for support. "The local economy is going to be devastated."

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It looks as if the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) storm clouds have receded from my base. Others weren't so lucky. A number of Guard and Reserve bases in NY are being closed. I figured we'd lose a few, including at least one Air Guard unit since NY has five flying units (more than any other state). I was kind of surprised it was Niagara Falls though. They had a Guard wing (refueling) and a Reserve wing (airlift) there. Both are leaving. I hope that the folks who want to stay in can find other units in which to continue their military careers. The process still has to go through the BRAC Committee, Congress, and the President, but previous BRAC rounds have shown that the DoD's list is usually how things wind up in the end.

If you're interested, you can read more about the BRAC process at the [Defenseling BRAC website](#).

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## **NY Congressional Delegation Outlines Efforts to Keep Niagara Falls Air Base Open**

Following the Department of Defense's announcement this morning that the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station (NFARS) is to be included on the list of possible military base closures, U.S. Representatives Thomas M. Reynolds, R-Clarence, Louise Slaughter, D-Fairport, and Brian Higgins, D-South Buffalo, met at the Niagara Falls Airport to discuss efforts to reverse the military's decision.

NFARS is currently home to the 914th Airlift Wing (Air Force Reserve) and the 107th Air Refueling Wing (New York Air National Guard).

"I believe that this recommendation is wrong - it's wrong for our national security, it's wrong for the Air Force, and it's certainly wrong for our community," Reynolds said. "These highly-decorated units have served their country well, and I am prepared to use every available resource to fight to keep this facility open."

"We are all deeply disappointed with the military's decision. The Air Base is a vital part of the Niagara community," Slaughter said. "While, this is clearly a discouraging development, we should all remember that it is not the final verdict. My colleagues and I will continue to do everything possible to make certain that the BRAC Commission understands the important strategic value of the Niagara Falls Airbase to the military, our homeland security, and the war on terror."

"Today's announcement has been disheartening for all of us in Western New York, but our fight is not yet over," Higgins said. "The Department of Defense has made an unfortunate mistake, and we will persist until the very end in our effort to get that mistake corrected."

"This is not welcome news to Western New York, but it's also not the end of the story," said U.S. Representative Randy Kuhl, R-Hammondsport, who was unable to attend the meeting. "As a delegation we will work to ensure that the BRAC knows of the critical role this Air Base plays due to its critical mission in support of our nation's defense and our local economy."

The military's Base Realignment and Closure plan, or BRAC, was made public this morning. However, the list must still be reviewed by President Bush, the President's BRAC Commission, and the Government Accountability Office (GAO), before a final decision on closures will be made.

Delegation Members stressed that NFARS could still be removed from the list.

"Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station has been and should remain an integral part of our Western New York community," Reynolds said. "This fight is not over; it has just begun."

## **Senator Clinton Vows to Fight DOD Recommendation to Close Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station**

*Reiterates Commitment to working with federal, state and local leaders to make the case for the facility*

**Washington, DC** -- Today, Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton vowed to fight the U.S. Department of Defense recommendation that the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, which includes the 107th Air Refueling Wing and the 914th Airlift Wing, be closed under the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission. The Senator reiterated her commitment to working with federal, state and local leaders to help make the case for the facility to stay open. She also announced that the Chairman of the BRAC commission, Anthony Principi, agreed to visit New York and the Senator will work to facilitate the Chairman's visit to Niagara as soon as possible.

"I am deeply disappointed the Department of Defense would propose the closing of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station and moving the 107th Air Refueling Wing and the 914th Airlift Wing. These units play a critical role in our national and homeland security and are also a significant force in the regional economy," Senator Clinton said.

"The Base closing law requires military value to be the decisive criteria in making base closing decisions. By any reasonable measure of military criteria, Niagara should remain open. In November 2003, I had the opportunity to fly from Baghdad to Kuwait with members of the 914th Airlift wing wearing night vision goggles and I can attest to their skill and bravery."

"I have always said that if based on the merits, we would have a very strong case to make for Niagara and all of New York's bases, because of their economic impact, their strategic advantage and the overwhelming community support that they enjoy. That is why I so strongly disagree with the Department of Defense's assessment and remain committed to working with federal, state and local leaders to help fight to ensure this unit gets a fair review of their situation with a hopeful outcome of remaining open."

"Earlier this week, the BRAC commission chairman, Anthony Principi, committed to me that he would visit bases subject to closure in New York. I look forward to showing Chairman Principi that the Department of Defense has made the wrong recommendation when it comes to the Niagara Falls Joint Air Reserve Station."

The Pentagon proposes moving the Air Force Reserves' 914th Airlift Wing (AW) C-130 Hercules aircraft to the 314th Airlift Wing at Little Rock Air Force Base in Arkansas. The KC-135 air refueling tankers operated by New York Air National Guard's 107th Air Refueling Wing would be reassigned to the 101st ARW at Bangor Air National Guard Base in Maine.

The 914th Airlift Wing (AW) is the lead Air Reserve airlift wing whose night vision goggle capability led to a number of special ops missions in Iraq. They operate the most

modern C-130 aircraft in the Air Reserve and were the first Reserve unit sent back to Iraq for a second time. During the early stages of the war, they were the first Air Force unit operationally based 24-7 inside Iraq.

The 107th Air Refueling Wing (ARW) at Niagara was recently designated as a permanent member of the Northeast Tanker Task Force (TTF) in addition to the sites in Bangor, ME and Pease, NH. The Task Force supports every aircraft going to Europe and Southwest Asia (Iraq).

Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station employs 821 full time and 2,581 guardsmen and has an economic impact of \$153 million on the community annually.

## STATEMENT FROM GOVERNOR GEORGE E. PATAKI

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"Today the Pentagon released to the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission its list of military facilities that it is recommending for realignment or closure as part of the 2005 BRAC process. The list demonstrates that our steadfast commitment and years of investment to protect New York's bases have made a difference. However, there is much more work to be done.

"Despite our tireless efforts in partnership with New York's Congressional delegation, local officials and base supporters, we're extremely disappointed that the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station is on the Pentagon's list of recommended closures. But it is important to remember that this process is far from over, and the recommendations are not final and are subject to change.

"During the last BRAC round in 1995, we fought successfully to save the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station from closure. We fought hard in 1995, and we will fight hard again to save the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station and keep this critical military and community asset open.

"While we are pleased that Rome Labs was not on the Pentagon's list of recommendations for closure, it's clear that even after investing tens of millions of dollars to upgrade the facility, the Pentagon still does not fully recognize its tremendous value and the critical role it plays in protecting our nation. We will fight for every job at Rome Labs, every job at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service and for every job in the Mohawk Valley. They are too important to the military and to the people of the Mohawk Valley.

"We're pleased that Hancock Airfield in Syracuse was not on the Pentagon's list for closure. On the heels of landing a new Predator Squadron, this is more positive news for the Airfield and for the people of Central New York.

"I am also pleased that Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn was not on the list of closures, and that we were successful in communicating how vital the base is, not just to the military, but to our homeland security strategy in New York City.

Fort Drum, the Watervliet Arsenal in Watervliet, the Northeast Air Defense Sector (NEADS) in Rome, Gabreski Field Air National Guard Base in Westhampton, Stewart Air National Guard Base in Newburgh and New York Stratton Air National Guard Base in Scotia are also not being recommended for closure, and that is tremendous news for all of the communities where these bases are located.

"We have spared no effort or expense in making the case for New York's military facilities. In 2002, we formed a State Task Force on Military Bases to get out in front of the BRAC process so that we would be prepared and ready to make the strongest case possible for all of our bases when this review process got underway.

"As part of our Task Force's efforts, we worked to identify and address any perceived vulnerabilities at each of our Bases. We have supported local base support groups around the State and worked closely with them and with New York's Congressional delegation to make sure Pentagon, BRAC and Administration officials understood the vital importance of all our military facilities. We also hired consultants who were experts on the BRAC process to help us plan execute the most effective strategy for protecting New York's military facilities.

"I also have personally met with top Pentagon officials and BRAC Commission Chairman Anthony Principi in Washington D.C. to make our case directly on behalf of all our bases.

"In addition, New York's Congressional delegation has been there for New York in every way possible. I want to thank them for their bipartisan efforts.

"Our efforts have made a difference, but there is still much more work to be done in the months ahead. We will do everything in our power to get the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station off the BRAC list and will do everything we can to ensure the protection of all of New York's military assets."

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## **Fly Bye? Falls air base makes BRAC closure list**

BY Jill Terreri

Saturday, May 14, 2005

Niagara Falls received the news Friday□it had been dreading for years.

In a sweeping list of 150 bases across 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico, the Pentagon recommended that the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station be closed during this year's Base Realignment and Closure process.

The story wasn't expected to end Friday, however.

Word that the 58-year-old base was on the Pentagon's hit list led to a militant response among local leaders here, where the economy is weak and jobs are scarce. Elected leaders and base supporters vowed to remove the Falls base from the list, as was done in 1995, when similar news led to a successful lobbying effort to save the base.

"We're mad as hell and we're going to fight," said Rep. Thomas Reynolds, R-Clarence, whose district includes part of the base. "Today's recommendation ... is to put it bluntly, wrong. Worse, I believe the Pentagon's motivations are not based on strategy or vision, but on moving equipment to active duty stations. That in my view, is a misuse of the BRAC process."

Reynolds spoke during a news conference Friday afternoon that was hosted by the Niagara Military Affairs Council, which has worked for 10 years to enhance the base through building projects with the ultimate goal of keeping it off the list.

"As a city we're going to rally around the effort to change the course of this action," said Falls Mayor Vince Anello. "We're going to work with everyone who's working to take the base off the list."

Over at the base, Col. James Roberts, commander of the 914th Airlift Wing, was staying upbeat.

"I never take the attitude that I'm a victim," Roberts said. "I don't think Niagara was targeted, when you see the larger picture of what the BRAC is trying to do."

The BRAC process isn't supposed to leave room for politics.

However, Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-Fairport, who represents Niagara Falls, vowed to fight the list in Congress, if possible.

"If it can be changed, we'll change it," she said. "To have this base close on an international border strikes me as the height of folly.... we have just begun this fight."

Friday's announcement is part of a base closing process that was authorized by Congress in 2002 and is expected to save American taxpayers \$48.8 billion over the next 20 years.

The news comes at a time when a crew from Niagara is getting ready to go to the Middle East this summer and \$14 million in construction is planned at the base,

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including a new Military Entrance Processing Site, where new recruits are processed, and new housing for military personnel visiting the base. Since the last BRAC round in 1995, the base has had \$35 million in new construction.

According to the Defense Department, the justification for closing the base is that the C-130 force of the 914th can be moved out of Niagara Falls to Little Rock, Ark., a base the Pentagon says has higher military value. That action also moves the C-130 force into active duty from reserve status. The department says the active/reserve "manning mix" for C-130s is currently not balanced.

"It's in tornado alley," said former Little Rock resident Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton. "Why would you put all your C-130s in tornado alley?"

The closure would also allow KC-135Rs of the 107th Air Refueling Wing to move to Bangor, Maine, replacing older aircraft there.

For the Pentagon, the cost to close the base is \$62.5 million, but the net savings during the closure period is expected to be \$5.3 million. Over 20 years, the net savings is projected at \$199.4 million. However, moving C-130s to Little Rock will cost an additional \$20 million, according to the Niagara Military Affairs Council.

For the Western New York economy, the cost could be much higher.

After Delphi Thermal, the base is the second-largest employer in Niagara County, with an annual payroll of \$50 million and an annual estimated economic impact of \$150 million.

If the base doesn't attract some other economic engine, the Pentagon projects 1,072 jobs, 642 directly and 430 indirectly, are expected to be lost.

According to base spokesman Neil Nolf, however, the base employs 800 full-time workers and 3,000 reservists visit the base each month, some of which overlap with the full-time staff.

For the reservists, they would make a choice whether to stay with the military and report to a different base, which could be hundreds of miles away, or retire.

The strong recruiting record in Niagara is one of its selling points, said Sen. Charles Schumer.

"You need local bases," he said. "It makes no sense."

"This is another kick in the face," said Town of Niagara Supervisor Steve Richards of the recommendation. The town is home to small businesses that rely on base personnel for support. "The local economy is going to be devastated."

## **WNY CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION OUTLINES EFFORTS TO KEEP NIAGARA FALLS AIR BASE OPEN**

*Kuhl joins delegation in expressing disappointment over BRAC recommendations*

**WASHINGTON, D.C., May 13** - Following the Department of Defense's announcement this morning that the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station (NFARS) is to be included on the list of military base closures, U.S. Representatives Thomas M. Reynolds, R-Clarence, Louise Slaughter, D-Fairport, Brian Higgins, D-South Buffalo, and Randy Kuhl, R-Hammondsport, discussed efforts to reverse the military's decision.

NFARS is currently home to the 914th Airlift Wing (Air Force Reserve) and the 107th Air Refueling Wing (New York Air National Guard).

"I believe that this recommendation is wrong - it's wrong for our national security, it's wrong for the Air Force, and it's certainly wrong for our community," Reynolds said. "These highly-decorated units have served their country well, and I am prepared use every available resource to fight to keep this facility open."

"We are all deeply disappointed with the military's decision. The Air Base is a vital part of the Niagara community," Slaughter said. "While, this is clearly a discouraging development, we should all remember that it is not the final verdict. My colleagues and I will continue to do everything possible to make certain that the BRAC Commission understands the important strategic value of the Niagara Falls Airbase to the military, our homeland security and the war on terror."

"Today's announcement has been disheartening for all of us in Western New York, but our fight is not yet over," Higgins said. "The Department of Defense has made an unfortunate mistake, and we will persist until the very end in our effort to get that mistake corrected."

"This is not welcome news to Western New York, but it's also not the end of the story," Kuhl said. "As a delegation we will work to ensure that the BRAC knows of the critical role this Air Base plays due to its critical mission in support of our nation's defense and our local economy. I was also disappointed to learn of the Horseheads Navy Reserve Center's potential closure and will ask for a greater justification on why the Pentagon has recommended closing it."

The military's Base Realignment and Closure plan, or BRAC, was made public this morning. However, the list must still be reviewed by President Bush, the President's BRAC Commission, and the Government Accountability Office (GAO), before a final decision on closures will be made.

Delegation Members stressed that NFARS could still be removed from the list.

"Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station has been and should remain an integral part of our Western New York community," Reynolds said. "This fight is not over; it has just begun."

**New York's BRAC recommendations are "bittersweet"**

U.S. Senators Charles Schumer and Hillary Clinton yesterday vowed to fight the recommended closure of the Niagara Falls International Airport Air Guard Station as recommended by the Defense Department in the Base Realignment and Closure process.

Clinton called the closure of Niagara Falls and other bases upstate coupled with the retention of other bases as "a bittersweet" situation for New York. Schumer called the Niagara Falls recommendation, "unwise, unfair and unfounded."

Governor George Pataki said he is "extremely disappointed" about Niagara Falls being placed on the Pentagon's recommended closure list. "During the last BRAC round in 1995, we fought successfully to save the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station from closure," he said. "We fought hard in 1995, and we will fight hard again to save the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station and keep this critical military and community asset open."

The only facility to see an increase in personnel and mission was the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. That facility will see an additional 226 military positions and 38 new civilian jobs. West Point's increase will be due to the relocation of the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School from Fort Monmouth, NJ to West Point.

The purpose of the USMAPS is to prepare candidates for admission into West Point. The school provides cadet candidates with the academic, leadership and physical skills that will enable them to be successful at the U.S. Military Academy.

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## ***Waging a war of nerves***

### **As Pentagon decides which U.S. bases should close, stakes are high for Niagara as it seeks to prove its military worth**

By Jerry Zremski and Bill Michelmore

WASHINGTON - The fate of Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station sits locked away in the Pentagon, as Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and his aides decide which of the nation's 425 military bases should be closed.



Rumsfeld is scheduled to recommend shutting about 85 of those bases to a nonpartisan commission on or before May 16, and until then, everything is secret.

But that has not stopped congressional aides and military experts from making educated guesses. They speculate that the Niagara base is in competition with two others, in Pittsburgh and in Youngstown, Ohio. Those bases have Air Reserve units that perform the same mission and fly the same planes as the 914th Airlift Wing in Niagara Falls.

That competition makes for nerve-racking times in Niagara Falls, which gets a huge economic boost from the base's 169 full-time jobs and the visits of 2,037 Reservists and Guard members.

"Keeping the base open is the top economic priority in this area," said John Cooper, a third-generation owner of a sign company and vice chairman of the Niagara Military Affairs Council, which is fighting for the base's survival.

Since New York has five part-time air bases, Washington sources said, they expect the state to lose at least one facility.

But that doesn't mean Niagara is fighting for survival against Hancock Field in Syracuse or air bases in Rome, Schenectady, the Hudson Valley or Long Island.

It's in a competition to prove its worth. The commission's top criterion will be each base's military capabilities and impact on the nation's war-fighting ability.

### **Record of performance**

The Niagara base has a lot going for it, said Rep. Louise M. Slaughter, D-Fairport. Its units have been called to active duty several times in recent years and have aided in the

war in Iraq. They are noted for being well-trained. And the Niagara Falls community has rallied around the base in an effort to prove its value to the Pentagon.

The Air Force also does not appear to be overloaded with units that handle the kind of transport duties performed by the 914th.

"I think they're not likely to mess much with airlift," said James Starr, a retired lieutenant colonel and Air Force director for the Reserve Officers Association. "They need everything they can get."

But military experts said the base has one strike against it: The Pentagon is looking for \$7 billion in savings at a time when the Army is growing, meaning that it could propose massive Air Reserve and Guard cutbacks.

"Any community with a Guard or Reserve base should be concerned," said John Pike, director of GlobalSecurity.org, a national security think tank.

Since the Base Realignment and Closure Commission will study the mission of each base, experts said it makes the most sense for them to study Niagara in comparison with similar bases in Pittsburgh and Youngstown.

Niagara Falls appears to have one advantage: It's the only base in the state with an airlift wing, and it can draw reservists from several highly populated upstate metro areas spread across several hundred miles.

In contrast, Pittsburgh and Youngstown are only 67 miles apart and there's another National Guard base flying cargo planes in Mansfield, Ohio, 110 miles west of Youngstown.

This could mean that eliminating the Niagara Falls base would hurt recruiting more than eliminating one of the bases strung so close together to the south.

"I haven't heard so much talk about Niagara Falls," said Sally Haas, president of the Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce, which is leading an effort to save that base. "Youngstown? I've heard that."

One other factor separates Niagara Falls from the bases in Pittsburgh and Youngstown: It has a National Guard unit, the 107th Air Refueling Wing.

It's unclear how, or if, this will affect the base-closure process.

### **Not a waste of money**

"We are concerned about Niagara Falls," New York Gov. George E. Pataki said Thursday while in Washington.

If the base-closure commission were to recommend closing the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, it is unclear what would happen to the Guard unit based there, Pataki said, given that the Guard unit is a tenant.

Then again, the base-closure commission could recommend shutting down the Niagara Falls Guard unit, too. While previous commissions have generally looked at Guard units as state operations that are not to be touched, that is not expected to be the case this time.

"They are determined to eliminate waste," said Loren B. Thompson, a national security expert at the Lexington Institute think tank.

And New York lawmakers are just as determined to prove that the state's bases are not wasteful.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., who serves on the Senate Armed Services Committee, has met with Rumsfeld's top aide on the base-closure issue, along with Gen. John P. Jumper, the Air Force chief of staff.

Rep. John McHugh of Watertown, a Republican on the House Armed Services Committee, has led the fight to save Fort Drum, the state's largest military facility, which most experts expect will survive the cutbacks.

And Pataki hired Akin Gump, the powerhouse lobbying firm that uses former Rep. Bill Paxon, R-Amherst, as the state's lobbyist on the issue.

"It's going to end up costing us in the millions, but it's worth it," Pataki said, noting that the state is still recovering from the loss of air bases in the North Country and the Rome area a decade ago. "You have to make the case."

Other states are making the case, too. Florida, for example, is paying \$50,000 a month for its lobbyists, including former House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, and former Defense Secretary William S. Cohen.

And many communities across the country have developed grass-roots efforts like the one in Niagara Falls, which coalesced into a 500-strong organization of local businesspeople, community leaders and elected representatives.

## **Community responds**

Military officials are not allowed to discuss the commission. "Our focus is on the mission," said Col. James B. Roberts, commander of the 914th. "And the job is too important to be distracted."

So members of the Niagara Military Affairs Council are speaking out in defense of the base. They tout a recent deal with the state Power Authority that cut power rates at the base by 24 percent, plus the base's location near the Canadian border.

Community leaders hope that this is enough to keep the 58-year-old base up and running, but the issue is shrouded in uncertainty.

"It's Washington," said Merrell Lane, chairman of the council. "Anything could happen."

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## Niagara Falls Base Could Close, Units To Be Realigned

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Washington, DC (WBEN/CBS/AP) - The Pentagon on Friday released the names of about 180 U.S. military installations, including 33 major bases, it wants to shut down, triggering the first round of base closures in a decade and an intense struggle by communities to save their facilities, including Niagara Falls, New York.

The Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station is home to the 914th Airlift Wing, from which C-130 supply planes are assigned, and the 101st Air Refueling Wing, which helps re-fuel military aircraft in flight. The 914th headquarters would be moved to Langley Air Force Base in Virginia; its Expeditionary Combat Support group would be realigned with a Space Group out of Colorado; and the Civil Engineering Squadron would move to Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. The 101st would be assigned to an Air Guard station in Bangor, Maine.

Democratic Congresswoman Louise Slaughter, whose district includes the base, calls the news "devastating". She tells **NewsRadio 930 WBEN** the airbase "is important to all of us here in Western New York, and certainly a large part of the economy in Niagara County.

The base employs about 3,000 full and part-time workers in various capacities, and its economic impact on the Falls region is estimated at \$150-million.

In a statement sent to the **WBEN Newsroom** Republican Congressman Tom Reynolds, called the decision "wrong". He says the base should remain and that "this fight is not over; it has just begun."

And Buffalo Democratic Congressman Brian Higgins called the decision "an unfortunate mistake" and vowed to work with the WNY delegation to make sure the committee "knows of the critical role this Air Base plays due to its critical mission in support of our nation's defense and our local economy."

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld is also recommending a list of scores of other domestic bases from which thousands of troops would be withdrawn, or in some cases added from other installations in the United States or overseas. He has said the move would save \$48.8 billion over 20 years while making the military more mobile and better suited for the global effort against terrorism.

Rumsfeld's plan calls for a massive shift of U.S. forces that would result in a net loss of 29,005 military and civilian jobs at domestic installations. Overall, he proposes pulling 218,570 military and civilian positions out of some U.S. bases while adding 189,565 positions to others, according to documents obtained by The AP.

The closures and downsizings would occur over six years starting in 2006.

"Our current arrangements, designed for the Cold War, must give way to the new demands of the war against extremism and other evolving 21st Century challenges," Rumsfeld said in a written statement.

Among the major closures were Cannon Air Force Base in New Mexico, which would lose more than 2,700 jobs, the Naval Station in Ingleside, Texas, costing more than 2,100 jobs, and Fort McPherson in Georgia, costing nearly 4,200 jobs.

Other major bases — including the Army's Fort Bliss in Texas, the Naval Shipyard in Norfolk, Va., and Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland — would see gains, as they absorb troops whose current home bases are slated for closure.

Before closures or downsizings can take effect, the Defense Department's proposal must be approved or changed by a federal base closing commission by Sept. 8, and then agreed to by Congress and President Bush, in a process that will run into the fall.

*For the BRAC 2005 Closure and Realignment Impacts by State PDF file, please click on the link below.*

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## There May be Some Hope to Save the Niagara Falls Air Base

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**There May be Some  
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**(Niagara Falls, NY, May 28, 2005)** - - There may be some hope for those battling to save the Niagara Falls Air Base. Recently allotted federal funds could help keep it open. **News 4's Ellen Maxwell** Explains.

NIMAC Chairman Merrell Lane: "Any new improvements is a big plus."

Congressman Tom Reynolds announced the House of Representatives approved spending 9.2 million dollars to rebuild the visiting airmen's quarters at the Niagara Falls Airbase. Money he believes will help get the base off the Brac Closure list. Rep. Tom Reynolds: "We've been told all along that the type of investment that is put into the base is helpful as it competes."

Merrell Lane: "The Brac process is a separate process from the budget, but it at least will show that Western New York does have the support here. In congress."

Reynolds spent some time with President Bush on Airforce One when the president came to Rochester this week. He says they had a conversation about the Niagara Falls Airbase. Rep. Tom Reynolds: "I sensed from that conversation that he was going to let the Brac Commission do their job, and he was not going to be intervening."

NIMAC is still looking for strong public support to get off the list, as members of congress research the numbers used to decide which bases will close. Merrell Lane: "We're asking everyone in WNY to send letters in support of the base. We're collecting them at our NIMAC office."

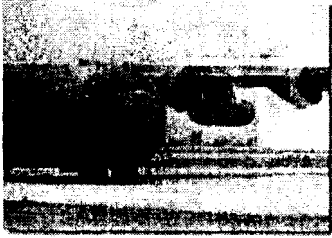
Rep. Tom Reynolds: "We've got a long way to go, but in the early research I think we've got one heck of a case to fight to save this base."

Reynolds says if Niagara doesn't make it off the brac list, the funding could still be shifted elsewhere. Rep. Tom Reynolds: "It is set up for next year's funding. History will have the outcome in September or October as to what the brac decision will be."

The Brac Commission will hold a hearing for all of the Northeast Bases at Kleinhans in Buffalo on June 27th.

For more information about how you can help the base visit our website at [wivb.com](http://wivb.com).

## Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station on the list for closure



May 13, 2005 - WASHINGTON (AP) - The Pentagon wants to close the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station and the accounting work at Rome, sources said, while West Point would see an additional 250 employees under a major base realignment package to be unveiled later Friday.

Military labs in Rome would lose about 130 jobs besides the 290 scheduled to leave when the Defense Finance and Accounting Service work is relocated.

The sources spoke on condition of anonymity because the list of proposed base closures and changes has not yet been released publicly. The Pentagon was to formally release the list at 10:30 a.m.

A military honor guard delivered word of the recommendations to congressional offices ahead of the official announcement, but the list is not the final word on which bases will be shuttered in the Pentagon's \$48 billion cost-cutting program known as BRAC, for Base Realignment and Closure.

The Pentagon's recommendations now go to the Base Realignment and Closure commission, which will hold public hearings before presenting its recommendations to President Bush by Sept. 8. Congress ultimately must approve the final list.

New York lost two bases a decade ago during the last round of closures shuttering Plattsburgh Air Force Base and Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome.

Rep. Louise Slaughter released this statement:

"We are all deeply disappointed with the military's decision. The Air Base is a vital part of the Niagara community. While, this is clearly a discouraging development, we should all remember that it is not the final verdict. My colleagues and I will continue to do everything possible to make certain that the BRAC Commission understands the important strategic value of the Niagara Falls Airbase to the military, our homeland security and the war on terror."

## Niagara Base on Closure List

(05.13.05- AP) — The Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station would be shuttered and hundreds of jobs in Rome lost under a base closing plan offered Friday by the Pentagon that New York lawmakers insisted would not be the final word.

Military planners also proposed adding a preparatory school to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and making a number of smaller personnel shifts among military facilities around the state under a process known as BRAC, for Base Realignment and Closure.

The academy move would add 263 military and civilian jobs, but the state on the whole would lose 1,071 jobs, according to the Department of Defense. The decisions would have a ripple effect on secondary businesses dependent on base personnel for customers.

Closing Niagara would save the Pentagon some \$200 million over 20 years, with additional unspecified savings from the Rome downsizing, Pentagon officials said. Dispirited residents in the affected areas said they will pay a high price if it is closed.

"As a community I think it's devastating, not just because of the jobs, but because you lose people, people who are baseball coaches, people who go to plays," said Rob Angelicola, 43, who sells office furniture to Rome Labs. "Any job is so important. We kind of think of it just as numbers. We talk about 200, 400. But every one of those is a person with a family and bills to pay."

At the Niagara base, people discussed the prospect of life without the base in the hushed tones of a funeral.

Jimmy Richner, owner of Jetport Family Restaurant, said the base accounts for a big share of his business in a region that has seen its industrial sector fade. "Everybody's just barely keeping their head above water," Richner said. "All of our plants are gone. They left us with empty buildings and brownfields and nothing but trouble."

The Pentagon's BRAC recommendations now head to a nine-member commission, which will have until September to make changes to the list.

New York's elected officials vowed to make every effort to get Niagara taken off the list, and convince commission members it is wrong-headed to ship 137 high-tech jobs out of Rome in addition to 290 accounting and finance positions also located there.

Rep. Sherwood Boehlert, a Republican whose district includes Rome, called the announcement "a mixed bag" for his community, since many had expected the entire facility to be closed.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., said that for the state as a whole, the list was in some ways "a positive development" because other bases like Fort Drum in northern New York and Watervliet Arsenal had not been slated for job cuts. She said many in the state had feared even greater cuts from this round of base closings. "This is a bittersweet day," Clinton said. "On the one hand this is good news, on the other hand there is some very, very difficult news we're going to have to confront."

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., warned that more bureaucratic battles lay ahead as each state lobbied the commission to ease the cuts suggested for their bases.

New York lost two major bases in the last BRAC cuts 10 years ago, when Griffiss Air Force Base and Plattsburgh Air Force Base were closed. Plattsburgh had not been on the initial list in that round, but was added later.

Gov. George Pataki, a Republican, promised to "fight for every job at Rome Labs, every job at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service and for every job in the Mohawk Valley."

The Pentagon also proposed shifting some 149 jobs from Fort Totten in Queens to New Jersey's Fort Dix, moving the Watervliet Arsenal into fewer buildings, and closing a number of small recruiting or reserve centers scattered through Buffalo, Glens Falls, Watertown, and Horseheads.

The BRAC commission will hold public hearings before presenting its updated version of the list to

President Bush by Sept. 8. Congress ultimately must approve the final list, expected to save the Pentagon nearly \$50 billion.

The Niagara air base is the county's second-largest employer, with a \$50 million payroll. Authorities estimate it generates \$150 million every year for the area. "We're mad as hell and we're going to fight," said Rep. Thomas Reynolds, R-Clarence, whose district includes the base.

Local officials estimated higher potential job losses than the Department of Defense, saying Niagara, home of the 914th Airlift Wing, employs some 2,938 full- and part-time workers, most of them Reservists and National Guard members from the 107th Air Refueling Wing. The Defense Department, lawmakers said, did not include most of those reservists and guard members in its job loss figures.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

## Colonel James B. Roberts Jr.

Colonel Roberts is the commander of the 914 th Airlift Wing as well as the installation commander for the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station. He entered the United States Air Force in 1974 earning his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina . A command pilot with more than 7,500 flying hours, Colonel Roberts has flown in nearly every major contingency in two decades, to include combat missions in the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan , and Iraq .



The son of an Air Force family, Colonel Roberts was born in Springfield , Massachusetts , and traveled extensively while growing up. He married his high school sweetheart, Dixie , and they have three grown children.

### EDUCATION :

- 1970 – St Andrews High School, Charleston, South Carolina
- 1974 – Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering, The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina
- 1979 – Squadron Officer School, Residence/Correspondence
- 1991 – Master of Arts Degree in Education, The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina
- 1993 – Air Command and Staff College
- 1995 – Air War College
- 1997 – AMC Senior Officer's Tacticians Course
- 2003 – DIR Mobility Forces Course

### ASSIGNMENTS :

- February 1975 – January 1976, student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Craig AFB, AL
- January 1976 – June 1978, T-38 instructor pilot, Craig AFB, AL
- June 1978 – January 1981, T-39 Flight Examiner, Chief of Standardization, 1402d Military Airlift Squadron, Shaw AFB, S.C.
- April 1981 – December 1986, C-141 pilot, 707 th Military Airlift Squadron (Assoc), Charleston AFB, S.C.
- December 1986 – November 1988, C-141 Lead Airdrop Flight Examiner, (ART) 707th Military Airlift Squadron, Charleston AFB, S.C.
- November 1988 – September 1992, Chief of Safety, 315 th Airlift Wing, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
- September 1992 – June 1995, Aircraft Operations Officer, 707 th Airlift Squadron, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
- June 1995 – March 1997, Aircraft Operations Officer, 317 th Airlift Squadron, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
- March 1997 – March 1998, Deputy Commander, 315 th Operations Group, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
- March 1998 – May 2002 – Commander, 315 th Operations Group, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
- May 2002 – August 2003, Director of Operations, 22 nd Air Force, Dobbins Air Reserve Base, GA
- August 2003- present, Commander, 914 th Airlift Wing, Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, N.Y.

### FLIGHT INFORMATION :

- Rating: Command Pilot
- Flight Hours: More than 7,500
- Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38, T-39, C-141, C-17, C-130

### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS :**

- Legion of Merit Award
- Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
- Air Force Commendation Medal
- Air Force Achievement Medal
- Joint Meritorious Unit Award
- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with five oak leaf clusters
- Combat Readiness Medal with five oak leaf clusters
- National Defense Service Medal
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with two bronze service stars
- Southwest Asia Service Medal with two bronze service stars
- Armed Forces Service Medal
- Humanitarian Service Medal with four bronze service stars
- Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with four bronze service stars
- Armed Forces Reserve Medal
- Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
- Kuwait Liberation Medal

### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION :**

- Second Lieutenant 5 Feb, 1975
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- Captain 15 Oct, 1979
- Major 18 May, 1988
- Lieutenant Colonel 16 Jun, 1994
- Colonel 24 Apr, 1998

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The Niagara Military Affairs Council Encourages the Community to Write Letters of Support for the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station.

### Comments by Merrell Lane, Chairman of NIMAC

"The Military is a wonderful asset to our community and we hope that all Western New York residents will join us in supporting our air base. We encourage everyone in the community to write letters of support for the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station making one or all of the following points. We intend to make a bold statement to the BRAC Commission of Western New York's long history of supporting our military by delivering thousands of letters."

### Comments by John Cooper, Vice Chairman of NIMAC:

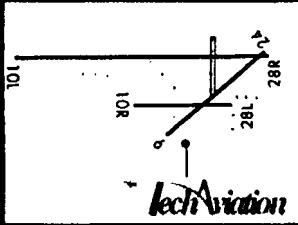
"Community support is very important in making our case to the BRAC Commission. Please do not underestimate the value of community support in this process. Letters from children are also acceptable and we encourage schools in Western New York to encourage each and every student to write letters in support. With a \$150 Million dollar economic impact to WNY businesses we believe they should also encourage each and every employee to take the time to write in support of the base."

Please address letters to the BRAC Commission, Washington DC. All letters should be mailed to NIMAC P.O. Box 231, Niagara Falls New York 14304-0231

Following are suggestions of points to be made in letters to the BRAC Commission:

1. Closure of Niagara would reduce the Air Force presence in NY by 40%, and eliminate the last Federal Air Force flying mission in the State.
2. Since 1995, Niagara has been modernized with \$35M in new facilities and lengthened runways which have improved the operational effectiveness of the wings. We have also reduced our Base Operations Support costs by not less than 33% (to include a 25% reduction in utilities) to make the base one of the most cost-efficient facilities in the Air Force Reserve Command.
3. Closure of the base would also eliminate the ability to recruit and retain New Yorkers in a region in which the units have both maintained in excess of 100% manning rates.
4. Niagara Falls existing infrastructure can accommodate 8 additional C-130H model aircraft without any military construction.
5. Niagara Falls faces no physical encroachment nor air traffic control constraints and has acreage on the base and adjacent to the installation for expansion.





## Airfield Information

### Niagara Falls International Airport

Located 4 miles east of Niagara Falls, New York  
 Elevation 588 Feet  
 FAA Identifier IAG

**Primary Runway 10L/28R**  
 9825 x 150 feet  
 Weight limitations  
 Dual double tandem 800,000 pounds

**Crosswind Runway 6/24**  
 5,188 x 150 ft (slated for expansion in 2006)  
 Weight limitations  
 Double tandem 100,000 pounds

#### Contact Information

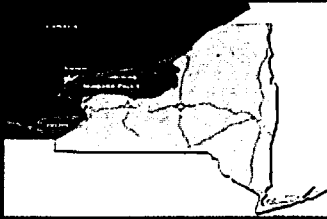
Niagara Falls International Airport  
 Niagara Transportation Authority  
 Niagara Falls Blvd. and Porter Road

FBO  
 Tech Aviation  
 Phone (716) 298-9307



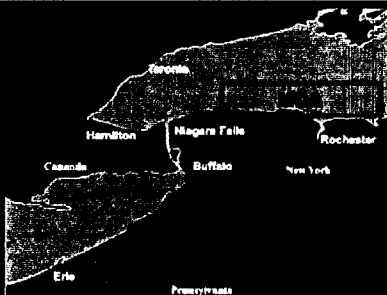
## Military Value Infrastructure Elements

- 9,825 foot runway accommodates all military aircraft
- 6,000 foot crossway runway slated for extension FY 2006
- 43 acres of ramp and apron space
- 75,500 square feet of enclosed maintenance hangar space
- 893,400 gallon POL storage capacity with modern hydrant system
- NFARS has unencumbered air space and no air traffic encroachment issues
- NFARS has never encountered a flight delay due to air space utilization
- NFARS is located in a low density population area and has no noise or encroachment issues
- The installation meets all Department of Defense Force Protection Standards
- On base billeting accomodates 376 individuals



## Operations Envelope Strategically Located

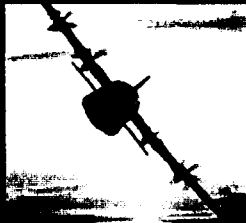
- Strategically located to support the Northeast Tanker Force and Combat Air Patrol requirements for United States
  - NFARS is not subject to the same weather patterns as other Northeast Tanker bases
  - The 914th conducts over 150 joint operations with the 10th Mountain Division and 25th Marines
  - NFARS is located along the Canadian border with 5 border crossings



## Military Value Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station Installation Overview

Located on 987 Acres of land 4 miles  
North East of the City of Niagara Falls, New York

- Home to the 914th Airlift Wing (USAFRC) and 107th Air Refueling Wing (NYANG)
  - Niagara Falls International Airport is home to 865th Army Combat Hospital
  - Niagara Falls International Airport is home to 277th Army Quartermaster Corp
    - Currently accommodates 8 C130 and 9 KC-135 aircraft
- Currently supports fully loaded KC-135 aircraft as part of the NE Tanker and Task Force
  - Strategically located on the Canadian border between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario
    - 15,000 square miles MOA Low Altitude Training and Navigation Area (LATNA)
      - located 30 nm from base
        - 2 drop zones located on the airfield
        - 4 drop zones within 40 nm • 7 drop zones within 150 nm
  - 75 % of the guard and reservists live within 50 miles of the base



## Ability to accommodate additional aircraft and missions



### Niagara Has the Ability to:

- Accommodate 8 additional aircraft with no new construction
- Ramp space for assignment of an additional 12 aircraft
- Accommodate up to 26 aircraft in a surge capacity
- Lodging and admin/operations support for additional operations
- Buildable acreage is available on base for additional mission requirements
- Additional space both east and west of the base to support any new or expanded missions



## 914<sup>th</sup> Air Lift Wing USAFRC

Located on North Side of the Niagara Falls International Airport

- Operates 8 C-130H3 Hercules Aircraft
- Personnel among the most experienced tactical airlift unit having been deployed to Iraq twice
- Highly proficient in special missions operations
- Lead AFRC unit qualified for night visions operations
- Manning consistently at or above 100 %

Contact Information  
2720 Kirkbridge Drive  
Niagara Falls International Airport  
Niagara Falls, New York 14304  
Phone (716) 236-2000



## 107<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing NYANG

### *Mission Statement*

*"To Provide combat capability to the war fighter and security to the homeland"*

Located on North Side of the Niagara Falls International Airport

- Operates 9 KC-135R Stratotanker Aircraft
- 107<sup>th</sup> has been, and continues to be deployed in support of operations in Southwest Asia and around the world
- 107<sup>th</sup> is part of the Northeast Tanker Task Force
- Manning consistently at or above 100%

### Contact Information

9910 Blewett Avenue

Niagara Falls International Airport

Niagara Falls, New York 14304-6001

Phone (716) 236-3142



## 865<sup>th</sup> US Army Reserve Combat Support Hospital

*"Support the Strength"*

Located at the Niagara Falls International Airport

- Providing medical support to the nation

Constituted 15 March 1972 in the Army Reserve as the 365th Evacuation Hospital and activated at Niagara Falls, New York

Ordered into active military service 21 November 1990 at Niagara Falls; released from active military service 25 March 1991 and reverted to reserve status

Reorganized and redesignated 17 September 1993 as the 865th General Hospital

### Contact Information

9400 Porter Road

Niagara Falls International Airport

Niagara Falls, New York 14304

Phone (716) 297-3114



## **277<sup>th</sup> US Army Reserve Quartermasters Corp**

*"Service for Freedom and Liberty"*

**Located at the Niagara Falls International Airport**

**Providing petroleum delivery  
support for the nation's military**

**Contact Information  
9400 Porter Road  
Niagara Falls International Airport 14304  
Phone (716) 298-0208**

**Other Organizations with whom Niagara Falls  
Air Reserve Station has agreements providing  
for their regular use of the facilities**

- **US Army Reserve**
- **US Army Guard**
- **United States Coast Guard**
- **United States Border Patrol**
- **US Naval Reserve**
- **Civil Air Patrol**
- **Federal Bureau of Investigation**
- **United States Immigration Service**
- **Department of Homeland Security**
- **US Drug Enforcement Agency**
- **Niagara County Fire and Police Agencies**
- **Canadian-American Law Enforcement  
Organizations (CALEO)**

# ***New York Commander's Military Value Brief Template***

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**Name of Installation:**

**Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station (NFARS)**

**Location:**

**Niagara Falls, New York**

**At Niagara Falls International Airport (NFIAP)**

**Major Commands:**

**914<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing (AFRC)**

**107<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing (NYANG)**

**Number of Employees military & civilian:**

**2872**

**Size of installation in acreage:**

**987 Acres**

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## ***Military Value Criteria #1***

*The current and future mission requirements and the impact on operational readiness of the DoD's total force, including impacts on Joint Warfighting, training and readiness.*

- ***Current and future mission capabilities***
  - ***Niagara Falls ARS is the home to ANG KC-135 refueling aircraft and AFRC C-130 tactical airlift aircraft***
  - ***Niagara Falls ARS is located a very short distance to busy International Border crossings***
  - ***Proven: Both Wings Deployed ONE (WTC), ONW, OSW, OIF***
  - ***MEPS is moving on-base, the site is selected and funding is forthcoming***
  
- ***Impact on operational readiness of DOD total force including joint war fighting, training and readiness***
  - ***Niagara Tankers are ideally located to augment the Tanker Task Force (TTF) Mission***
  - ***914 AW was the only AFRC C-130 unit re-deployed for a second tour in Iraq due to unit capability to support special ops missions***
  - ***Only C-130 AFRC base with two drop zones on base***
  - ***4 drop zones within 40 nm of the base and 7 within 150 nm***

## **Military Value Criteria #2**

*The availability and condition of land, facilities, and associated airspace, including training areas suitable for maneuver by ground, naval, or air forces throughout a diversity of climate and terrain and staging areas for the use of the Armed Forces in homeland defense missions, at both existing and potential receiving locations.*

- **Absence of any encroachment problems / capacity to absorb new missions: expand East or West**
- **In the last 10 years there has been over 150 Million dollars worth of construction on base**
- **A 6 million dollar Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) facility has been sited and will begin construction soon**
- **Close proximity to Northeastern refueling tracks makes NFARS ideal to support TTF and Northeast Duty Tanker missions**
- **The base is also used by NYARNG and USAR units for drills and training**
- **Longest Runway in Western New York at 9825 feet**
- **Coast Guard and Border patrol helicopters use our facility**
- **Various law enforcement agencies regularly use our facilities for a secure meeting / training location**

## ***Military Value Criteria #3***

***The ability to accommodate contingency, mobilization, and future total force requirements at both the existing and potential receiving locations to support operations and training.***

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- **Opportunity to expand east and west at existing location.**
  - **Land exists on existing base to accommodate new tenants and missions**
  - **Our billeting, messing facilities, recreation complex and aircraft parking areas make us ideal to accept the surge of contingency and mobilizing transients**
  - **Base has POL storage capacity of 893,400 gallons**
  - **80 % of the NFARS workforce live within 50 miles of the base**
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## ***Military Value Criteria #4***

*The cost and manpower implications.*

- Demolition of 123,000 square feet of older structures resulted in a reduction of maintenance and utility costs. Mission essential facilities were replaced with more modern energy efficient facilities
- NFARS has re-negotiated the Joint Use Agreement (JUA) with the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA) which will reduce the annual fee down from its current \$150,000 cost to a no-cost agreement in FY 2006. We anticipate the JUA remaining a no-cost agreement between the AF and NFTA due to the considerable amounts of services the government provides.
- The State of New York has sanctioned a program through which NFARS electricity rates will decrease from \$0.11 per kilowatt hour to approximately \$0.08 per kilowatt hour, creating an annual reduction in electrical utility costs of approximately 24% based upon current utilization rates.

## **Military Value Criteria #5**

*The extent and timing of potential costs and savings, including the number of years, beginning with the date of completion of the closure or realignment, for the savings to exceed the costs.*

- **NFARS has the ability to increase the primary assigned aircraft of both the 107<sup>th</sup> and 914<sup>th</sup> to 12 aircraft with no additional military construction**
- **Ramp space is sufficient to support the increased aircraft assignment**
- **Additional acreage exists to support any needed facilities for new and expanded missions**
- **Western New York possesses a well-educated dependable workforce eager to support the much-needed jobs associated with new or expanded missions**
- **Joint use of airfield assets provided for efficiency of both military and civilian aviation endeavors**

## ***Military Value Criteria #6***

*The economic impact on existing communities in the vicinity of military installations.*

- **2872 jobs at Base**
- **Second largest employer in Niagara County**
- **\$108.6 M in direct federal funds**
- **Created 647\* secondary Jobs in local economy**
- **Total employment impact OVER 3500 jobs!**
- **Total Economic Impact for FY 2003 is \$133.2\* million**
- **10% of county's economic engine (influx dollars)**
- **Unemployment is 7.1% (5.9% 3-year avg)**

*\*These figures based on government formulas,  
applying an established multiplier for this area*

## ***Military Value Criteria #7***

*The ability of both the existing and potential receiving communities' infrastructure to support forces, mission, and personnel.*

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- **Niagara and Erie County governments have embraced The Airbase as a key economic and homeland defense imperative**
  - **Local towns, cities, counties and New York State have actively supported the base through the Niagara Military Affairs Council (NIMAC) efforts to promote the base and assure it's longevity. This includes dedicated funding to NIMAC of over \$700,000 in the last 8 years.**
  - **The decrease in Niagara County population over the last 10 years certainly indicates that the county infrastructure (schools, hospitals, transportation systems) can support increased airbase mission**
  - **As of the 2000 census, there was a homeowner vacancy rate of 1.8% and a rental vacancy rate of 11.2% in Niagara County**
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## ***Military Value Criteria #8***

***The environmental impact, including the impact of costs related to potential environmental restoration, waste management, and environmental compliance activities.***

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- **Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station consistently demonstrates environmental excellence**
  - **Of our 14 IRP sites, only 6 remain active**
  - **The Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, due to its ideal weather conditions, has been designated as a test facility for environmentally-friendly aircraft de-icing**
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## ***Conclusion***

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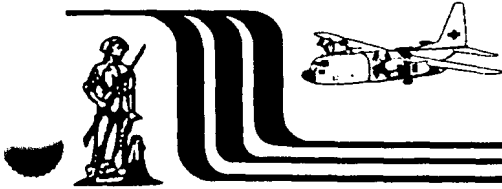
- **The NFARS has the capacity to accommodate the basing of 8 additional C-130 or KC-135 aircraft and support elements. During required surge operations another 8 aircraft can be hosted at NFIAP/NFARS. The unique location of Niagara allows for most tactical airlift in the USAF inventory to operate and fly non-stop (no in-flight refueling required) to the European theatre.**
  - **The combination of the location of NFARS in relationship to the northeast military aircraft routes to Europe, combined with its runway that accommodates a fully loaded KC-135R tanker with the experienced aircrews on modern tankers makes this unit and this installation invaluable to the Department of Defense.**
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# NIAGARA FALLS AIR RESERVE STATION

NIAGARA COUNTY, NEW YORK



GROWING TODAY  
FOR A SECURE TOMORROW



**Niagara Military Affairs Council**

*Supporting the military of Niagara*

Welcome to the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station.

This informational brochure has been made possible through the efforts of the Niagara Military Affairs Council (NIMAC), the Niagara County Legislature, Erie County, and the leaders and residents of the cities, towns and villages in Niagara County.

Its contents highlight the factors that make the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station an invaluable asset and why the "Military and Community in Niagara Make a Powerful Team."

The Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station and military units in Western New York play a critical role in the economic health of our region. With its workforce and annual payroll, plus the significant numbers of local contractors that perform services at the NFARS, the overall economic impact of the base exceeds \$133 million.

NIMAC, recognizes the contribution of the NFARS to the area. NIMAC joins the military with area residents and business in a team approach.

Niagara has a rich history and significant contributions to the nation's defense and aviation. Niagara was the home of Bell Aerospace when it teamed with the U.S. Air Force in producing the X-series aircraft, the first commercial helicopter, the Bell Rocket Belt, and even support of the moon landing.

Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station is a military base with an ongoing vital role in securing the defense of the United States of America.

We are most proud to be its host community.

*"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty."*

— John F. Kennedy

*"Eternal vigilance is the price of freedom."*

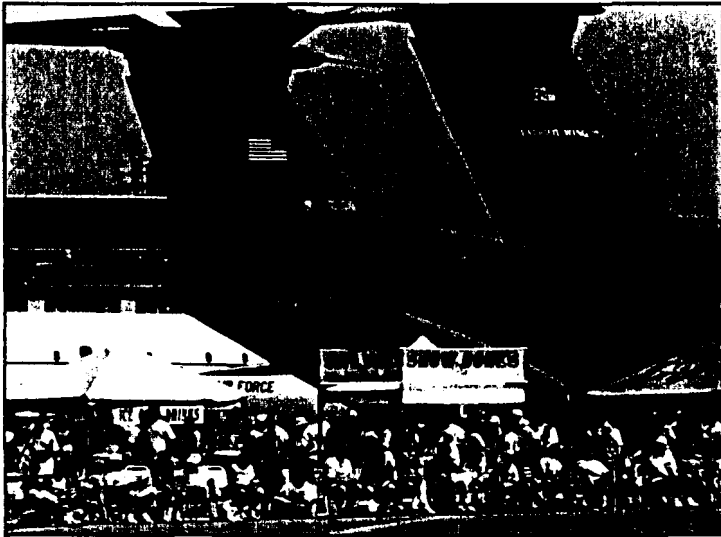
— John Philpot Curran

*President John F. Kennedy speaking at the Niagara Falls International Airport, 1962*



Their aircraft fly above us daily, seemingly as common and ordinary as the very birds that soar among them. There is a natural tendency for us to take the flights of these Air Force planes for granted. All of this activity in the skies above Niagara County is second nature to us because we have always been, or so it would seem, home to the "air base." But, while these aircraft and all personnel on the ground represent an integral part of our national and global security, there is much more to the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station story and its relationship to Niagara County and Western New York.





*Niagara Military Airshow is a summer highlight for Niagara's residents and visitors.*

This is a story of success. It's a story that continues to be written and developed every day. Fact: the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station is the number two employer in Niagara County, generating more than 3000 military and civilian jobs. Fact: the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station generates fully 10% of Niagara County's overall net income. There is no need for this military facility to be a mystery. There is no reason for it to remain a hidden treasure. There is no secret in the hard numbers that point up tremendous economic impact. And, there is nothing difficult to understand in the hard-working people behind those numbers as they strive every day to ensure that the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station functions at

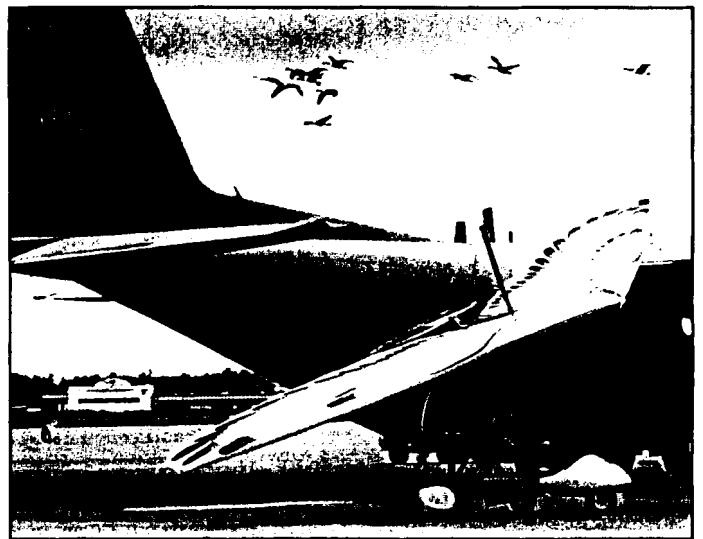


*An integral element of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station; its civilian work force.*

an award-winning level. A review of the history of these distinguished military units is a look back at the diplomatic crises, global conflicts and natural disasters that have shaped our world history. These events have challenged our nation, tested our national defense, and brought out the best in Niagara's servicemen and women.



*A hometown hero gets a big hug from his daughter after serving in operation Iraqi Freedom.*



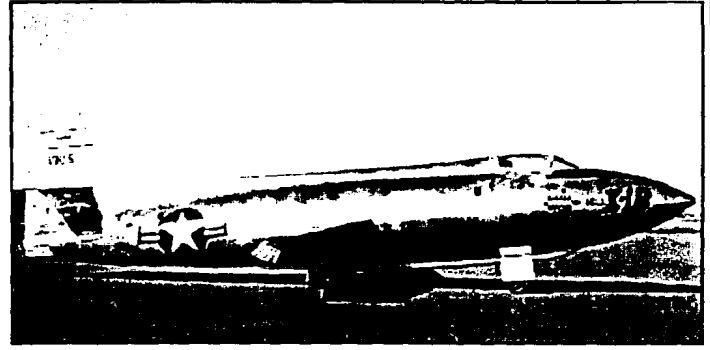
*The movie, "Fly Away Home", was filmed in part at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station.*

The units of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station have served with dedication while expertly performing their missions around the world. They have distinguished themselves and have made Niagara County proud to be home to this strategic military installation.

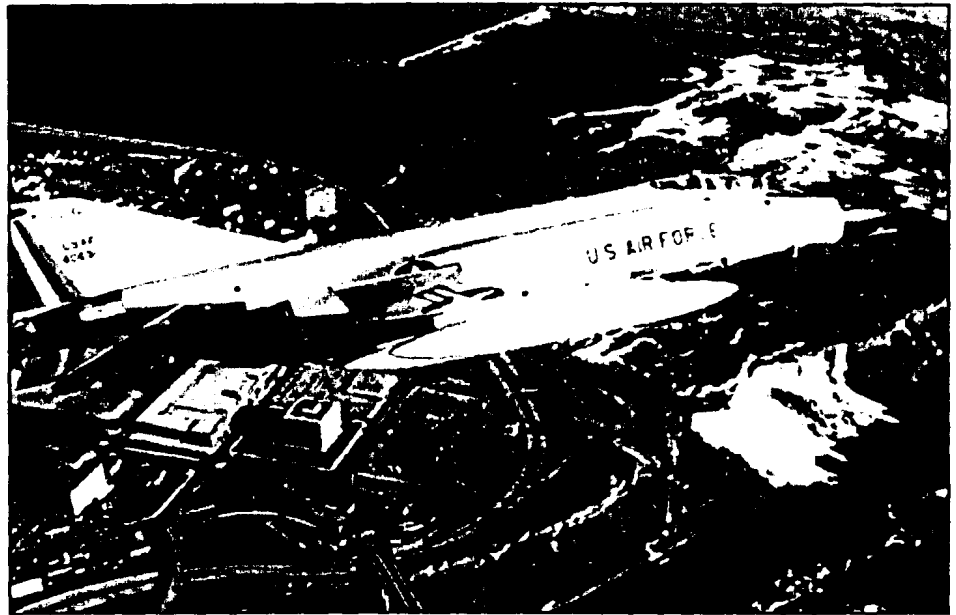
# AN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

The Historical lineage of the base and its varied units dates back to 1943, when initial structures for the Bell Aircraft Corporation were erected at Niagara Falls Municipal Airport. The installation was redesignated as a U.S. Naval Air Station in 1946, when further expansion and construction took place. In that same year, the active duty 339th Bomb Group, equipped with P-47 Thunderbolts, was redesignated the 107th Fighter Interceptor Group, assigned to the New York Air National Guard and located at Niagara Falls.

In March, 1951 the 107th was called to active duty to serve in the Korean Conflict. In February of 1952, the Air Force branch of the base was established with the activation of the 76th Air Base Squadron, whose primary mission was to perform host support duties. Upon their return from Korea, the 107th converted to F-51 Mustangs, assuming an Air Defense interceptor mission. In January 1954, the 107th received its first jet aircraft, the F-94 Starfire. It was replaced, in turn, by the F-86 Saberjet in October, 1957, and the F-100C Super Sabre in August, 1960. In October, 1961, the 107th was again called to active duty, serving for eleven months during the Berlin Crisis.



*Bell X-1B produced by Bell Aerospace Co., Niagara Falls NY.*



*F-4 Phantom "rainbow tail", echoing the famed rainbows of Niagara Falls*



*Air Force Reserve C-119 Flying Boxcar*

On February 11, 1963, the active forces 512th Troop Carrier Group, equipped with C-119 Flying Boxcars, was redesignated the 914th Troop Carrier Group. Concurrently, it was assigned to the Air Force Reserve and located at Niagara Falls.



*Hundreds of thousands have enjoyed the traditional Niagara Airshow.*

The 107th responded to their third activation in 17 years in January of 1968 to support national policy during the Pueblo Crisis. Six months later, approximately 400 members were deployed to Tuy Hoa Air Base, Republic of Viet Nam, performing combat duty for almost a year. Additionally, numerous members were deployed to the Republic of Korea and various stateside locations in the same time frame.

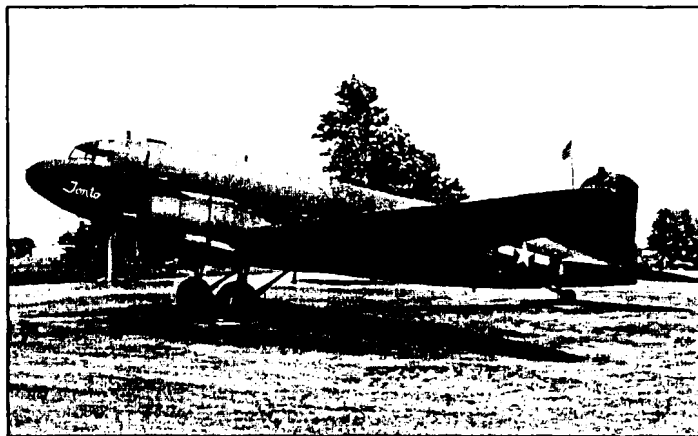
1971 brought significant change to the Niagara Air Base. The Air Force Reserve Command assumed command of the installation from active duty units, changing the status to an Air Reserve Base. The 914th also underwent a major conversion from C-119 to C-130A Hercules aircraft. At the same time, the 107th underwent conversion to the F-101B/F Voodoo. Both units have continued to



*F-16 Fighting Falcon above Buffalo, New York*

receive frontline aircraft. The 914th received C-130E aircraft in 1986, and was the first to convert to the Air Force's more advanced C-130, the H-3, in late 1992.

The 107th received F-4C Phantoms, followed soon after by F-4Ds, and in 1990 by ADF-16 Fighting Falcons.



*Air Force C-47 Skytrain.*



*A Niagara pilot on a mission during operation Iraqi Freedom.*

In October 1990, the 914th Airlift Group was called to active duty in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm. More than 300 members spent seven months at the "Mirage" Air Base in the United Arab Emirates flying resupply and other mission support sorties. Members of the 107th were also called to support active duty.

The Operations Tempo for the Reserve Component has become even more critical. All units at the base have "answered the call" on numerous times supporting global contingencies such as Operation Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and most recently several hundred were deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

# DEPLOYMENT OPERATIONS AND AWARDS

## 914th Airlift Wing

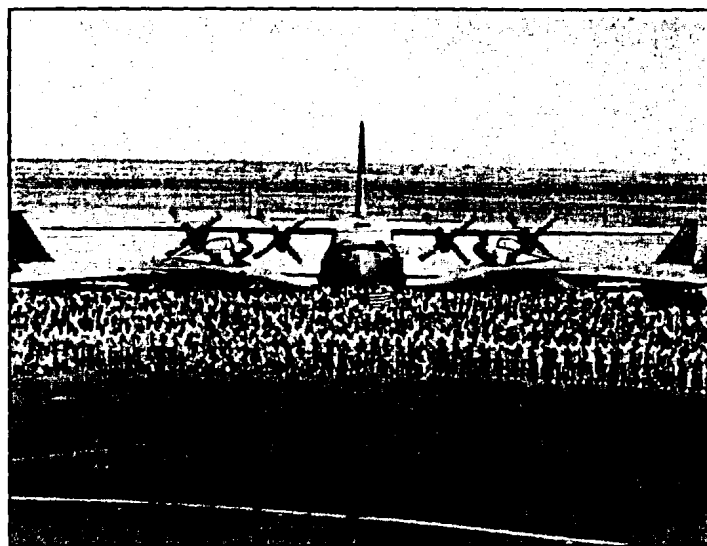
Contingency/Evaluation	Year
Operation Desert Shield/Storm	1990-91
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award	1992
Hurricane Andrew Relief	1992
Humanitarian Relief Missions: Somalia	1992
Humanitarian Relief Missions: Bosnia	1992-93
Superior Rating Operational Readiness Inspection	1994
Operation "Restore Democracy" in Haiti	1994
Validated Essential Contribution to Nation's Defense Under BRACC Process	1995
AFRES Nominee for Air Force Installation Excellence Award	1996
Superior Rating Operations Standardization Evaluation	1996
Exceeded 130,000 Accident Free Flying Hours Over 35 Years	1966-99
Humanitarian Aid: Honduras	Jan. 1997
Hurricane Mitch (Central America)	1998
Joint Forge (Bosnia)	1998
Shining Hope (Kosovo)	1999
Humanitarian/DEA/Diplomatic Missions	1990-99
Operations "Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom"	2001
Operation Iraqi Freedom	2003
Redeployment Operation Iraqi Freedom	2003

## 107th Air Refueling Wing

Contingency/Evaluation	Year
Operation Desert Shield/Storm	1990-91
Coronet Buccaneer Phoenix Air Moat-Bosnia Air Bridge Support	1992
Coronet Nighthawk	1992
Air Combat Command Flight Safety Award	1994
Operation "Restore Democracy" in Haiti	1994
South West Asia Contingency	Oct. 1994
Bulwark Bronze SIOB Exercise	1995
Patriot Medstar	1995
Humanitarian Aid: Honduras	Aug. 1995
NATO Support -Germany, Iceland & Norway	
Deny Flight & Decisive Endeavor Pisa, Italy	Dec. 1995
Deny Flight-Istres, France	May-June, 1995
Logistics Group-NYANG Commanders Trophy	1995
136th Air Refueling Squadron NYANG Commander's Trophy	1995
Superior Rating-Quality Air Force Assessment	1996
Joint Guard	1998
Northern Watch	1999
Deliberate Forge	1999
Noble Eagle /Enduring Freedom	2001
Operation Iraqi Freedom	2003



Family and friends cheer the troops coming home from Operation Iraqi Freedom.



914th members stationed in Saudi Arabia during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In February of 1994, the 107th was redesignated an Air Refueling Group, receiving its first KC-135R Stratotanker in the next month. As part of the realignment of refueling aircraft from the Strategic Air Command (SAC) to the Air Mobility Command (AMC), the 107th was expanded to an Air Refueling Wing in October 1995.

The 865th General Hospital was organized in September 1995, a configuration resulting from the deactivation of three other units. Its heritage derives primarily from the 365th Evacuation Hospital. Today, the 865th continues to undergo reorganization and downsizing and has been redesignated a Combat Support Hospital.



# ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE NIAGARA FALLS AIR RESERVE STATION

914th Airlift Wing USAFR	107th Air Refueling Wing NYANG	865th Combat Support Hospital (USAR)
Full-time..... 414 Part-time .....1160	Full-time .....272 Part-time .....539	Full-time .....31 Part-time .....520
Subtotal.....1574	Subtotal.....811	Sub total.....551
<b>Total Employed.....2,936</b>		

## TOP TEN COUNTY EMPLOYERS

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|--|--|
| 1. Delphi-Harrison Thermal Systems . . . 4,300       | 8. City of Niagara Falls . . . . . 750         |
| 2. <b>Niagara Falls Air Reserve Sation . . 2,936</b> | 9. Lockport City School District . . . . . 745 |
| 3. Seneca Niagara Casino . . . . . 2,225             | 10. Mount St. Mary's Hospital . . . . . 700    |
| 4. Niagara County . . . . . 1,789                    |  |
| 5. Niagara Falls City School District. . . 1,307     |  |
| 6. Prime Outlets of Niagara Falls . . . . . 1,000    |  |
| 7. Niagara County Community College. . . 750         |  |

Note:  
Studies show that 100 existing jobs spin-off 136 additional jobs.  
This economic "ripple" is realized in a community as workers spend their dollars and create a need for goods and services.

The Combined Annual Payroll of these organizations flowing into the Western New York economy exceeds **\$50,000,000.**

Annual Expenditures for construction, services, and procurement of materials, equipment and supplies exceeds **\$20,000,000.**

The estimated Payroll of Indirect Jobs Created exceeds **\$25,000,000.**

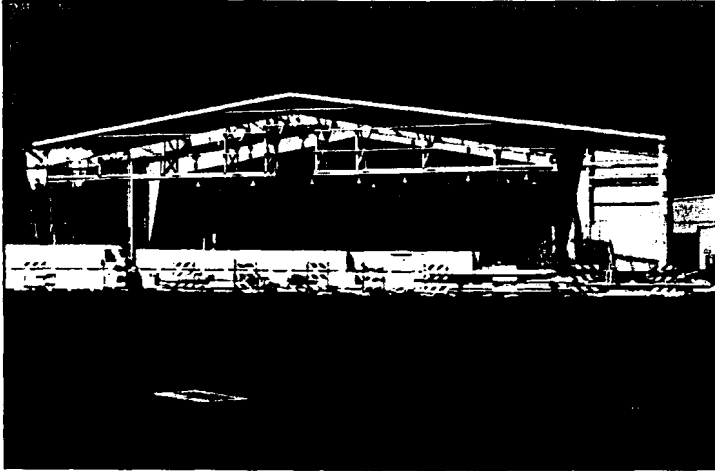
Contracts Awarded to local and out of state contractors during Fiscal Year 2002 exceeds **\$20,000,000.**

The Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station lodging occupancy each year exceeds 35,000 guests reflecting drilling reservists/guardsmen and those guests who attended the numerous conferences and training sessions hosted by the base. Estimating daily expenditure of \$15 per individual, per day impact on local restaurants and businesses exceeded **\$500,000.**

The Total Direct Economic Impact of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station exceeds **\$133,000,000** annually.

# A CHANGE IN MISSION — A REVITALIZED AIR BASE

In 1992 the Pentagon changed the 107<sup>th</sup> mission from flying fighter jets to flying tankers. That modification in mission has brought with it a host of construction needs for the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station.



*This hangar under construction was a part of the extensive Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station rebuilding program.*

## AN OVERVIEW OF THE \$75 MILLION REBUILDING PROGRAM

- Two new hangars for KC 135 tankers. \$9.5 million.
- Fuel storage facility, runway improvements. \$10.9 million.
- Renovation and construction of Air National Guard buildings. \$4.4 million.
- Air Reserve hangar. \$5 million
- New communications center. \$2.5 million.
- Renovation of Air Reserve headquarters building. \$2.4 million.
- Expansion of Air Reserve Base fire department and Fire Training Facility \$3 million.
- Consolidated Training Facility \$1.5 million.
- Consolidated Maintenance Facility \$3.1 million.
- Lodging (VOQ) \$7 million
- Major improvements made to main runway \$6 million, modernization of the chapel, fitness center, family readiness center and dining hall.



# CORPORATE LEADERSHIP

Partnership with NFTA & Community to support joint flight operations at NFIA

The units of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station exercise "corporate leadership" in a multitude of ways that impact the lives of Western New Yorkers. When the Base Realignment and Closure Commission validated the importance of this installation in 1995, they gave high praise for an "unprecedented" level of community good will and support for the base. This stems from decades of the base volunteerism to fulfill the responsibility they feel to the public.

- Through the "Niagara" airshow which has attracted thousands from Western New York, Canada and around the world, through Media Day and Bosses Day, the NFARS says a big "thank you" to the community, to those who help tell our story, and to the many outstanding civilian employers who look beyond profit margin to support their employees' service to the nation.
- The presentation of the Air Force "Tops In Blue" showcasing the spectacular talent of our military personnel.
- The Retiree Affairs Office on base services the needs of thousands of Western New York's retired military people within a 200-mile radius.
- The Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station mutual aid system supports emergency and disaster response operation in the Niagara community.
- Representing the Air Reserve Base as private citizens, members are active in the Chamber of Commerce. A

Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station supports joint use of its facilities by all armed services, community organizations and many agencies to the US government including:

- ★ 98th Division (US Army Reserve)
- ★ 277th Quartermaster Company (US ANG)
- ★ 3rd Brigade (US Army Reserve)
- ★ 865th Combat Spt Hospital
- ★ US Coast Guard
- ★ US Army Corps of Engineers
- ★ US Naval Reserve
- ★ Civil Air Patrol
- ★ Internal Revenue Service
- ★ US Drug Enforcement Agency
- ★ Department of Homeland Security Agencies
- ★ Canadian-American Law Enforcement Organizations (CALEO: a federation of almost 200 US and Canadian agencies)
- ★ Federal Bureau of Investigation
- ★ Niagara County Sheriffs Dept. Aviation Unit
- ★ US Military Entry Processing Station
- ★ Junior ROTC

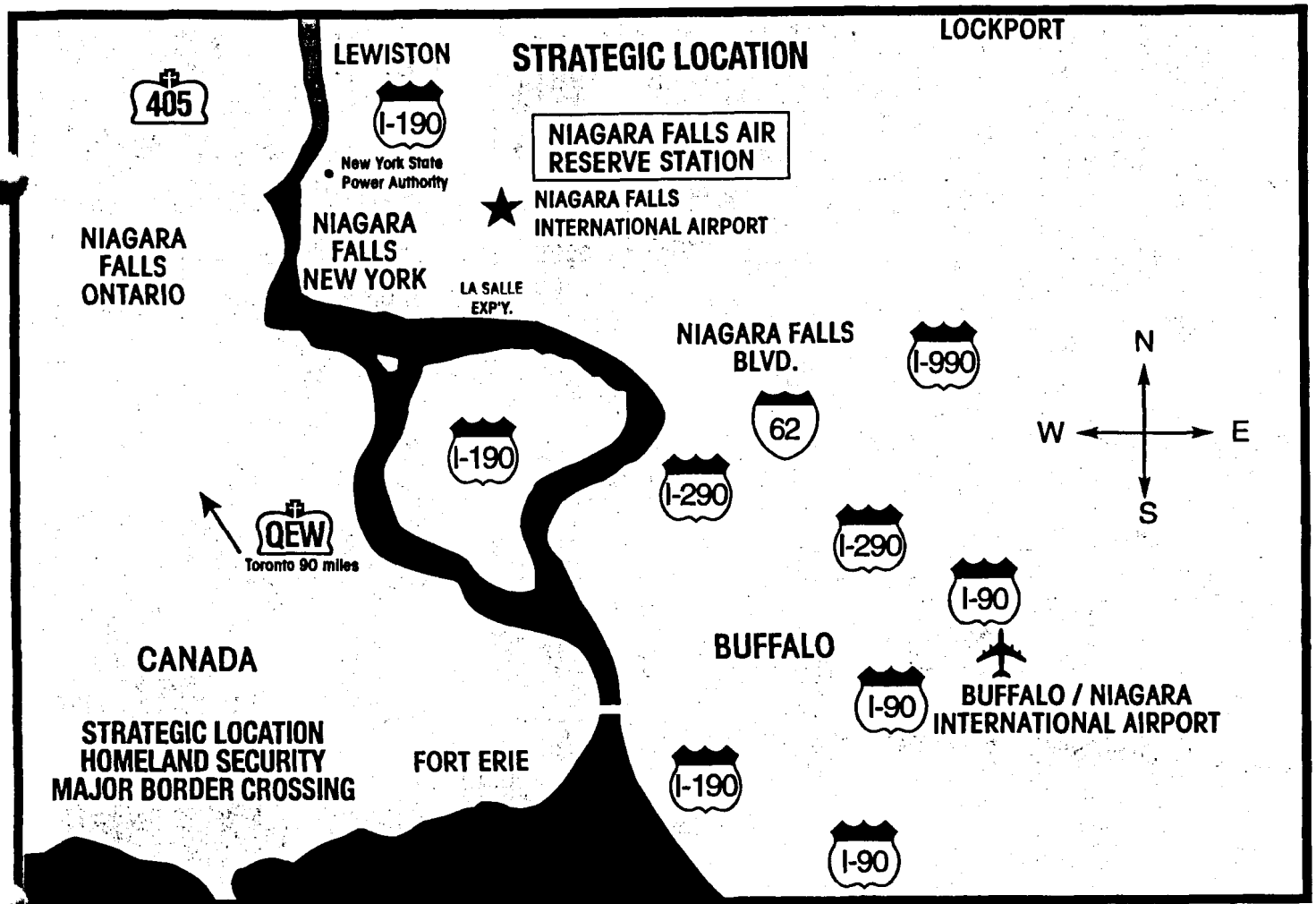
number of members hold leadership positions in local governments, school boards, and civic organizations.

- Several regional highways are beautified by Reserve Base participation in the "Adopt a Highway" program.
- Reserve Base honor guards represent the US military for civic and governmental ceremonies, holiday celebration, and Veterans activities.
- The Niagara Family Readiness Center meets the special needs of both active duty and reserve military families of Western New York when the military member responds to world-wide contingencies.
- Medical personnel of the Reserve Base serve the community through a partnership with two major regional hospitals that involves a year round exchange of public service for valuable training.
- The Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station provides recurring support to: Niagara County Festival of Gold, Niagara Beautification Commission, Niagara County Stop D.W.I., Buffalo News Kids Day for Children's Hospital, American Diabetes Tour de Cure, Niagara Falls and Buffalo City Missions, Make-a-Wish Foundation, D.A.R.E., American Red Cross "Swim Across" program, Children's Hospital Variety Club Telethon, March of Dimes, Red Cross blood drives and training activity and United Way Combined Federal Campaign.



*The Employers' Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Program hosts an annual "Bosses Day" on base which includes a local orientation flight for the several hundred civilian employers and supervisors who attend.*

- ★ NWS EARLE det. 405 (US Navy Reserve)
- ★ Canadian Armed Forces
- ★ Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
- ★ Air Force Association
- ★ Employer Support of Guard and Reserve (ESGR)
- ★ Militia Association of New York
- ★ Reserve Officers Association (ROA)
- ★ Air Force Sergeants Association
- ★ Retiree Affairs Office (RAO)

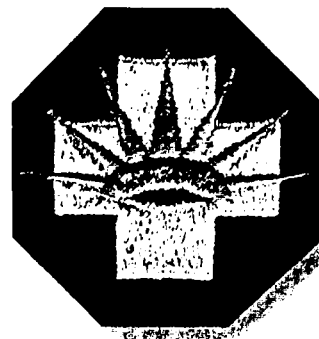
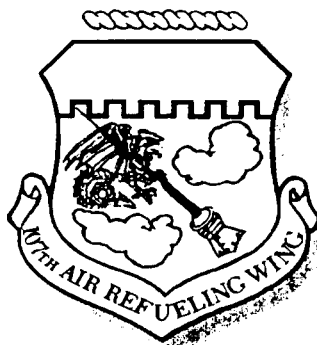


The Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station is located in Niagara County, New York, approximately six miles northeast of the City of Niagara Falls. It occupies almost 1,000 acres of land on the north side of Niagara Falls International Airport. The installation's host unit is the 914th Airlift Wing, a component of the Air Force Reserve. Several other units utilize the installation in a tenant capacity. By far the largest of these is the 107th Air Refueling Wing, a component of the New York Air National Guard. Although not officially within the Air Reserve Station, the 865th Combat Support Hospital, U.S. Army Reserve, is a key part of the Western New York's picture of its armed forces. The 865th occupies approximately 100 acres on the southwest corner of the International Airport.

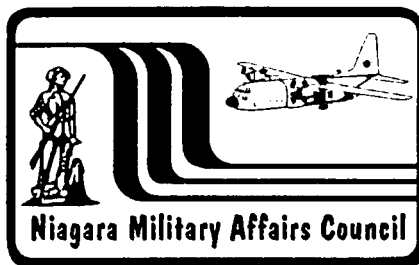
## GLOSSARY

- AMC-Air Mobility Command
- AFRC - Air Force Reserve Command
- ANG - Air National Guard
- C-130 Hercules - the workhorse of military cargo planes
- KC-135R Stratotanker - air refueling/airlift aircraft with 12,000 mile flight range
- NFARS -Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station
- NFIA - Niagara Falls International Airport
- 107th - Air National Guard Air Refueling Wing
- 865th - Combat Support Hospital, Army Reserve
- 914th - Air Force Reserve Airlift Wing

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